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SOVIET ROCKET LAUNCHINGS

VOLUME 27, No. 6 contained an article by the Finnish astronomer Dr. Pekka Teerikorpi giving serious reasons why both the so-called "Petrozavodsk Phenomenon" of September 20, 1977 and the so-called *GO ("Glavnyy Ob'ekt")* allegedly seen over Moscow and other areas of the USSR on the night of June 14, 1980, must be accepted as Soviet space rockets launched from a secret new Russian cosmodrome near Plesetsk (62 40 N. 40 10 E.), and both of the last two issues of our journal (Vol. 27, No. 6, and Vol. 28, No. 1) have carried letters from Mr. James Oberg voicing vehement warnings along the same lines.

Since even the very existence of the Plesetsk establishment is a secret, what goes on there has never been mentioned in the Soviet press, and our Finnish and American correspondents assert that even many top Soviet scientists and military officers know nothing of the existence of the place, so that it is more than easy for the Soviet authorities to keep their citizenry totally in the dark on matters to do with the current rocket launching programmes, and if what is seen is taken by observers to be evidence of "UFO activity", the Soviet authorities naturally have no cause for grieving about that.

The *Christian Science Monitor* has now published an article (June 9, 1982) by its Science Editor, Robert Cowen, reporting that, in the U.S.A., the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP) has also come out with what it considers to be conclusive evidence that these claims about the Plesetsk launchings are true, and that the so-called great "UFOs" seen at Petrozavodsk and Moscow were in fact nothing but part of a Soviet early warning satellite network designed to keep tabs on all American rocket launchings.

The Finnish astronomer and the gentlemen of CSICOP are thus seen to be in entire agreement about Plesetsk, but it is most important that we do not fall into the trap that has been set ready for us, and swallow hook, line, and sinker all that emanates from CSICOP.

Why? Simply because there are certain even more important areas on which these eminent astronomical and astronautical experts are *NOT* all of one mind.

Thus, for example, the Finnish astronomer Pekka Teerikorpi would hardly be likely to attempt to convince you that UFOs and their occupants do not exist, seeing that he has himself written a book on UFOs *(Ufojen Arvoitus — The Riddle of the UFOs)* — and had it published by none other than the Finnish Astronomical Association. And, to cap this, he has recently written a report on a Finnish CE-III case and had it published in our journal (Vol. 27, No. 3.)

We gather that the gentlemen of CSICOP, on the other hand, embrace an altogether different line of thinking when it comes to the question of

"ufonauts" or "entities", and it seems that they are prepared to argue that there has never been a "UFO" that was not either a natural phenomenon or a secret man-made device of one government or another, and that any crew-members seen must of a necessity be members of the armed forces of one side or the other.

In line with this thinking, a massive campaign is at present under way in the United States and Britain and indeed throughout the whole of the West to prove conclusively that no "critters" exist or have ever existed, and that there have never been any UFO cases that were not easily amenable to these simple explanations.

It will not be difficult for our readers to form their own opinion as to why CSICOP think it so vitally important that their views shall be made to prevail, and we need waste no time on further analysis of the situation beyond pointing out firmly this very important difference between the CSICOP on the one hand and the Finnish astronomer on the other — despite the fact that they are in entire agreement about the use of the Plesetsk rocket range.

In the meantime, it is sad to have to report that learned members of the USSR Academy of Sciences came out last July with a totally new blanket explanation for all "flying saucers". Naturally this explanation has nothing to say about Plesetsk Cosmodrome. We shall be reporting on the new theory separately in a future issue.

As for the events of the famous night of June 14, 1980, over Moscow and other places, it now remains to be seen what reply is forthcoming from the American writer Henry Gris, who, as will be recalled, is the author of the articles which we summarized, and who claims to have received the information in question from the Russian astronomer, Professor Yuri F. Zigel' of the Moscow Institute of Aviation. In personal letters which I have received from Mr. Gris he assures me that such is the fact of the matter, and he tells me that he has of course long been familiar with the arguments of the Gentlemen from CSICOP who — as he says — claim to have put paid to all UFO reports — *even to those dating from years before the first sputnik was ever sent aloft by Homo Sapiens.*

Even more interesting, if we could ever secure it, would be the opinion of Dr. Zigel' himself, who, although he is one of the Soviet scientists who are training the Russian astronauts, is — if we are to believe the boys from CSICOP — himself kept so completely in the dark that he knows nothing about the Plesetsk launchings, and, in any case, does not know a rocket when he sees one.

Or — could it be that a far deeper game is being played? According to this scenario, Zigel' himself would be an active participant in the massive Soviet cover-up about the Cosmodrome at Plesetsk.

But, you may say, there still remain the reports (which Mr. Henry Gris tells me he received from Dr. Zigel') of a considerable number of UFO landings in the USSR in recent years, and of small entities seen or encountered there by Soviet citizens. And you may naturally ask: are these small crewmen from Plesetsk too? Well, the answer seems (if the Gentlemen from CSICOP are right) to be — yes, they may well be.

This can only mean that the Soviets have made great advances in the production and preparation of small-statured astronauts for their ambitious Space Programmes. It has been suggested that the poor living conditions and poor fare normally enjoyed by the mass of dwellers in the Communist Paradise, plus a long series of bad harvests, will have sufficed to bring about this state of affairs, so that plenty of stunted recruits are ready to hand.

But this would still leave the massive heads of the squat-rigged entities to be accounted for, and it seems far more likely that such macrocephaly points to special techniques of breeding — maybe even to cloning — all of which will of course have been going on for many years past — at least since the early 1950s.

The potential advantages for Space Travel of having such runtish cosmonauts are evident to us all. They will presumably be able to withstand the g-stresses far better; they will occupy less space in the cabin; and, last but not least, they will presumably require less food, and so be less dependent on the likes of President Reagan.

These are fascinating vistas, and we shall wait with enormous interest to see what further details CSICOP will be able to give us.

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THE UFO CRASH/RETRIEVAL SYNDROME STATUS REPORT II: NEW SOURCES, NEW DATA. PART 1.

The firsthand witness report: A study of humanoids and the anonymous human factor

Leonard Stringfield

Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence — Anonymous

TIME passing will not erase from my mind a climacteric of events so strange and sobering that the world I thought I knew would never again seem the same.

It all began with the publication of my book, *Situation Red, the UFO Siege* (Doubleday, 1977) in which I made references to reported crashes of UFOs and the recovered alien bodies. In surprising response, information relative to "retrievals" surfaced from new sources. This led me to July 29, 1978, the day I stepped up to the lectern as guest speaker at the MUFON ninth annual Symposium in Dayton, Ohio, to deliver my paper, "Retrievals of the Third Kind," pointedly subtitled, "A Case Study of Alleged UFOs and Occupants in Military Custody."

Since Dayton, new informants continue to emerge; people, like my earlier firsthand contacts, who want no open, active part in UFO research. Independent from each other, they, ever so cautiously, share sensitive information about their alleged roles in a retrieval operation, or claim to have been in an authoritative position to have seen the deceased humanoid entities under a variety of "need to know" circumstances. One of my most enduring and informative contacts is medical; others formerly served in the C.I.A. and in key positions of the military. Indeed, the knowledge I have gained since my book from diverse, creditable sources is extraordinary.

It is beyond the scope of this paper to review all the behind-the-scene events prior to and since the Dayton affair. However, I hasten to say that what began as a simple research report, featuring an update on alleged or legendary retrievals of crashed saucers and little men, soon gave way to a venture into seeming fantasy. The more I probed into old and new leads the deeper I became enmeshed in an inconsistent world of real people on one end; and on the other, the unreal tales they told.

Just as unreal, or so it seems, were some of my own experiences during these probes. One, no longer a hushed incident, was my close encounter with a "phantom" force at the Dayton symposium. There, before going on stage my life was twice threatened. On both occasions word came through an intermediary, once by phone at 4.30 a.m. on July 29; the other by physical confrontation just moments before my address. Uninformed of the threats, I spoke for nearly 2 hours. However, the moment I finished I was suddenly whisked off stage by three armed plainclothesmen with walkie talkies, escorted to the Stouffer Hotel, where I held a prearranged press conference, then again escorted to my room which, not of my choosing, was in the process of being changed with a lady tenant on the far end of the hotel. I was advised not to reveal my new room number to anyone and not to leave its premises. In effect, until dinnertime I was detained, incommunicado. I missed everyone I had arranged to see, including a medical person with information.

A real threat, or a scare tactic? To this day it is unclear if I was being protected from a lunatic adversary, or if the whole episode was a ploy to deflect potential informants in the audience from reaching me. I had indications beforehand, while preparing my "Retrieval" paper that someone connected with the C.I.A. was concerned about some of my sensitive material and how far I might go with it. He advised that the use of some data in my possession could be risky and for my own safety I "should always stay in crowds." Months later, the same C.I.A. employee, who had been helpful in many ways, said he had the answer for the threats in Dayton. Investigation, he said, showed that it was all a part of the shenanigans of a movie studio who possessed secret documents and film about the retrieved craft and entities, and fearing that I would steal their thunder before their release date, they tried to intimidate me into cancelling my talk.

Whatever the intent of my would-be-assailant or of the Intelligence Community, my role and objectives in research have since changed. To me, the key to truth lies in what we may call the UFO crash/retrieval syndrome. Lights in the sky, close encounters of all kinds, and even the grotesquerie of abduction cases have all lost priority. Time, with its influx of new data from new and old reliable sources, now affirms my belief that beyond my fingertips and perhaps forever unreachable, is the evidence extraordinaire — the alien cadavers and the craft. In my opinion, if all the officially suppressed information were released suddenly in one package it could have an unpredictable

psychological but a profound philosophical impact on mankind. But, no matter how it would be released, I also believe that the human mind has been so conditioned to stress since World War II that a worldwide Wellesian panic is not likely.

For the record, no one in UFO research, the media or the scientific community has been privy to share certain portions of my cumulative data; thus they, understandably, remain skeptical. The whole story of my experience in this endeavour may never be told, mainly because of the sensitivity of some of the names, places, and subject matter. To stress a point in summary: I know, firsthand, that my continued quest for UFO crash/retrieval information is a venture that can be as risky and frustrating as it is rewarding.

Through patience, keeping confidences, and playing the game in a posture of low profile, I feel at this writing that I have progressed substantially since my first paper in gathering new, vital, and corroborative information. Unlike my first paper, this one draws principally on information collected from firsthand sources.

Status Report II, will not attempt to correct a number of errors that appeared in my first paper. However, it is important for the record that exceptions should be made relative to three of the original Abstracts:

In Abstract 1, the year of the incident should be corrected to read, 1950 instead of 1948. Other amended data concerning this case I understand will be revealed by researcher Todd Zechel, through other media.

In Abstract 8, the retrieval incident dated 1973 should be corrected to read 1953.

In Abstract 21, Seymour-Johnson, a Navy Training Station, should be corrected to read Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base, located in Goldsboro, North Carolina, instead of Norfolk, Virginia.

My goal, of course, in this phase of research, is to obtain information from the firsthand source. Such prime material, used in this monograph, is specified as Class "A", and is recorded as Cases A-1 through A-10 in the text. New leads, or other pertinent material, are presented as Class "B", which are recorded as Items B-1 through B-14.

It should be noted that many abstracts appearing in my first paper, "Retrievals of the Third Kind," are of the Class B type and are not included for review in this monograph.

Case A-1

During the summer of 1977 I was asked by a local business executive, a former Naval Intelligence Officer, to speak on the UFO at the September 1st meeting of the Cincinnati Chapter of the World Wings held in the Administration Building of Cincinnati's Lunken Airport. During the Question and Answer period, following my talk, one member of a group of 25 pilots arose and brought up the legendary subject of recovered alien UFOs and occupants. His comment, I thought, indicated that he was unusually well-informed on the matter, so I asked that he standby for a chat later. When the crowd finally disassembled he led me to the privacy of a back room which was dominated by a huge topographical map of the United States.

Staring at the map he said bluntly, "I have seen the bodies." Still looking at the map and noting my protracted silence, he pointed vaguely to an area inside the State of Arizona. "There's approximately where the saucer crashed," he said. "It was in a desert area, but I don't know the exact location. I'm almost positive it happened in 1953."

The pilot was my first encounter with a firsthand witness. As he stood at the map with a straight-on glance, he impressed me as a person who is sincere and forthright, possessing a no-nonsense character. "I saw the bodies at Wright-Patterson," he said. "I was in the right place at the right time when the crates arrived at night by DC-7."

As we lingered at the map he recalled that he had stood inside a hangar at a distance of about 12 feet, peering at five crates on a forklift. In his judgement, the crates appeared to be hastily constructed and were made of wood. In three of these, little humanoids appearing to be 4 feet tall, were lying unshrouded on a fabric, which he explained prevented freeze burn from the dry ice packed beneath. As a number of Air Police stood silent guard nearby the crates, he managed to get a reasonably good but brief glimpse of the humanoid features. He recalls that their heads were hairless and narrow, and by human standards were disproportionately large, with skin that looked brown under the hangar lights above. The eyes seemed to be open, the mouth small, and nose, if any, was indistinct. The arms were positioned down alongside their bodies, but the hands and feet, he said, were indistinct. When asked about their attire, he said they appeared to be wearing tight-fitting dark suits, and, because of the tight-fitting suit, there was one revealing feature — a surprising feature. One of the humanoids appeared to him to be female. He said, "Either one of the aliens had an exceedingly muscular chest or the bumps were a female's breasts." Later, he learned from one of the crew members, with whom he bunked at the barracks, that the body of one of the aliens was believed to be that of a female.

My informant also heard from the crew member that one of the entities was still alive aboard the craft when the U.S. military team arrived. Attempts were made to save its life with oxygen, but they were unsuccessful.

Another issue, an important one: How was the military able to track the crash? Said my informant: The crew member told him that the UFO was picked up

by special tracking equipment at Mt. Palomar in California. My informant claimed that he had later heard a report that the retrieved craft, found intact, was also sent to Wright-Patterson. He had no more details as to when or by what means.

Comment:

I have had a dozen or more private talks with my firsthand informant since our initial meeting as reported in Abstract 8 of my first paper. During this period, I knew him as a dedicated family man and by occupation, an engineer. He had also made several trips to Wright-Patterson for treatment of a medical disability. Without notice, in the Fall of 1978, he and his family moved away leaving no forwarding address. His military career was extensive, having served as Warrant Officer in the Army, during which time he was assigned Wright-Patterson in the early 1950's. In recent years he was in the Reserves as a Flight Commander in the Air National Guard.

My informant seemed well informed about the UFO but had never desired to participate in open research to share his knowledge. In my opinion, he seemed to be keenly aware and able to separate fact from rumour. Of the latter, he heard that a UFO (foo fighter) had been retrieved in England by the 8th Air Force, during World War II. Having a top security clearance, he claimed to have seen photos at Wright-Patterson of a retrieved UFO and a close-up showing strange glyphs on its body which he described as looking like Sanskrit. He was also aware of the consequences of talking too much about secret subjects, and often referred to reprisals such as confinement at a base in the U.S. which he dubbed the "Turkey Farm."

In August, 1978, I requested an affidavit, or a tape, describing his 1953 experience for my private records. He declined because of his oath of secrecy. I then asked for a posthumous statement. His response was that he would have to check with his Security Office. Belatedly, he got the expected answer: "You have seen nothing, heard nothing, and you sure as s . . . can sign nothing!"

That was the final word.

According to my informant, plus the testimony of two secondhand witnesses described in Abstracts 5 and 7 of my first paper, 1953 was either an active year for several UFO crashes, or, all three were describing one event. All three describe the area of impact in a desert region and two named Arizona as the site.

Case A-2

Significant in this case is that the testimony from a secondhand source of information was substantiated when I reached the firsthand source. To achieve this took time and a stroke of strategy and luck in reaching the real source for a commitment. This case was first reported in Abstract 16 of my previous paper, the erstwhile informant being the wife referred to as SI. In review, her information revealed to me in August 1977 follows:

The year was 1973 when Carl, a Sergeant in the Air Force, an Air Policeman, was called to duty during the night. He was driven to a certain location, then was blindfolded. She said, he recalled that he was led across a field of wet grass, then was helped down a flight of stairs and escorted through a long corridor. At a certain point, he was halted and his blindfold removed. There, he was issued instructions about his mission and where to stand guard. To his shock, he was in a room with ranking officers and plainclothes specialists who were viewing three small humanoid bodies. The aliens were dead and were stretched out on a table. She remembers Carl telling her that the bodies were about 3 feet tall, their heads abnormally large, and they seemed to have short fuzz on the top of their heads. The skin, she said, was an off-white or cream. She could recall no other facial features described by Carl, admitting that the only time Carl had talked about his experience was while they were courting. That was in 1975. At that time, she said, he seemed shaken by it.

"I believe he was dramatically affected," she said, adding, "One time he told his sister about it and she just laughed. Since, then, he refuses to discuss the matter with anyone, even me."

On several later occasions when I called Mrs. SI, I asked to speak to Carl. One night he was present, sitting at a table drinking coffee, when I called. I remember she asked him if he would be willing to talk with me about his experience, but he declined. Said SI when she returned to the phone, "He said he's not allowed to talk about it, and that he will tell everything he knows after President Carter makes an announcement."

Because of her illness, and SI's wish not to be involved in UFOs again, a long gap of time elapsed before I chanced a call to check on her well being. Her health restored and sounding cheerful, I then brought her up to date on my successes and failures in the pursuit of retrieval stories. But when I asked to speak to Carl, she reiterated his reluctance to talk about his 1973 experience. "He won't talk," she said, "He was too emotionally affected."

Already knowing of Carl's place of employment, and that his on-duty schedule was subject to change, I asked her for the time of day he could be conveniently reached. I hinted that I might call him "on a long shot." She obliged, but offered no encouragement.

On October 17, 1978, a well-timed call reached Carl at work during a coffee break. Without hesitation I announced my purpose, cited some strong data from other sources relative to his experience and assured him that his name or identity would never be dis-

closed. After a long silence, Carl, with seeming reluctance, confirmed his experience and described the scene he witnessed while on guard duty. While his information generally agreed with that expressed by his wife, he also revealed that the facial characteristics of all three entities were similar and that the skin was the same colour as a "drowned cadaver just brought out of the water."

When asked about his reaction to the event, he said in a low voice, "I was shocked. I'd rather forget it." He offered nothing more, nor did I want to press the issue. I felt that I had achieved a real breakthrough. Carl was now a firsthand witness.

Comment:

My informant, Carl had no information concerning the actual retrieval operation, but undoubtedly the recovered bodies came from a recent crash incident. I have no reason to question Carl's veracity; his behavorial reaction to my questions and voice intonation told the truth. Carl does not want any part of active UFO research, and prefers to be left alone and not bothered by the subject. When I later checked for confirmation with an Intelligence source about the 1973 retrieval, I got, "No Comment."

Case A-3

On June 29, 1978, my son-in-law Jeffrey Sparks, then an Assistant Professor at St. Leo College, Dade City, Florida, informed me that he had talked with a person who had witnessed the alien humanoids at Wright-Patterson AFB in 1966. According to Jeff, his contact held a responsible position in a financial capacity with a private firm in Tampa, and had formerly served in Army Intelligence. He gave me the individual's name and where he could be reached.

On July 5, 1978, I talked with Mr JK at length concerning his functions in Intelligence; what he had observed at Wright-Patterson AFB, and many other aspects of UFO crashes and retrieval operations. He also made reference to the computer bank, or "dump file," which contains secret information about UFOs dating back to 1948.

JK, whose duties were connected with the Nike Missile, related to me the following data:

- He observed nine deceased alien bodies preserved in deep freeze conditions under well-lighted, thick glass enclosures. The bodies were short in stature, about 4 feet in height. They appeared, under lighting, to be grayish color in skin tone. The area where the bodies were preserved was under heavy guard, inside and out. He was told while viewing the subjects that 30 bodies were held in preservation at that time at the air base.

- He did not see, firsthand, alien craft stored at Wright-Patterson AFB, but was told that such craft were on the base. He was also told that an alien craft was held at Langley AFB, Virginia, and another at McDill AFB in Florida.

- He knew of three key areas in the 1960's where certain secret UFO research operations were conducted other than at Wright-Patterson AFB. Bases cited were Langley, Avon Bombing Range — a part of the McDill AFB complex near Sebring, Florida; and at Seymour-Johnson AFB, in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

- At certain military bases, highly trained mobilized units were in a constant "ready" state for dispatch to any area in the U.S.A. to recover downed or crashed UFOs. These special forces, at the time, were known as the "Blue Berets" which can operate secretly and effectively by using diversionary tactics to prevent public interference. Such diversions include creating power blackouts.

- During the Vietnam crisis, during JK's tenure of service, five crashes of UFOs occurred between 1966-1968 in the Tri-State area of Ohio, Indiana (near Evansville), and Kentucky. There was one known incident of a retrieval of three alien bodies. During this alleged incident, there occurred a skirmish with the alien forces by our military units. This was triggered by the uncertainty of the aliens' intent. Hostility was presumed, said JK. The location or time of these incidents were not disclosed.

- Said JK, "Since 1948, secret information concerning UFO activity involving the U.S. military has been contained in a computer center at Wright-Patterson AFB. At this base, a master computer file is maintained with duplicate support backup files secreted at other military installations." Said JK, "Get the complete 'dump file', both the master and the support backup files and you've got all the hidden UFO data."

Thus, substantive UFO data are not available through the Freedom of Information Act, nor on file at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Comment:

I have had a number of long talks with JK since July 1978, which was reported in Abstract 21 of my first paper. Some additional information he related concerning certain technical phases of his former work is not included here on his request. One of our chats revealed that he was stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB when Barry Goldwater had visited the base hoping to get permission from General Curtis Lemay

to see the UFO evidence stored there, but was denied. Said JK, "This refusal caused quite a fiasco on the base."

While visiting the University in Dade City, Florida, for a lecture in April 1979, I was unable to meet JK, as arranged, however, I was surprised that following my talk, waiting to see me privately, was a former member of the elite "Blue Berets." I remembered JK had pointed out the functions of this covert service.

The next day, CAM, the ex-"Blue Beret," visited my daughter's home, and alone, we talked about the elite force, its make-up and functions — and some of his experiences in Vietnam behind enemy lines. Although he had never participated in a UFO crash/retrieval, he was aware that one of his fellow members had had the experience. Details were scanty, but CAM recalls that his friend referred to his participation in the recovery of a "big head" from an alien craft.

My last talk with JK was September 12, 1979, at which time he was doing well as proprietor of his own business. He reaffirmed as true all of his past claims.

Case A-4

My informant is self-employed after serving a long career with the Air Force, retiring with the rank of Major. He was a pilot, as well as filling other special assignments. During the mid 1950's he served in an official capacity with the Ground Observers Corp (GOC), at which time I was asked by the Air Defense Command to screen and report UFO activity by code name, FOX TROT KILO 3-0 BLUE. During this active period, I was often in communication with the Major.

My informant called me in the winter of 1979 when he learned from Tom Shell, newsman for ABC-TV in Los Angeles, that I had been considered by that network to be interviewed for a major TV production featuring the UFO. My informant said he recommended me, having known of my former work in the GOC and as publisher of ORBIT in the late 1950's. During one of our several discussions of the UFO problem, when I cited some of the medical information relative to the recovered alien humanoids, he confided that in 1952 he had attended a high-level secret meeting at Wright-Patterson AFB and saw in an underground chamber one of the deceased alien bodies in deep-freeze preservation.

My informant recalls some of the physiological characteristics of the corpse from his yesteryear observation, but admits details are vague. He said the body, with its long arms positioned straight down alongside it, was about 4 feet tall. The head was large by human standards, and the skin on the face appeared smooth and gray. No bone structure was evident; eyes were open, no hair. The feet, he said, were like an orangutan.

My informant stated he had visited the Air Force's underground complex in Colorado Springs and that some of the UFO material that had been stored at the Wright-Patterson depository had been transferred there. He also admits having seen a portion of an Air Force movie which showed an alien craft imbedded in the sand of a desert-like region. Aware of this film I asked if he saw the portion showing the deceased bodies. (See Case A-9). He said that at the time of the movie review, he was preoccupied with other business and missed seeing that portion.

My informant disclosed that he is aware of secret Air Force orders in the early 1950's which directed pilots on UFO intercept missions to shoot down or ram their target. He did not know of any successful mission of this kind which forced down or caused a UFO to crash. In one instance, he said, he was aware of an incident when a UFO was surrounded by jets but by its highly evasive tactics, it escaped.

Comment:

In support of the Major's information concerning tactical operations involving the UFO and interceptors of the USAF, Mildred Biesele, of Salt Lake City, Utah, who serves as Contributing Editor for the MUFON UFO Journal sent me the following item, typical of other reports known to me since the early 1950's, in her letter of October 2, 1979, quoted in part, as follows:

> I heard you speak at the MUFON Symposium in Dayton last year and I am interested in your research on "Retrievals of the Third Kind" . . . I gave a talk at a local library last week and in the discussion period following, a fellow told me that when he was a gunner in the Air Force he had emptied his guns on a UFO and had taken pictures with his gun camera that clearly showed the shells exploding against the side of the craft. He said the camera was taken off the wing of his plane when it landed and the pictures developed. At 2 a.m., a couple of military policemen came and got him out of bed and took him to the base auditorium. They ran the 17 seconds of movie of the UFO over and over and questioned him, and two other crew members until 10 a.m. He was warned never to tell anyone what had happened . . . He said he had a wife and family, a good job, and a lot to lose. He seemed afraid of the C.I.A., and wouldn't even give me his name . . .

Case A-5

Following my second lecture, April 6, 1978, before the Cincinnati Chapter of the World Wings Association, a gathering of 50 or more pilots, I was approached by a member of the association who knew of a "person at work" who, in turn, knew about crashed UFOs and occupants. As reported in Abstract 19 of

my previous paper, I promptly got in touch.

On April 18, 1978, I talked with former Air Force Sergeant MS of the 97th Bomber Wing. He was prepared to relate information from a high-ranking Intelligence source relative to the retrieval of alien craft and humanoid occupants allegedly maintained at Wright-Patterson AFB. He also related a sobering story about a landing on an Air Force base, also from the same source. MS, while serving at Wright-Patterson AFB in 1977, made close acquaintance with Major General "T," who was assigned at Wright-Patterson for top security work in the Logistics Command. His rank and the nature of his work entitled him to a plane at his disposal at all times. He and the General's daughter (name known to me) were seriously lovelorn, and on that basis were frequently together. This allowed MS to be a guest at the General's home where he and the general had private chats.

From General "T," according to my informant, details were disclosed concerning a UFO that had crashed in the southwest region of the United States in 1957. At that time, General "T" was a Lt. Colonel. According to the General, radar had confirmed that an alien craft had crossed the skies over the United States at great speed. It was tracked to the point of its crash. The area, as in most cases, was "roped off", and a military unit summoned (with canines) for maximum security.

From the damaged craft, four humanoid bodies were recovered with great difficulty because of the inability to penetrate the craft's metal structure. The deceased bodies were found badly burned, some parts so severely that certain features were indistinguishable. However, the suits they wore — appearing silver — were not damaged by the obviously intense heat endured inside the craft. Said the General, "The suits were fused to the flesh."

According to the General, the four bodies, approximately 5 feet in height, were sent to Wright-Patterson AFB where he had seen them in a deep-freeze morgue, kept at approximately 120 degrees below zero for preservation. The only other anatomical feature described by General "T" was that the heads of the aliens were large by human standards. Facial features were erased by the heat factor.

The craft? The General related that scientists assigned to the task of dismantling it ran into difficulty. To get inside they concentrated on an area where a fissure or crack had resulted, probably from impact. Shipment to Wright-Patterson, he said, quoting the General, "Was by rail, using two military conveyance rocket cars, properly camouflaged and classified as 'rockets'."

On another occasion, MS as a guest of the General at his home, while alone, was shown a Top Secret document concerning a landed UFO. The incident occurred at Nellis AFB, Nevada, 1968, and MS expressed disbelief when he read the report. Stamped TOP SECRET, as he recalled, it read, in part: Large UFO hovered over Nellis AFB for three days. Three small alien craft were observed separating (or being ejected) from parent craft. One landed on the air base grounds. Sent to greet the landed craft was a Colonel with security detachment properly armed. There was no mention of an attempt to assault the craft. While waiting for a sign of intent, a humanoid was observed to disembark from the craft, which was described as "short and stocky." Then a beam of light was directed at the Colonel. The Colonel was instantly paralyzed, according to the report. Orders then came from the officer next in command for his detachment to fire, but their weapons jammed. The UFO was observed to retreat to its parent craft and then departed. The Colonel was hospitalized. The only recall by the Colonel, as MS remembers from the report, was that he could rationalize the event only in terms of mathematics, as though an attempt at communications had been conducted in this manner.

Comment:

I made a check on General "T" at Wright-Patterson AFB. They had no entry of his name as having been stationed there, however, when MS (and a witness) called the Accounting and Finance Section at Lowry AFB, Denver, Colorado, to obtain the General's new address in the area he had planned to retire, he was refused on grounds of the Privacy Act. But, the General's name was on record. To authenticate the General's report on the Nellis AFB incident, I checked with an Intelligence source and obtained confirmation. (See Case A-6).

During August of 1978, MS tried several times through other military friends to make personal contact with the General, but to no avail. On September 28, 1978, to check on a detail about MS's personal life, I called his employer and talked with the comptroller, the person who arranged our contact initially, and learned to my surprise that my informant had suddenly left his job three weeks before. The Comptroller said that MS had a service-related back disability and had gone to Wright-Patterson AFB for corrective surgery. MS has since become unreachable, having left no new home address or phone number.

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To be continued in the next issue of *Flying Saucer Review*.

"Scientists are quite as ordinary, pig-headed, and unreasonable as anyone else, and their unusually high intelligence only makes their prejudices all the more dangerous."
Professor Hans J. Eysenck

THE THING THAT GOT INTO THE HOUSE

Jennie Zeidman

LYNN M. is 31 and single, an extremely attractive young lady who is a doctor of medicine, currently in residency in haematology at the Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. She describes herself as a "night person"; most alert and at her best intellectual and physical capabilities in the "wee hours". She has a long history of ESP communications with her younger married sister, and it was from her sister (with whom I work) that I first heard of Lynn's experience. I met and interviewed her in February 1980.

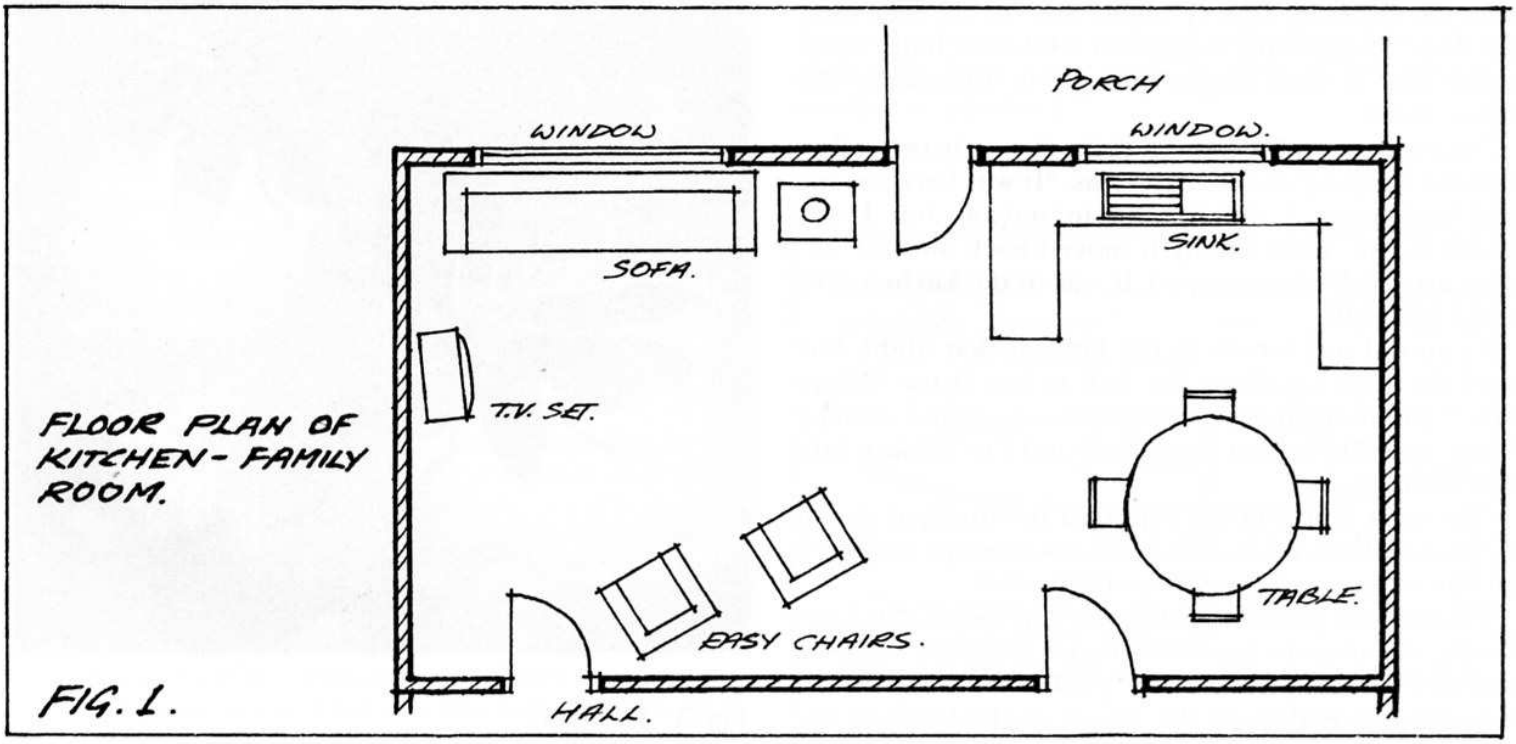
On a Saturday night in June 1979, the two ladies were house-guests of their parents in Bordman, Ohio, an upper-class suburb of the industrial city of Youngstown. The occasion of the week-end gathering was the wedding of a cousin. As usual when spending the night, Lynn slept on a sofa in the "family room", a lounging area extension of the kitchen of the large and comfortable "ranch" home (a common one-storey style of architecture in America). The time was about 3 a.m. The others of the household had long retired. Lynn had been watching a film on the TV — a boring romantic adventure — and had decided that although she was still not sleepy, she had better turn in so as to be ready for the festivities of the following day. She turned off the TV and was half reclining on the sofa.

June in Ohio can be quite warm. The house central air conditioning was operating and therefore all doors and windows were firmly closed. The sofa backed against a large permanently sealed window facing west onto a small park-like glade. The night was calm, with no storms or electrical activity about. The draperies were open.

Suddenly Lynn became aware of a flashing light, originating, she was certain, from outside the house just under the soffit, or roof overhang. "A firefly," she thought immediately. The little insects are common in Ohio in early summer, and she was totally familiar with their appearance and behavior.

The light flashed again. No, it was not a firefly; it was much too bright, illuminating quite an area, reflecting from the soffit around it. The object emitting the light was much too large, and the light itself, although yellow-white like a firefly, did not evince the firefly's brightening-dimming luminosity curve. It was either *on* — "as bright as a 60-watt bulb" — or it was *off,* with no intermediate variation in luminosity.

The young physician sat upright, watching with increasing curiosity. *The flashing object appeared to come through the window pane into the room,* crossing in front of her, not more than three feet from her face. It still had some of the characteristics of an insect — she was unwilling to relinquish the firefly hypothesis — but now, because of its size, it looked more like "the fuselage of a dragonfly"; no real wings, no real head, yet somehow still insect-like in appearance. Then, as it crossed over her legs and out into the room it took on a flat, two-dimensional aspect. Now, instead of an insect in size and configuration it resembled a large



FLOOR PLAN OF KITCHEN - FAMILY ROOM.

FIG. 1.

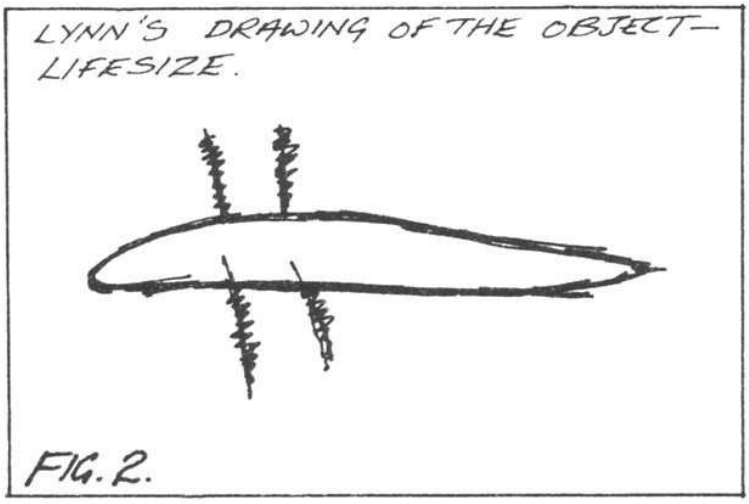


FIG. 2.

paper-clip "trombone" held at arm's length. There seemed to be two sets of wires extending from top and bottom.

The dog, who had been sleeping beside the sofa, suddenly rose and became alert. Lynn, who at first had thought simply "how bizarre", was now aware of her increasing fear. (Perhaps that was what the dog responded to). Still trying desperately to fit the apparition into a firefly, she watched it intently. When it flashed it was stationary in the air, as opposed to a firefly's usual upward soaring flight while illuminating. The light emanated from the entire object, not from a specific location on the object (a firefly's light is clearly in it's tail). When the light was "off", the object was not visible, even though there was a fair amount of diffused light in the room from an adjacent hallway. The object in no way appeared interested in Lynn or her dog, its movements and flashing were at random, with the flashing usually about four to six feet from the floor. Comparing it again to a 60-watt bulb, Lynn noted that it was bright enough to illuminate the entire room.

Now she was afraid to move — it was between her and the doorway to the bedrooms. "It was between me and both exits. I didn't want to scream, but I was afraid to run. Then finally it moved back into the kitchen area. I think it stopped. It was in the kitchen area and I took off".

Lynn did not return to the kitchen that night. She (and the dog) ran down the hall to her sister. "Move over," she nudged her sister (who was sound asleep). "I saw something that scared me and I'm coming into bed with you."

The next morning she reported the incident in full at the breakfast table, but made no attempt to search for the object or for evidence of its visit.

I found two points of particular interest in this case. Firstly, the object's appearance and behavior suggests that of a remotely controlled "probe" or "device". Yet the physical reality of the object is doubtful: it appeared to pass through the window glass and it remained invisible while not illuminated. My physics consultants tell me that it is highly improbable that Lynn observed a ball-lightning type of phenomenon, which would more likely have rolled or bounced along the floor in near continuous or sputtering illumination.

Secondly, although I am not a behavioural scientist, I found myself concerned over Lynn's emphasis upon the wedding and the family gathering. It occurs to me that perhaps she *needed an event of her own* to compensate for the attention that others were receiving. I remember quite well that when I consulted Dr. Leo Sprinkle about a minor UFO experience I had had in 1968, he suggested that perhaps I had "needed" the experience as "an excuse" to fly to Evanston to visit Dr. Hynek! (Which indeed, I had done!)

These comments in no way detract from my conclusion that Lynn's event (as well as my own) each constitute valid UFO experiences, and I am looking forward to increased attention by behavioural scientists to possible emotional motivations as triggering mechanisms in UFO percipients. And one mystery then leads to another: if UFO experiences are emotionally triggered, how is it possible that whole groups of individuals, or geographically separated individuals, report the same event?

A SIMILAR CASE IN BRAZIL IN 1962?

According to Dr. W. Buhler's SBEDV Bulletin No. 26/27 (April-July 1962), page 9, an almost identical

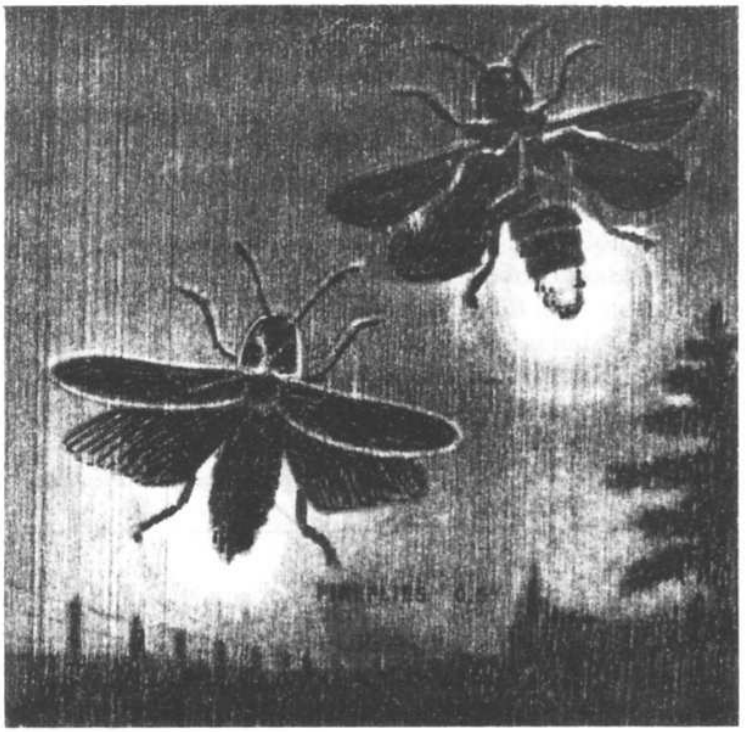


Fig. 3 Fireflies

'object' was seen inside a house in Rio de Janeiro on the night of January 16, 1962. Dr. Buhler seemed to think that what was seen was a "microsaucer" spy-beam, or a "focused radar beam" from a UFO, and the accompanying sketches show that what entered the house was a "slender, luminous, submarine-like object about 40-50 cms. long." Dr. Buhler interviewed the lady of the house and her two maids, and I give below a digest of his report:–

"The 21-year old maid, Dina, was standing near the open dining-room window when the object came in through it and flew swiftly past her at a height of about 1 m. 50 from the floor and headed towards the open door leading to the adjoining room where the lady of the house was sitting and having a telephonic conversation with a friend. She suddenly broke off the conversation, saying: 'I have to stop now as something very bright has come into the apartment.'

A second maid, named Luisa, was near the door between the two rooms; she saw the object flying straight towards a wall tapestry concealing the main electric switch, and the employer, who had now broken off her 'phone talk, saw it too. However the object did not strike the wall, but reversed course quickly. Luisa interpreted this scene as an explosion in the main switch and she cried out in alarm.

Meanwhile the object, still at the same height of about 1 m 50 cms from the floor, was now heading straight for the telephone and the lady beside it. Arriving right in front of her, it stopped, showing itself to her from the broad side. As she watched, she thought she saw it contract rapidly in length by a few centimetres, twice, and then at once revert to its length of about 40-50 cms.

She was able to observe it well, and said its thickness seemed to be about five centimetres. Its central part was of an intensely bright bluish colour, with a "crystal-like, faceted-like irradiation at its pointed extremities". (See sketch.) At this point she and the two maidservants heard a *'click'*. Above and in front of the lady there was a three-bulb electric light chandelier. One of these bulbs (40-candle, 110 volts, pear-shaped) was subsequently found to be burnt out, and the 'click' was naturally related by them to this.

An interesting thing they discovered was that a tiny area (4 mm. × 10 mm.) of the surface of the (opaque) ruined bulb was quite transparent.

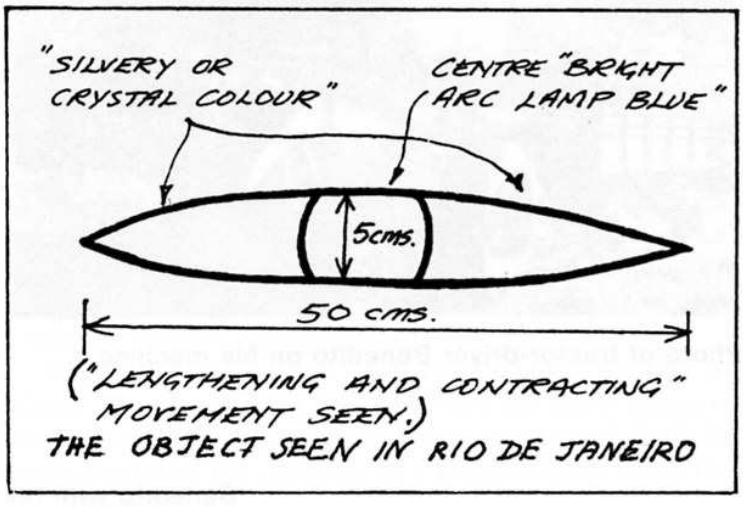
Opposite the lady was an open door leading off to a bedroom. The 'object' rapidly passed through the door but came out again from the bedroom (maybe, suggests Dr. Buhler, "because the windows of the bedroom were all closed?").

The 'object' next headed down a short corridor leading to the bathroom, the large windows of which were open. That was the last they saw of it, as its glow was no longer visible in the corridor, and the inside of the bathroom could not be seen from where the three eyewitnesses were. The 'object' had covered a trajectory of approximately 17 metres inside the apartment, and the lady had observed it during 14 of them. It had been in sight for about 5 seconds.

Only a few minutes before this (it was about 8.00 p.m.) all three percipients had heard an explosion somewhere outside in the vicinity, and neighbours subsequently confirmed this. Some friends also told them later that they had seen a brightness in the sky. When Dr. Buhler discussed the case with another member of the SBEDV Group, the latter said he had also heard that a glow had been seen in the sky that evening. In neither case was the precise position of the glow in the sky given.

When Dr. Buhler was trying to get the lady to recall the exact date of the episode, she suddenly recalled that it "was on the day of the earthquake in Rio". An earthquake was in fact registered at Rio de Janeiro at 11.30 p.m. on January 16, 1962. Writing in the local newspaper *O Globo* of January 19, Professor Diniz Gonçalves was quoted as saying that the quake "may have been connected with the passage of a bolide and accompanying explosions in the atmosphere". A second scientist, José de Andrade Ramos, of the Department of Geology of the Brazilian Ministry of Mines and Energy, thought the earthquake was "related to modifications in the earth's strata".

Clearly there seems to be very good evidence that the 'object' seen inside the Rio de Janeiro apartment had no physical character but was of an electrical, maybe piezo-electrical, nature. Can anyone say whether the same explanation would hold for the interesting phenomenon described by Jennie Zeidman? At any rate the size and general appearance of the 'object' in both cases seem to have been strikingly similar. — *(Editor.)*



THE OBJECT SEEN IN RIO DE JANEIRO

UFONAUTS STUDY A BRAZILIAN FARM

Dr. W. Buhler, M.D.

Translation by Gordon Creighton from Portuguese text in SBEDV Bulletin No. 136/145 (September 1981—April 1982), Rio de Janeiro.

THE newspaper *Vale Paraíbano* for November 8, 1979, carried an interesting report signed by their correspondent Camões Filho, with supporting photos by Jandir Aparecido de Paulo, about an extraordinary event that had occurred in August 1978 on the São Pedro Fazenda (Plantation) owned by Sr. Haroldo Araújo de Vasconcelos and located about 5 kilometres from the town of Caçapava Velha (Lat. 23° 07S., Long. 45° 39W. in the State of São Paulo).

The protagonist in the story is the Plantation's tractor driver, Benedito Cristóvão da Silva, nicknamed "Canhoto" ("Caggy-Hand").

On December 10, 1979, our SBEDV investigation team visited the Estate and interviewed Benedito in his home when he arrived back from work at 6.00 o'clock in the evening, and on June 9, 1980, we made a second trip to see him.

Benedito was born on June 25, 1944 and is married and has two children. Strongly built and muscular, he is well accustomed to the hard physical toil on the farm.

There is no electricity where he lives, so he and his family all go to sleep early and are early risers in the morning.

One of his daily jobs is to take cartloads of feed out to the cattle. This is the so-called "Napier grass", which is kept in silos for one or two years and then cut by machine as required.

The Event

This took place early one Sunday morning during the dry season, in August 1978. Benedito had left his house as usual at about 1.00 a.m. It was a walk of some 15 to 20 minutes to the main buildings of the Plantation. Some 200-300 metres from these stands another building, about 50 m. long, housing various offices and installations connected with the running of the Estate, and in front of this building there usually stands a tractor and a transport trailer attached to it.

He went into this building, as was his daily wont, and put on the lights inside and outside. Then he coupled up the trailer to the tractor, and now noticed that there was an individual seated on top of the trailer. With a lamp that he held in his hand this individual gestured to him to 'start up'.

This individual seemed to be an ordinary human type, about 1.80m in height and wearing an opaque helmet, so that Benedito was unable to see his face.

The individual was wearing an overall-type uniform, of a loose shining sort of material. The light which he was holding in his right hand had a short handle and resembled a car headlamp in size.

Benedito explains that, when this light was directed at him, he found himself in an altered state of consciousness, and semi-subservient. He accordingly went and sat in the driving-seat of the tractor, in accordance with the stranger's signal to 'start her up'.



Photo of tractor-driver Benedito on his machine.



Benedito with his son.

For the next 15 minutes or so he drove on, until he had reached the area, about two kilometres from the farm, where the load of feed for the animals was to be put out. He jumped down to begin the job, after which he would go and get the cattle and bring them to it.

The individual got down off the trailer too, and, from a distance of a metre, stood there watching Benedito as he worked, from time to time shining his light over the tractor and the trailer and studying attentively each stage of the operation.[1]

Then, when Benedito walked off, the individual set off with him. At one moment, the stranger picked up a handful of the 'Napier' grass from a trough, smelt it, and then threw it down.

Benedito loses consciousness

Benedito spent the next hour and a half putting feed into all the troughs. When all but three had been filled, the stranger made a gesture that Benedito took to mean that he wanted him to get up on the tractor again. As he made this gesture, the individual again shone the light right in his face, dazzling him. Benedito found he could no longer see the individual or the tractor or the trailer or indeed anything, and when he came to his senses again after this he found himself at a completely different place on the road. He was now on a straight stretch of it just in front of the entrance to the Estate. And, beside him, there was a strange machine, floating at a height of about half a metre above the ground.

Description of the Craft

This machine seemed to him to be about 12 metres long and about three metres in depth from its top to its base, and it was hanging there with its front end tipped downwards. In this front section there was a door, into which was set a ladder leading down to the ground. All around the periphery of the entire craft, both its upper and its lower portions, it had round lights some 10 cms. or so in diameter, set at intervals of about 50 cms., and changing through a colour sequence of red, green, and orange.

The field bordering the road at this spot had a barbed wire fence. Benedito observed, about ten metres from this fence, three more individuals carrying lamps identical to the one carried by his companion. To his amazement, these three individuals walked straight through the barbed wire fencing as though it were simply non-existent. There were four strands of the barbed wire, the top one being at a height of about 1 metre 60 from the ground. Benedito heard them conversing together and noticed that it sounded like 'chirping'.

These three other individuals were directing their lamps downwards at the ground, as though looking for something. When he tried to see what it was that they were examining, they shone their lamps full on to him, and immediately he felt his strength draining away and his power of concentration weakening.

Benedito thinks he must have remained at that spot for some 15 or 20 minutes, until his companion gestured to him to walk four times round the machine with him, which he did.[2]

By this time the other three individuals had entered the craft. First they went up the ladder and then along a platform running lengthwise along the craft as far as its tail. There, near the tail area, the three individuals vanished, apparently stepping into the machine.

After Benedito had walked four times around the hovering machine as instructed, his companion gave him another signal — this time to stop. Then the other three individuals at once jumped down again from the machine, though this time they came out through a sliding door at the front end of the craft.

Rendered unconscious again

The four individuals began conversing together again. Then Benedito's companion once more signalled to him. This time it was to get up into the craft. Once again he shone his lamp into Benedito's face, and once again Benedito felt himself losing all consciousness of what was going on around him.

When he was once again conscious, he found himself standing beside his tractor. His companion, the fourth man, was still there with him, and remained for some few minute more. At this point Benedito perceived that dawn was just beginning to break.

Then his companion waved his powerful lamp and directed an orange-coloured beam towards the craft. The latter was now at a distance of about 2 kilometres from Benedito, and he was able to make out its outline thanks to its 'semi-extinguished' red lights.

The response from the craft to his companion's signal took the form of a series of flashes of light in the sequence of green and orange and red.

Incidentally, Benedito noticed that even when the beams of light were directed upwards into the air, they still illuminated the area of ground beneath the machine.

Then his companion walked twice around the tractor, and signalled that he too was now about to enter the craft.

He rapidly shot up into the air, to a height of about 20 metres. As he rose up, all that Benedito could make out was the light of his lamp. (Just before shooting up into the air however he had once again shone his lamp into Benedito's face and dazzled him, so that he could no longer see properly.)

When the individual had reached an altitude of about 20 metres or so, Benedito saw his light begin to move away horizontally, and this continued until he had continued the distance of 2 kilometres or so to the

craft, when the light of his lamp vanished from Benedito's view. Benedito could still see the red lights of the craft down on the ground. Then, about two mnutes later, these lights of the craft began to flash through green, orange, and red.

The time was now about 5.30 in the morning, and Benedito could see the craft outlined clearly against the lightening sky.

And now he saw the machine begin to move upwards. It rose to a height of what seemed to be about 10 metres, and a puff of smoke appeared below it. Then the craft was gone — vanished from his sight.

Benedito got home at about 6.00 a.m. and saw Afonso Henriques, another of the farm workers, to whom he related his experience. He also reported the affair to the Plantation Administrator, Sr. Pedro Lobato.

Then Benedito at once went back over the fields to complete the job of filling the cattle troughs with feed, and he did a normal day's work, finishing only at 10.00 p.m.

Incidentally, Afonso Henriques too had seen the red lights of the craft.

In due course a careful check was made of everything on the Estate, but nothing appeared to be missing. They did, however, discover that someone had switched on the lights in the Artificial Insemination shed. In all the other sheds the lights were still off, as Benedito had left them.

Return Visit by the UFO

Some days later (it was on a Wednesday) there was a return visit by the UFO, and Benedito saw it, the time being about 5.00 p.m.

He was just leaving the Plantation buildings, when he observed it at a distance of some 200 metres or so. It was gently moving upwards and downwards in the air, its beams of red, green, and orange light clearly visible. He at once turned the tractor about and set off to alert the Plantation Administrator, as he had promised to do in the event of a repetition. However, Sr. Lobato took some time in getting out of bed, and by the time he and Benedito had got to the spot where the UFO had reappeared, there was no sign of it.

Benedito's work-shift was changed, to begin at 5.00 a.m. in future and so avoid the early morning hours.

At the time of our second visit, almost two years after the original episode, Benedito told us that his experience had caused him to develop greater aptitudes in his work and to be more uninhibited in conversation.

Notes by Dr. Buhler

(1) *Prima facie* it might seem highly improbable that a strange entity, in alien surroundings, should act with such assurance and issue orders and even supervise a type of work that might be totally unknown to him. Nevertheless, as readers will already have observed from previous cases reported in our Bulletins, other Ufonauts have already behaved in precisely the same fashion. This assuredness with which they operate might be interpreted by us as evidence that there has already been a process of 'monitoring at a distance', when the eyewitness was studied by them initially, this stage being then followed by a closer study, with open contact taking place, as in the present case of the tractor-driver.

(2) It is extremely difficult for us to attempt to interpret the meaning of this process of walking around the craft. One possible hypothesis might be this: that while Benedito was walking around, an 'analysis' of him was being made from inside the craft, with the other three crew members monitoring his brain-waves.

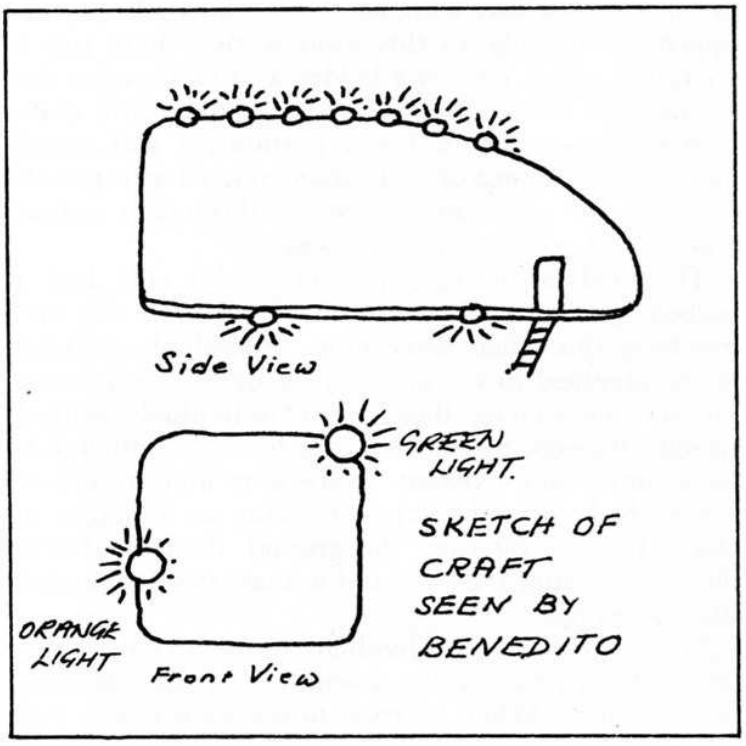
We can merely remind the reader that in a previous case reported by us in SBEDV Bulletin No. 45/47 (page 7) and in our Special 1975 Issue (page 16), the entities seen at Carazinho (State of Rio Grande do Sul) by Adilson Batista de Azevedo, walked around their machines three times before entering and departing.

(This is Case No. 45 in my *Humanoids in Latin America,* which forms part of *The Humanoids,* Ed. Charles Bowen.)

G.C.

Comment by Translator

On numerous previous occasions I have drawn attention to the fashion in which alien entities apparently make skilful use of light to weaken both the body and the will of their human victims. *G.C.*



A VIEW FROM A DISTANCE

(A Look at Time and Paralysis)

Derek J. Rolls

IN an endeavour to resolve some of the conflict inherent in the UFO problem, we are wandering further afield. Many students may dislike these excursions into non-scientific realms. This opposition is engendered by the idea that we will either lose sight of our object, or hide it away in some dark corner. This fear is perhaps justified by isolating sightings and landings in a truly scientific manner. But if UFOs are NOT a major part of some greater whole (Oh blasphemy!) then we should be open-minded enough to pursue parallels wherever they lie.

I do not advocate a 'cultist' attitude by any means — although it has been said:– 'an open mind can only come from a firm belief in something'. A strange paradox, but that is what UFOs are made of.

I personally believe that the use of analogies is essential to our full understanding of any concept, and any correlations that can be drawn between UFOs and any other subject deserve examination. Jacques Vallee's admirable 'Passport to Magonia' is a useful example. To those who have not yet had the pleasure of reading this book, the main proposition is that the UFO phenomenon is a continuation of meetings with elves and other fairy folk. His case is a strong one. There is a point he raises which I would like to take up. It is the question of time. My intention is to spotlight previous observations, extend the conclusions where possible, and add further pieces of information which may advance our theories one step ahead.

In his book, Jacques Vallee focuses our attention on the disparity of time between Elfland and Earth as we know it. What seems a day in Elfland is a year in our reality. He quotes instances of people returnng after what seems a few minutes, having in actuality been gone days or weeks.

Before we examine one conclusion that this may lead us to, let us first consider another point that Vallee makes. It has been remarked upon by others in the past. It is that there is a similarity between types of craft seen, and the ages in which they are seen. Airships and saucers in the 1800s and 1900s respectively. If this is advancing technology, which on the face of it, it appears to be, then we are in for a strange future. By adding a possible conclusion we can draw from the disparity of time, to the 'advancing technology', what do we get?

But first our conclusion: it follows, if years pass by here, while only days pass in the realm of saucers, that sightings in the 1800s are days apart from present sightings — in their realm. When we now add an advancing technology, we have progress at a stunning rate. In what will they travel tomorrow?

A nice amazing theory, but I think facts deny its credence. Take the paleolithic drawings, the ancient references to 'suns'—far more similar to present saucer shapes, than to airships. Somewhere in this mixture is a discordant note, so where does it lie. In time or technology?

The technology theory is shattered if the airship sightings are removed. They seem to stand alone, as if (excuse the term) anachronistic. But are they false, or are they as some have supposed, outward appearances to the vessels that fit more accurately with the age? If the latter concept is substantially correct, then it is possible that the underlying motive power may not have altered since the 1800s (or yesterday). So we may be left with only advancing appearances.

If however the discrepancy of our 'stunning progress' is in our concept of time, then we have a more difficult problem on our hands. There is one point however that bears mention before we descend into the configurations of elaborate time theories. Consider Einstein's relativity and its theoretical effects on spacemen travelling at the speed of light. Time would pass more slowly for them, and dependant on how far they journeyed, they would arrive back on Earth decades or centuries in our future. This duplicates the effects of Elfland, but we are coming around full circle, as this point again raises the possibility of an interstellar origin for our UFOs. Maybe ELFLAND travels at the speed of light.

The big question is how do you go from start to the speed of light in seconds? I can only suggest that peculiar phrase — a ninety degree phase shift — postulated by one cultist. However when one has to resort to such apparently nonsense answers, then the solutions I think are as yet beyond us.

Time and paralysis

J.W. Dunne's book 'An Experiment with Time' gives us a theory that may provide one or two clues to some questions that concern us. Again we deviate from accepted scientific standpoints. Nevertheless it must be necessary to find a theory that fits the facts, and not the reverse. If we stand on the corns of materialists, it is of necessity. The subject of time is vast, and some parallels with aspects of the saucer phenomenon can be drawn.

Let us briefly mention accepted viewpoints of time. There are two main concepts:

1) Time as a river. We are vizualised as travelling on a boat, the past behind us, the future around the next bend.

This analogy is useful only in a limited sense, but it serves to represent, albeit starkly, the common view of time.

2) Time as a dimension. Suffice it to say that although couched in different terms, it is virtually the same as 1).

3) Time, the universal now. Where all time is now. Past and future do not exist as we imagine them to. This is one philosophic viewpoint that can be found in many mythical and legendary tales.

Dunne, however, has theorized multiple time, a kind of relativity. But his is a subjective work rather than the usual objective view. He is also concerned with identity. Briefly the theory runs as follows:–

A) We have multiple identities. For the sake of argument we will number them as follows, i, ii, iii etc.

B) Identify i is our conscious mind. It is always focused on the 'now'. It ceases functioning temporarily when we sleep.

C) Identity ii is free only when i is asleep. When i is awake ii is compelled to observe what i is observing.

D) Identity ii has it's own time separate from i. When ii is free it can observe the whole of i's life, from birth to death.

E) Dreams are the muddled results of our remembered visions of ii's observations.

F) These dreams contain memories of the past and previews of the future.

G) There is an identity iii ad infinitum. That is, it is an infinite regression.

What has this to do with UFOs? Well, firstly we are interested in the dream state, as it has been compared to UFO cases in some instances. I will leave others to pursue this particular line of speculation.

Secondly, we have a relativity of time which compares with Elfland and postulated light-speed journeys. But I think we can also consider another problem in this context, that of paralysis.

On awakening, some people experience a brief but frightening paralysis. I think the comparison to UFO cases is so similar, that we can draw some tentative conclusions. The answer to this paralysis on awakening seems, if Dunne's theory holds true, to occur in the initial stages of transfer from identity ii to identity i. If this is accurate, then paralysis by saucer occupants, whatever the cause, may have something to do with the suspension of judgement that occurs when we go into the dream state. To put it another way, I feel it is quite probable that were we able consciously to enter the dream state (not as impossible as one might imagine, for the dream state is rather the cessation of judgement, than the conscious mind) we would probably enter a state of physical paralysis.

The peculiarities of saucer landings, dreams and Elfland have more than a little in common. I doubt strongly that the paralysis is actual — it is a state of mind. So much so that I would venture to say that any 'gas' or 'beam' projected by the occupants of these unresolved vehicles, effects the manner in which we see reality, rather than the motor responses of our brain. Much in the manner of LSD or other drugs. It is now possible to ask: is the paralysis an end or a MEANS?

We could go on to examine fate, destiny, free will, and compare some conclusions with time-travel and prophecy. However this is a venture that I feel will not yet stir the minds of the students of Ufology. Nevertheless I predict an ultimate increase in wide range speculation, such that specialised subjects will be invoked in order to get to the truth of the mystery. This lies in the near future, and I would suggest that there may be a case for the F.S.R. to request such articles.

THE HABITABLE PLANETS OF OUR GALAXY

Two astronomers at the Kitt Peak (Arizona) Observatory have concluded that the number of habitable planets in our Galaxy may be far greater than has been thought.

Professors Helmut Abt and Saul Levy have discovered that the stars regarded as "hot" may have planets revolving around them. Up till now it had been thought that they were spinning too fast to be able to have planets, and that only the colder stars, such as our Sun, have them.

In a communication published by the National Science Foundation the two astronomers note that, in the course of a study of 123 "cold" stars in 1976, they had found celestial bodies around about 10% of them. These bodies were too small to be other stars, and the professors think that they were undoubtedly planets.

A similar study made recently concerning four systems of hot stars showed that about 16% of them must undoubtedly possess satellites.

Abt and Levy emphasise:—

> "These results show that the majority of the star types have, in the majority of cases, companions circling around them and that between 10% and 20% of these could be planets."

Professor Abt pointed out that among the 100,000 million stars of the Milky Way there must be 10,000 millions that have planets around them. But, he concluded, we do not know what proportion of them are habitable.

U.S. CONGRESS MAY VOTE MORE CASH FOR PARAPSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH

According to a report featured prominently in the British weekly *Psychic News* (July 3, 1982) the U.S. Congress may consider the allocation of more money for parapsychological research in the wake of a Committee Report which declares that telepathy and clairvoyance "could have far-reaching social and political implications for this nation and for the world."

The Report, compiled by the Committee on Science and Technology, says Congress might wish to undertake a serious assessment of the American research effort in view of the two following very important factors:-

(1) The potentially powerful and far-reaching implications of knowledge in this field.

(2) The fact that the Soviet Union is widely acknowledged to be supporting such research at a far higher and more official level.

From the U.S. House of Representatives, Don Fuqua, Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology, told a representative of *Psychic News:-*

"The major purpose of the Report was to identify major issues in science and technology warranting Congressional attention in the years ahead.

"One issue identified concerned research on the physics of consciousness" *(Parapsychology.)*

"The Report states that 'attempts in History to obtain insights into the ability of the human mind to function in as-yet misunderstood ways goes back thousands of years'.

"Only recently, serious and scientifically-based attempts have been made to understand and measure the functional nature of mind-mind and mind-matter interconnectiveness.

"Telepathy tests have yielded some encouraging results, but experiments with mind-over-matter 'have yielded less compelling and more enigmatic results'

"However, the Report concludes: *'The implication of these experiments is that the human mind may be able to obtain information independent of Geography and of Time.'* "

SPANISH WITNESSES SEE SMALL "ROBOT" FROM LANDED UFO

Gordon Creighton

ACCORDING to a report published in the Spanish newspaper *Pueblo* for February 18, 1981, two Spanish witnesses in the region of Burgos (North-Central Spain) observed a small "robot" at 4.30 a.m. on February 13, 1981, at Fuentecén, a place lying 17 kilometres from Aranda de Duero, towards Valladolid. The witnesses were Luis Domínguez Díaz, his wife, and their son, and the total length of the sighting was one hour. Later in the day, Sr. Díaz telephoned to the newspaper *Pueblo* (published in Burgos) and gave them his account. Members of the staff of the paper at once went to the spot and found the marks which Sr. Díaz said had been left in the ground by the UFO.

As he told the newspaper, Domínguez Díaz is the proprietor of a bar. As they were shutting up for the night, he stepped out and saw two red lights at ground level, and seemingly about 150 metres distant. He assumed at first that they were the rear lights of a car. But then he noticed that they were moving upwards into the air, to descend again shortly afterwards to ground level. He and his wife then went off home to bed, his house being close by. Once inside, with all the lights in the house turned off, the three witnesses continued to watch the UFO from one of the windows, as it performed various movements in the air, including wide lateral undulating sweeps.

The robot that "barked"!

Meanwhile their dog was barking loudly. The wife became afraid and went up to bed, while the husband and boy continued to watch.

From time to time, said Domínguez Díaz, the UFO shot out "what looked like rockets, lighting up the whole area round about just as brightly as though it were daylight. It was amazing.

"We went on watching all this for half an hour, and then, after the thing had come down and landed again, we heard what sounded like footsteps, and we saw what you might call a robot. It was square, about 1 m. 40 centimetres in height and about half as wide. We could not see whether it had arms or a head. It looked metallic. First we heard the footsteps, and then we caught sight of it. It was right by the iron railings, about a metre or so from the house. Our little dog was barking furiously the whole time. And the robot gave

a sort of imitation, but more slow, of the barking! At that point I moved from the kitchen window, where we had been watching, and went into the lavatory, where there is a little window giving a better view. And I was indeed then able to see the robot more clearly."

"I decided to approach it"

Asked by the newspaper staff whether he had felt frightened, Díaz said: "I felt 'goose-pimples', as we say, and a very peculiar sensation. But, having watched it for over half an hour already, I didn't feel any fear. I asked my boy whether he knew where the torch was. I managed to find it and, arming myself with a hunting knife, I unbolted the door, but when I got out there I found the robot had disappeared, and I saw the craft taking off again and heading in the direction of a grove of trees lying on the right-hand side of our house."

Noise produced by the UFO

Asked if the UFO made any noise, he said yes, it was a noise like the sound emitted by high voltage electricity cables.

Asked how long exactly he and his son had watched the robot, he replied that it was for about twenty minutes. "Its body looked square — that's all. We could make out neither head, nor arms. In height, it was a little shorter than myself."

Domínguez Díaz said the night was quite dark and the weather not very good, and that this was why he had not been able to see the robot more clearly. He added that when he opened the door and went out he could see flashes of light directed towards the house from the departing craft.

He and his son finally went to bed at 7.30 that morning. A few hours later they were up again, and they went to inspect the spot where the UFO had stood, and found numerous footprints and marks left by the craft. There were also holes in the ground, and areas of scorched earth and scorched grass. The marks were crescent-shaped.

Concluding the report, the group of investigators from the newspaper confirm that they went to the landing site and also saw the marks and burns. The area of scorched soil and grass measured about five square metres. They said they felt this was due to a sudden burst of heat rather than actual flame, because the burning was quite superficial and sporadic, and had not penetrated deeply into the soil. At first they found only two holes, about 30 cms. deep and 2 cms. in diameter, and lying 1½ m. apart. The holes ran into the ground on a slant and this gave the investigators the impression that there must be a third hole, in accordance with the concept of an adjustable tripod landing-gear, and indeed after a few minutes of further search they did find the third hole, concealed at first sight by a tuft of grass.

(Credit and thanks for photostat of *Pueblo* press report to reader Jean Bastide of Aix-en-Provence, France.)

FSR BOOKSHELF — 16

New UFO books reviewed by...

Janet & Colin Bord

FROM November 1896 to April 1897, thousands of people in the U.S.A. reported seeing bright lights moving across the night sky. In some cases they said that they saw the shadowy structure of an airship above the light. The phenomenon was widely reported in the press and rapidly became known as the mystery airship. In the 1960s UFO researchers unearthed some of these reports and published their findings, which showed that the reported performance of the mystery airship was inconsistent with the level of technical development which airship designers had achieved at that time. Since then, the mystery airships have joined that group of peripheral mysteries which appear to have some connexion with the main body of ufology, but which continue to evade precise investigation.

Many articles on the subject have been published in UFO journals, and one booklet dealing with the early Californian wave was privately distributed by Loren Gross, but in **The Great Airship Mystery** (Dodd, Mead & Company, New York, hardback, $9.95, 212 pages, index, illustrated) Daniel Cohen provides a detailed report and analysis of these events, and their strangeness can here be fully appreciated. The author starts with the earliest sightings in California in November 1896 and follows the reports as they moved eastwards during the next six months. He shows how the airships were reported in the press, with much the same mixture of irresponsibility and ridicule that later UFO reports received, and how the rivalries and ambitions of newspaper owners coloured the reporting. The public expectation was that a secretive inventor had solved the mystery of flight and would very soon reveal himself, and there were of course various individuals who claimed to be he, but after a brief blaze of publicity they faded once more into obscurity.

The author also deals efficiently with the Hamilton calf-napping and the Aurora spaceship crash, two apocryphal tales that have in past years received unwarranted publicity and have recently been shown to be quite unsubstantiated. The attitude of the contemporary newspapers, that they would publish anything that might entertain their readers, whether true or not, combined with the vogue for the most respectable of men to vie with one another in telling "tall stories", makes the unravelling of this mystery practically impossible. Daniel Cohen provides no answers to the "airship mystery", and on the last page declares himself to be a "long-time UFO skeptic", implying that both the airship and the UFO phenomenon are of a socio-psychological nature. We find that this type of explanation is usually promoted by those who have read briefly but not deeply into the subject. But in spite of this shortcoming, Cohen has provided ufologists with a balanced, clearly written and thought-provoking book on one of the lesser-known aspects of ufology.

The UFO is a world-wide phenomenon, yet there are vast areas of the earth which, if we are to judge by the quantity of reports published, seem rarely to receive UFO visitations. The huge African continent is one such area, and in her book **UFOs — African Encounters** Cynthia Hind shows that without competent local investigators, the UFO occurrences in any area will remain unknown, however spectacular they might be. Mrs. Hind is based in Zimbabwe, and from there has investigated some intriguing cases in many parts of the African continent. Although details of many of these cases have already been published elsewhere, it is useful to have all these high interest African cases together in one volume, and to realise that there may be many more strange cases in that continent which even the indefatigable Mrs. Hind has not uncovered. She is to be congratulated on her efforts, as she works virtually single-handed and Africa is a big territory to cover. Her book is sane, sensible and readable, and we recommend it. *UFOs — African Encounters* is a 236-page paperback illustrated with photographs and drawings, plus notes, bibliography and index. Published in Africa by Gemini, P.O. Box MP 49, Mount Pleasant, Salisbury, Zimbabwe (price unknown), the U.K. price is £2.95 and in the U.K. stocks are held by the Herne Bay bookseller Suzanne Stebbing and Middle East Books. In case of difficulty contact the U.K. distributor John Neild Associates, Old Bakery Cottage, 45 Freehold Street, Lower Heyford, Oxon, OX5 3NS.

All over Britain local UFO research groups continue diligently to follow up UFO reports in their immediate area, but unless they publish a magazine or newsletter, the results of their efforts never become known to other researchers. To be of any value, UFO data should be made public so that it can be accessible to those engaged in a wider study of the phenomenon. One group that has been able to do this is PUFORG (Plymouth Unidentified Flying Objects Research Group), who have published a 34-page booklet of recent sightings: **UFOs Over Plymouth** (available price £1.05 including postage from PUFORG, P.O. Box 75, Plymouth, PL1 1SQ). The period 1978-81 was a busy one for the group, their major case involving an alleged UFO burn inflicted on a young woman in September 1981 when a UFO shot down a green beam of light onto her hand as she was opening her back door when returning home late at night. A PUFORG investigator was on the spot within four hours and thus was able to record the progress of the injury from the very early stage. This strange case deserves wider publicity. The booklet is illustrated with drawings and photographs, and is generally well produced, but we are surprised that after telling readers "If you see a UFO, contact PUFORG as soon as possible," they give only a Post Office Box address, and no telephone number for instant contact in case of major events of long duration.

By now we have come to expect a high standard of content in the annual MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings, and the papers presented at the 1982 Symposium, MUFON's thirteenth, were no exception. The theme was **UFOs — Canada: A Global Perspective**, and the speakers were Arthur Bray (on professionalism), Dr. George and Iris Owen (on the relationship of the UFO phenomenon to parapsychological research), Dr. Michael A. Persinger (on predicting UFO events and experiences), Dr. Frederick E. Alzofon (on a UFO propulsion model), John F. Schuessler, M.S. (on radiation sickness caused by UFOs), David Haisell (on an international perspective in UFO research), Dr. J. Allen Hynek (on preparing for the next UFO flap), and William L. Moore (on new evidence in the Roswell investigation into crashed UFOs). The resulting publication, a 104-page, large-format softcover, is a readable mixture of facts, theories and opinions, obtainable price $10 (plus $1.50 for foreign postage) from Mutual UFO Network, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155, U.S.A.

We Discovered Alien Bases on the Moon by Fred Steckling is yet another compilation of fuzzy photographs of the Moon's surface, liberally decorated with arrows which direct the reader's attention to vague surface marks which the author believes to be objects, vehicles, UFOs, domes, constructions, mining activities, symbols, letters, vegetation, lakes, reservoirs, and clouds. This book is even less convincing than those by Leonard and Wilson; Mr. Steckling's knowledge of ufology is fragmentary and his attitude extremely

naive and gullible. As an example, John Searl and his ridiculous claims are apparently taken at face value and he is credited as being a "British scientist" with "the National Space Research consortium." Searl's true status and the reality of his "consortium" can be quite easily checked, so if the author can be so inaccurate and misleading about this, what in the book can the reader accept as accurate? This 192-page softcover book, though nicely produced and illustrated with black and white and colour photographs, is only likely to be of interest or value to those who enjoy collecting all UFO-related material whatever its quality. It can be obtained from GAF International, P.O. Box 1722, Vista, CA 92083, U.S.A., price $9.95 plus $1 postage in U.S.A., $3 postage abroad.

Arcturus Book Service are issuing a variety of publications of historical interest, and the following are currently available from A.B.S. at 263 N. Ballston Ave., Scotia, NY 12302, U.S.A.: *UFO Propulsion Systems, Origins and Purposes* by Behrendt (20-page booklet, price $3.50); *Truman Bethurum's Personal Scrapbook,* an exact reproduction of the contactee's personal newsclippings and memorabilia (72 pages, price $10); *Those Saucers,* a Gisholt Machine Company newsletter from 1958 devoted to UFO sightings (8 pages, price $1.50); *Capsule History Behind the Flying Saucers* and *Technical Briefing Behind the Flying Saucers* both by Frank Scully (both 2 pages, both price 50 cents); *A Survey of Press Coverage of Unidentified Flying Objects, 1947-1966* by Herbert J. Strentz, a full-length treatment of how the U.S. Air Force and the media handled UFO reports in the first 20 years of UFO history (341 pages, price $24.50). Arcturus Book Service also provide a superlative service in supplying old and new UFO books, and their catalogue (price $3.50 outside U.S.A. and Canada) is well worth getting.

U.K. readers who may wish to obtain out-of-print UFO books and magazines will also be interested to know that Middle East Books (16 Brockenhurst Gardens, Mill Hill, London NW7 2JX) from time to time issue a catalogue of new and second-hand UFO publications for sale. They also offer books on Atlantis, ancient mysteries, pyramidology, the occult and other subjects.

THE CASE OF THE VANISHING GENERAL

Since, as we all know, UFOs do not exist, many folk must have been surprised indeed to see the following item, in extra black type, right in the centre of page 8 of London's evening paper, *The Evening Standard,* for August 19, 1982:-

> 'UFO kidnap' puts U.S. Army in a flap
> Standard Reporter
> LOS ANGELES, Thursday. A REPORT that America's Vietnam Commander, General William Westmoreland, had been "snatched by a flying saucer", sparked off a full-scale emergency alert.
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> The report was made by 49-year-old Mrs. Edith Mello. Security Police immediately tried to track down the general. They failed. And troops at El Paso Army Base in Texas were put on full alert.
>
> "We put out an all-points bulletin", said Army spokesman Ed Starnes. "But four hours later we decided the woman's claim was just too much so we called off the search."
>
> The Army said later that General Westmoreland had been found . . . but refused to say where."

Goodness me! *Don't the U.S. Army know* that UFOs don't exist? And *don't they know* that folk who report UFOs are nut cases? (This is even worse than Ike Eisenhower's famous 'disappearance', allegedly secretly to view a UFO or UFOs at Muroc (Edwards Air Base), California, on February 20 1954.)

On the following day, Friday, August 20, a London morning paper, *The Sun,* ran a briefer version of the story:-

> General in UFO Scare
> PANIC broke out when an American Vietnam War hero was reported kidnapped . . . by a flying saucer.
>
> Twenty thousand U.S. troops were put on full alert.
>
> A woman told police in Monahana, Texas, that she and General William Westmoreland had been robbed by aliens, who had whisked him into outer space.
>
> The General turned up safe . . . and the woman is under psychiatric observation.

But is it possible that the last two lines of this report contain a serious warning for folk who might be disposed to turn in UFO reports?

Isn't it the Soviet Union where people who displease the authorities in some way or other find themselves in the notorious Serbskiy Institut or some other hospital and forced to undergo injections, some of which inflict damage of a permanent nature?

Are we seeing the Shape of Things to Come? — G.C.

UFO REPORTS FROM CHINA (1)

Paul Dong

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ON November 13, 1978, China's principal newspaper, the *Jen Min Jih Pao* or *People's Daily* (Peking) carried an article under the title *"UFOs, An Unresolved World Puzzle"*. This was the first article on UFOs ever to appear in the Chinese press. Its author, Mr. Sheng Heng-yen, is one of the editors of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Almost a year later, China's second-most important newspaper, the *Kuang-Ming Jih-Pao*, carried a second article on the UFOs. Published in the section chronicling scientific matters, the article posed the question of whether the flying saucers might not actually exist. The author of this second article, Mr. Chou Hsinyen, is in charge of scientific programmes in the Central Radio and Television Office in Peking.

Mr. Chou reported that a group of Chinese scientists had observed some UFOs during an expedition they were making in the province of Hupei. The sighting was confirmed by elements of the Chinese National Liberation Army who chanced to be on manoeuvres in that area at the time. The article also mentioned other UFO sightings in other provinces of China.

It was necessary to wait until May 12, 1980, for the next article on UFOs in the *Kuang-Ming Jih-Pao*. This article, of which I was the author, reproduced detailed reports made not only by aircraft pilots but also by scientists, and also by other eye-witnesses of professional status throughout the world, who had seen UFOs.

These three articles in the press aroused the interest of the public throughout the whole of mainland China. And the journal *Space Knowledge* received several hundred letters urging the Chinese Government to launch a project to study the UFO Phenomenon. The appearance of such a request in that journal duly engendered an enormous response from all the Provinces of China, and this induced the Government to set up a study group under the auspices of the University of Wuhan, in Central China. Thus the *Chinese Association for the Study of UFOs* came into being. This body, the first of its kind in China, has correspondents in the Capital, Peking, and in Shanghai and in Kuangtung Province, in the Kuanghsi Autonomous Region, and in four other provinces.

The Association publishes its own journal, *UFO Investigations*, and its membership includes workers, students, teachers, journalists, doctors, and scientific researchers. Although the Association had been founded in May 1980, it was December 4 of that year before the *New China News Agency* (NCNA) published the fact.

There were two important developments which had led the Government in Peking to authorize a serious study of UFOs. The first was on a summer evening in 1965, when two bright disc-shaped objects crossed the sky above Peking, a city with a population of 8 millions. The second was two years later, when a similar thing was observed over some of the Peking suburbs. In this second case, thousands of people saw a round glowing object with flashing red lights shoot across the sky at a fantastic speed, then stop suddenly, and pause, before darting away at top speed and vanishing

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from sight on the horizon.

This second case of the violation of Peking's airspace by something led numerous observers to suppose that the object must have been some new prototype or secret weapon from the Nationalist Chinese Government on Taiwan or from some other country. One supposition led to another, and the public was soon suggesting a multitude of possible origins for these happenings. Since these unexplained phenomena were endangering the national security the authorities of Peking decided, with a view to allaying the growing fear, to create an academic group for the study of the UFOs. An additional factor that had induced the Chinese Government to decide to study the UFOs was the frequency of the reports of UFO sightings received by them from all the provinces of the country during the decade of the 1970s.

In response to my article of May 12, 1980, in the *Kuang-Ming Jih-Pao,* Mr. Ching Tao, Scientific Editor of that paper, voiced a somewhat different opinion, and wrote: "Far too great an importance has been accorded lately in the scientific field to the problem of the UFOs. Within the total framework of scientific research, unidentified flying objects constitute but a small portion of the wide spectrum of scientific studies. Without the making of a serious study, it is impossible to deny that the UFOs might be the product of hallucinations."

Mr. Hsieh Chu, Editor of *Space Knowledge,* commented along the same lines and wrote: "The existence of the UFOs cannot be denied if one takes into consideration the great number of sightings that have so far occurred in this country."

Both *Space Knowledge* and *Science and Life* have carried reports of UFO sightings.

One of these sightings took place one afternoon in 1970 when a Mr. Chen Yu-fu, a worker in a coal-washing plant in Shansi Province, observed in the sky a luminous round, ring-shaped mass. He said that the object was like a bowl or basin, and as he stood watching it fly over on the western side of the plant's transformer depot, he noticed that it was followed by a smoky trail.

Six years later, on September 9, 1976, at about 6.00 p.m., a group of employees of the Kiangsi Number Two Chemical Plant and some residents of the town of Yi-Chun (Province of Kiangsi) observed a copper-coloured metallic object shaped like two cymbals coupled together and rotating on its vertical axis. The eyewitnesses said the object was very clearly visible, in mid-air.

In the following year (1977), Chang Chou-seng, an employee at the Astronomical Observatory in Yunnan Province, observed a UFO over Ch'eng-Tu, Capital City of the far western Province of Szechuan. People over a radius of some 180 kilometres from Ch'eng-Tu, also saw it.

Finally, there was a report that, at 8.40 p.m. on October 23, 1978, an enormous rectangular UFO appeared over an aerodrome in the north-western Province of Kansu. Its altitude was estimated to be between 6,000 and 8,000 metres, and its length at 1,000 metres (i.e. one kilometre.)

The above is just a sample, selected at random, from the rest, and is quite representative of the sort of reports that were brought to the attention of the Chinese Central Government during the periods of maximum UFO activity. In general, the phenomena observed fall into three groups:-

(1) 80% seem to relate to round, disc-shaped objects.

(2) 10% are large, rectangular objects.

(3) 10% seem to be of cloudy, nebulous form.

Although China is now engaged in an attempt to study the contemporary UFO situation, the problem is not new, and the sightings go back as far as 1947,* at which date most of the country was still under the control of the Nationalist Government. And between 1947 and now very many people have seen UFOs. One of these eyewitnesses, Mr. Chu Fook Tsang, Editor of the *Monthly World Book,* subsequently took part in a study programme on UFOs.

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With a view to arriving at a better comprehension of the nature of these phenomena, China has let its population have access to the information available on UFOs. An important objective of the Chinese Government is to educate the popular masses on this subject. Some steps have recently been taken in this direction, such as the showing on the Chinese Television Service of a film produced in the USA — *The UFOs are Real,* and also the publication of books and periodicals on the subject of UFOs.

It is clear that some progress has been made in this direction, and as proof of this I need only cite the establishment of the *Chinese Association for the Study of UFOs,* which is officially under the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. It is to be hoped that, assisted by the official governmental backing given for a study of the UFO Phenomenon, the Chinese scientific community, whose spheres of interest include this type of study, will not let themselves become dupes of the *a priori* arguments that are at present appearing in the USA.

Note by Editor of Lumières dans la Nuit

Mr. Paul Dong, who has sent us this Report via Monsieur Jean Bastide, is a member of the American organizations APRO and MUFON, and is the author of a book about UFOs, recently published in China. He is also in charge of the coordination of UFO research in China with UFO research in other countries.

***Note by Translator**

As Mr. Paul Dong observes, the problem of UFOs is not new in China (any more than it is anywhere else), and I myself had a spectacular sighting of one over Chungking, China's far western wartime Capital, in the summer of 1941. For a description see page 168 of *Unidentified Flying Objects,* by Robert Chapman, Science Correspondent of the *Sunday Express,* London. (Pub. by Arthur Barker, London, 1969. Reprinted as paperback, *UFO: Flying Saucers over Britain,* Mayflower Books, 1969). For anyone who studies Chinese literature and Chinese historical records, it is patently clear that no country can offer such a wealth of seemingly Fortean and/or Ufological material over the last two thousand years. G.C.

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BOOK REVIEW

We have received from our friend and colleague Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz a copy of a most interesting article by him — *Clinical Observations on Telekinesis,* originally printed in Vol.27 of the *American Society of Psychosomatic Dentistry and Medicine,* 1980, and now reprinted in booklet form (123 pages, available from the author at 202 Bellevue Avenue, Upper Montclair, New Jersey 07043).

Everyone who has made even the most cursory study of parapsychological and paraphysical problems knows that nothing in this whole field is more dramatic and impressive than telekinesis — the paranormal control and movement of objects at a distance. Clearly, if such things are possible, then the whole official scientific viewpoint about "reality" and about the nature of the world around us is wrong, and it is not surprising that the opposition attack the very thought of telekinesis with such vehemence! They know indeed that their whole position is imperilled.

It is not often that an eminent physician is prepared to publish his ideas on these controversial matters, and Dr. Schwarz's contribution is most valuable. In his summing-up he says:–

"Historically considered, Medicine has a stake in these murky areas of research. Hippocrates brushed away superstitious cobwebs from the 'sacred' disease epilepsy. Johann Weyer, sixteenth-century Dutch physician, and the true founder of modern psychiatry, introduced a commonsense medical approach in refuting the superstitious claims and pernicious effects surrounding so-called witches and devils; and Weyer applied up-to-date and entirely humane methods in unmasking the spurious miracles of a young girl who claimed she stayed alive and in good health for a long period of time without food. Freud once wrote that if he were at the beginning of his scientific career rather than at the end, he would have devoted his life to psychical research. Jung, throughout his career, enriched many of his volumes with a wide variety of psychic matters and, near the very end, his eyes still looking forward to the future, grappled with the *pièce de résistance* of the mind-matter interface problem: *flying saucers.*

The time is over-ripe for a new cadre of psychiatrists to tackle these enigmatic and frustrating, yet time-honoured psychic experiences — *telekinesis* in particular — that will not go away. They still happen, and they might hold promise for a new, revolutionary theory of the mind." — G.C.

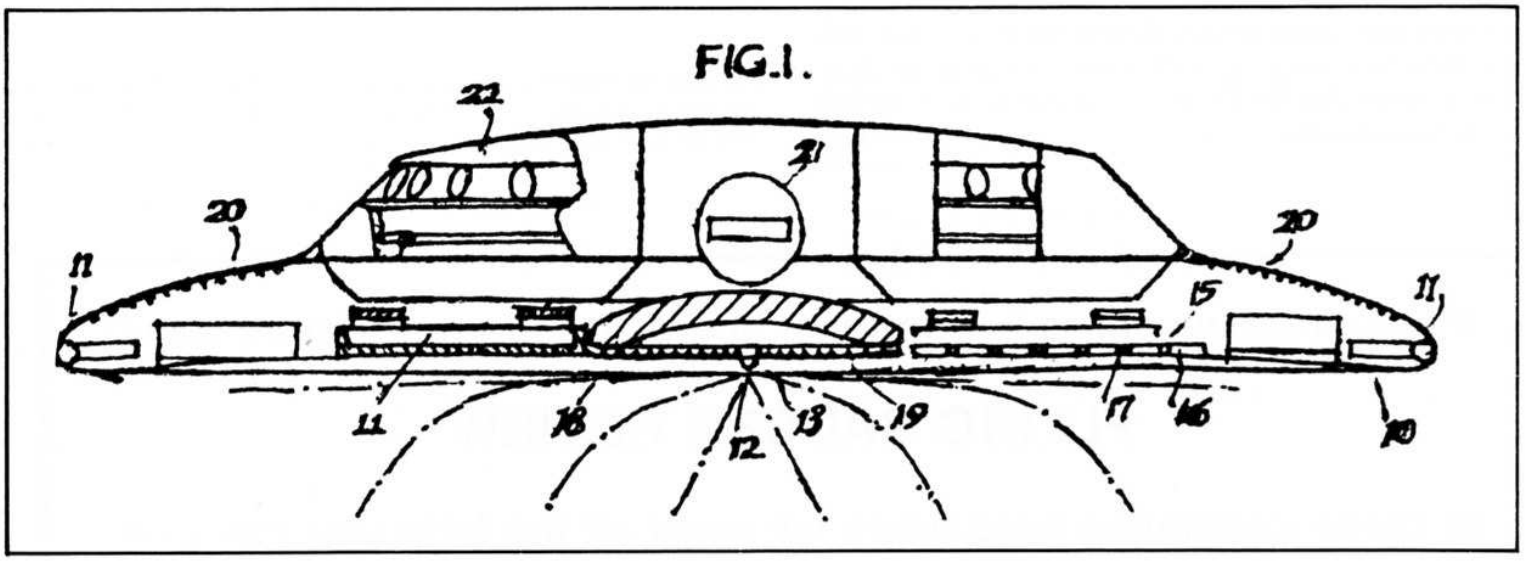
FLYING SAUCERS

by courtesy of British Rail!

An item in the *Sunday Telegraph* for June 27, 1982, reveals the fearful truth that for some years past British Rail have secretly had on their drawing boards a 120 ft.-wide "flying saucer", to be powered by a nuclear reactor and a series of laser beams. (Patent No. 1310990, now gathering dust in the Patent Office because, beset by all its other problems, British Rail "has had to abandon its bizarre project to build the world's first flying saucer" (sic)!

Personally, in view of their general record, the travelling public should perhaps be mighty glad to hear that British Rail have dropped the scheme?

Credit: Mr. Michael Lambert of Ilford, Essex, (who points out that, had this contraption ever got built, it would promptly have been used to explain away all the UFO sightings there have ever been!)



British Rail's Flying Saucer: a drawing in the Patent office

M.P.'s NEAR-GAFFE (OR HOW A CAT PEEPED OUT OF THE BAG)

"Mr. Harold Wilkinson, Tory Member of Parliament for Woking, was asked at a public meeting at Frimley last week: *'Why is the Government trying to hush up the sightings of flying saucers?'*

The question came from an elderly woman sitting in the front row of a packed village hall. She added: *'Whenever these visitors from Space are sighted, newspapers and television are ordered not to report the fact. Why is the public not kept informed?'*

Mr. Watkinson, who resigned as Minister of Defence in last year's Cabinet reshuffle, replied: *'Before I left the Ministry, I had to sign a large number of papers promising never to reveal certain facts I had learned as Minister of Defence. The subject of flying saucers may be included.'"*

From the files of the *Camberley News* of March 15, 1963.

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.

The Salzburg Conference

Dear Sir, — I would like to point out that the *First UPIAR Colloquium on Human Sciences and UFO Phenomena*, held at Salzburg from July 26 to 29 of this year, has clearly demonstrated that there is a growing interest in the psychology and parapsychology of the UFO Phenomenon. At the same time, however, its physical aspects are well recognised and by no means neglected.

Yours sincerely,
Luis Schönherr
Geyrstrasse 55
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Tyrol,
Austria
August 16, 1982

[Readers will find an account elsewhere in this issue of reports that the U.S. Government may be waking up to the enormous importance of Parapsychology and may plan to allocate funds for work in this field. Needless to say, in the USSR, Parapsychology (like Defence and Military Equipment!) seems for a long time past to have been high on the priorities list as far as funding is concerned. — ED.]

Nottingham UFO Society

Dear Sir, — As you and many of your readers are aware, the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society have been, and are still, involved in the investigation of a large number of possible UFO sightings which took place in the early hours of August 31st 1980, around the Ashbourne area of Derbyshire. The UFOIN report file number for this case is 8009.

As yet, despite two years of intensive research, we have still not found an answer to this case, and it remains on file as unidentified. To try to bring this case to a satisfactory conclusion one way or another, we wish to recruit the assistance of your readers, in so much as we would like to obtain details of *any* UFO reports from *any* location in the United Kingdom, with particular emphasis on the west and north west areas, during the time period from 20.00 hours on the 30th of August 1980 to 04.00 on 31st August 1980.

It is hoped that in the interests of scientific research, individuals and organizations will make this information available, free of charge, although we are prepared, if required, to pay for photo-copying of reports and postage.

Any available information should be sent to me, S. W. Henley, Investigations Officer, 443 Meadow Lane, Nottingham NG2 3GB.

Yours sincerely,
S. W. Henley,
July 24, 1982

Exploding Soviet satellites

Dear Sir, — Soviet ocean reconnaissance satellites have occasionally exploded mysteriously. A search of records by Nicholas Johnson shows that one such explosion occurred over Peru before dawn on May 17, 1977 (at 05.17 a.m. local time) as the satellite Kosmos-838 orbited from north to south. No other explosions occurred over populated regions at night. Nobody knows why they happen.

QUESTION: are there any 'UFO reports' from Peru for that morning, May 17, 1977, which could provide a visual description of the mysterious violent break-up of the Soviet satellite?

The precise point of disintegration was 75°W, 09°S, and the satellite's

motion azimuth was about 150 (East of South). Its altitude was 438 kms., velocity 8 km./sec., launch date: July 2, 1976, from Tyuratam; UN Registry Code 1976-63A. Considering its motion, it might have been visible in Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina as well.

Shall be grateful if you will please check your files for possible sightings of this Space event.

James Oberg,
Rt. 2 Box 350,
Dickinson, Texas 77539
May 25, 1982

The Marian Apparitions

Dear Sir, — I wonder what Ann Druffel means (FSR 27/3) by 'genuine Marian apparitions'? Does she mean that the *real* Virgin Mary *really* appeared? This is of course compatible with Catholic teaching (Mary having been assumed bodily into Heaven when she died, there's nothing to stop her returning in the body if she chooses), but it begs the question, how to distinguish between genuine and non-genuine appearances. Lie-detector tests would not be easy to apply, and any Dark Force capable of simulating a BVM sighting would have the know-how to buck them anyway.

I wonder, too, does Ms Druffel suggest that it is exclusively the genuine apparitions which yield 'beneficial results'; might not non-genuine visions prove equally efficacious, on the placebo principle? Medieval theologians had a hard time explaining how it was that some witches undoubtedly produced beneficial results such as cures: they managed the trick by alleging that Satan starts by doing good in order to win our confidence, after which he's got us in his clutches and can do what evil he chooses. So Ms Druffell shouldn't let herself be fooled: those short-term beneficial results could be a smoke-screen for long-term malevolence.

The series of articles by G. Cornu currently appearing in LDLN irrefutably demonstrate a correlation between Marian apparitions, solar phenomena, and UFOs. Thus, there was a dramatic increase in Marian visions in 1947, precisely when UFO reports abruptly escalated. Cornu, it's true, doesn't distinguish between genuine and non-genuine apparitions, but it would certainly seem that either (1) who/whatever is responsible for the UFO phenomenon must also take blame/credit for the Marian visions, or (2) the visions are Heaven's counter-measure to UFO activity, UFOs being (as many believe) instruments employed by the Dark Forces as part of the massive arms build-up for the Final Battle of Armageddon.

All this threatens to lure us into the paranoid quicksands of ufology in which so many worthy ufologists have already foundered; yet the basic facts are solid enough. It is the attempt to interpret them in terms of a closed belief-system which is dangerous. Assertions as to what God can or can't do (eg Ms Druffel's assertion that 'he has no need for amusement') are harmless conjectures in themselves, but they can lead to a dogmatic attitude of mind which seeks to force the UFO into this or that traditional scenario. The history of ufology is littered with such attempts, but just as the UFO out-manoeuvres any terrestrial aircraft, the UFO phenomenon dodges any attempt to pin it down within any existing belief-structure.

Yours sincerely,
Hilary Evans,
11 Granville Park,
London SE13
November 27, 1981

The Druffel-Kaneko Debate

Dear Sir, — For the sake of those FSR readers who may have tired of the Kaneko-Druffel controversy in past issues of "Mail Bag" column, I'll try to make this brief. It is interesting that an exchange of letters on a "controversial" subject often results in the participants' views pulling closer together.

Mr. Kaneko charges that I have never studied the Fatima affair and its apparent ufological aspects. I've read about this situation since 1944, and in the current ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UFOs by Ron Story (available from Compendium Books who advertise in the frontispiece of every FSR issue), I wrote the article about Fatima in that encyclopedia. My thinking on the Fatima affair concurs in many respects with Mr. Kaneko's.

Also Compendium Books offers for sale THE TUJUNGA CANYON CONTACTS, a book which discusses the joint ufological/paraphysical factors in a group of South California close encounters and so-called "abductions". I co-authored the book with D. Scott Rogo. Mr. Kaneko's idea of a "Paraphysical Intelligence" concurs closely with many ideas set forth in that book.

I would refer him also to the MUFON UFO JOURNAL, published by MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155. My monthly column in that journal is anything but "parochial and conventional".

Regarding his comments on the AF-CIA joint research on 50-55 computer-analyzed photos of UFOs in flight (none of which have been released to the public), it is entirely possible, as Mr. Kaneko suggests, that these "craft" were photographed in a temporarily physical state, but are not extraterrestrial as we commonly think of the term. The majority of UFOs *do* seem to fall into the class of "temporarily physical", though I think we must *logically* leave room for the possibility that some UFOs exist in our own space-time as we ourselves do, for this would be necessary to explain the crashed saucers and frozen alien bodies which seem to be secreted in the US government private storehouses.

The main difference between us seems to be that Mr. Kaneko has convictions that a neutral Paraphysical Intelligence is responsible for all UFO manifestations. I feel that the omniscient, omnipotent Being which we in the Western World call God is ultimately the Cause of all phenomenon, UFO or otherwise, but that there are many orders of beings in the scale of creation between Man and God, just as there are many orders of beings between man and inanimate objects. Some of these creatures, superior to ourselves by reason of being less material and more paraphysical, seem to be involved in the UFO phenomenon.

All researchers cannot think exactly the same about a mystery as involved and shrouded as UFOs. Mr. Kaneko is entitled to his opinions, as I am entitled to mine. We are all searching for the truth. I appreciate the chance to correspond with Mr. Kaneko via this column, for it is only by extended conversation that we can see we are all objectively seeking answers, and that the eventual conclusions will probably encompass all our ideas in some way which is not yet fully understood.

With best regards,
Ann Druffel,
257 Sycamore Glen,
Pasadena, CA 91105 USA
August 21, 1982

The Claims of Herr Meier

Dear Sir, — In your Bookshelf No. 14 (FSR Vol. 27, No. 6) you mention *The Meier Incident* by Kal K. Korff of Ground Saucer Watch, and state "Meier's American supporters who originally accepted his wild stories and cleverly faked pictures and are now seen wriggling about trying to unhook themselves." This claim is not supported by facts! Indeed, only recently I met these American supporters, mainly Lt. Col. Wendelle C. Stevens, Thomas K. Welch, Lee J. Elders and his wife Brit Nilsson-Elders. Far from trying to unhook themselves, they arrived here with a movie crew from Hollywood, and they shot a film about Billy Meier.

I also understand they went to Court against Ground Saucer Watch and won their case.

Another recent visitor to Billy Meier was Shirley Maclaine whose new book, *Out on a Limb,* will hit the bookshops in January. I'm sure she will mention her visit and give her opinion about this case.

I have just finished reading a very interesting book entitled *The Prophecies of Pope John XXIII* (original version is *Le Profezie di Papa Giovanni,* by Pier Carpi) which contains the following sensational prophecy — especially if we consider that it dates from the year 1935:-

"The signs are increasing. The lights in the sky appear red, blue and green, rapidly. They will grow. Someone comes from afar and wants to meet the people of Earth. Meetings have already taken place. But those who really saw, remained silent."

Undoubtedly many hoaxers have entered the UFO field, but in view of the above prophecy, I think that among the many hoaxers there may also be a few genuine ones.

Sincerely yours,
Frank B. Stuckert,
Allenbergstrasse,
CH-8712 Staefa,
Switzerland

Grave Doubts about Retrievals of the Third Kind

Dear Sir, — I am very skeptical of Leonard H. Stringfield's allegations about "Retrievals of the Third Kind" (FSR 28-1) for the following reasons:

1) Within our Solar System, the Earth is the only life-bearing planet.

2) Any visits by extraterrestrials coming from other star systems by means of *crashable nuts-and-bolts* spacecraft are precluded not only by Einstein's theory of relativity but also by the impossibility of their ever identifying our Sun among the 250 billion stars that compose the Milky Way galaxy.

3) The UFO phenomenon is worldwide. How come then the alleged UFO crashes have occurred exclusively in or near the United States? What about the rest of the world?

4) If the crashes were indeed real, then the US would have made immeasurable advances in science and technology by studying the crashed UFOs and their dead occupants. The US would then have achieved such overwhelming superiority in all fields over the USSR and the rest of the world that US foreign policy would be entirely different. For instance, the US would not be wasting its time on SALT talks with the USSR.

5) By the very nature of his job, the US President has access to all top-secret information, including any alleged UFO crashes. How then can one explain the patently absurd fact that, in 1977, Jimmy Carter officially requested NASA to activate UFO research? NASA, of course, refused.

6) There is nothing to substantiate the anonymous death threats which L. H. Stringfield claims to have received after delivering his MUFON paper. After all, he is still alive.

7) There is nothing to prove that his "sources" are reliable or even real. It is easy to make them "vanish without a trace", if they never existed in the first place.

8) If his "sources" are indeed real, then he must have been fooled by a grand hoax staged by the US authorities or the UFO phenomenon itself — something akin to the notorious Ummo affair.

Yours sincerely,
Julian H. Kaneko,
18, rue Le Corbusier,
CH-1208 Geneva, Switzerland
September 3, 1982

[Who says the alleged UFO retrievals "have occurred exclusively in or near the United States"? — ED]

Gerald Light

Dear Sir, — Your footnote "13" in *FSR* v 27 4 is incorrect in listing Gerald Light as a "prominent" American. Beyond this one famous letter, originally printed by the Borderland Science Research Associates, nothing is known of Mr. Light. BSRA is a fairly far out group, even by Adamski standards, receiving messages from the "Inner Council" since 1946 through (principally) trance medium Mark Probert. [*Flying Saucer Pilgrimage* by Bryant and Helen Reeve devotes chapters 17 & 18 to the group].

Given Ike's subsequent medical history, a reasonable explanation for "vanishing" would be a slight heart irregularity. Mr. Light's letter is printed — apparently in full — on pages 116-118 of *The Roswell Incident.* You will note that the luminaries are given a scrutiny of "six hours" *after* arriving at the base. This is not the way it's done.

And especially not to Cardinal McIntyre!

There is only room to briefly note how unfortunate it is that the Soviet material is available only through a tabloid lens.

Yours truly,
William H. Banks,
3616 Emerson St., No. 6,
Oakland, Ca. 94610, USA
June 22, 1982

[It looks very much as though ALL material about UFOs is only available nowadays in the USA "through a tabloid lens", because the allegedly more reputable and bigger papers have stopped printing anything on the subject! Maybe Mr. Banks can get this state of affairs altered? Meanwhile FSR, as a forum of discussion, will continue to seek as much ventilation of our subject as possible by publishing UFO reports from as wide an area as possible. It is up to readers to produce their proof that what is said by a tabloid is necessarily any falser than what is said elsewhere. — EDITOR]

World round-up

of news and comment about recent sightings

England

Clent Hills, West Midlands.

At 12.45 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, 1982 a thirteen-year-old schoolboy, Michael Jones, observed a strange diamond- or lozenge-shaped object moving steadily westwards over the Clent Hills, "at about twice their height" (hills are over 1,000 ft. high). Using binoculars he was able to see that its shape resembled "two casserole dishes joined together, the top one silver, the bottom one red". He could not estimate its speed or its distance, but thought it might be about 10 ft. thick and between 20 and 30 ft. long. It was a very warm, clear day, with no wind. He detected no sound from it. The most extraordinary feature of it was that the object was spinning, "moving in various directions as if on a spindle". It gave the impression of being solid, metallic. Total viewing time: a little over two or three minutes.

Credit to percipient Michael Jones and investigator Raymond E. Cox (BUFORA) who visited him and compiled the report.

Canada

La Presse (Quebec, French Canada) of July 24, 1982, reported that Stéphane Lebeau, aged 16, and Michel Cousineau and another youth and a 25-year-old woman named Denise Labre had seen a UFO, as big as a large helicopter, hanging silently or flying around at a height of 200 ft. above a nearby field at 2.00 a.m., at Sainte-Dorothée, near Laval. The object was projecting a powerful beam of white light down on to the field, and it bore all around its edges coloured lights which, flashing in sequence, gave the impression that it was rotating. After emitting a dull sound it then vanished from sight behind buildings.

Shortly after returning to their tent, the youths heard strange sounds which they described as "electronic beeps". Going out again and sweeping the maize field with a pocket torch, they caught sight of a face. François Cousineau then arrived with a more powerful spotlight, with the aid of which an entity was seen again. Said Stéphane Lebeau: "It was five or six feet high, with a huge brown head, and orange eyes, bigger than ours". Movement was heard in the maize, and what seemed like a sudden whirlwind enveloped them in dust. The whole party were seized simultaneously with stomach pains and fled into the house which was close by. Denise Labre, who works at night on ambulances, confirmed to the press that the youths were white with terror.

Credit: R.W.J. Anstee, Montreal.

Sweden

According to a report in the autumn of 1980 in the Swedish newspaper *Norrländska Social-Demokraten,* on the night of September 5/6, 1980, two fishermen were out in their boat off Likskär and Sandöklubben (Luleå Archipelago, at top of the Gulf of Bothnia, north-eastern Sweden) when a huge glowing sphere appeared and appeared to land at Klubbviken after flying around in the sky over their boat a number of times. They spoke of seeing a row of glowing windows. Subsequently they found huge tracks on the beach at Klubbviken, like the tracks of a caterpillar tractor, but the strange part about it was that these tracks began suddenly in the sand and ended suddenly, (as might be expected of something that had come down there from the sky and taken off again). The fishermen said a small piece of rock fell in their boat and Swedish geological authorities have ruled that it is of volcanic origin.

Credit: Ake Franzén of Skärholmen, Sweden.

Maine, USA

"Killer UFO prowls sky above terrorized farming community."

Under this headline the *Weekly World News* (August 2, 1982) published in California, carries an article by Joe Berger about events allegedly occurring in a hilly, lightly populated rural area around Starks, in Somerset County, Maine, (far N.E. of the U.S.A.). Bud Hendsbee, aged 54, a veteran member of the police force, claimed a UFO "as big as a house and ablaze with blinding lights" had forced his pickup truck off a hill, and said the thing had been hanging around in that area for months past. He said: "Whatever it was, it was the most incredible thing I have ever seen. It made damn sure we didn't get over that hill! It hovered there in the air and beamed a light at us that was so bright it lit up the whole hill. Every tme we started up the hill, it came right at us and drove us back. It was something I hope I never run into again."

Hendsbee, a Somerset County sheriff's deputy for 23 years, was driving home with his wife from a restaurant when they saw the terrifying craft. "When we came to this hill on Route 43, we saw this glaring ball of light hanging there, very still, in mid-air. The beam came through our windshield so bright we could barely see. Three times we tried to go over that hill, and every time it wouldn't let us by. It was about as high as the top of a power-pole, but the light was so tremendous that we could not make out the actual object itself. Finally, we managed to turn around and head for home another way — and, believe me — we were happy to get out of there."

Somerset County Sheriff Bill Wright said he was certain that Bud Hendsbee and his wife Helen were telling the truth about their encounter. He said: "I know these people too well, and I know they'd never make up a story like that — I wouldn't even consider the possibility. Bud doesn't drink, won't touch a drop of it, and he's too old to smoke wacky weed, so I'm sure what he said happened really did happen. We've been getting reports like this for some time now."

A few hours later, Kimberley Landry, a 24-year old nurse and mother of two, died when her speeding car crashed off the road in the same area into heavy trees. Investigators believe a UFO may have been pursuing her, for otherwise why on earth would she have been wearing sunglasses in the dead of night? The dead woman knew the road well and

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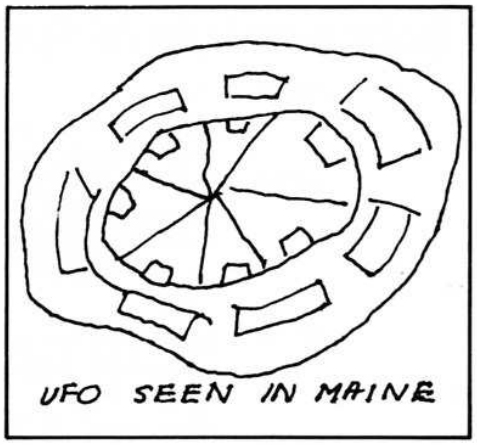
According to Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Centre (Seattle), for months past encounters with UFOs have been frequent in the hilly, sparsely settled areas of Maine. Lloyd Haggart, an electronics engineer and member of the Paranormal Phenomena Research Group agreed and said: "The practical data and the technical data all seem to indicate that these are legitimate UFO sightings".

An ironworker, Kenos Henry, says that the terrifying UFO has zoomed so often over his home that he is now too frightened to stay in it after dark. "The thing just doesn't want to leave me alone, and it has my dog scared to death," said Kenos, aged 26. "One night it came right over my house so close that I felt like I could almost reach out and touch it. It was big, and looked like two half-spheres with bright lights that seemed to stretch up and down. Those lights had a silver centre, and as it got real close I could see it also had spinning red and blue lights. I ran to my car and got out of there and never looked back. I know people are going to say that I'm nuts, but I'm not crazy, and I wasn't drunk. I know that thing was there."

Three other young adults — Arti Corrieri, Mike Daigle, and Lisa Preble, all residents of Starks, Maine, also encountered the mysterious phenomenon near the very spot where the Hendsbees had their ordeal. Said Mike Daigle, a 25-year-old sawmill worker: "Its lights were terrifying, and it wasn't going to let us up that hill — and I have no idea why! We were shaking in our boots when that unbelievable beam of light focused on us. We left in a hurry, because, whatever it was, it wasn't playing around."

One woman resident of the small town said that almost the entire population of the place had seen the bizarre craft, but that many are reluctant to talk about their hair-raising experiences. "They are afraid they will be ridiculed," she said.

Credit: Gerald Garces, of Rialto, Calif., who expresses much anxiety about this report and links it with the Brazilian report (FSR Vol.27, No.5, page 5) that four hunters had been killed by UFOs.



Comment.

This is the sketch made by one of the young witnesses in Maine, as reproduced in the newspaper quoted from above. It may be thought somewhat reminiscent of the drawing by the Brazilian bank official Filomeno Bida de Oliveira after he had had a particularly nasty experience with one of these things which came and hovered about 50 metres above his head when he was on a fishing expedition in the State of Minas Geraes on August 17, 1965. (See *Mysterious Physiological Effects of Flying Saucers,* in FSR Vol.13, No.4).

Incidentally it may be of interest to some readers to know that Starks is not so very far from the spot where, on the night of September 19, 1961, Barney and Betty Hill had *their* little frolic. (With a team from Plesetsk, no doubt.) Like FSR reader Gerald Garces, I have no great predilection for UFOs, judging by what I have learnt about them so far. So, for Mr. Garces' sake, and for the sake of all the good folk of Maine, I only hope that the gentlemen from CSICOP are right. If CSICOP are right, the next time something unpleasant turns up over Maine the people there will be able to sleep on peacefully in the blissful knowledge that it is only those pesky Soviets from Plesetsk at it again. – G.C.

Japan

The *Daily Yomiuri* (English-language paper in Tokyo), August 5, 1982, carried an AFP report from Jakarta that a retired Indonesian Air Force pilot had seen two "flying saucers" hovering over the Galungung Volcano in Western Java on the night of July 22, 1982.

The pilot, Lt. Col. J. Sumarsono (ret.), aged 66, told the daily paper *Terbit* that he saw the two radiant reddish-yellow objects in the evening, coming in at a fast speed from the direction of Jakarta. They hovered for about ten minutes over the Galungung Volcano (which is still active) before disappearing rapidly.

As he watched the two objects from his home at Bandung, he said large numbers of other people also came out of their homes and observed them.

Credit: Y.J. Matsumura, CBA International, Japan.

Tibet

According to a UPI report from Peking in the *Sunday Sun-Times* (Chicago ?) for September 13, 1981, Chinese officials believed a UFO seen over Tibet on July 24 of that year might have been identical with one seen a few hours later above San Diego, half way around the world.

Said a Chinese Xinhua News Agency report of August 5 from Washington:– "The observation of the identical UFO on the opposite side of the Earth on the same day provides a clue for exploring the UFO Puzzle". The report went on to say that a bright object surrounded by a ring of blue-white light had been seen over Tibet some 11 days earlier. The light of the object was said to be of variable brightness, dimming and then flaring up again. The Chinese agency quoted the UFO Education Center (sic) in Valley City, Calif., as reporting that an American technician witnessed a similar object on the same night. "It was round or slightly egg-shaped in the centre, with well-defined Saturn-like rings", he was quoted as saying. "The ring closest to the craft was an intense blue-white, something like hot metal".

The Chinese said the two reports from the two locations, Tibet and USA, "were similar in terms of shape, colour of the light, estimated diameter of the rings, sound, and duration of the observation".

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