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THE PROBLEM OF PROTECTION, AND THE "CALL FROM SLEEP"

In a recent issue (FSR, Vol. 29, No. 2) we published the extremely important letter from Mr. Malcolm Dickson about the attitude that he felt Christians should adopt towards *"devilries masquerading as UFO phenomena"* (possibly a somewhat curious phrase to have used as it seems to suggest that there might be *"genuine"* UFO phenomena, of a non-demonic kind — certainly something to be ardently hoped for, though in our view the existence of the "Goodies" in our subject still remains a not entirely proven proposition.)

It will be recalled that Mr. Dickson seemed to think that *religious faith* — and, specifically, faith in the Christian doctrines — would suffice to provide protection against the malignant or mischievous entities that figure so often in our reports.

Would indeed that we could say we were sure that such religious faith and devotion really can provide such a protection! Heaven knows, we need it! But anyone who is familiar with the texts of Christianity and with the history of the various branches of Christendom will be able to call to mind the name of many a devout and pious soul who, far from escaping the demonic attentions, seems even to have had far more than a fair share of them! For example, there are the cases of Job himself, and of the holy hermit Saint Anthony. There are also the cases of Santa Teresa of Avila, and of the famous Curé of Ars, and of Martin Luther, who once caught a glimpse of a demon and hurled an inkpot at it, and there are a host of less well known but good Christian folk, like Maria de Moerl, and Crescencia de Kaufbeuren, who are all reported to have suffered sorely from the attentions of *efreets* and goblins and poltergeists and the like.

Should however these Biblical or historical examples seem too remote in time, let us take, as a modern example of the length to which the attentions of pesky entities may go, the well-publicized case of Mrs Betty Andreasson Luca (formerly Mrs Betty Andreasson), which has recently been so thoroughly chronicled in two books by the investigator Raymond E. Fowler in the United States.

To judge by all the testimony that has been given about her in these two books, no more devout and fervent Church-member could be found than this American Fundamentalist lady. For a long time she even thought that her squat, bald, pumpkin-headed, robot-like visitors were . . . *Angels!*

And yet she has been obliged to put up with the most harrowing treatment from these cruel creatures over a number of years.

Mr. Malcolm Dickson went on to point out that, in our recent account of the *"Rat-Faces in Brazil"* (FSR, Vol. 29, No. 1) the garage-attendant Luis França was protected *"because* (as he said) *he knew that God would help him"*, whereas the two principal witnesses, Luli Oswald and "F.G.", *had no such faith and were severely tampered with."*

We have had an amusing follow-up on this point, because, in a more recent letter, Irene Granchi, the author of the report on the Brazilian Rat-Faces, writes as follows:-

> "Mr. Dickson has jumped to a hasty conclusion, for one of the things that Luli Oswald keeps on telling us still is that "F.G.", in his fear and panic, repeatedly crossed himself (making the Sign of the Cross) — *although his family are actually Muslims!*"

The sad truth may therefore well be that mere faith or belief cannot guarantee us immunity. And it is highly likely that *good works* are no better protection either. (This, as one recalls, was the great issue in the 16th Century — *faith versus works* — which found its expression in Luther and Protestantism and the revolt against Rome.)

But if neither *faith* nor *works* can avail, what else is left to us?

One would like to suggest — and with some confidence — that, in the final reckoning, it will be the *evolved level of consciousness* that will give mankind the best protection, as it will lift them out of the sphere of influence of the Lower Forces.

Was not this the parting injunction of the Buddha Gautama, the Enlightened One, to his followers:—

"WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION WITH DILIGENCE"

In Buddhism, each man treads the Way by his own efforts, because Buddhism, like Christian and Muslim and Jewish Mysticism, is primarily concerned with the lengthy task of the *"Work upon the Self"* — that work that no-one else can do for us. And, in our own days, mindful of the need to seek the Higher Consciousness, such teachers as Gurdjieff and Ouspensky have hammered away on the theme that (as is so obvious) the whole of the ordinary life of the ordinary average human being is nothing but another stage of mechanical *"sleep"*, from which it is essential that we "awaken" if the "Work" is to succeed.

(On the other hand, it is difficult to believe that such exemplary souls as Saint Anthony and Saint Teresa and the Curé of Ars were not already on a very high level of consciousness indeed.)

In the field of UFO research, we have heard a good deal of blather about *"Higher Contact"* and *"Encounters with Higher Cosmic Brethren"*. Alas, the evidence for contact with any noble source is pitifully thin.

And one thing that we can take as certain is that any really Higher Beings who do chance to be cruising around in our particular little corner of the Universe will at least be better judges than we of these matters, and will have enough gumption to make "contact" only where it is perceived — *by them* — to be of value to the recipient.

As another old Eastern saying puts it: *"When the pupil is ready, the Master will appear."*

We, for our part, unless we have developed that protective Higher Consciousness, will be wise if we eschew these childish enthusiasms for *"contact"*, lest we too run into more than we had bargained for. On that score, at any rate, one cannot disagree with Mr. Malcolm Dickson.

YET ANOTHER NEW CONSULTANT FOR FSR

With very particular pleasure we also welcome on to our masthead the name of our old friend John Keel, who has for many years been a regular correspondent of the former and the present Editors of FSR and a frequent contributor to our columns. His articles and books, notably his *UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse*, are widely known throughout the English-speaking and other UFO research groups of the world.

SOME MULTIPLE SIGHTINGS FROM *BLUEBOOK'S* FILES

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As we stated in FSR Vol. 28, No. 6, when welcoming our new Consultant on to our mast-head, Dr. Richard Haines is well known as a NASA scientist. He has already written five articles for us, which appeared in Volumes 21, 22, 26, and 27 respectively, and he is a specialist in the fields of human vision, perception, physiology, and related disciplines. He is an Adviser to CUFOS (Dr. Hynek's Center for UFO Studies), and also serves as an Editor of *UFO Phenomena* (Bologna, Italy.) He has written a book, OBSERVING UFOs (Nelson-Hall, Publishers, Chicago), and edited the important anthology THE UFO PHENOMENON AND THE BEHAVIOURAL SCIENTIST.

The paper which follows has never been submitted elsewhere, nor has it been previously published in abbreviated form. — EDITOR.

INTRODUCTION

Well documented UFO sighting reports involving more than one "object" occur from time to time and are important because of their potential for shedding light upon the nature of the phenomenon (phenomena?). This report reviews three such sightings by U.S. Air Force pilots and crew and a commercial pilot and passenger. The first two sightings took place within 16 days and 315 miles of each other in California and Nevada. In the first case ten elliptical gray objects were seen by three air crewmen in full sunlight while in the second as many as 16 amber lights were seen by a lone pilot at night. In the third case six very bright white lights were viewed for five minutes during the day by a commercial pilot and passenger flying S. W. of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. These are not isolated reports but are drawn from a larger assortment of sightings, sightings that deserve in-depth analysis. Before we speculate upon their possible causes, let us review what took place.

CASE 1. APRIL 12, 1953

Pilot's narrative account. (From summary data pages of the U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet dated 12 June 1953. Project Bluebook file, Library of Congress microfilm reel 18.)

"Flying a C-47 at 10,500 MSL, I was seated in the right seat looking out the side window. Something flashed by between the nose section and the right engine below the ship. I took over control and made a steep turn to the right. I picked up the objects after approximately 90° of turn. They were in a large sweeping right turn and descending. There were approximately 10 of the objects and they were in the air in a loose, changing formation.

"They appeared roundish in shape and dark in color. As the distance became greater between us and the objects, they turned darker. As we continued turning to the right, the objects were between us and the sun and the sun's rays were reflected off for a few seconds. The estimate of the speed of the objects was arrived at by our radius and speed in a steep turn at 140 miles per hour and the radius of turn of the objects.

"The two other observers were Lt. John Cripe, pilot, flying in the left seat and Lt. Frank White, navigator, standing between Lt. Cripe and myself. They picked up the objects without my pointing them out.

"At all times during the observation the objects were at a less altitude than we were and were between us and the ground.

"As we completed our turn of approximately 360° and resumed our course, the objects blended into the background of hilly country and disappeared from sight on approximately the same heading as we were flying." (Report by Major Fred G. Padelford, co-pilot).

Additional facts. (From unclassified file report T53-7362)

"Objects observed were round and flat. Size of a flying T-6, metallic in color, ten in number in loose, changing formation, no trail or exhaust. Unable to estimate extremely high speed of objects because of distance and objects' large radius of turn. No sound . . ." (page 1 of TTY transmission to Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio).

"No aircraft were observed in the area and the pilot reported no radio facilities at Sweetwater Airport. No report was made until landing at Stead AFB, Nevada. Weather at the time of sighting was slightly hazy, visibility 30 miles. Although the observers reported seeing no aircraft in the area, it is believed that the objects were aircraft (probably trainers) because of the color, maneuvers, and distance at which they were observed." (page 12, Report T53-7362 dated 12 April 1953).

"Objects were headed 110 degrees; when first observed in flash beneath C-47 objects were higher than after 360 degree turn of C-47. Composite altitude estimate was 7,500 feet MSL but Maj. Padelford estimates only 1,500 feet above terrain . . . Witnesses are estimated to be usually reliable and uninterpreted ob-

servation is estimated as probably true. Maj. Padelford is flight CO of "A" flight, 8th. ARS with thirteen years service. He took over control when objects flashed beneath C-47 and initiated 360 degree right turn. He felt that speed of objects was too fast for ducks . . . No further question in observers' minds of ducks. Winds aloft unknown (sic), wind in general from WSW at twenty knots. Turbulence mild. Weather clear with a few high scattered clouds. Visibility more than thirty miles with extremely thin haze the only restriction. No earlier radio or TWX report. No additional information available. No report follows." (Page 2 of TTY, Ibid., JWPNV 13N).

Figure 1 is a copy of sketch made by Major Padelford on page three of his report showing the approximate flight path of his aircraft and that of the unidentified objects. A minor discrepancy is that the dashed path of the UFOs is shown departing from the aircraft along a line about 15 degrees farther clockwise than that of the aircraft (UFOs departed on an estimated heading of 300 degrees). This difference may simply be due to a simple drawing error.

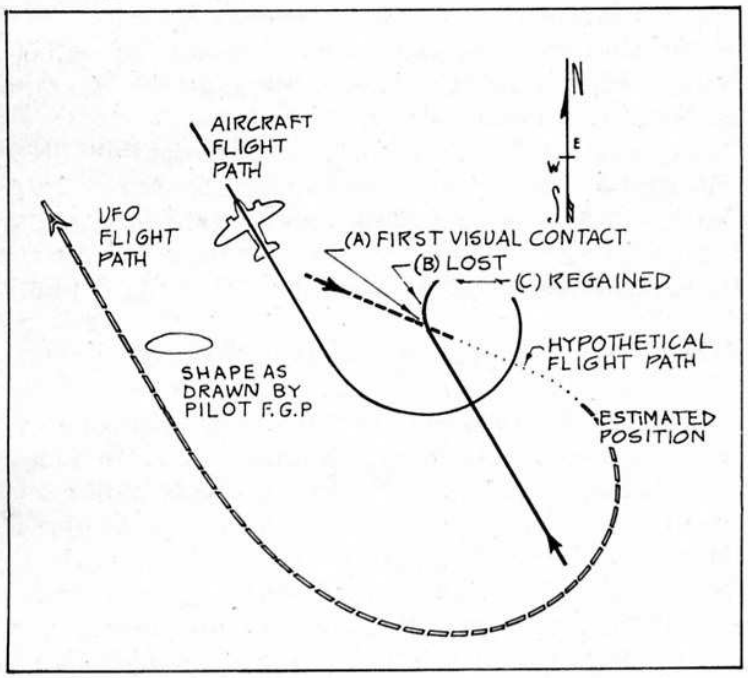


Figure 1. Rough Sketch of Flight Paths of UFO and Aircraft (April 12, 1953) 1510 hours Pacific Standard Time.

General comments. It must be noted that this sighting took place over rugged peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains about 80 miles S. E. of Reno, Nevada. These peaks are as high as 11,646 feet (Mt. Wheeler to the West) and 11,239 feet (Mt. Grant to the East). The aircraft was flying at 10,500 feet altitude in excellent visual flight rule (VFR) weather toward its destination, Stead A.F.B., near Reno. If the UFOs had been training aircraft it would seem unlikely that such close formation flying would be taking place so close to the rugged hills and mountains and at such a relatively high speed (estimated by the primary witness as being 500 knots).

In conclusion, it would appear that the official explanation for this sighting as being a formation of aircraft is not supported by the facts. The primary witness, Maj. Padelford, drew a rough sketch of the shape of the objects which was four times wider than thick and slightly rounded on each end with no other details. He also estimated each one to be about 15 feet in diameter and from one to five miles away. These details do not correspond to the appearance of aircraft that were in service in 1953. In addition, the primary witness concluded on his report form that the cause of the sighting was "unknown." His thirteen years of service should have prepared him to make such a judgment as this by exposing him to a wide variety of aerial phenomena and aircraft.

CASE 2. APRIL 28, 1953

Pilot's narrative account. (From page 2 of signed statement by 1st. Lt. Ralph R. Scowden, USAF, dated 28 April 1953. Project Bluebook file, Library of Congress microfilm reel 18.)

"I was flying through Cajon pass when I first saw two lights ahead. These two lights were amber and although they did not look like wing lights, I tried to watch them, assuming then to be a two ship formation. I lost them and later saw two more when over Fontana. These two were joined by two more and these four seemed to be flying a normal four ship formation. At no time did I see any normal colored navigation lights. Then more lights joined the first four in a grouping action. This group seemed sometimes to be abreast and sometimes to be just flying in a group as sparrows do.

"Although I had no way of telling their speed, they seemed to be moving parallel and slightly toward me at first and then later seemed to go southward.

"I contacted Long Beach tower in an attempt to have my sighting confirmed, and was informed that there were Navy jets round-robining to Catalina Island. It is quite possible that if there were a number of them flying, I was looking down their exhausts. But as I said before, I never saw any conventional navigational lights near these lights, and I saw them from Fontana to the time that I entered the haze level at Long Beach when they appeared to be due South and going away." (Signed by 1st. Lt. Ralph R. Scowden)

Additional facts. (From unclassified file report, AF Form 112, Part 1, Air Intelligence Information Report dated 1 May 1953 from the 2370th. Air Base Squadron, Long Beach, California):

The only witness to this event had been a rated pilot since 12 March 1944 (9 years) and had a total of 885 hours pilot time. He provided the following additional facts concerning his sighting: The objects

were circular in shape, "fire amber" in color without an exhaust or other visible trail. Their means of propulsion was unknown and they made no sound. There was no way of estimating their speed or size. They made no particular maneuvers ". . . except the changes in formation. When the new elements joined formation, they just appeared." He was flying a single engine T-6 low wing, metal body training aircraft at 150 mph at 7,000 feet altitude. The sighting took place between Cajon pass (about 60 miles N. E. of Long Beach) and Long Beach airfield. The major portion of the sighting occurred over Fontana, California.

The objects seemed to stay between his 9.00 and 11.00 o'clock (relative to aircraft heading) position while he was en route to Long Beach (225 deg magnetic). They then moved to his 3.00 o'clock position when he turned to enter the Long Beach traffic pattern. The weather was clear with an inversion layer at about 3,000 feet altitude and haze below this altitude. Jet aircraft were known to be flying out of El Toro Marine air base (located about 34 miles S. W. of the town of Fontana).

General comments. The approximate distance from Fontana to Long Beach is about 47 miles. Flying at 150 mph, the aircraft would travel this distance in 18.8 minutes. If the pilot had been watching a flight of Navy jets for this period of time the jets would have had to be travelling extremely slowly on a fairly linear track (relative to the T-6 aircraft). Due to the presence of both commercial and private air traffic in this region it is mandatory that military aircraft fly with their navigation (and other) lights on. Nevertheless, the pilot did not see any red or green lights associated with the amber lights. It is also curious that new lights simply appeared instantaneously within the formation rather than merge smoothly, assuming they were military jets in formation.

CASE 3. FEBRUARY 1, 1954

(Note. Two occupants of the same high altitude balloon research support aircraft viewed the multiple UFOs at different times and locations. The passenger's account is given first and is labelled (a). The pilot's account is labelled (b) and describes the objects about 75 minutes after the earlier observation.)

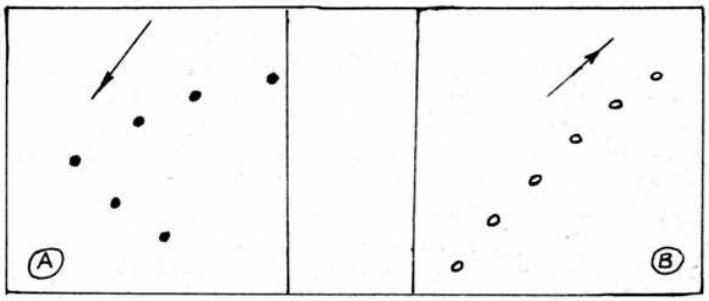
(a) Local time of sighting: 1400 Central Standard Time. Aircraft location: Approximately between Jackson, Mississippi and Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Passenger's narrative account. "Both myself and Mr. ---------- (dashes indicate unreadable text) were keeping a close watch on the balloon. I observed first two objects in formation — very quickly they were joined by four others. The five objects were observed in this formation in trail behind the leader. They appeared very quickly and joined this trail formation. While in formation they were spaced very evenly. When I saw three of the objects I asked Mr. ---------- what he could see. He saw exactly what I did. While he was watching I took pictures with a 16 mm Bolex with a 6 inch telephoto lens. As I was taking pictures the objects moved slowly under the balloon and to an ENE direction. Very suddenly the objects seemed to go straight up at right angles to their level flight position. They remained in perfect trail formation and seemed to 'peel' or 'break' straight up at terrific speed and disappear.

"In my opinion these were not reflections from the aircraft windshield nor were they reflections from stars. The sky was a clear -----."

Additional facts. (From page 9 of "Tentative Observers' Questionnaire" in the Bluebook file):

This observer indicated that the plane's location was ". . . over (an) area between Jackson, Miss. and Tuscaloosa, Ala." Because the exact location is not yet known a range of longitude and latitude coordinates is given in Table 1. The aircraft was travelling Eastward at 120 mph. There was a slight breeze and the skies were clear and dry at their altitude of 6,000 feet. The observer estimated (with certainty) that each object subtended an angle equivalent to a basketball (i.e., about 20 deg arc) held at arm's length and that they seemed to be at a very high altitude (estimated to be 80,000 feet) and about 15 miles away. All six objects travelled straight up out of sight. The observer's sketch of the six UFOs is reproduced in part (a) of Figure 2. He indicated that he had seen objects like these previously during a ". . . similar balloon chasing run . . .". He did not report the earlier sighting, however.



(a) Passenger's Sketch **(b) Pilot's Sketch.**

Figure 2. Copy of Observer Sketches of Six UFOs on February 1, 1954.

(b) Local time of sighting: 1515 Central Standard Time. Aircraft location approximately 35 miles S. W. of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Pilot's answers to USAF questionnaire. (From page 7 "Tentative Observers Questionnaire" completed soon

after sighting. Project Bluebook file, Library of Congress microfilm reel 20. No narrative was available.)

The purpose of this particular flight was to visually observe and photograph a research balloon flight and associated parachute drop from it of an object. The aircraft was heading Easterly and the pilot was looking East when he observed six "very bright white" and apparently solid objects which seemed to change their speed and direction when they moved. At times they hovered but they never appeared to change in size or color nor did they break apart, give off smoke, or flicker. No sound was heard that could be associated with them. Part (b) of figure 2 is a reproduction of the pilot's sketch of the objects in a formation different from that of his passenger's. The pilot estimated the angular size of each object to be about equivalent to that of a pea held at arm's length (i.e., about 8 to 10 minutes arc diameter). He saw them move under and to the left side of the balloon; his estimate of their altitude was between 90,000 and 100,000 feet and about 35,000 feet away. He thought that they were travelling at 80 or 90 mph. All six disappeared "suddenly." When they moved they travelled in trail behind one another as shown by the direction of the arrow in Figure 2. Interestingly, the pilot also said that he had seen similar objects before (in January, 1953) during another balloon tracking operation, however, he was travelling in a radio control truck at the time.

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General comments. Clearly, the passenger's judgment of the apparent size of each object is grossly different from that of the pilot. The fact that both of their sketches are approximately the same size suggests that his reference to a basketball at arm's length is in error and should have been a smaller reference object. Perhaps his judgment was biased by his use of binoculars which magnified the objects' apparent size. Indeed, without knowing the size of the objects it is almost impossible to judge their distance or even to make very accurate angular size estimates. It is unfortunate that neither observer was asked to compare the size of the objects with that of the balloon (whose dimensions, geographic location, distance, etc. were known). It is important to note also that the six objects changed formation during this 75-minute-long-sighting (see Figure 2) in a non-random manner.

Summary of Major Sighting Events;

Table 1 presents a summary of key details of all three cases for purposes of comparison. Potentially useful patterns sometimes come to light in this way. From comparing these three cases the author got the impression that the objects were under controlled flight rather than just floating on the breeze. In the first and third cases all of the objects seemed to react to the C-47 and balloon, respectively. The absence of any noticeable condensation trail, smoke, or other atmospheric disturbance is suggestive of objects that are the same temperature as the surrounding air or which radiate energy that does not interact with the air in visible ways. As occurred in a previous multiple UFO sighting on May 19, 1952 involving seven UFOs, (see F.S.R., Vol. 26, No. 2, 1980, pp. 6-12) all witnesses were definite about all of the physical appearance characteristics of the UFOs. The existence of strange aerial objects is not in question. Their identity is.

Discussion

The author could not find the photographs alluded to in case 3. Since the balloon-borne camera was operated by the U.S. Navy's Office of Naval Research (ONR) and not by the Air Force it is possible that Project Bluebook office never received a copy of it. The aircraft passenger of case 3 stated that "Pictures by the Down Camera on balloon show the same objects-". This indicates that he saw the photographs and that there were more than one. This passenger also photographed them from the aircraft with his 16mm movie camera; however, they were not in the Bluebook file.

That these aerial objects were not birds, meteors, balloons, or radio-controlled vehicles should be obvious from the sighting data. The author cannot agree with the conclusions for these sightings given by the U.S. Air Force. To him they remain unidentified.

Summary Table

Main Characteristics of Three Separate Multiple UFO Sightings

Date/Time of Sighting	April 12, 1953 1510 Hrs. PDT (day)	April 28, 1953 2200 Hrs PDT (dark)	February 1, 1954 1400 Hrs. CST (day)	1515 Hrs. CST (day)
Location of Aircraft	38° 31′ N 119° 12′ W 80 miles S. E. of Reno, Nevada	34° 10′ N 117° 25′ W 45 miles ENE of Long Beach, California	32° 45′ N 87° 45′- 90° 00′W Mississippi — Alabama area	33° 00′ N 88° 00′ W 35 miles S. W. of Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Aircraft Altitude (ft)	10,500 MSL	7,000 MSL	6,000 MSL	12,000 MSL
Local Ground Elevation	5,500 (est.) (ft)	1,000 (est.) (ft)	(from 750 to 1250)	
Heading/Speed	300°/140mph	225°/150 mph	90°/120 mph	
Aircraft Model (Type)/serial number	C-47 (2 engine, propellor)/3133	T-6 (1 engine, propellor, 2 man trainer)/ 44-81209	not specified but probably reciprocating engine light plane/ not specified	
Sighting Duration (min)	2	15	not specified	5
Distance (miles) travelled during Sighting (approx.)	5.4	37.5	—	10
Eye Witness Details	3 (military), pilot, copilot, navigator	1 (military), pilot	2 (commercial pilot and passenger) Passenger, 36 yrs old, wore glasses	Pilot, 33 yrs old, no glasses
Details of UFOs/number	10 (approx.)	Varied from 2 to 16 maximum	6	6
/appearance	Round and flat, elliptical, metallic gray, solid	Round, small amber colored lights	Round, small bright objects	Round, small very bright white objects
/atmospheric traces	none seen	none seen	none reported	none reported
/maneuvers	flew in loose, changing formation through large radius right-hand turn. Approached plane from 10.30 position, turned 180° to same heading as aircraft.	only formation changes reported. Two lights were joined by two more then more joined. All stayed in same relative position to aircraft.	moved slowly under balloon and then to one side. Suddenly all rose straight up at right angles to their (previously) level flight paths.	moved between balloon and then to the left.
/disappearance	Gradually faded from sight by "blending into the background of hilly country."	Faded from sight as aircraft descended to land.	Rose vertically until out of sight.	"Suddenly"
/apparent speed	500 kts (est.)	—	—	—
/other features	Reflected sunlight for a few seconds. Seemed solid. Size est. to be that of T-6 type aircraft.	No shape seen. No colors seen other than amber.	All were evenly spaced.	
Weather Details	30 mile visibility, scattered clouds, slight haze, winds 20 kts from WSW,	Clear visibility, no clouds, winds now known	Clear visibility, warm and dry, slight breeze	
USAF Conclusions for Sighting	"Probable aircraft"	"Mirage of ground lights"	"Insufficient Data"	

SPANISH WOMAN RECALLS ABDUCTION 36 YEARS AGO

(Translation from Spanish)

REPORTING from the town of Ciudad Real (100 miles south of Madrid) to the Spanish newspaper *El País* of October 25, 1983, Alfonso Castro gave details of the extraordinary case of Próspera Muñoz.

Until 1979, this lady, now aged 44, had no recollection of the fact that she had undergone inexplicable experiences and had been visited by alien beings whom she describes as strange, short of stature, dressed in white, and possessed of enormous eyes.

Two such entities emerged from a silvery, shining craft which approached her silently among the vines at her house in the country in Murcia Province when she was there with her sister Anita. She was aged only 6 or 7 at the time.

Today, this lady works as a telephone operator in the Exchange in Gerona in the far north-eastern tip of Spain. She is a simple, peaceful, tranquil type of person, and seems to be very intelligent. Under hypnosis however she has produced a story that has evoked wide interest.

The affair first became known in December 1982 when the doyen of Spanish investigators, the Catalan Antoni Ribera, gave an account of it at the International Ufological Congress in Rosario (Argentina).

Curiously enough it had been Toni Ribera himself who had "triggered off her remembering". Four years ago, she had been reading one of his books, *El Gran Enigma de los Platillos Volantes,* when snatches of her own experiences began to surface in her mind.



The first encounter

She thinks it was when she was about 6 or 7, on a warm morning in 1946 or 1947 when, alone with her sister Anita (a little older than herself) she saw the two beings coming towards their cottage near Jumilla (Province of Murcia, South-Eastern Spain). And she says these beings told her then of the strange role that she would play and of the experiences that would befall her.

Later, on that same day, the two beings returned to the two girls. During the following night, her sleep was disturbed. She awoke to find the entities there, and agreed to go off with them for several hours, taking her mastiff dog (thoroughly terrified) with her. During this time they fulfilled a promise already made to her, by taking her for a trip around the world.

Inside their craft, which she recalls as being "like a two-storeyed chalet", she was astounded by the technological apparatus as well as by the strange creatures that operated it.

·The examination

Stretched out on a sort of small cot-like bed, and in a half-conscious , swooning state, she found herself being examined by the humanoids who, as she recalls,



Próspera Muñoz

had only four fingers, and who inspected her vagina and also, possibly, her head. On a sort of cinema-screen or computer-monitor, she observed pictures of herself and her sister — *"both of us surrounded by a very bright bluish aura 40-50 cms. wide — but the she-ass and the dog that we had with us hadn't got the aura at all!"*

Further meetings

Other close encounters with the entities followed. Her general recollection of them is that they were ugly and brusque, and wearing uniforms or overalls with turned-up collars.

One of these meetings took place in her father's bar in Jumilla around about 1954. Another was on San Juan Beach at Alicante in 1959 or 1960. Later there came another encounter, in 1971, in the telephone exchange in Alicante, and the latest meeting of all was in Gerona in 1982, in the Gerona Telephone Exchange where she is employed at present.

In the opinion of the various Ufologists who have questioned her, the state of amnesia in which she has been for 33 years was unquestionably induced by the entities, who have a far greater knowledge that we do of how the mind works, and of hypnosis and telepathy.

Próspera Muñoz is now undergoing a thorough investigation by the principal Ufologists in Spain and, as indicated earlier in this article, she attended the recent Spanish National Ufological Congress in Ciudad Real and gave an account there of her experiences.

[Credit and thanks to the FSR reader in Mallorca (Sr. Guerard y Holmes?) who sent us this report. — G.C.]

A NEW BRAZILIAN "A.V.B."

Gordon Creighton

(Translation from Portuguese)

We are indebted to Dr. W. Buhler of SBEDV (Rio de Janeiro) who was good enough to send us a photostat of this recent press item.

According to a lengthy report by Marcos Bedin from Chapecó in the State of Santa Catarina (South Brazil) to his newspaper *O Estado* in Florianópolis for December 18, 1983, a rancher named Antônio Nelso Tasca, now residing in Barreiras (State of Bahía) was for eight hours aboard an alien craft and there encountered the same sort of experience as the famous "A.V.B."

(Maybe there are Magonian ladies who have a weakness for men named Antônio?)

The full text of the story is as follows:

CHAPECÓ RANCH OWNER TAKES EXTRATERRESTRIAL TRIP

Aged 49 and father of a family of six, Antônio Nelso Tasca is well known and well liked in Chapecó, where he once worked as an announcer for the local radio station, Radio Chapecó. Born in Garibaldi (State of Rio Grande do Sul) he worked in various cities and towns of the N.E. and S. of Brazil and has an excellent reputation and is well known for his impeccable honesty. He left Chapecó three years ago and is now engaged in cattle-raising at Barreiras (State of Bahía) and lives in the Rua do Cotegipe in that city.

His adventure began at 8.00 p.m. last Wednesday (December 14, 1983) as he was driving back alone to Chapecó after a visit to friends who own a ranch at Colonia Cella. He was on a metalled road leading in to motorway BR-282 at Chapecó, in his *Brasilia* car, registration number 5D-3399. About 1,000 metres before reaching the local Coca-Cola Plant he felt a sudden desire to stop. He did so. And his incredible experience began . . . Tasca has no idea what on earth had made him pull up. But, as he did so, halting some 5 metres from the motorway, he beheld, on his right and in the air, an object seemingly shaped like a bus, with its inside lights on and its outside ones off. He stepped out, shut the car door, and walked over towards the thing. After advancing 30 metres or so he perceived that it was in fact a circular-shaped craft stationary in the air and emitting shafts of white light. He at once realized that it was a UFO or "flying saucer", such as he had read about in dozens of books on the subject.

Resolutely he walked on, feeling confident that he knew enough about these UFOs to be able to face up to a close encounter of the third kind. Then suddenly he began to feel powerful waves of heat and at once he perceived that this might involve radioactive emanations from the craft. At this terrifying thought he decided to beat a hasty retreat, and did an about-face and began walking back to the car. But he had gone but a few steps when a shaft of light, seemingly "solid", seized him and with unimaginable speed drew him into the craft. As, terrified, he felt himself being sucked in, he lost consciousness.

Tasca disappeared at about 8.00 p.m. on the Wednesday, December 14, 1983, and only returned to his own world around 6.00 a.m. on the next day, Thurs-

day, so he has no idea how much of that time he was actually unconscious. When he came to, inside the craft, he found himself lying naked in some dark place, with sensations of constriction and lack of air. His first thought was that he was in a coffin, buried alive. He must, he thought for a few fleeting moments, have been a victim of the UFO, and had "died" as a result and was now interred alive as in one of those classic cases of catalepsy of which we have heard. But then gradually he began to be able to move his legs and to breathe with some difficulty.

But the dark place and the sensation of death and oppression filled him with such terror as he had never known in his life and he burst into tears. Then, in that mysterious darkness he began to feel as though he were growing numb. Then, still without being able to see anyone or anything, he began to feel small hands — or claws — touching him. A few moments later, he was aware that two or three creatures were engaged in inspecting him in the darkness, and then after a while they were gone.

Then suddenly lights came on, and the whole place was lit up. Naked and terrified, Tasca found himself inside a room whose very walls and ceiling emitted light. He could see no sharp angles anywhere, no lines that might indicate where there was a door or a window. Near by on the floor lay his clothes, and he started to pull them on.

Then a door opened in the wall and a very beautiful small woman came in, a woman with delicate skin and light-coloured clothing.

She was, he says, *"an enchanting woman, with wide-set eyes like Bruna Lombardi — eyes extending backwards in the Oriental style."* She was wearing slippers, or something similar, and garments resembling a woman's pyjamas", he said.

A torrent of questions welled up in his mind, but before he could utter a word, she began to tell him that she was Cabalá, from the world of Agali, and a telepathic linking was established between them. Tasca did not utter a word, but simply *"thought the words"*, and the beautiful woman replied to them. She told him that he had been selected to receive a message and to transmit it to the peoples of the Earth. A message of warning against destroying the planet, and against other typical malpractices of Earthlings.

Tasca enquired why he, a man with no power or influence, and with no special gifts, should be selected to reveal a message?

Cabalá's reply was as follows:-

"Because you have always believed in the existence of higher civilizations. Because you have always desired to have contact with me, and because you have a cosmic mind".

The dialogue between them continued in this strain for a while, *and then there followed an incident which the rancher does not wish to reveal. He claims that, were he to reveal it, it would create problems of a personal nature for him and he therefore prefers to keep silent about it. He says however that, before he dies, he will leave a complete account of it with his children, so that mankind may have the full knowledge of what took place.*

On learning that he had a mission to receive and divulge a message, Tasca warned her that he had a poor memory. Cabalá replied that he would of a certainty never forget *this* message. Forthwith, she stepped over to the wall and operated some apparatus on the only piece of furniture in the room. This was a sort of crescent-shaped desk fixed to the wall. From the floor rose up a sort of 'monstrance' containing a 'diadem' — a green, red, and yellow coloured object in eight parts. This 'diadem' she placed on his head while she delivered the message, requesting him to repeat it twice.

This done, she told Tasca that the message would never be expunged from his mind and, the dialogue terminated and the message delivered, *the extraterrestrial woman took her leave of him, raising aloft her right hand with open palm.**

The room now grew dark again, and Tasca felt himself being conducted from behind by "little creatures" — the same small beings that had been examining him when he was lying prone in the darkness.

What impressed Tasca most of all in the craft was Cabalá's statement that they *"were at a distance of 180 metres from the surface of the ocean"* — which he takes to mean the Atlantic Ocean.

They led him into another room, and there he again lost consciousness.

When he finally came to, he found himself on top of a rock on a small plateau beside the BR-282 motorway, near the EDIBA Factory (Batistella Electro-Diesel). Amazed, astounded, and shaken, Tasca found it was quite a long time before he felt well enough to overcome his lassitude and make the difficult climb down from the rock.

He made his way to the EDIBA Works, and asked the office there to notify his family, who by that time had already contacted the Police and — having found his car — felt sure that he had been attacked and killed.

From the EDIBA Works he walked to the spot where he had left his car the previous night, and when he got there he found members of his family and the Police awaiting him.

After explaining to them what had happened, he went to the home of his son in the suburb of Palmital. There a further surprise lay in store for him, for, when he undressed, his family noticed some strange marks on his back, as though made with a branding-iron. One of these marks was shaped "like a W", and the other looked like an exclamation-mark. These "burns" gave him no pain, even when pressed or scraped.

When he was sufficiently recovered physically and emotionally, and after he had told Police and his fam-

ily and friends the full details of his adventure, Tasca went to see some local doctors, who examined him. The findings of these doctors were as follows:-

"Tasca is in good physical and mental health; the mysterious burns are inexplicable, causing no pain, erythema, fever, or any other symptoms of first, or second-degree burning". (Statement by Dr. Júlio Zawadscki).

Tasca himself feels like a man reborn, and now finds himself strongly drawn to viewing life and the world around him quite differently. In future, material problems will no longer be so afflictive since, as he now says, he feels less attachment to material things.

He will go back to his normal life, and will work and live, spreading whenever he can this message that he has received. He explains that he wants no publicity and, for that reason, will ask influential friends to propagate the message for him without mentioning his name.

**Just as A.V.B's little lady did! — G.C.*

THE MESSAGE
CABALÁ'S MESSAGE AND WARNING TO THE PEOPLE OF EARTH

The first person to whom Tasca imparted the contents of the message was the journalist Marcos Bedin (of the Chapecó office of the newspaper *O Estado*), who is the author of this report. Tasca had sat down at the typewriter and instantly produced the following text:-

WARNINGS FROM THE MESSENGER CABALÁ, OF THE WORLD OF AGALI, TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH

All war weapons capable of terminating every species of life here must instantly be deactivated. A total nuclear war will drive the Earth off its celestial orbit and cause grave disturbances to life on neighbouring worlds, some of them worlds existing in dimensions of which terrestrial man still has no inkling.

The political, economic, and financial domination of one nation by another nation must be abolished. Imperialism is contrary to the right of nations to equality, and has come to be a new and crafty form of enslavement.

The essence of human life and its natural reproductive functions must be preserved. In nearby stars and in other distant stars unattainable by present-day mankind, Life arose from the Breath of the Eternal Spirit that created all things — from God, and for this reason it must not become the object of imponderable experimentation, for such experimentation will end in irreversible genetic disaster.

Within the framework of the most rigorous criteria of justice and morality, and with a view to solving the social problems resulting from the disordered proliferation of mankind, regulatory organs must be set up which, via natural scientific methods, will plan and execute programmes for the control of human populations and for the biological improvement of man. Man must conquer other worlds in the Universe, and must find there suitable places to serve as outlets for future emigration and as new sources of energy and of subsistence materials. But, before man does this, he must first of all conquer his own world and solve the enigmas that still remain on the land and in the sea and in the air; he must see to the conservation of all natural elements of vital importance, *must defend these against the cunning piracy coming from outside, and must rid his own world of all human imperfections of body and mind and spirit.*

Mankind, hearkening to this exhortation, must be prepared for the period of extraordinary happenings which will shortly take place upon the Earth. The great events in question will be presaged by strange manifestations on the Earth and by signs of splendid magnificence and disturbing beauty in the Heavens.

Masters of the Supreme Wisdom will return to the Earth, and will renew the marvellous teachings and will aid in establishing a new political society. The Earthly Paradise will be born again, full of light and love. Then, as the result of means and of energies that are today not even imagined, man will come to know the concave-convex dimensions of the Earth, and will be able to travel to the depths of the Universe and will not suffer the wearying effects of Time. And, as the sublime achievement of man's creative capacity, there will be brought into operation the machine of absolute power, a device which, among many other prodigious marvels, will afford to humanity the most felicitous and most astonishing vision of the whole history of his existence — namely the resurrection of the dead within the beam of the four Xis.

This is the warning of the messenger Cabalá, from the world of Agali, to all the peoples of the Earth."

LOU ZINSSTAG (1905-1984)

An Appreciation by Timothy Good

Lou (Louise) ZINSSTAG, the pioneering Swiss UFO researcher and writer, died in Basle on 19 January 1984, ten days after her 79th birthday. She had been struggling courageously with cancer for nearly a year, but typically insisted on looking after herself at home until the last month, when it became necessary to have her taken to hospital.

Her interest in UFOs began in 1954 after reading *"Flying Saucers From Outer Space"* by Donald Keyhoe and then *"Flying Saucers Have Landed"* by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski. She began corresponding with Adamski and in 1957 became his Swiss co-worker. This association led to some fascinating experiences and new friendships, but in 1964 disagreement and uncertainty about his later claims forced her to leave him, although she remained steadfast in her conviction that many, if not all of his claims were essentially true.

In 1958 she wrote a compendium of Swiss sightings, *"UFO Sichtungen über der Schweiz, 1949-1958"* (now out of print). Her association with FSR began in the same year when she wrote her first article for the magazine, and then corresponded with Gordon Creighton, Brinsley Le Poer Trench, Waveney Girvan and John Lade. During the following years she was a regular visitor to London and had many enjoyable meetings with the FSR team, particularly Waveney Girvan for whom she had enormous admiration.

Her articles for FSR included *"Monguzzi takes Saucer Photos of the Century"* (Vol. 4, No. 5, 1958); *"A Voice from Space?"* (Vol. 7, No. 1, 1961) describing Basle resident Walter Kunz's tape recording of the anguished cries of an early Soviet cosmonaut in an apparent emergency, and *"Conversations with Dr. Jung"* (Vol. 9, No. 4, 1963).

Lou, who was related to Jung through her mother, also wrote an informative article on Jung's early psychical researches with some members of his family: *"Memoirs of what Mother told me about her Cousin Carl Gustav Jung"* (Journal of the American Society of Psychosomatic Dentistry and Medicine, Vol. 27, No. 2, 1980).

She had two sightings of UFOs in her life: a 'totally black sphere' over central Basle in July 1957, and a zigzagging object high above the Odenwald in Germany in July 1971. In both cases other witnesses were present.

I first met Lou in 1965 at her delightful flat in the centre of Basle. We struck up an instant rapport and the conversation lasted well into the small hours, as did most of our talks in the following years. In 1976 during one of my many visits to Lou I suggested that we should collaborate on a book about Adamski. Later that year, and in 1978 and 1979, we travelled all over the United States interviewing friends of his, as well as many other famous contactees and abductees. After much hard work *"George Adamski — The Untold Story"* was finally published by the two of us in January 1983, and Lou came to London for the launch party. Her part of the book contains fascinating reminiscences of Adamski, her visit with him to the Vatican in May 1963 when he was received privately by Pope John XXIII, as well as her discussions with Jung about Adamski, and her own intriguing personal 'contact' in 1961.

A true 'bon viveur', Lou had a tremendous sense of humour and a healthy appreciation of good food and wine. Her small frame belied her fantastic energy, which astonished everyone. Far from being a fanatic about UFOs she had other absorbing hobbies, including a passion for the theatre, cinema and museums, travelling abroad, walking, and a great love of animals, especially birds.

Deeply concerned about the world-wide political, economical and ecological situation, she attributed official secrecy on UFOs to international financial interests. This was most evident in her own country, she maintained, where there is a virtual blackout on UFO reports. In this connection I feel sure that she would like me to quote a paragraph from her last letter to me:

> "... The different governments all sit in the same boat, ours as well as yours: they are all indebted to the banks, they are all in the red, they have no power to attack or to put in doubt what the banks want to do with the big money. They put it into our conventional energy forms which bring heaps of interest. I am sure that the governments know this. Of course, they can't tell the truth (about UFOs); they have to invent new lies every year or so ... but the forces in the dark, hiding behind and influencing every kind of debunking explanation, are stronger than any other agency because they have all the money in the world at their disposal."

Lou will be missed by her friends and correspondents all over the world. She wrote and spoke several languages, including Russian, and over the years amassed a truly impressive international collection of UFO photos, books, articles and newscuttings. Her dearest wish to have these archives deposited in the Basle University Library has been realised, thus bequeathing a unique legacy to students of our tantalizing subject.



Lou Zinsstag

LOU ZINSSTAG

DURING one of her earliest visits to FSR, Lou Zinsstag gave me an interesting account of the cover-up in Switzerland. She had been summoned before one of the senior officials of the Swiss Security Services and told flatly that she was to publish nothing more on UFOs. He had her last magazine article open on the desk before him.

The whole concept of UFOs is of course deeply disturbing, and it is perfectly understandable that *bankers* everywhere (who seek to create the illusion of a "stable world") should be so allergic to the idea and so unwilling to see "the boat rocked".

However, as time went by, Lou Zinsstag (like Adamski himself) became a good deal less naive, and began to perceive that there is more than one sort of UFO entity; that there are forces and powers at work in our poor old world which are far more sinister and dangerous to mankind than the mere "*Gnomes of Zürich*"; and that these forces are most probably some of the entities themselves, who are anything but desirous that we should even know that they exist, and who are probably the ultimate controllers and manipulators of the "UFO cover-up".

The other extremely important feature about Lou Zinsstag is of course her family relationship with C. G. Jung, one of the greatest philosophers and psychiatrists and teachers of our time. Our critics and opponents who find the existence of the UFOs so disturbing for their complacency have made much —

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REMARKABLE CONFIRMATION FOR ADAMSKI?

An important Brazilian contact case of 1957

(Translated from Portuguese)

FSR Vol. 3, No. 6 (November/December 1957) carried a brief account from Senhor Escobar J. Faria of the alleged experience of Dr João de Freitas Guimarães, a lawyer and professor of Ancient Roman Law in the Catholic Faculty of Law in one of the Brazilian universities (possibly São Paulo?) who claimed to have had a remarkable close encounter and flight in a craft with friendly alien beings of a very human-like type.

Here is the considerably fuller account of his story, which we take with his permission from Dr. W. Buhler's *SBEDV Bulletin No. 4,* published in Portuguese in 1958 and now translated into English possibly for the first time. It seems to be based on a transcription of the Professor's account as given by him in an interview on the Brazilian TV Channel 13 in August 1958, though some of the dates do not mesh well and we think therefore there may be a typographical error somewhere. — EDITOR

ONE evening in the cool season of 1957 — seemingly in June or early July — Professor Guimarães was on legal business in the coastal town of São Sebastião, which lies a little north-east of Santos on the Atlantic coast in the State of São Paulo. He had already dined, and was taking a stroll along the beach, the time being about 9.10 or 9.15 p.m.

The sky was overcast and dull. There was no bench nearby, so he was sitting on the sands with his knees drawn up, contemplating the dark sea. Suddenly he

perceived the colouring of the sea beginning to change and grow lighter over in the direction of the Ilha Bella, an island lying right opposite São Sebastião, and this was followed by a jet of water that shot up into the air and put him in mind of the "blowing" of a whale. By now too he perceived some sort of "high-bellied craft" which seemed to be heading for the beach. Arrived at the beach, it put out some sort of "landing-gear" consisting of spheres. He noted carefully that they were indeed some sort of spheres and not ordinary buoys.

"Adamski-type" occupants

Two men then leapt down from the craft and came towards him. Both were completely human, or at any rate looked so in appearance. He admits that he was frightened, being alone out there on the shore. So he stood up, but despite his alarm he held his ground and awaited them. By now he could see that they were tall beings, over 1 metre 80 cms. in height, with long fair hair, light-coloured skins, and, as he could perceive, eyebrows. They were dressed in green overalls fitting tightly at the chest, the wrists, and the ankles. *Their eyes were "light-coloured and tranquil".*

The professor asked them, in Portuguese of course, whether there was something amiss with their craft, or were they perhaps looking for somebody? There was no reply to the question, so he repeated it in French, and then in English, and finally in Italian, but they still gave no answer.

Invited aboard

The next thing was that he had the impression that they were inviting him aboard their craft. He admits that he has no idea how he came to think that they were inviting him, but says simply that he felt this was what they were doing, and that they were employing telepathy. He admits that, not being a scientist, he has never occupied himself with these matters such as telepathy and he adds that he subsequently discovered that they do have the gift of articulated speech too.

He says he had never given a thought to the idea of "flying saucers" and that, being a busy man, he knew virtually nothing whatever about this subject. Their craft seemed however to be one of these "saucers" and, still sensing that they were inviting him aboard, he decided that he would like to learn more, and found himself gripped by an irresistible desire to view the interior of the machine for himself.

One of the men set off in the direction of the disc and, with no sense of reluctance, Guimarães followed him, with the second man coming along behind.

Arriving at the disc, the man in front leapt up on to it easily and lightly, but Guimarães had to use both hands to get up the ladder.

Standing in the entrance to the disc there was a third man. When they were inside, the man at the door came and joined them and the door closed.

The professor now found himself in a brightly illuminated compartment, and he could see that there were other compartments too, also brightly lit.

The flight

As the craft rose into the air, the professor noticed that there was water on the port-holes, as though it were raining. He asked: "Is it raining?", and one of the crew replied to him telepathically that it was not rain, and that the water was produced by the rotary action of part of the craft. Surrounding the disc there was a ray-filtering tube, which had the property, the crew-member said, of producing a semi-vacuum in any of its parts.

Gazing out through the port-holes, the professor beheld a vast, intensely black zone all around, in which the stars were shining with astonishing brightness. Then came areas where the stars seemed to be in even greater swarms, shining with an incomparable splendour, followed by other areas which seemed darker, with fewer stars. Then they passed through a belt of violet-coloured atmosphere, and after that another, similar belt, but of a more violet shade, and of a most refulgent brightness, and during this stage the professor felt the craft shuddering strongly, and he showed his fear, whereupon one of the crew said to him telepathically: *"Our machine has just left the atmosphere of your planet."*

During the trip he asked them from where they came, but got no reply. He has no idea why they were unwilling to identify themselves.

When he learned that they were already beyond the Earth's atmosphere, he was amazed. He noticed that the compartment contained a circular instrument with three very sensitive needles. These needles had been trembling, but when the Earth's atmosphere had been left behind they started to vibrate intensely. As one of the crew explained it to him, the craft was being driven by the effects resulting from the magnetic forces present there in Space.

The brilliantly shining bodies visible in Space, of various shades of colour,and the rainbow-coloured clouds shooting past, all this, he said, constituted an indescribable spectacle.

When they returned to Earth, the professor noticed that his watch had stopped. He was consequently unable to say how long the trip had lasted, but he thought that it had been for about thirty or forty minutes.

Back in his hotel, the professor wanted to shout and tell everybody about his extraordinary experience.

He had concluded, he said, that the crews of these machines are engaged in a task of investigating the inhabitants of our Planet. And it was his impression that they desire to alert us regarding the dangers that threaten mankind. (This statement, be it remembered, was made in 1958. ED.) As for his own opinion about us, the professor said he felt that our behaviour is wellnigh that of savages. Every man, he feels, is born good, but becomes bad because of the conditions inherent to Planet Earth. Thus, for example, there are a whole series of experiments of a scientific nature that are at present being conducted in a thoughtless, frivolous fashion. As a result, the indiscriminate explosion of atomic bombs is not only adding to the ionization of the atmosphere but also destroying those layers of the atmosphere that filter out dangerous radiation. If more care is not taken in the employment of these terrible devices we shall all suffer from the consequences of the explosions.

Professor Guimarães says that, although he had his extraordinary experience 14 months ago, he had told nobody the details of it until now, except his wife. However, about six months ago, he said, he had spoken about it to two people, namely to a Judge in São Paulo, Dr. Alberto Franco, and to a Dr. Nilson (?) a former lawyer in São Paulo.

This was how it had come about. It so happened that one day, in the course of a luncheon at the Lawyers' Association, Dr. Guimarães had caught sight of an aluminium panel, and this had caused him to make a joking allusion to "flying saucers". There was a great deal of talk about the saucers at that time, and, from the manner in which he spoke, some of his professional colleagues began to suspect that the professor might know something more about the subject, but he said no more.

Subsequently he confided in another friend, Dr. Lincoln Feliciano. The latter, greatly taken with the story, passed it on to someone else, and in this way it got out and an account of it got published.

Professor Guimarães says that, since it happened, he has had no peace, being besieged on all sides by folk who want to hear about it. Though people are cordial and pleasant to him, the affair puts him in a difficult position, because he finds it extremely hard to explain to them precisely what it was that happened to him. To describe the situation in which he sees himself, he employs the following image: say, for example, that in the course of some journey or other, a man saw a pneumatic drill at work and, when he returned from his journey, he wanted to describe it to other people who were interested but who knew nothing whatsoever about pneumatic drills. Obviously, he says, it would be impossible for him to give them a precise description of a pneumatic drill. In the same way, he found it quite impossible to describe his experience, because the events experienced by him related to matters far above and beyond his knowledge.

He went on however to say that he was not the first citizen from Planet Earth to have travelled in one of those machines. For, after the newspapers had divulged his story, he had been given information about books dealing with the subject, and some of these books had contained accounts of experiences similar to his own.

And asked if he had felt any malaise during the trip, he said that he had felt a certain degree of discomfort when the craft took off and when it was descending again. He had felt very unwell, with a cold sensation in his extremities, and he attributed this to his naturally nervous sort of disposition.

Second meeting arranged

Professor Guimarães also said that an appointment had been made for him to meet the crew of the machine again on August 12, 1957, but that he had not kept it. Asked how the appointment had been made, he explained that in the course of the flight the crew had shown him a Zodiac of twelve constellations. A wheel indicated the year, and the repetition of the number "8" twelve times gave him the impression of "August."

The meeting not kept

Asked what it was that had prevented him from keeping his appointment for a second meeting, Professor Guimarães said that it would have been impossible for him to go there. Arrangements had apparently been made for a whole cavalcade of other people to go there too when they got wind of it, and this would have produced a tremendous uproar. Another reason was the he had just had some deaths in his family, of close relatives. On top of that, he said, he had been approached by an officer of the Brazilian Air Force, who requested him not to keep the appointment. The Air Force had made arrangements for some of their jet-fighters to put in an appearance, and that could have caused some grave incidents. Had one of the aircraft fired on the disc, it would have appeared like an act of treachery on his part. He felt it would have been disloyal of him to have contributed to producing a disagreeable situation for those visitors who had been so kind and nice to him. He was, he said, admittedly curious, but his sense of prudence outweighed his curiosity.

Finally, summing up, the professor said he had been fully conscious throughout the experience, and knew very well that he had not been the victim of a hallucination. That he was of an "idealistic turn of mind", he agreed. But, he insisted, he was practical too.

Commentary

The original brief account which we published in FSR Vol. 5, No. 6 was slightly different from the foregoing and was also different as regards the time of day, so, for the sake of an accurate picture, we give it again now:-

"One evening in July this year, Dr. Guimarães was at São Sebastião, a small coastal town in the littoral region. The time was 7.30 p.m. Suddenly he saw a glowing object coming in from the sea. As the luminous object drew nearer to the shore he saw that it was shaped like a hat.

The strange craft landed on the beach. A door was opened, and a metallic stairway was lowered. Then two tall men stepped down on to the beach. They were both blond, with long hair reaching to the shoulders. Their appearance was youthful *and they had meek and understanding eyes.* They wore greenish one-piece suits, close at the neck, the wrists, and the ankles.

"Dr. Guimarães asked them where they were from, but the two men did not answer. The lawyer again asked in English, French, Italian, and Spanish, but got no response.

"Shortly afterwards, Dr. Guimarães felt some kind of telepathic wave of thoughts come into his mind. He was being invited to go aboard the craft.

"When he entered the craft, the doctor met other members of the crew. There were now five altogether. *He sat down on a circular seat which went right round the room they were in.*

"The ship took off and travelled outside the Earth's atmosphere. Dr. Guimarães' watch stopped at the start of the trip. However he estimated that it lasted about 40 minutes, judging by the hotel clock upon his return.

"It is stated that Dr. Guimarães was invited to make another trip on August 12. Apparently several curious people, including the Town's deputy-sheriff, and Major Paulo Salema of the Brazilian Air Force, were on the spot to observe the second landing. But this time nothing happened."

Resemblances to other cases

Firstly, the description of a circular seat running right around the cabin of a small craft agrees entirely with the account given by Adamski five years earlier (1952). The general appearance of the occupants fits very closely with that given by Adamski.

Secondly, at 4.45 p.m. on October 21, 1954, at Ranton, near Shrewsbury, in England, Mrs. Jennie Roestenberg and her two boys claimed that an aluminium-coloured disc stopped in flight and hung briefly just above the roof of their house. Through transparent panels she said they observed two 'men' with light skins, with long fair hair of shoulder-length, and very high foreheads. They were wearing transparent helmets and turquoise-blue clothing like ski suits. Her account of their eyes is particularly interesting in connection with the Guimarães case. For she says that, as the craft hovered there at a tilted angle, the two occupants seemed to be surveying the scene, *"sternly, not in an unkindly fashion, but almost sadly, compassionately."* (See THE HUMANOIDS, Ed. Charles Bowen, *Few and Far Between* (p. 16)).

Is there any need for us to draw attention once again to what seems a crucially important fact, namely that in those early days of the 1950s so many "contactees" reported that they had encountered beings who were seemingly of entirely human or near-human type, and who actually conducted themselves like human beings! Such reports no longer appear to be coming in at all.

Every reader can ruminate for himself on the various possible explanations for this and on the various possible "scenarios" for what seems to be happening in our world. The implications are momentous. There is not enough space for us to discuss these matters more now. One can only emphasise that, in the first place, Adamski's claims have never been refuted, and, secondly, that Mrs. Roestenberg is still available. She appeared in a big BBC television programme on UFOs not so long ago, and she has not changed one iota in her story and we know that she impressed millions of viewers with her complete and total sincerity.

If the friendly, wise, type of "Adamski man" does exist, but has not been seen in these parts lately, then the possible meaning of this is momentous and we had better do a lot of thinking about it. There is much more to be said on these aspects in due course. — EDITOR.

MYOPIA

Dr. J. Allen Hynek

When he was lunching with us in London last September, Dr. Hynek gave us a copy of this excellent piece, which he has already used as an Editorial in his own Journal, *The International UFO Reporter.* — EDITOR.

SOME time ago a long-time Associate of the Center for UFO Studies, Mr. Herbert S. Taylor, of Oceanside, N.Y., wrote to me about a letter he had written to Dr. Carl Sagan. He asked me to comment on it and on the reply he had received from Mr. Louis Friedman, Executive Director of the Planetary Society, which Dr. Sagan founded and heads.

Perhaps this editorial can serve as a belated reply to Mr. Taylor's letter, which I'm sure he would not mind sharing with our readers. "The letter," Taylor wrote, "pointedly challenged Dr. Sagan to defend his acute negative position in regard to the UFO problem. I asked *specific* questions concerning especially electromagnetic and physiological effects. I also referred to the Cash-Landrum case (a noted case of spectacular physiological effects). The reply was a distinct disappointment. He (Friedman) failed to respond to any of the specific questions I had posed. His response is a very peculiar justification for the absolute refusal of the bulk of the scientific community to actually study the FACTS of the UFO phenomenon. The strange insistence of these great purveyors of Truth to exclude that which does not fit their conception of reality still continues to dominate. How very sad! Would you care to comment on this pitiful situation?"

Here, first, is the gist of the reply Mr. Taylor received from the Planetary Society director:

"As to your wondering why the Planetary Society does not take the stories about UFO contacts more seriously, let me say that in all of the anecdotes about UFOs there has never been any credible physical evidence offered of extraterrestrial contact. It is ironic and indeed absurd to suppose that of all these extraterrestrial contacts they are made in such a way that people only have stories to tell and no evidence to show. The Planetary Society and the scientific community would be indeed excited to investigate serious physical evidence from a hypothesized extraterrestrial encounter."

What a myopic view! Unfortunately even the Planetary Society has not profited from the lessons of the History of Science. That is replete with sad stories of the failure of the scientific community of that day to take seriously proffered evidence because it did not fit the prescribed format. The roll call of those who have tried to call the attention of their peers to signs that portended breakthroughs in the scientific outlook is impressive: *Galileo, Pasteur, Semmelweiss, Wegener, Fessenden* . . . and a host of others.

The History of Science has shown that it was not so much that evidence of something new on the horizon was not there, as it was of a *refusal to look* at the evidence because it wasn't in a form acceptable to the scientific critics of the day, or because it violated preconceived concepts. A notable example of the latter was the refusal of Galileo's peers to look through his telescope at sunspots because: "The Sun is the visible symbol of God; God is perfect, therefore the Sun is perfect and cannot have blemishes, and therefore there is no point in looking!"

We are all familiar with the "stones in the sky" story. Since it was obvious to all straight-thinking scientists of the 18th century that there couldn't be meteorites. But there *are* meteorites! The viewing angle on the phenomenon was wrong, that's all. There certainly weren't stones in the sky waiting to fall down on the Earth, but there were bits of matter, pursuing respectable orbits around the Sun, which occasionally collided with the Earth. But even though celestial mechanics was well developed by that time, no one thought of using that as an avenue of approach. Instead of saying: "Here we have a phenomenon: people of good repute have told us seemingly ridiculous stories of stones coming down from the sky. Indeed they have shown us samples of such stones (note; this evidence was not looked at but was dismissed as undoubtedly stones that had been struck by lightning! Similarly, evidence in UFO Physical Trace Cases has been dismissed either as the product of hoaxers or as the result of natural or man-made causes). What sort of theory might account for the *observed* phenomenon?" The scientific world of the day *refused to look* at the stories and the evidence, because such things just couldn't be, so why bother? Refusal to look has been a frequent roadblock in Science.

The great mistake in this case was the substitution of one particular theory of the meteorite phenomenon for the phenomenon itself. Is that not exactly what is being done bythe scientific community of our day with respect to the UFO phenomenon? Refusal to study the ample evidence that is available simply because it does not seem to fit *one particular theory,* that of visitors from very far off places. Maybe that's the wrong "viewing angle". Shouldn't we rather say, *"Look, for the past three decades and more we have been confronted with a phenomenon which is intriguing: it is world-wide, involving different cultures, and the constant flow of reports contains those made by people of*

recognized skills and training and who are certainly sane and responsible as judged by their peers. Furthermore, these reports are not helter-skelter, but fall into well defined patterns. Let's try to find out what lies behind these stories and reports; there could be a scientific breakthrough somewhere in the wings."

Because we find ourselves in the dawn of the Space Age and have grown up in the Buck Rogers era of science fiction, we have jumped to the conclusion that UFOs must be space craft piloted by E.T.s. But may not this be just another "stone in the sky" situation? Maybe the viewing angle is wrong here too.

Shouldn't our proper approach here be to say, in effect, "Those who have studied the UFO phenomenon over the years and who themselves are scientifically competent (as are those scientists, currently working in many different disciplines, who are associated with recognized serious UFO investigative groups like CUFOS, MUFON, and APRO in this country and with the many similar groups in other countries) have told us that the UFO *phenomenon* is real and definitely worthy of scientific study. Various "viewing angles" should be explored, *one* of which should continue to be the possibility that UFOs may in some way not yet be understandable to present day science, represent extraterrestrial intelligences. But we should not be provincial (!) in our outlook; we should also admit the possibility that the UFO phenomenon may be indicative of an aspect of reality which so far has eluded us. Perhaps we should go even further and admit the possibility that 20th century science is not adequate to conceive of the final solution of what lies behind the UFO phenomenon, any more than the science of the 19th century could have even remotely conceived of nuclear energy. But there will be, we hope, a 21st and a 25th century science which may be able to do so. But this should not be an excuse not to study the phenomenon itself. We should not be bound by the myopic view of the Planetary Society.

Indeed, the Planetary Society should be made aware of the growing number of scientists who are already taking a broader view of the UFO phenomenon. Perhaps the most noteworthy of these is the group initiated by Dr. Peter Sturrock, of Stanford University, the *Society for Scientific Exploration,* which is composed solely of scientists recognized in their own field of specialization, and which seeks to explore those borderland areas of science (UFOs among them) which as yet have not been admitted onto the playing field of orthodox science. In that direction lie the breakthroughs which will become a part of the science of the next century.

SOME REFLECTIONS ON CHARLES FORT: THE WORCESTER FISHMONGER & THE NORFOLK GAMEKEEPER

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"Science concerns itself with adaptations, and science itself is adaptation." CHARLES FORT: *The Complete Works of Charles Fort.* Dover Publication, New York, 1974, (p. 625).

THROUGHOUT our whole world there is a plethora of fishmongers and gamekeepers — tossed out as fodder for the naive and ignorant masses of mankind. The folk responsible for dishing up this phoney pabulum are those whose function it is to be the servile zealots of our obstructionistic and occlusionistic Science. This Science, since the dawn of time, has always aimed to keep the masses in a permanent state of mental sterility. And more and more frequently these people are called upon to cover up certain facts for which Dame Nature herself cannot conceivably be held responsible, and they do it with a degree of cynicism and a degree of impudence that are downright breathtaking.

Hitherto we had habitually been inclined merely to view with contempt this technique of theirs for explaining away the unexplainable, but today our con-

tempt is beginning to yield place to something more serious — to a well-founded sense of concern and alarm. For, while it is certainly true that Science has a duty to observe a proper prudence, it is quite unacceptable that it should openly flaunt this state of perpetual ignorance in which it desires to keep us. We are not mentally retarded, and it seems about time that Science perceived that we "are of age, and have all our vaccinations", as one might say!

Let us quote some celebrated Fortean examples of this cover-up in action.

On May 28, 1881, near Worcester, in England, if we are to believe the account given in the *Worcester Daily Times* for May 30 of that year, winkles, with crabs of an unknown species, rained down from the sky on Cromer Gardens Road and all around on the fields and gardens adjoining. And even the grounds surrounded by high walls benefitted equally from this celestial largesse, periwinkles and crabs being found even on the parapets and tops of the widest walls.

Worcester lies far inland, 50 kilometres from the Severn Estuary, and consequently at least 80 kilometres from the sea. Somebody forthwith put around the idea that a fishmonger, faced with the problem of a glut of unsaleable crabs and winkles, had persuaded some of his friends to aid him in getting rid of the whole of this unwanted catch. They did it by climbing over fences and even high walls, and all this without the slightest noise, and without being seen by a single soul. Charles Fort points out that the huge quantities of molluscs and crustaceans gathered by the crowds who profited by this windfall were far, far greater than any single fishmonger in the world could possibly have possessed in those days.

None of which of course prevented the "explanation" from gaining ground rapidly and being taken up and disseminated widely by the press.

Now a certain Mr. J. Lloyd Bozward, a meteorologist well known in the region at the time of the occurrence, did not find the "fishmonger explanation" entirely satisfactory, and so, as one may well believe, he set about making a careful investigation of the affair, and was able to establish the authenticity of the "rain of winkles and crabs." At the same time, he also managed to establish the fact that, on May 27 and 28, 1881, not a single winkle was on sale anywhere in the whole of Worcester. He interviewed some of the people who had come running to the place to glean whole sacks full of this unwonted manna from the skies, but he was unable to discover a single person who had seen or heard that strange fishmonger who, without a doubt, certainly threw away a fortune. Mr. Lloyd Bozward, a man who "knew his stuff", promptly published his findings in the *Worcester Evening Post* for June 9, 1881. His conclusions: it was all due to a whirlwind. A whirlwind that had simply given back what it had sucked up somewhere out at sea.

Now, as every mere ship's cabin-boy knows, *selective* whirlwinds just don't exist, any more than segregationalist showers of rain exist. If a whirlwind carries off a quantity of sea-water, then it sucks up EVERYTHING contained in that water. It doesn't operate some sort of sifting process, picking out the winkles and rejecting the cockles and the mussels, keeping the crabs of unknown species and discarding the lobsters and the shrimps, the seaweeds, the fishes, the starfish, the jellyfish, and the rocks and minerals. And when it drops the stuff back on the land, it's just the same. (Oh, I forgot one little item: along with the winkles and the crabs of unknown species there were also a few hermit-crabs.) Well, any way you look at it, what you have here is a SELECTION. But his story made very little impact, for by then the whole affair had already been forgotten and had passed into oblivion. And, as we all know, oblivion plays into the hands of Science very nicely.

During the winter of 1907/1908, in the County of Norfolk — we are still in England — shining objects were seen moving about over the fields. According to the accounts reported, their brightness was comparable to that of electric light bulbs. Presumably the most powerful brains in the Science of the day in Britain got together to decide on how they were to set about explaining this incongruity.

One R. W. Purdy, a writer known to the biologists and zoologists of the day, collected some of the eyewitness accounts, which he published in the London *Times* for December 10, 1907. Purdy himself had observed the phenomenon on December 1, describing it as "like the lamp of a motor cycle" which at first headed straight towards him, and then moved higher and then retreated. He said the phenomenon moved around in various directions. (See *The Field,* January 11, 1908.)

In the *Eastern Daily News* of Norwich for February 7, 1908, it was stated that on the morning of February 5 a gamekeeper from Lower Hellesdon named E. S. Cannell had seen something shining on a grassy bank. He captured it when it fluttered up to him. It was an owl, of an ordinary run-of-the-mill species, but gamekeeper Cannell claimed that it was *"phosphorescent".* He carried it to his home, where it died, *"still luminous."* Yet in the same newspaper, for the following day, February 8, it is clearly stated that the taxidermist who stuffed and mounted the bird said: *"I have seen nothing luminous about it."*

The great ornithologist Count de Sibour no doubt did not know about the findings of that taxidermist. Or, if he did know of them, he was careful not to trumpet them from the rooftops. For he published an article in *Knowledge* for September 1913, stating that the mystery had been explained. It had all been caused by the phosphorescent owl. De Sibour explained that the luminescence had been produced either by scraps of decayed wood from the bird's nest, or by some fungous disease of its feathers!

Gamekeeper Cannell had not found any luminous owl. And yet this fine little tale rapidly became so well established that, several years later, writers claiming to be scientific were still citing the case among their references!

What is interesting about these two stories (as indeed in many others reported by Charles Fort in his four books devoted to strange facts for which it is difficult to find a scientific explanation) is that, in every case, we always find this mania, this obstinate determination on the part of official Science, systematically to explain these anomalies by means of absurd reasoning. Absurdity, surely, has little relation to Science, which, IN NORMAL TIMES, is renowned for the rigorously strict and prudent quality of its judgements. Which apparently seems to prove, as Monsieur de la Palice might have said, that the only way in which you can explain the abnormal is by an absurdity.

While we are on the subject of anomalies, let me here quote another. This desperate insistence constantly to conceal from the public facts that are glaringly obvious is still much in evidence today. And there's the rub! For mankind changes, and technologies evolve, and vocabularies alter, and minds think differently, and concepts change. And yet the same old "scientific" ideas remain. Strange, isn't it, because those ideas ought to be following the kinetic mechanism of our concepts as these continue to evolve.

BUT THIS SCIENTIFIC THINKING IS STAGNANT. IT IS NOT FOLLOWING THE NORMAL PROCESS OF CHANGE. It seems to be anchored, once and for all time, at precisely the same old level, so much so that the very thought that it might undergo a change is no longer conceivable to anybody. Not the slightest sign of progress is to be seen. Let us put the matter more clearly and more precisely: official Science ought long ago to have turned its serious attention to these phenomena with which we are concerned, instead of putting all its effort into covering them up. But, in our own days, here they are, still trying to fool us with their "fishmongers" and their "gamekeepers". The names of course have changed. For, however you look at it, the general ignorance of the mass of the public is less today than it was in the time of Charles Fort. But the nonsensical explanations that are being dished up to us nowadays still seem to be designed for "costive minds". Fort's *"accursed facts"* are still attributed to whatever may be handy, be it earthquakes, or volcanoes, or sudden changes of temperature, or "friction" between air layers, or solar winds, or magnetic perturbations. In a word — *anything* will do. Be it noted incidentally that we are seeing more and more pseudoscientific books that explain away all the "Fortean Facts", backed up by vastly abstruse solutions, though each of their authors seems to have his own different explanation. Which seems pretty odd when you reflect that these are folk who claim to explain everything in a *scientific* fashion!

However we may look at it, the fact remains that, in our own days, Science is still registering such a vast mass of natural phenomena, or allegedly natural phenomena — phenomena that we, the heirs of Charles Fort, as we consider ourselves to be, can see as proofs of the existence, here around us, of an active, hidden, intelligence that is entirely alien to our human societies.

In 1921 there was so much respect for maelstroms that the Russian government was suspected of being the cause of the mysterious disappearance of a number of ships. Today, the Russians being what they are, Science prefers to be more prudent and to blame the maelstroms. The maelstroms at any rate won't take umbrage over it.

From 1947 onwards, Science has had serious problems to solve which derive from the numerous sightings of UFOs. And, with the development of our own technologies, first in Aeronautics and then in Astronautics, Science has been able to add considerably to the number of "explanations" available in its armoury. Phosphorescent owls are no longer essential, and airmen are preferred now, rather than gamekeepers.

The winkles no longer seem to be coming down in showers, but new phenomena have made their appearance. Or maybe certain phenomena are displaying greater intensity now, while others have become less frequent.

Armadas of unidentified aerial craft are travelling through our skies; landing in our fields; appearing on our radar-screens; seen with the naked eye by professional observers of the skies; pursuing our aircraft and our rockets; flying over our strategic bases; committing acts of violence against our animals. And maybe are also committing acts of violence against human beings too . . .

Everybody knows. Or almost everybody. But nobody wants to admit it.

So they bring out the new "fishmongers", though these, it seems, have changed a good many times in their predilections over the course of the years. You can see this for yourself, by the differing "lines" in which the "fishmongers" have variously been versed, to wit, Meteorology; Zoology; Astronomy; Aeronautics; Astronautics; Psychism; Sociopsychology; and the (latest one) Psychotronics, in which a knowledge of Quantum Mechanics is needed. And there will probably be better ones (or worse) . . . yet to come!

Man has put down a dozen representatives of his species on to the Moon, but Science, and the Governments, prefer to take matters at a leisurely pace, and deem it impossible that other thinking beings might have been able to do better than that and might have got so far as to leave their own world and have embarked on voyages of exploration in Space that have brought them into the environment of our planet. Nevertheless a research programme has been set up, to determine, by means of Radio-Astronomy, whether any other intelligent civilizations exist in our Universe. To put it in other words, Science admits the possibility that extraterrestrial life might exist, and it considers that, should such be the case, it is we who will discover it rather than it that will come here to us! Please, please, Gentlemen! Let us have a little bit of modesty, a bit of humility. Prudence is one thing. Pretentiousness and bumptiousness are something else.

When I reflect upon the ambiguity of this situation that causes our scientists to scour the Universe in search of an intelligence which is right here very close to us, indeed maybe even an intelligence that has already TAKEN ROOT right here among us, then I ask myself the question: how much longer can this wretched comedy continue?

Unless of course there is something else more important than a simple agreement between governments to deceive the governed. For there is this anomaly that I have already mentioned; this astonishing *lack of curiosity* shown by our official Science towards all these strange phenomena, as well as the frivolous attitude of most of the media. A whole world, in fact, stricken with blindness as regards these bizarre things that are going on.

For nobody is any longer taken in by G.E.P.A.N. I believed in G.E.P.A.N. at the start, just as everyone else did. But now I am more inclined to think that G.E.P.A.N. was no "break" or "opening-up", but rather simply a "cover-up", a take-over. Why then this passivity, this indifference, which are more than just abnormal? Isn't this manifest proof that there has been a CLAMP-DOWN? *A clamp-down that has maybe been engineered by the very phenomenon itself, for we have long been aware that the phenomenon possesses intelligence? Super-intelligence? An intelligence that deludes us, fools us, covers up its tracks, elusive, incomprehensible, avoiding all contact, evading identification.*

And would not the best way for this "phenomenon" to avoid identification by us be to prevent the best brains among us, the most gifted, the most learned, from taking any interest in its activities? A clamp-down — not psychological but psychic in its nature — exercised upon individuals holding key-posts is possibly already in operation. A crazy idea? Well then, take a look at the facts I am now going to give you, below, and then maybe you will be prepared to 'have another think' about the question.

Ever since 1973 there has been a recrudescence of incidents involving the mutilation of cattle. It has developed in a number of countries, but particularly in the United States. In seven years, about 12,000 animals have died through it. (I have had a number of articles on this matter published in various specialized journals.)

In April 1979, at the instigation of Senator Harrison Schmitt, a geologist and a former astronaut, a "Commission of Enquiry" was set up in the State of New Mexico, its purpose, so it was said, being to solve the mystery of the deaths of these animals.

Like almost all of the experts and the police officials who have investigated these seemingly so wanton killings, Senator Harrison Schmitt was inclined towards the theory that it was the work of human mutilators, adepts of satanic cults, who would thus be simply carrying out some of their rituals. The wounds on the animals, inflicted with a precision described as "surgical", were however such that one glance at them sufficed to convince that unquestionably tools of a highly sophisticated nature had been employed.

Well now, after a year spent in alleged investigations, this "Commission", directed by a certain Kenneth Rommel, a former FBI agent, has laid an egg in the form of a 297-page Report. And this Report can be summed up with this one phrase:-

"There have been no mutilations. The animals allegedly mutilated died natural deaths, and the wounds reported are the work of predators." (!)

Here we have the most absurd scientific "adaptation" put out during the period since the end of World War II! For Mr. Rommel had toed the official Science line by relying on the State Laboratories. And the autopsies carried out by the "commissioned" veterinarians yielded results which were the diametrical opposite of the results secured in autopsies by other official specialists on other occasions. What we see here is in fact a clamp-down or cover-up identical to those perpetrated in connection with the U.S. Air Force's *UFO Projects.* Rommel's conclusions are particularly mind-boggling because the carcasses of the animal victims had been examined by an impressive number of specialists. Nobody saw the Worcester fishmonger, but here, in this cattle mutilation business,

crowds of people saw the animals, all cut up in surgical fashion. Take good note once again of this anomaly: in the one case (Worcester), without any enquiry at all, everyone accepts the existence of the "fishmonger", though not a soul can be found who had seen him at work. In the second case — that of the mutilated animals — everything is rejected: the victims, the eyewitness accounts, the police reports, the autopsies made by veterinarians prior to the creation of the Commision of Enquiry, and so on . . .

With this we have reached the very zenith of stupidity, and we are justified if we ask ourselves how it can be possible that today we are still being fooled in this incredible fashion just as people were fooled precisely a century ago in the Worcester case? It is for this reason that we must not rule out the possibility that there is in operation some sort of clampdown on the process of the evolution of human thought, the purpose being to prevent man's curiosity from reaching a certain level. This would mean in effect that there are some roads that are open to us, and along which our thirst for knowledge may take us, and that there are other roads that are closed to us.

When somebody who occupies a relatively high social position starts asking a few too many questions as to the nature of certain strange, indeed even disturbing, facts . . . *hey presto,* a phoney "Commission" is formed and then . . . curtains!

All the various *"Projects"* of the U.S. Air Force were created only because a few elected representatives had got a bit worked up in the House of Representatives or in the Senate. So a pretence was made of listening to them . . . Roughly the same thing took place here in France with G.E.P.A.N.

The American Senator, Harrison Schmitt, who had too much curiosity, was seen off. You might even say that he was made to look crazy, and that his career has been compromised. The betting is that his term of office will not be renewed, and that he will end up somewhere in the oblivion of anonymity, somewhere in some obscure governmental bureau.

At precisely what level is the manipulation that creates the ideal conditions favouring this sort of clamp-down? Maybe it is high time that we started aiming in other directions with our research? Maybe we are wasting our time when we spend it in collecting UFO sightings? Or in producing statistics on the "Phenomenon"? Maybe all this is simply leading us nowhere?

We might, for example, try to trace it back to its source. I say *"try".* When it comes to *WHERE, TO WHOM,* and *HOW* — that's when the obstruction begins. It seems to me that this perpetual maintenance of an obscurantist posture deserves investigation in depth, if only in order to observe how the obstructor goes about it, if indeed there be obstruction. But I don't harbour any illusions as to where we would get with such an investigation. It would probably run into a *super-wall.* But who knows? We will only know if we try. Well, you might ask me, where should we make a start?

With the astronomers, I would say.

I admit that I have no great liking for the astronomers. Don't get me wrong. By "astronomers" I mean of course, in essence, those astronomers who are always trotted out in TV programmes and in discussions on the radio. They are nearly always the same folk, hogging it in the discussions, contemptuous, peremptory, self-important, pontificating, utter stinkers the minute anybody "rocks the boat" by mentioning the UFOs.

Get hold of these astronomers, drag them outdoors some pitch-black night and show them anything you like that possesses any sort of light-source that is not travelling too fast. They will tell you that it is a star, they will tell you its magnitude, its parallax, and the place it occupies in its constellation. This is what Charles Fort had to say about them:-

> "If nobody looks up, or checks up, what the astronomers tell us, they are free to tell us anything that they want to tell us. Their system is a slippery imposition of evasions that cannot be checked up, or that, for various reasons, mostly are not checked up . . ."
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> (*The Complete Books of Charles Fort,* Dover Publications, New York, 1974, page 720.)

When the astronomers talk about UFOs, they say anything they like to say, and nobody checks up on them. And I think it would be very interesting to know why. For it can't be that they are simply engrossed and bemused by the stars at which they are always peering. There must surely be some other factor that enters into it. But what is it?

And here is another point. What qualifications have the astronomers for determining whether an airborne vehicle does or does not belong to our (human) technology? They have none. You might just as well ask an ornithologist. Nor are the astronomers any more expert in questions of Astronautics or Extraterrestrial Civilzations.

And, moreover, as regards these "occlusionistic" astronomers who show such contempt for the lower strata of the atmosphere and who don't even know how to tell the difference between various types of aircraft, such as a *Super-Frelon SA-3210* and a *Breguet 1150 Atlantic,* I am more inclined to regard them as

either folk who are all right on book-learning but have failed in their examinations, or as cretins who managed to pass. I am sorry if I am hard on them. But I am only prepared to excuse accidental mistakes. I don't excuse deliberate fraud. It can rain all sorts of things: nails, coins, coal, lumps of beef, blood, or winkles . . .

Whole squadrons of unidentified flying objects can pass through our skies, and phantom submarines that will never put into our ports can travel to and fro in our seas.

Cattle can perish, chopped up with high surgical skill, and left drained of blood. Their remains can repel the fiercest of dogs and the most famished of coyotes.

Objects can disappear. And people can disappear. And bizarre animals can appear and leave astounding traces.

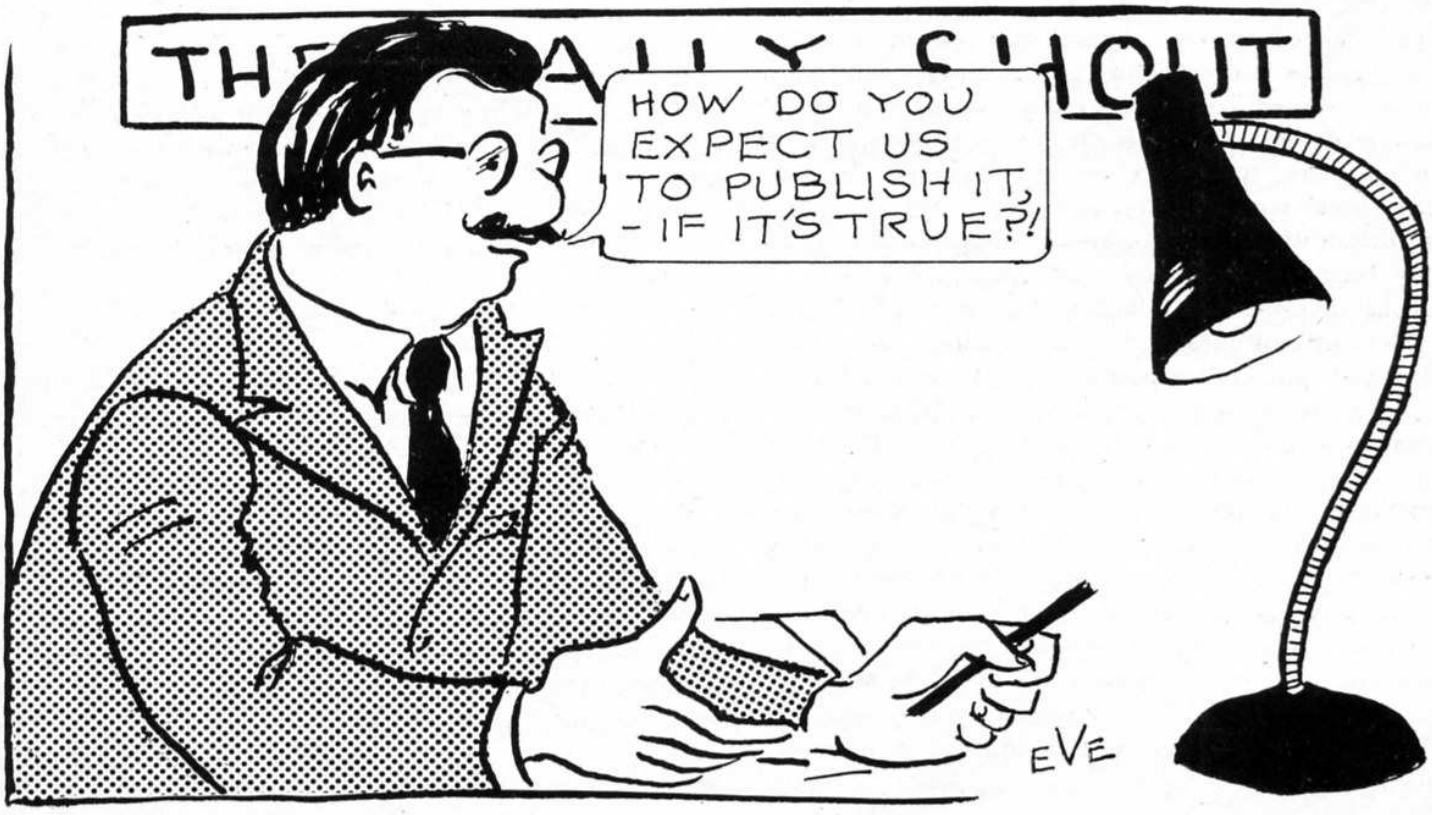
Vast numbers of other extraordinary happenings can occur, duly established, rigorously checked, scrupulously witnessed, and scrupulously certified.

On the other hand we have our segregationistic whirlpools, our meteors, our herds of whales. We have our carnivorous predators, with their teeth as well as their beaks all shaped like scalpels. We have our seismic activity, we have our swamp-gas, we have our ball-lightning, we have our phosphorescent insects, and God knows what else. And we have all those fishmongers and all those present-day gamekeepers, well polished and groomed, all bright and shining, docketed in categories, all ready to emerge from the official cupboards.

And all this will be thrown in your face, with condescension and commiseration of course, by astrophysicists, by astronomers, by biologists, by psychiatrists — all of them experts on space-vehicles and on extra-human or extra-terrestrial civilizations. And there will always be a squad of yes-man and rubber-stamp journalists standing by to publicize it all, backed up heavily with deceitful texts, dubious radio programmes, and one-way "debates".

Maybe in twenty or thirty years from now, when all our seas will be nothing more than immense garbage-bins, the fishmongers will have disappeared, because there won't be any more winkles to scatter . . . And maybe later still, when the air is so polluted with the various stuff we have thrown up there that the birds can no longer breathe, well, maybe then there won't be any gamekeepers either, because there won't be any luminous owls left for them to catch.

But Science will get along all right without the fishmongers and without the gamekeepers, and will find something else instead. The panoply of ready-made explanations is in good shape, thank you very much.



Science, obscurantist, pigheaded, obstructive, obsessed, will still be there and will come and bash out to you its old tunes, its crazy, soporific old theories, backed up with iniquitous stop-gap legislation and with statistics cooked up for the occasion, all of which it will of course be highly unseemly for anyone to dispute, or even to verify . . .

So sleep in peace my lambkins. Astronomer-shepherds and anaesthetist-astrophysicists are watching over your flock . . .

A flock that has been lulled to sleep in a most masterly fashion.

"Science is a maw, or a headless and limbless stomach, an amoeba-like gut that maintains itself by incorporating the assimilable and rejecting the indigestible. There are whirlwinds and waterspouts, and it seems acceptable that there have been rare occurrences of faintly luminous owls. Then by a process of sorting over data, rejecting the objectionable, and taking in the desirable, Science saves itself great pains, because a bellyache is something that is only a gut in torment. So, with alimentary treatments, a shower of living things can always be made to assimilate with the whirlwind-explanation, and a brilliant, electric thing can be toned down digestibly. In extreme cases there is a secretion of fishmongers or gamekeepers."

(The Complete Books of Charles Fort, Dover Publications, New York, 1974. Page 628.)

BOOK REVIEW

BERTHOLD E. SCHWARZ. *Ufo-Dynamics, Psychiatric and Psychic Aspects of the UFO Syndrome.* Moore Haven, Florida: Rainbow Books/Betty Wright in association with Futura Printing, Inc. 564 pp., in 2 vols. 1983. $22.50 post-paid per set in U.S., $24.00 post-paid per set Surface Foreign.

A prolific and important contributor to *Flying Saucer Review* is Dr. Berthold E. Schwarz, and his major contributions join some pieces published elsewhere in this collection of reprints, together with some new material. Various well-known contactees are described, especially Stella Lansing. All the essays and photographs have been reset, to a high standard; but the texts could have been more carefully organised for this reappearance. Several of the essays contain long footnotes which, therefore, could not be printed close to the keyed text. The references have not been updated, so that certain manuscripts and preprints are still so cited, even though they are now in print; on p.212 Schwarz even cites 'for future publication' an item which is now available as ch.22 here!

The common theme throughout these essays is that many of the UFO contactees also experience (other) psychical phenomena on other occasions: a sub-theme states that investigators may be subject to such phenomena in the course of their work. The task, then, is to classify these data and cases in a comprehensive way, and to produce a general theory, or at least taxonomy, of connections. It is no criticism of the book that Schwarz does not achieve such a theory; for the data are still too disparate to achieve effective correlations. Psychokinetic effects, including poltergeistery, are the most popular; but they form a vast spectrum in themselves. The task that Schwarz has set is shown by his essay entitled *'Clinical observations on telekinesis'* (pp. 484-522), which contains a wide range of cases, both his and others'; but ufology plays a small role in it.

Schwarz sums up the situation well in his freshly written introduction, in which a number of his own 'coincidences' experienced in the course of his investigations are described. It seems that in fields like this the distinction between the case and its student does not obtain in the usual way; like the well-known "experimenter effect" in psychical research, the student comes into the case as a component of its continuation, or at least of the context into which it fits. While this side of ufology is well enough recognised by researchers, not much is known about it, and this collection of Schwarz's writings is particularly useful as a source of information on this sub-theme, as well as the main theme which is the target for all of us. —

I. Grattan-Guinness

SCIENTISTS ESTABLISH UFO WATCH

From the San Diego Tribune of July 1, 1983. (Received from FSR Reader Jan Eric Herr of San Diego.)

Cliff Smith

Science Writer *The San Diego Union.*

THE world's first scientific effort to search the skies for unidentified flying objects (UFOs) with sensors more reliable than human eyes is to begin here in two weeks.

A group of 35 scientists and engineers will start the hunt with 15 magnetometers scattered from Poway to Imperial Beach and Alpine to the coast.

J. E. Herr, director of the group, said any one of the magnetometers made for the study is capable of sensing a UFO at least 5 miles distant.

Herr explained that it is well established that at least some UFOs emit extremely powerful magnetic fields.

The evidence for this includes the deflection of compass needles up to two miles from observed UFOs, the magnetization of time pieces, the tripping of burglar and freezer alarms and power outages traced to magnetic disturbance of relays.

"The strengths of UFO-generated magnetic fields are estimated to range from 1 to 2 million gauss," Herr said in an interview. "By comparison, airplanes would generate less than 100 gammas."

There are 100,000 gammas in one gauss. Only the most powerful man-made electrical machines create magnetic fluxes exceeding a million gauss. Herr said a few laboratories have superconducting devices that can create forces on the order of 5 million gauss.

Herr said the magnetometers constructed for the study are sensitive enough to detect .05 gamma. He said the instruments also are designed to provide the "magnetic signature" of many man-made machines that otherwise might be confused with UFOs.

Already in Operation

Herr said one of the magnetometers, effectively a UFO detector,has been in operation in the Poway area for about two weeks without picking up any suspicious recordings.

He said a 16th instrument will be shipped to a UFO investigator, Richard Niemtzow, in Marseilles, France, because that is where numerous UFO sightings have been taking place.

Herr said all of the magnetometers in the detection array here will be equipped to operate automatically around the clock, recording their measurements on magnetic tape.

Once the system is in operation. Herr said, the group plans to add other sensing devices to each station.

Among these instruments will be electrometers to sense electrical fields generated by UFOs, ultrasonic detectors, microwave radiometers, a three-channel radio frequency interference (static) monitoring systems and automated motion picture cameras.

The cameras will be equipped with superwide-angle lenses and pointed straight up from roof tops. If one of the UFO detectors senses a flying saucer in the area, the camera at the station will start filming the sky.

All the stations will be at the homes or offices of scientists and engineers in the study group.

Most of the group members have requested anonymity to avoid ridicule, possibly even censure in their professions.

"But I can tell you that all our people are well established and highly regarded in their fields," Herr said. "The institutions at which they work include UCSD, San Diego State University, the Naval Electronics Laboratory, the Naval Undersea Center, General Dynamics Electronics Division and Gulf General Atomic."

Group members who have no objection to being identified, Herr said, include Dr. Gerhard H. Wolter, San Diego State professor of physics and holder of a medical degree; Dr. Richard Etheridge, chairman of the department of zoology at San Diego State, and Robert Gonsett, a consulting electronics engineer and graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"The scientists and engineers in the group have reached no conclusion as to the nature of UFOs," Herr emphasized. "Although reports of unidentified flying objects continue to come in from around the world often from highly qualified observers, quantitative data on the character of the objects is scant.

"To make possible the collection of hard data which correlates with UFO sightings, a series of instruments capable of detecting and measuring certain effects reportedly produced by the objects is being developed.

"We believe that our study and the detection system are the first of their kind."

Herr said the most urgent need of the study group at present is for good circuit design engineers to aid in the development of devices to be added to the detection array.

FRIENDS OR FOES?: THOSE INVISIBLE SQUADRONS OVERHEAD

In 1955 or 1956, around the time when *FSR* was established (Spring 1955), a former officer in the Free Polish Armed Forces, who was then working in a Service Intelligence post in Whitehall, informed a consultant of FSR, in very strict confidence, that he had learned something extraordinary from a wartime colleague — also Polish — who was currently engaged in secret technical work for the Royal Air Force. This man's story was that RAF radar personnel had been detecting the presence of huge, invisible, seemingly metallic, objects moving about in formation through the skies over London.

Although the matter was said to be considered highly secret, it had in fact already been leaked in one British newspaper, the *Sunday Dispatch* (now defunct), as early as 1954. And in due course the report made its way into the pages of *FSR*, which carried this item in Volume 2, No. 5 (September/October 1956):-

Unanswered questions . . .the mid-day "U" blips

The London *Sunday Dispatch* on November 17, 1954, had the sensational front-page headline, "STRANGE SIGHTS IN SKY BAFFLE WAR OFFICE". Six times in the previous few weeks a strange pattern of "blips" had appeared on inland radar screens in Britain. Neither the War Office, which controls inland radar, nor the Air Ministry could say what they were.

The "blips" usually appeared about midday from nowhere, *flying at about 12,000 ft.* in an east-to-west direction.

They would first appear in a "U", or badly-shaped hairpin, formation. After a time they converged into parallel lines and then formed into a "Z" formation before disappearing.

The objects were invisible to the human eye, but on the radar screen their "blips" represented between 40 and 50 echoes. They covered a wide area in the sky.

A War Office spokesman said they always followed the same pattern. He said they had checked and found their sets were not faulty. All their sets in the area had picked the objects up.

The *Sunday Dispatch* reporter spoke to one man who had seen them, who affirmed he had been given very high-level orders to keep the utmost secrecy.

"And even if I did know what they are, I am too worried myself to say anything," he said.

The Air Ministry said there are many objects, such as meteorological balloons, experimental aircraft, carrier-pigeons with metal rings on their legs, and even toy kites, which could form an image on a radar screen.

However, radar operators know all about those things, and none of them causes such similar patterns as were produced on six different days by the "blips" in question.

WHAT WERE THESE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS? Both the War Office and the Air Ministry have remained strangely silent since these remarkable newspaper disclosures.

This report interested me greatly at the time, since it put me in mind of a very similar account of invisible "blips" in formation, of which I had heard rumours some years previously, due to my own connections with the Far East.

The earlier episode had occurred in June 1945, during the final stage of the Pacific War against Japan.

The aircraft from two American carriers were engaged in attacking the Japanese air-bases on the Nansei-Shoto Islands (Ryuku Islands) in order to pin them down while the main American invasion force stormed ashore at Okinawa. It was a bright day, with clouds scattered at 5,000 ft. In the Combat Information Centres aboard the two carriers the officers could see on their radarscopes all their escorting cruisers and destroyers round about and all their aircraft in the air for a radius of a hundred miles around. All the planes from the two carriers were engaged in the operations against Nansei-Shoto except for twelve (four in the air above the Task Force and four on each of the two carriers' flight-decks.)

Suddenly a huge "blob" appeared on the radarscopes, coming towards the Task Force from the North-East *at a height of 12,000 ft.* and travelling at a speed of almost 700 m.p.h. (which was far more than any terrestrial aircraft could do in 1945).

As it approached, the "blob" resolved itself into what looked like between 200 and 300 "aircraft". The American Intelligence authorities knew that, in June 1945, Japan no longer possessed so many as 200 aircraft *of any sort* that were in any shape to *fly*, at any sort of speed — let alone at supersonic speed like this!

Quickly the Americans put up their eight remaining propellor-driven fighters to take up positions above 12,000 ft., and sat in their ships grimly awaiting the worst.

Registering clearly on the radarscopes, the huge squadron of "bogies" passed silently over the Task Force. Neither the U.S. personnel aboard the ships nor the pilots of their twelve fighters at above 12,000 ft. were able to see a thing.

In U.S. Navy records the case is known as *"The Ghosts of Nansei-Shoto"*. A good account of the affair will be found in Major Donald E. Keyhoe's THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY (New York, 1957, British edition by Hutchinsons of London, also in 1957). Much effort and money have been expended on the "debunking" and discrediting of the pioneer investigator Donald Keyhoe. All Keyhoe's books should therefore continue to be consulted by those who desire to know the history of the early years of UFO research, but here in Britain it is likely to be pretty difficult to find his books, as a splendid hatchet-job has been done in so many of the public libraries. — G.C.

MORE ON THE VANCOUVER ISLAND UFO PHOTO

W. K. Allan

As will be recalled, it was Mr W. K. Allan of Kelowna, British Columbia, who sent us the Vancouver Island photograph which we reproduced in FSR Vol. 29, No. 2. He has now given us this interesting further report on the background to the case, and on the investigations.

As a piece of advance promotion for their programme on UFOs scheduled for this spring, the H.R. MacMillan Planetarium in Vancouver had sponsored a contest for "UFO Photographs", which made, however, no requirement that they be genuine.

Mrs Hannah McRobert's photo was entered, but was ignored and passed over, as probably a "*Frisbee*".

However, David Powell, one of the Administrators of the Planetarium, questioned that judgement, and sent the negative to me.

He had an enlargement made for me, which I took with me to the MUFON Symposium at Pasadena, California, on July 1-3, 1983. There it was seen by Dr Richard F. Haines.(†)

Dr Haines borrowed the negative, and then visited the McRoberts family and also the site where the photograph had been taken (in a rest area some thirty miles to the north of Kelsey Bay, on the east coast of Vancouver Island, in the first half of October 1981).

Dr Haines' father, a professional surveyor, laid out a 720-foot base-line along highway 19 to determine the distance between the position of the photographer and the mountain peak shown in the picture. This worked out at 7,580 feet slant and 6,910 feet horizontal distance, with an elevation angle of 124.17 degrees on October 8, 1983, the exact anniversary of the photo. (Corrected to October 8, 1981, from the previously published date recollected by Mrs McRoberts as "between October 10 and October 15, 1981".)

As his next step, Dr Haines obtained profiles and surface reflection characteristics of the "*Frisbees*" (registered trademark) available prior to October 8, 1981, and found that they could not reproduce the reflected highlights shown in the photo when the Sun's rays beamed down at 59.7 degrees off vertical.

(At the moment when the photo was taken, Mr McRoberts had been bantering with his wife, implying that she couldn't take the picture simultaneously straight and in focus, *and this may account for their not having noticed the UFO in the sky.)*

Dr Haines, who had asked me to convey these important further details to you, has copyrighted his results, which include sophisticated computer analysis of the pixels in a greatly enlarged colour copy. The dome of the UFO becomes almost invisible when printed in blue-green light, so it is transparent to it.

To sum up: the negative passes every test for genuineness that has been applied to it.

(†) A NASA scientist who, as we were happy to announce in our Vol. 28, No. 6, is now one of FSR's Consultants, and who is the author of our lead-story in the present issue. EDITOR.

DO NOT FAIL TO SPEAK TO YOUR FRIENDS AND GET AS MANY NEW READERS AS POSSIBLE

UFO JOURNALS ELSEWHERE ARE GOING UNDER. DO NOT LET IT HAPPEN HERE!

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and continue to make much — of the fact that in September 1958 Jung wrote a book (which most of the critics, in any case, have patently *not read!*) and which was translated into English precisely according to its original German title and published (RKP, London, 1959) as: FLYING SAUCERS: A MODERN MYTH OF THINGS SEEN IN THE SKIES. They avidly seized upon the word "*myth*" — not understanding, anyway, that Jung was employing it in the far more important original *Greek* sense, and not as the word is generally used today.

Jung's first thesis was, indeed, that this new phenomenon was *psychological* (this was of course what delighted our critics and why they have made such a fuss over Jung and his book) and that the UFO reports "*heralded momentous changes in the archetypes of the human psyche . . . changes which . . . are in accord with the end of an era . . . and which bring about, or accompany, long-lasting transformations of the collective psyche . . . My conscience as a psychiatrist bids me fulfil my duty, and prepare those few who will hear me, for coming events which are in accord with the end of an Era.*" (Pp. xi and xii of Jung's *Introduction.*)

What, however, our critics and opponents are mighty careful not to mention is that, as she told me, Lou Zinsstag, who had probably the best collection of UFO photographs in Europe, subsequently had many, many long talks with Jung about the UFOs, showed him her photos, over which he mulled and mused at great length, and that, after his book had appeared, he very soon concluded that, whatever the UFOs might be, they are at any rate *real objects* and that, though there might well have been more than a grain of truth in his original startling theory about changes in the *archetypes* of the human *psyche,* the coming of the UFOs nevertheless represented something even more staggering than that for mankind.

Unfortunately for us, Jung wrote no more on the subject. But Lou kept him well briefed on it right up to his passing from our world in 1961.

Meanwhile, the UFOs still look likely to herald some thunderous changes in our *psyche* and in a lot of other even more important respects too. G.C.

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MAIL BAG

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

The UFO Entities and the Jinns

Dear Mr Creighton, — Thank you for your letter.

I will be greatly honoured to co-operate with you at any level, and, although a person in my position may have the right to be afraid of local ridicule, I still have the courage to introduce this thorny subject of the UFOs in various ways among my fellow-countrymen of Iraq.

I have been elected recently to be a member of the Advisory Board of a new Iraqi scientific magazine called U'LOOM (*Sciences*), and although the main line of interest of this quarterly is academic sciences and related subjects, it so happened that the Editor turned out to be extraordinarily concerned with Parapsychology! And he agreed to let me have access to their files. (These belong to the directory of censorship which publishes U'LOOM, so thay may contain lots of UFO reports!)

Regarding the explanation of the verse from the Holy Qur'an which you quoted on page 8 of FSR Vol. 28, No. 6, *I could not find in any of my reference sources a better explanation for the UFOs than yours. They all speak of some sort of "smokeless fire: a pure flame which penetrates even the orifices of the skin, and which kills!"*

(See, for example: AL-MORAGHI'S EXPLANATION, by Ahmed M. Al-Moraghi, Cairo, 1946.)

If you want my opinion, I think these "things" either consist of, or utilize, some kind of energy yet unknown to us, probably of unthinkable power and devastating impact, which needs a certain time-space-recipient setting of unknown combination to be demonstrable.

A useful example which reminds me of this fact, every day, is seeing the patients in our Radiology Department who, after being injected with radioactive tracers, wait for their turn to be scanned accordingly. To our naked eyes, they look exactly like all other ordinary people, but, once they pass in front of a Gamma camera, their startling shadows appear on the T.V. monitor: ghostly, luminescent, dancing flames! *And I always wonder: is it possible that a future Mme. Curie will guide mankind to that secret combination?*

I have recently come across two interesting UFO reports from our part of the world. The first, as I advised you in my previous letter of December 3, 1983, came from our national newspaper, *Ath-Thawra* of Wednesday, November 30, 1983. I enclose herewith the Arabic newsclipping, together with my translation:

Ras-El-Khaima, United Arab Emirates. November 29 (Gulf News Agency and Iraqi News Agency).

> An unidentified flying object emitting powerful beams of orange light towards the ground was seen in the skies over Ras-El-Khaima in the United Arab Emirates.
>
> Eyewitnesses said that the UFO, which appeared at about 11.30 the previous night and remained until 1.30 a.m. today, was emitting two beams of light which, alternately, lasted for about half a minute and then faded away, only to reappear once more.
>
> The eyewitness said that the UFO remained stationary throughout the two-hour period. It was seen by hundreds of people before vanishing at about 1.30 a.m.

The second sighting happened recently over the Iraqi city of Babil, which surrounds the ruins of ancient Babylon (100 km. from Baghdad). Four eyewitnesses, located at different points, all saw a luminous disc which remained for a short while in the sky and then vanished at tremendous speed.

This sighting occurred only one day after the incident of the fire-ball which penetrated a Russian airliner, and was reported world-wide. The semi-official explanation of this Babil case was of course linked with the fire-ball case.

The Editor of U'LOOM asked me to write a preliminary article for him about UFOs. I did so, and it will be published next June. I hope to be able to send you a copy of the article, together with any further details about the sighting at Babil.

I look forward to hearing from you again in the near future and shall be grateful if you can ensure the regular flow of my FSR issues.

With all best wishes,

Faithfully yours,

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Iraq.
March 22, 1984

Missing Photographic Evidence in Australia

Dear Sir, — With reference to your recent article (FSR Vol. 29, No. 1) on missing photographic evidence in Australia, please let me tell you that very great care indeed should be taken in this country as to *where* you send UFO photos for development.

Never send them to ------'s, as the place is riddled with A.S.I.O. agents, who will see that you never get them back again.

I shall in due course send you evidence of this.

Yours sincerely,

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