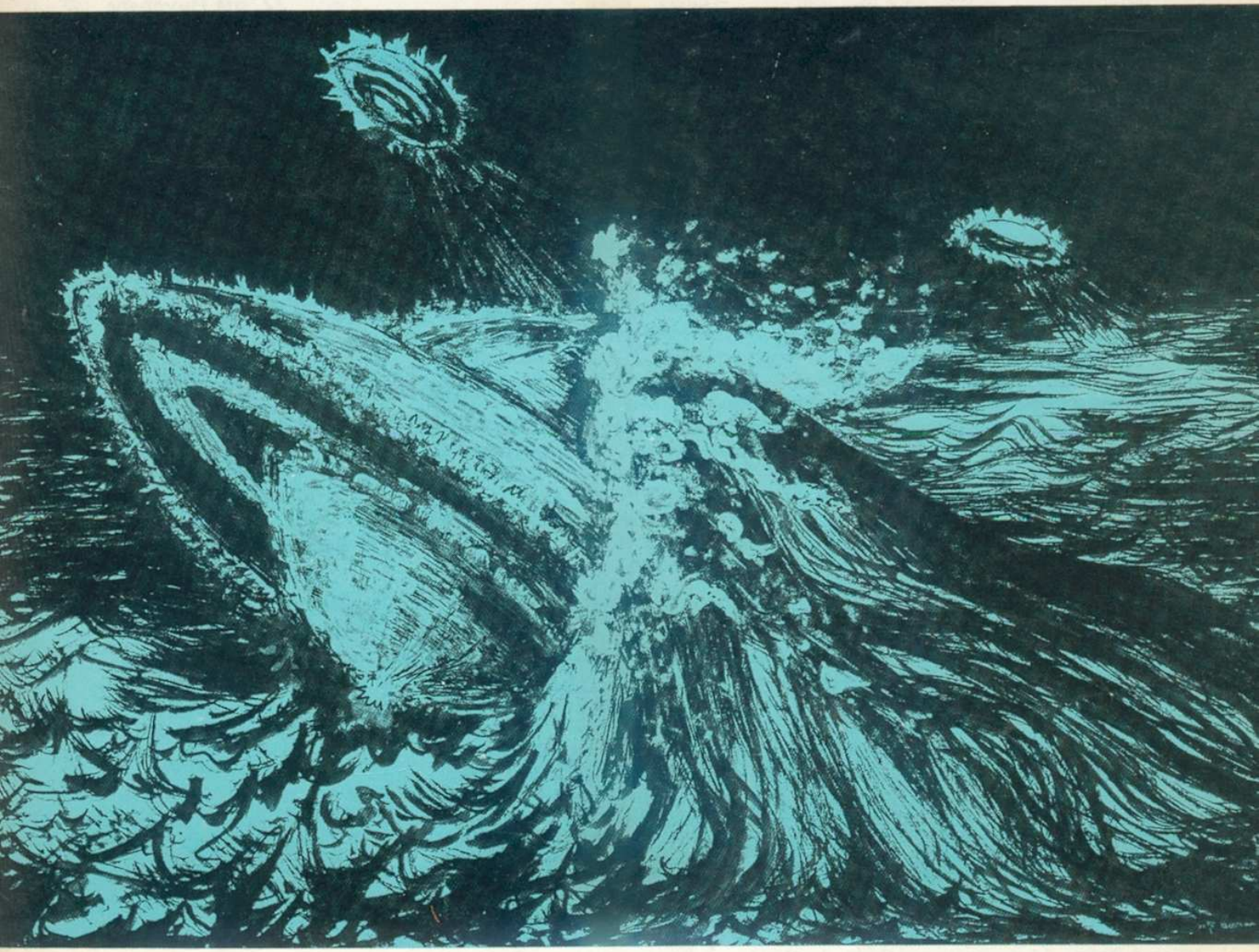
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COLD FEET...?

WITH regard to the perplexing matter of UFO reports, positive steps have been taken in France (officially and academically) and in the United States (on a high academic level) for a sane and rational consideration of the problem. In recent Editorial leaders we have had to record the fact that Britain, by both attitude and example, lags far behind the times, but we have also taken encouragement from the fact that a very fair article, albeit short, about Dr. Hynek's UFO Center found its way into the pages of *Nature*.

Furthermore, we have been appreciative of some of the recorded utterances of bright young scientists, like Dr. John Taylor of Kings College, London University, and Dr. Hasted of Birkbeck College in the same university, with regard — for example — to the Uri Geller phenomenon, which has its own place in the UFO phenomenon. At the same time, however, there was the strange affair of the Targ/Puthoff report in *Nature*, which, it seemed, was sorely afflicted as a result of an attack of cold feet suffered by its publisher. Subsequent events have added substance to this idea, for Dr. Taylor himself revealed in the colour supplement to *The Observer* of April 6, 1975, that a paper which he submitted to *Nature* on the progress of his investigations and experiments on metal bending, as achieved by Geller and others, was rejected.

Plummetting from the lofty plateaux occupied by *Nature* and *The Observer*, we have recently had a chance to consider what could have been yet another attack of the cold-foot 'virus,' this time in the *News of the World*. We knew something about the article which had been projected for publication in that newspaper: its author, Mike Cable, a charming young man who normally specializes in light entertainment and music, approached FSR for ideas and assistance. Your Editor had two meetings with Mr. Cable, and discussed ideas and views, and a number of case histories, with him.

After those discussions we were not surprised by the line that was taken in the first part of the article (*News of the World* for March 16, 1975): the latent perils in outer space, and the possibility that any advanced civilisations that located us might want us as zoological or laboratory specimens. The views of Professors Hewish and Kopal were quoted: "Should we hear the Space 'phone ring to precede a visitation from outer space, then for God's sake let's not answer," together with admonitions not to heed space "radio" messages — which could be nothing but deception — and warnings that we would be well-advised to make ourselves as inconspicuous as possible, even to the extent of closing down radio and TV, and other wireless signalling.

The article also contained observations by Dr. Hynek, who described his changing attitude, over the years, to UFO reports, while "flying

saucer spotter" Mr. Beer of BUFORA was reported to have said that the Ministry of Defence "...just aren't interested. As far as they're concerned UFOs are just a nuisance."

Most interesting, however, were the reported words of Dr. Paul C.W. Davies, of Kings College, London, a contributor to FSR, who stated: "Most people who discuss UFOs as rubbish haven't read the reports. They just don't realise how convincing the evidence is in some cases."

Details from one case history were presented: a truncated version of the Lakenheath events of August 1956, for which the source was *Flying Saucer Review.* Naturally – and we have come to expect this – there was no acknowledgement of the late Dr. James McDonald's work, or mention of our magazine.

So much for the first part of the article: the second part on March 23, 1975, was, in its negative way, far more revealing, despite the fact that it fell completely flat. There were some observations about time dilation, plus Dr. Joachim Kuettner's remarks concerning a convincing film taken from a helicopter near Los Angeles (but, mark you, not a whisper about the meeting last January, in Pasadena, of the vaunted American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, chaired by Dr. Kuettner, at which a heavily attended day was devoted to papers and discussion on the UFO phenomenon).

There was also a complete about-turn by Dr. Paul Davies who, now, was not (bold capitals in the text) convinced that Earth was being visited by extraterrestrial spacecraft* and who added: "Nor do I think this explanation of UFO reports is at all probable. In my opinion the explanation for the small proportion of unexplained UFO reports will be perfectly down-to-earth."

Mr. Cable's article concluded with the paragraph: "Yet there are many people around the world who genuinely believe they have seen flying saucers. And even a luckless few who claim to have been confronted by beings from outer space." There followed, as examples, the briefest of summaries of Carl Higden's Medicine Bow experience, and, in three short paragraphs, the story of Betty and Barney Hill.

Who was it who was attacked by cold feet? From our remembrance of his "initiate-like" interest and fascination with the subject, it seems unlikely that it was Mr. Cable. Were the editors the sufferers? Maybe, but we suspect it is more likely that somewhere someone's feet, instead of being allowed just to cool off, were being stamped on, and pretty heavily.

We have had our own bitter experience of this sort of thing. More recently another contributor to this magazine suffered in the same way. He had prepared a comprehensive article for an influential British newspaper, and this article included details of the French Minister's statements on radio in February, 1974, and of Dr. Hynek's Center, among other fascinating things. Our information is that the editorial staff found the article enlightening and interesting, but some days later our friend learned that it had been squashed from above.

We in Britain have long prided ourselves that we are lovers of the Truth: it seems that in some respects, and where some people are concerned, this is nothing but a myth.

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* Naturally we do not disagree with this: the ET theory is just one of many options that are open.

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THE BURBANK LANDING AND OCCUPANT REPORT

Ann Druffel

OCTOBER 16, 1973 began as just another normal day for G.N. – normal, that is, for a law enforcement officer who works the night shift and sleeps during the day. Normal – until 11.30 a.m., when his wife suddenly awakened him from a deep sleep and excitedly informed him that "something was happening in the back yard."

Seeing the anxious look on her face and hearing frantic barking from the family's usually quiet dog, he rushed out of the back door. In the yard, his younger child, a boy two years old, who does not yet talk, was pointing up towards the sky with wonder and amazement on his face. The large, white dog was standing near an open spot on the lawn, looking intently at the ground and barking furiously.

G.N.'s older son, age four, whom we shall call Eddie for the sake of the family's anonymity, was the only witness who could verbalize what had happened. He told his father excitedly that "something big" had landed in the yard. The boy was talkative and vitally interested in what had occurred, but did not seem frightened. When asked by his father how large the "thing" was that had "landed," the boy stretched out both arms, then pointed towards telephone wires overhead.

Officer N. asked his son to draw what he had seen. Eddie drew an object which was oval in shape, with a pointed dome on top. At the bottom, the boy drew "rays" coming downward, and then indicated smoke or haze below the rays. He told his father the thing made a "buzzing" sound.

N., who is interested in the subject of UFOs, having read a few books on the subject some time ago, and being aware of the Pascagoula, Mississippi abduction case of October 11, 1973, casually asked Eddie if "anything was in the thing." Eddie nodded yes, and drew a series of lines which resembled two capital "Ms" placed side by side, connecting each point at the bottom with a curved line. The effect was like four featureless faces with pointed heads or caps.

Eddie referred to the creatures as "monsters" – his word for anything that is not human. He said "the monsters got out of the object" and let him "look in." He "saw a chair and got scared and ran into the house to tell mother there was magic in the back yard." Eddie, according to Officer N., refers to occurrences which he does not understand as "magic."

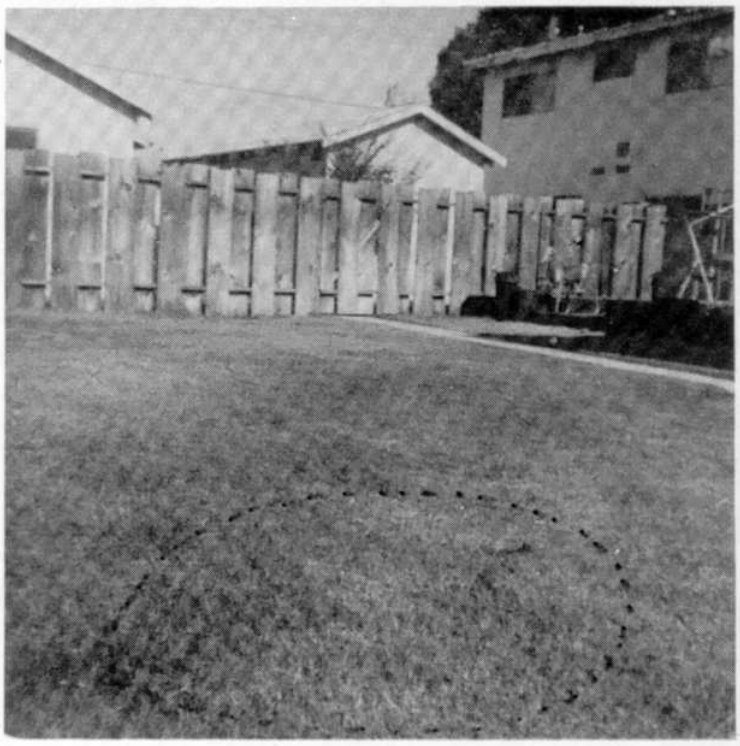
Meanwhile, the family dog kept staring at the spot on the grass where Eddie claimed the object had landed, and near where his young brother had stared with awe into the sky. The dog kept barking furiously for two or three minutes. Officer N. considered this equally as strange as his son's story, for the dog never barked when running loose in the fenced yard, even when strangers approached him. N. examined the "landing spot," but could detect no charring, discoloration, or other markings.

Officer N.'s problem now was how to handle the matter. He knew that Eddie was normally truthful and not given at all to making up stories. The violent reaction of his dog, the awe displayed by the younger son, and the spontaneity and emotion connected with Eddie's account convinced him that the incident should be reported to some knowledgeable source.

He considered reporting it at the agency[1] where he worked, but he was aware that the attitude of most law enforcement officials, at least in Burbank, California where he lived, was to laugh off reports of unidentified flying objects. He had never agreed with this attitude. He mentioned his son's experience to a fellow officer that evening at work. This officer happened to have the telephone number of the California UFO Research Institute, based in Lawndale, California.

Officer N. contacted CUFORI and was referred by Peter Gutilla of that organization to the Midwest UFO Network (MUFON), which had investigators in the Burbank area.

On behalf of MUFON, I contacted Officer N. There was a delay caused by the N. family's vacation-



The alleged landing spot (approximate area marked in black pen). The photograph looks towards the north-east over most likely line of approach (overhead excepted) of a landing object

ing out of the city over a national holiday weekend, but on October 24th I had an initial telephone conversation with N. I was impressed by his evident truthfulness and his desire to report the incident as a civic duty, in spite of deep reluctance to involve his family in ridicule. At his request, he was assured of anonymity.[2]

His discussion of the matter was straightforward. He readily agreed to a home visit, although Mrs. N. was adamant that she didn't want anyone to talk to the children about their experience because it might frighten them. Officer N. took my reassurance that skillful interviewing could bring out the facts from Eddie without dredging up undue fear. He agreed to talk to Mrs. N. and gain her co-operation.

On October 25th, the date of the home interview, Mrs. N. and the two boys were not home. She had taken them out for the day, still fearful for the children's sake. Officer N. was most co-operative, however, and my impression of an honest and reliable individual was doubly reinforced. In spite of being caught in the midst of difficult circumstances, he strived to report the incident as fully and as accurately as possible.

In the backyard, there were no signs that anything unusual or heavy had "landed" – no burned or stained spots, imprints, etc. The alleged landing place was photographed (See Figure 1).

There was full confirmation regarding the dog's good nature. He is an immense 10-month-old "puppy," part Samoyed and part husky or sheepdog. Although he whined and barked when I first approached the house, he did not bark at all while I was in the house and the back yard. Quite the contrary, he greeted me as a long-lost friend, continually jumping up in silent but playful greeting, in spite of his master's attempts to dissuade him. I tried photographing the animal, but he wouldn't stay still long enough to pose.

I passed a compass over the ground at the alleged landing spot, but found no deviation from north. Comparisons at other parts of the yard yielded the same negative results. The dog no longer showed any fear, curiosity, or any reaction whatsoever at the alleged landing place.

The open area of the yard is about twenty feet wide and forty-five feet long, covered with a coarse, short-cropped grass lawn (see Figure 2). To the east is a garage, to the west a telephone pole and a single tree, still bearing green leaves. The tree had no sign of singeing, broken branches, etc. A large scar in the trunk is old and evidently had no relation to the reported incident.

Telephone wires about twenty feet high pass over the yard and near the tree. The house is surrounded by high fences, and is right in the middle of a thickly-settled residential area. However, a wide concrete flood-control channel cuts obliquely through the residential area, running generally north-south and passing by two houses west of the N. home.

The most likely path of approach for any object coming down from the sky would be from straight overhead or low in from the north-northeast over a one-storey neighbouring house.

As to the possibility of other witnesses, N. indicated he had inquired of the neighbours on each side. The neighbour to the immediate east was not home on the date of the sighting, and the neighbour to the west "stays inside all the time and didn't see anything." I checked at an adjacent

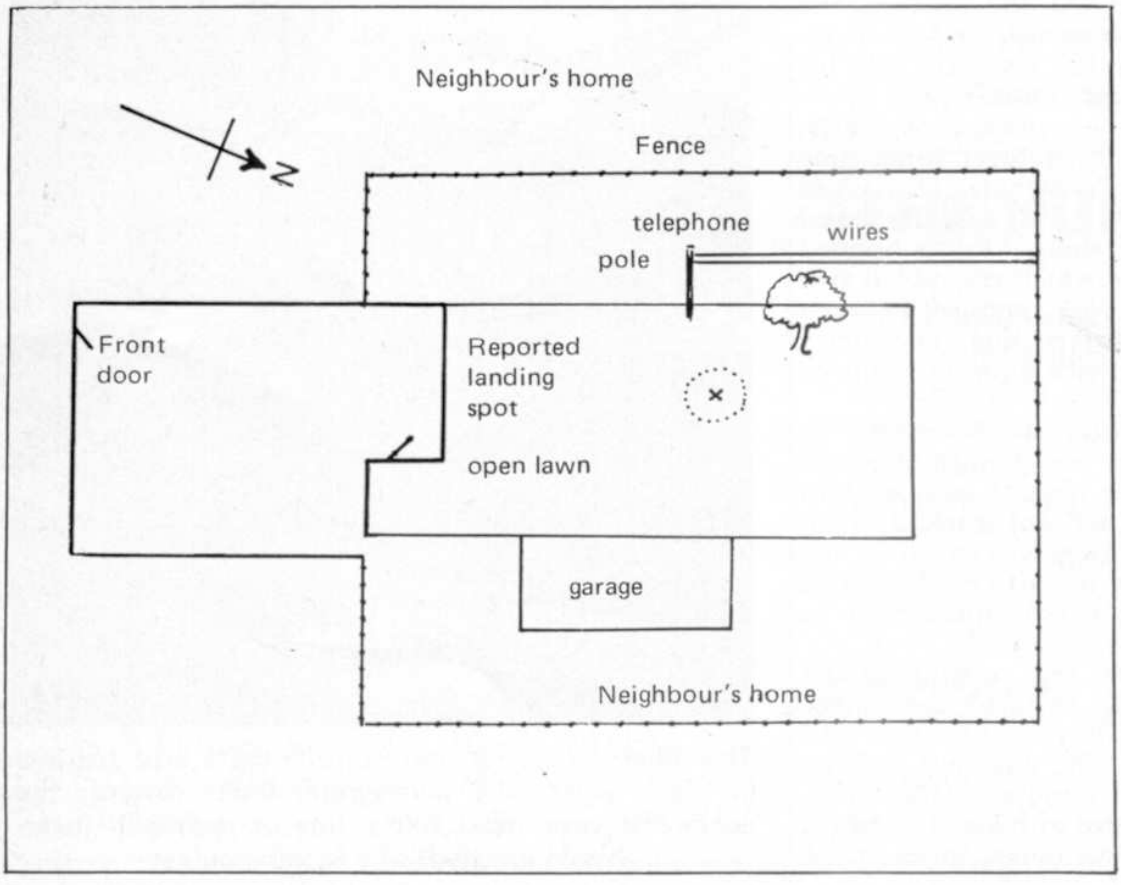


Figure 2

Plan of the house and backyard showing the spot where the young witness alleged an object had landed.

building to the northwest of the N. home, where one of the apartments overlooks the N. yard from about fifty feet away. The young woman occupant stated she had not seen or heard anything unusual the day of the sighting.

As far as is known, Mrs. N. heard no sound or otherwise had any inkling that something out of the ordinary was happening to the children until Eddie came running in the house crying that "there was magic in the back yard."

I did not push the idea of interviewing Mrs. N. and the children, respecting Mrs. N's fear and N.'s reluctance to pursue the issue with her. There was evidence that Mrs. N. herself was frightened by the experience, since the boys' reaction had seemed so real at the time. It is possible that, being aware of the October U.S. flap and probably of the Pascagoula abduction case, that she considered that her children themselves had had a narrow escape. Even before October 16th, Mrs. N. would not allow her husband to discuss the matter of UFOs or to read items from the paper aloud concerning UFOs in the presence of the children.

Under these circumstances, I feel I have learned about all that can be gleaned of the four-year-old Eddie's verbal account by interviewing his father in depth. As a law enforcement officer, he is skilled in interviewing. He stated he did not try to lead the boy or gather minute details because of the boy's age and the possibility that the youngster would tend to embellish if urged too hard. It is N.'s sincere opinion, however, that his son's account of the landing, the occupants, and the fact that the boy was invited to look into the craft are all truthful, by reason of its spontaneity.

He stated that Eddie is bright mentally, having begun to talk and draw at one year. Eddie's drawing ability is considered above average for his age.

When I asked to see the sketches Eddie had drawn, N. explained that Mrs. N. had thrown them out, because they were reminders of an incident she wished to forget and which she wished her sons to forget. After my initial telephone call, N. asked Eddie to make another sketch of the object. He did so, but this time he drew the object as more elongated, with a smaller, rounded dome and rays and "haze" coming from the back rather than from the bottom. Could this be due to the boy's drawing the object as he had seen it from another angle, for instance, taking off?

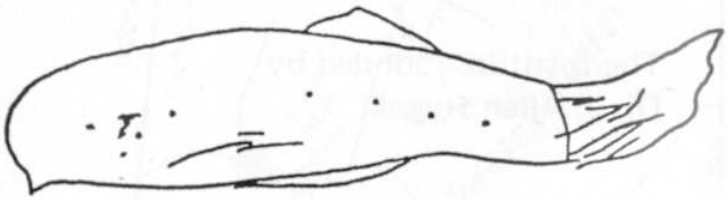


Figure 3

Sketch made by four-year-old Eddie N. on October 23, depicting the "big thing" which he claims landed in his back yard.

Officer N. found this second sketch of Eddie's and gave it to me. At the same time, he redrew from memory Eddie's rendition of the occupants (See Figures 3 and 4).

On the evening of October 26th, Mr. Walt Greenawald, another MUFON investigator, went with me to the N. home upon the invitation of Mr. N. The N.s were having company, but Mr. N. led us into the backyard and was, as before, courteous and co-operative.

Mr. Greenawald, an aerospace engineer, using a geiger counter borrowed from his company's instrument lab., took radiation readings at different places in the back yard as well as at the reputed landing spot. No readings other than background radiation were obtained. Ten days had passed since the event, and a light rain had fallen on Burbank on October 23rd.

I took flash bulb photos of the yard, the tree, the telephone wires and of the family dog, who was on a leash (see Figure 5). I obtained permission from Officer N. to publish full facts of the case (aside from identifying information) in UFO research journals.

From October 27 till August 15, 1974 this case was discussed verbally and by correspondence with several American researchers, including Dr. Berthold E. Schwarz and Mrs. Idabel Epperson, who is presently MUFON's State Director for Southern California. Without exception, all the experienced researchers with whom the case was discussed were in agreement that, regardless of the tender age of the witnesses, the case seemed to have considerable merit, and possibly provided clues as to the motives and methods employed by UFOs during the October 1973 flap.

As is generally known, the fall of 1973 was a time of enormous numbers of American sightings. Its main interest to ufologists, however, lies in the fact that the UFOs seemed to be entering into a new "phase of action." An unprecedented number of close approaches, landings, and occupant sightings were reported throughout every section of the United States.

The Occupant flap in the States

The Los Angeles-Burbank area, itself, experienced a localized flap in October. On October 4th in Simi, California, a rather isolated town thirty miles northwest of Burbank, an occupant and near-landing

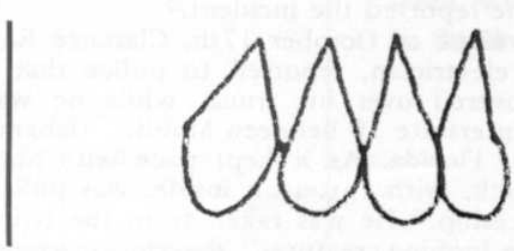


Figure 4

Officer N's rendering of a drawing made earlier by his son, depicting "monsters" or occupants in the object

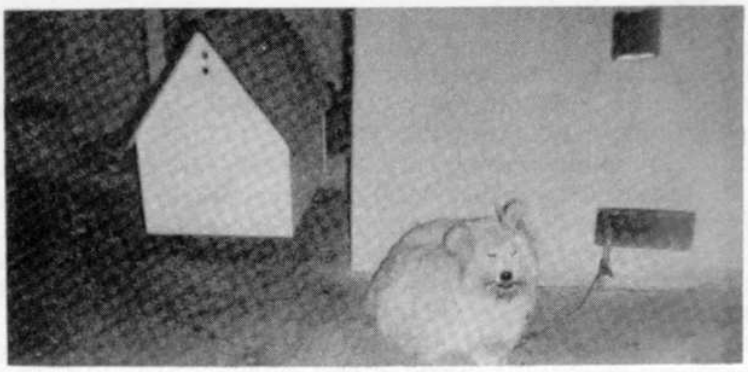


Figure 5
The N's family dog. Photo was taken at night by flashbulb

figured in an important and fully documented case.[3] A bizarre aerial object was viewed a few days later by a group of Burbank Lockheed aerospace employees, and on October 24th, a close approach at treetop level badly frightened two witnesses in nearby Griffith Park.[4] Therefore, the Burbank "landing" of October 16th occurred in its own milieu of UFO activity, and the witnesses were two tiny children who had not read, talked about, or even heard anything about the other reports emanating from their area. The reliability of the father, the reaction of the family dog, and the mother's fear all add credence to the report.

It is a striking fact, also, that the date of the event, October 16th, was just one day before the peak number of occupant reports in the United States. Ted Bloecher, MUFON State-Section Director in New York, who is specializing in occupant reports, kindly provided me with newspaper clippings from his splendid file and added information as to the possible value of each individual case. Bloecher had collected no less than six occupant cases occurring in the United States on October 17, 1973. Of the six, two were considered doubtful.

The other four cases are considered by U.S. researchers as "possible." For example, two miles north of Danielsville, Georgia, salesman Paul Brown, a non-drinking, hard-working man of good reputation reported skidding to a halt when a blindingly bright craft some fifteen feet in diameter landed in the path of his car. It let out a pair of four-foot-high white-haired, red-skinned creatures in silver suits. The only evidence of the landing was twenty-five feet of skid marks laid down by the startled Brown's auto. Police confirmed that Brown seemed shaken when he reported the incident.[5]

That same night of October 17th, Clarence Ray Patterson, an electrician, reported to police that a huge UFO hovered over his truck, while he was travelling on Interstate 10 between Mobile, Alabama and Pensacola, Florida. As it kept pace with him, his pickup truck, with Patterson inside, was pulled into the "spaceship." He was taken from the truck by six "strange looking creatures", description vague, but short in stature and somewhat resembling the Pascagoula "robots" of October 11th fame. Police seemed convinced that Patterson's terrified state

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GLOWING UFO NEAR STELLING MINNIS, CANTERBURY

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FOUR students of physical education at Nonington College saw an unusual object during the night of January 23-24, 1975 (approximately between the hours of 23.57 and 00.20).

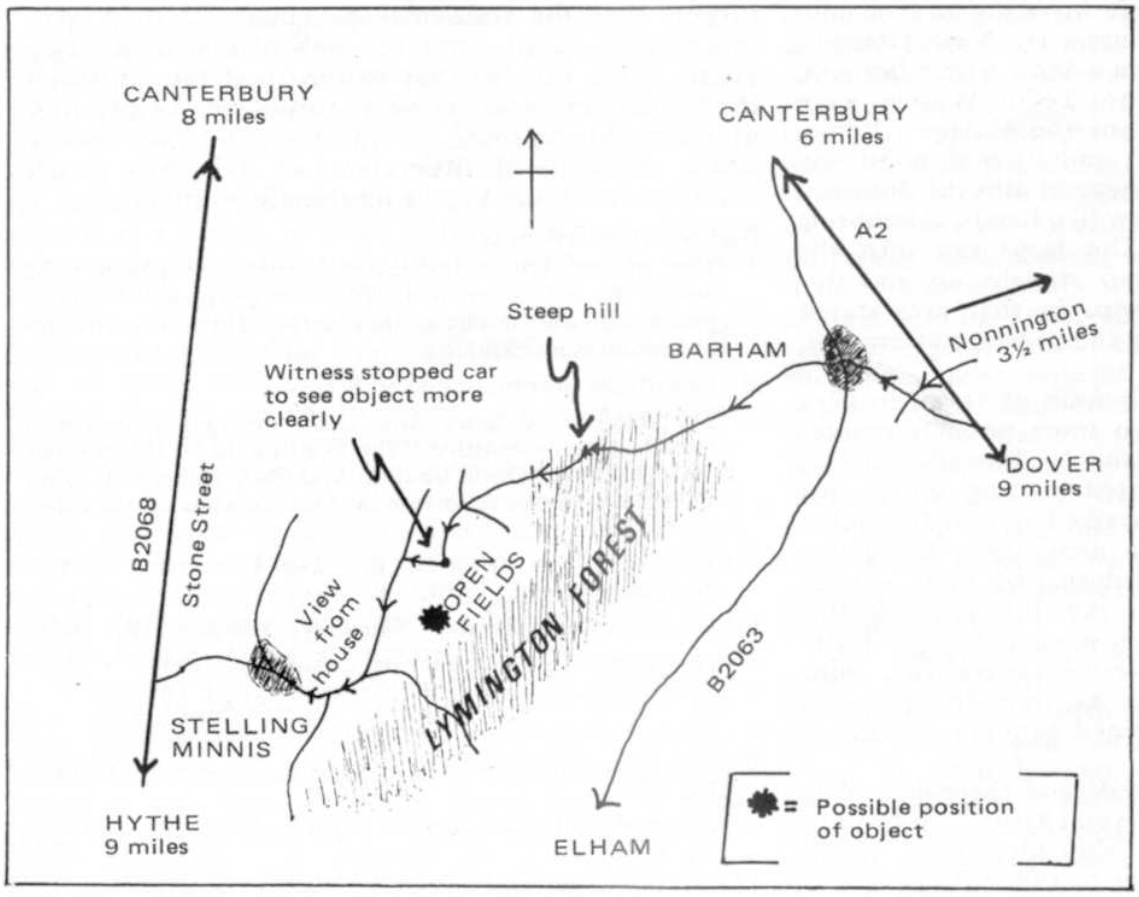
The witnesses were Miss Phyllis Lewington, Miss Yvonne Wilson, Miss Marcia Williams and Miss Jill Wood, all aged 20 at the time. I conducted a telephone interview on January 29, after seeing a brief report of the incident in a local newspaper.

Miss Lewington and Miss Wilson were returning by car to Stelling Minnis after a visit to friends. It was just before midnight on January 23. About one-and-a-half miles from Barham, on the wooded road to Stelling Minnis, they both noticed a glow in the sky over to their left which Miss Wilson suggested might be the lights from Elham. However, on reaching a steep hill a little further along the road, they were able to see across the trees to open fields ahead and to their left. They could then see that the glow came from a perfectly round ball of light, bright orange and hovering about 100 ft. above the ground. The time was three minutes to midnight.

Miss Lewington, who was driving, takes up the story:

"I was now clear of the trees and coming on to level ground. I began to slow down to figure out what it was and then stopped by a right-angled bend in the road. We could both see the object more clearly. It was hovering at the opposite end of a very large field, glowing in the sky and lighting up the whole area. After about 5 seconds the object began to move towards us without a sound. I started to panic and got the car moving again. Yvonne was able to watch the object through the rear window. There was no change to the intensity of light or the shape, but Yvonne thought that the object was hovering again. As we were approaching Stelling Minnis, Yvonne could see it hovering over the Forest at about the same height, but slightly smaller in size.

"Our house is in the middle of Stelling Minnis and end-on to the Forest and therefore the hovering object. We parked the car quickly in the driveway and ran upstairs to Yvonne's bedroom, opened the window and looked out in the direction we had come from. We could just see the forest trees and the light was still in the sky and still glowing orange. However, now it was moving rapidly up and down and undulating from side to side, sometimes just above the trees and then below the tree line.



Sketch map of the sighting area showing the witnesses' route from Nonnington to Stelling Minnis

"We then decided to wake up the others. Marcia came and looked out of the window. She saw the object which was hovering once more, but she became frightened and went back to bed. Jill then came in and once again all three of us saw the light moving up and down and from side to side. We had been looking out of the window for about five minutes and it must have been about 12.15 when the object finally moved off to the right". [towards the South].

Miss Wilson confirmed that the sky was clear and the stars visible. She said that although they were all interested in the subject of flying saucers and had held discussions about this phenomenon on several occasions, they had not read any books on the subject.

When the object had departed, Miss Wilson phoned the police. Two officers arrived in a van about 10 minutes later. She could not remember whether they were from Canterbury or Folkestone. One of them thought that the object might have been a firework on a parachute, as he knew of a woman in the area who often had firework parties. But it was confirmed that her house was nowhere near the area of the sighting. They also checked with Army Camps in the district to confirm that it was not a flare. Air Traffic Control at Manston (Flt/Lt. Turnball) also confirmed that there had been no aircraft or weather balloons in the area at that time.

Postscript

Miss Lewington remembered a similar sighting in the same area which she made at 4 o'clock in the morning of November 23, 1973, but this time from the students' hostel at Nonington. Several girls were with her, but as they had been to a party, they dismissed it from their minds at that time.

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was real and that he was not under influence of drugs or alcohol.[6]

That same incredible night was the date of Jeff Greenhaw's encounter in Falkville, Alabama with a human-shaped occupant dressed in material "like mirrors".[7] This case, under study by MUFON investigators, was aptly reported by Eileen Buckle in a recent issue of FSR.[8]

The most startling October 17th case, in that it offers corroboration with the Burbank boys' experience, occurred in Watauga, Tennessee. Mrs. Linda Green and a neighbour, Ruth O'Quinn, watched a copper-coloured circular craft hovering near a hillside adjacent to their homes. To Mrs. Greene's horror, the vehicle landed on a lawn where her son, Junior, and a neighbour's boy, Teddy Malone, were playing across the street from the Greene's home. A door opened on the craft and "a man about six feet tall with blinking eyes stepped into the doorway and reached out with two claw-like hands, attempting to snatch the children." The boys ran into the house, and the vehicle soared straight up and disappeared. At least five persons in that area stated they had seen similar objects the previous afternoon, October 16th.[9]

Adding to this amazing bundle of October 17th occupant-landing reports, two more possible reports turned up on October 18th. In Russell County, Kentucky, a farmwife reported coming across two three-foot-high men as she walked out of her home to feed her dogs. The little men, upon being disturbed, hurried to a washtub-shaped craft settled nearby and took off into the sky. Interesting in this report is the fact that the woman reported the "men" as being "red" in color, correlating with Paul Brown's observation in Georgia the previous day. The witness' fright seemed genuine, according to the investigating sheriff.[10]

To round off this unprecedented three-day cycle of landing-occupant reports, several Effingham County Georgia residents reported a "tiny silver man" standing along the road. According to the witnesses, who asked not to be identified, a line of traffic slowed to gape at the little creature, but no one dared leave their car, probably "too scared of what they might find."[11]

We discover, therefore, that the landing-occupant report of October 17th in Burbank, California was but one of many equally incredible encounters during the three-day period from October 16th through October 18th. If it is possible to learn anything from the encounter of Eddie N. and his brother it might be this: a hint of motive or method being tried by UFO occupants at the present time. I suggest that the four little occupants, if they were indeed real, could sense the lack of fear of the two young boys and for that reason used the approach they did. One wonders what would be the reaction of other "occupants" to human adult witnesses if adults showed as little fear as did these small children. Is this the key to meaningful contact?

Notes and references

1 The precise law enforcement agency for which G.N. works is not identified, for the purpose of better preserving the family's anonymity. However, the information is in FSR files.

2 Identifying information in FSR files.

3 *The Register,* a Santa Ana, Calif. newspaper, carries a weekly column entitled "The Continuing UFO," written by researchers David Branch and Bob Klinn. The Simi Valley case was reported in that column on October 31, 1973.

4 This case was reported in "The Continuing UFO," ibid., November 8, 1973.

5 *Athens Banner-Herald,* Thursday, October 18, 1973.

6 *The News,* Pensacola, Florida, October 18, 1973

7 *The Birmingham News,* Friday, October 19, 1973

8 *Flying Saucer Review,* November-December 1973

9 *The Press Chronicle,* Johnson City, Tennessee, October 18, 1973.

10 *The Times-Journal,* Russell Springs, Kentucky, October 25, 1973.

11 *The News,* Savannah, Georgia, October 20, 1973.

UNDERWATER UFO BASE OFF VENEZUELA?

Gordon Creighton

DURING the course of 1972 we received a great number of reports of a concentration of UFO sightings in the Caribbean islands of Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico in the months of August, September, and October, and we have given a first instalment in Salvador Freixedo's *UFOs over the Caribbean* (FSR Case Histories, Supplement 14, April 1973).

We are now much indebted to FSR's representative in Venezuela, Senor Victor Gesua, for a sheaf of valuable press-reports which show clearly that in the last ten days of March, and first few days of April, a similar sort of wave was occurring in his country, which is located on the southern shores of the Caribbean. As will be seen from the digest which I give below of these Venezuelan reports, all the indications seem to point, as so many Venezuelans now believe, to the existence of an underwater UFO base somewhere off their coast.

As the accompanying map shows, the present centre of activities is the coastal area of Venezuela known as El Litoral Central, which is the northward-facing coastline having the Capital Caracas, and its port, La Guaira, roughly in the centre, and located a little to the north of Latitude 10º North.

La Guaira

Great alarm was produced in the population of La Guaira at 4.00 o'clock in the afternoon of March 22, 1973 when two flying objects were seen approaching at tremendous speed from the sea. The objects veered sharply and passed over the area between Naiguata and Carenero. Then, when over La Sabana, in the parish of Caruao, the objects halted, at a height of some 200 metres or so. They were observed with the utmost clarity by more than 3,000 people during the course of their incursion. Press representatives interviewed many, finding not a few who were too terrified to venture out of their homes. All agreed that the objects looked "...very much like what we have seen in science-fiction programmes on the TV."

At first the local Police told the many scared telephone-callers that they were crazy, but once the affair had been reported to the Prefecture, orders were issued for Police to proceed to the area in question, and then policemen were able to see the UFOs for themselves, and to observe the two saucers hanging there, stationary in the sky.

When the craft had first made their appearance they left bluish trails, clearly visible against the deep blue cloudless afternoon sky. After hanging motionless for between five and ten minutes, they began to emit jets of orange flame, and a distinct whistling sound was heard coming from them. They then separated, one moving off eastwards at a fantastic speed, while the other headed westwards towards Venezuela's great International Airport at Maiquetia.

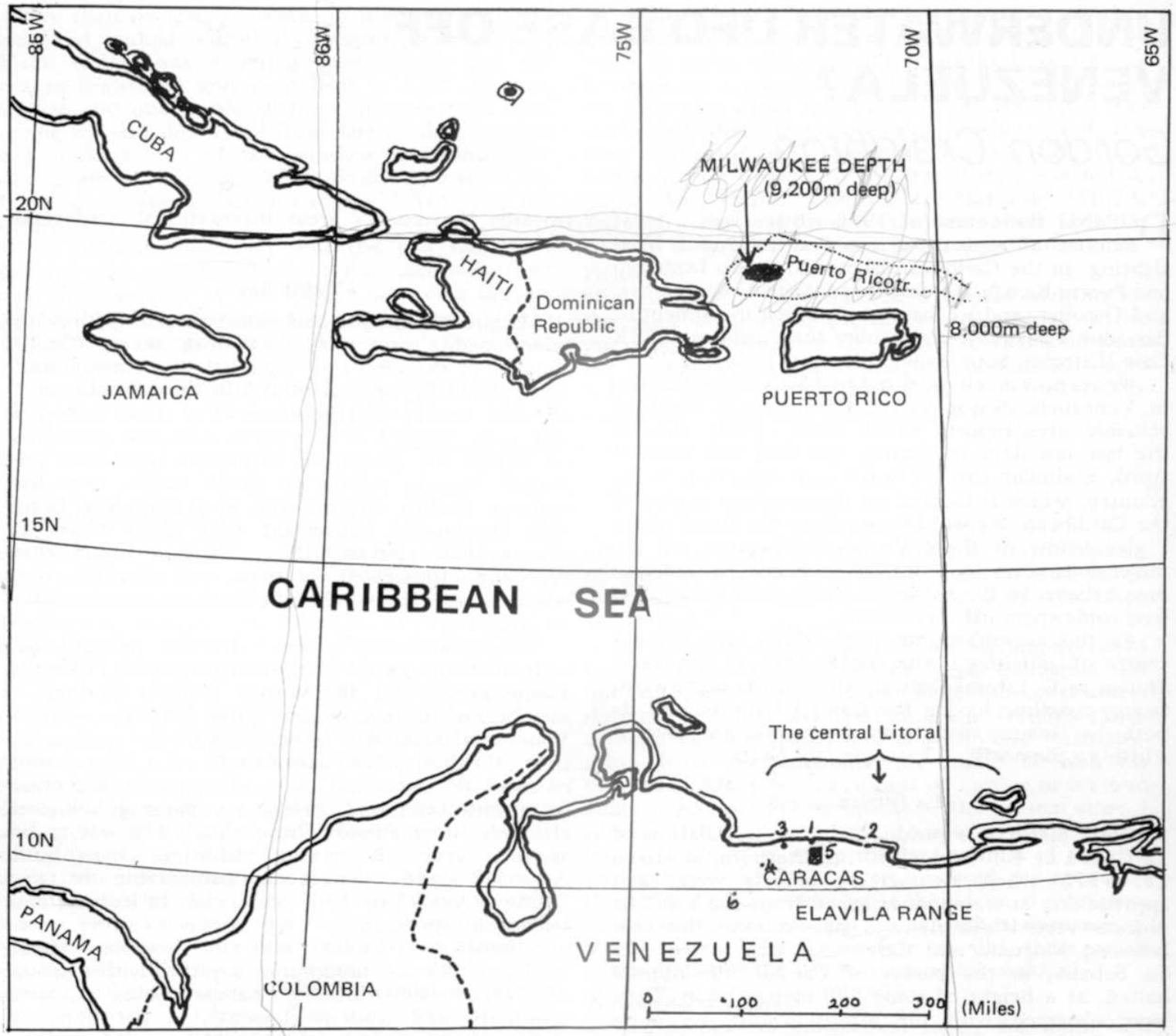
Maiquetia

Maiquetia residents had already reported that for many nights past they had been seeing "lights hanging in the air" and "lights that are not stars." After remaining stationary awhile, these would move off and vanish. Furthermore there have been, as was now recalled in the press, previous occasions on which the people of Maiquetia have seen unknown objects passing at great height over the nation's leading airport. The local populace being thus thoroughly conversant with many types of conventional aircraft, the journalists found that everyone interviewed by them was adamant that, whatever it was that they had seen, it was certainly no aircraft.

When the "flap" broke in the press it so happened that two Argentine investigators, Professor Fabio Zerpa and the actress Thelma Stefani – members of the investigation group ONIFE – were in Venezuela on a visit. Interviewed by the local press, they said that, on the basis of telepathic information received by them and their associates in Argentina from extraterrestrial beings via parapsychological channels, they already knew that 1973 was to be another year of massive visitations over both Argentina and Venezeula, comparable to the "bumper years" of 1965 and 1968. In lectures and television appearances they spoke of their parapsychological researches, and said they were about to depart for the mountains, together with a group of Venezuelan doctors, parapsychologists, and university and student elements, in the hope of making contact there with the UFO entities. (Miss Stefani told of having visited Trancas soon after the famous experiences of the Moreno family, and said she saw a deep hole at the spot above which the nearest UFO had been hovering. She said the ground there was dry and parched, and that for long afterwards nothing would grow there, and animals all shunned the spot.)

Professor Zerpa told the press that there were already in Caracas many people who had made contact with extraterrestrial beings by means of parapsychology.

On the night of March 23/24, 1973, many people in the streets of La Guaira saw a UFO zigzagging from North to South, emitting great flashes of blue and pinkish light with each lateral lunge. It then became stationary over the Club Playa Azul (Blue Beach Club) for several minutes. The frightened witnesses thought at first that it was a comet or something similar. But, some fifteen minutes later, when it was out over the sea,



Map of the Caribbean. Key 1 La Guaira 2 Naiguata 3 Catia la Mar 4 Maiquetia Airport 5 Macuto 6 Carayaca 7 Carenero

at an estimated distance of 15 miles or so, they were able to see quite distinctly, so they claimed, despite the prevailing night mist, that the UFO was generating great waves on the surface.

A Spaniard named Ernesto Castejon, resident of La Guaira, told the press that he had been standing at a bus stop near the La Guaira Customs Building when he saw this extremely bright object zig-zagging to and fro in the sky. After watching for some seconds in fear and astonishment, he took to his heels. When he looked back, the UFO had gone.

Other reports that night were of UFOs seen travelling at immense speeds over the towns of Todasana, La Sabana, Naiguata, and Caruao.

Thelmo Lozano, a fifty-year-old fisherman, reported that the UFOs produced disturbances to radio and television reception. While the luminous objects were overhead, his own radio gave out an intermittent whistle, after which came a noise like a badly scratched phonograph disc, and then, finally a noise such as is caused in the ether by thunder and lightning. In the TV reception he said that the image was totally lost and nothing could be seen but broken vertical and horizontal lines.

Another witness, a lady named Senora Socorro Bolivar, said she had seen some of the mystery objects at 9.00 p.m. over the sea off Macuto. They were "lights, moving to and fro, at all angles, and up and down" and they produced a profound impression on her since she well knew they could be no aircraft.

Other witnesses emphasised the instantaneous changes of colour, and also said the objects seemed to change shape, becoming oval.

Oswaldo Suarez said he thought the lights invariably arrived flying on a N–S course, "took up positions over the sea," and then vanished at high speed towards either West or East.

On March 26, 1973, the press gave further publicity to the views of the Argentinian investigators, quoting Professor Zerpa who repeated that this year there would be massive UFO waves, by some 5,000 craft which would be seen in flights of ten. (So he claimed to have learnt, by telepathy.)

Zerpa said that the appearance of so many UFOs over South America was simply due to the fact that they had to enter the Earth's atmosphere by slipping in through the "hole" (over the South Pole) in the Van Allen Radiation Belts.

He claimed too to have learnt, telepathically, that the UFOs originate from a region distant some 4,000 light-years from Earth, but that it takes them only two years for the journey, in which they make use of Mars as a way-station and as a jumping-off point for their inspection flights to Earth.

Discussing the widely held belief about underwater bases, the press interviewed a Sr. Julian Hidalgo Montezuma, a night-watchman, who said he recently saw UFOs over Macuto and Naiguata. He said he had seen several "orange lights," tubular in shape, "like our rockets," rise up out of the water far out at sea and vanish into the sky. On other occasions he had also watched them emerge and then fly off eastwards along the Venezuelan coast. Sometimes he has seen them emerge several times in one night, and, like many others in Venezuela, he advanced the view that there might be a vast submerged "mother-ship" out there.

During the night of March 25/26, 1973, the craft were seen again over La Guaira and various other coastal towns. Some witnesses spoke of seeing UFOs rise out of the sea and fly southwards over Venezuela. Others spoke of seeing them flying them East to West.

At 6.30 p.m., from near the great Maiquetia International Airport, witnesses saw a luminous UFO at great height over Macuto. It then came over the Airport, halted there for about half a minute, and then made off rapidly towards the El Avila Range (southwards from Caracas and La Guaira).

One witness, Pedro Pena, who lives close to the Airport and so is well acquainted with aircraft, said that he saw a UFO which was at first of a bright light-green colour. Then it became an opaque orange while stationary over the Airport, finally turning to a vivid white as it moved off and vanished. He had the impression that it was rotating.

Carmelo Panfri Salazar, a municipal sanitary employee, also said he saw a UFO rise up out of the sea and move south towards El Avila Range. Nor, he added, was this the first time; indeed, anybody could see it happening, any evening, between 6 and 7 p.m. He said the craft rise from the sea far out, opposite the La Guaira Marine Passenger Terminal, and head at incredible speed southwards towards El Avila Range.

Salazar concurred with Pedro Pena about the colour-change sequence, running from red via orange to vivid white, and also on the apparent change of shape to oval, as mentioned by the night-watchman Montezuma.

Pedro Pena's statements were backed by fellow-witnesses: his brother Carlos and his friend Luis Perez, and Salazar's were backed by Donato Garcia who, from a window of his flat saw "a thing like a saucer" emerge from the sea.

On March 28, 1973, it was reported that sightings had now been going on for about ten days at the Maiquetia International Airport. The public were now growing alarmed, and consider the Airport to be under surveillance, perhaps because it is now so much busier with large jet aircraft. The underwater base theory is mentioned as being ever more widely held. It is also widely believed the UFOs frequently land in out-of-the-way places and lonely beaches, especially on the eastern side of the Venezuelan coast, where charred sand and stones have been found. The reporters of the newspaper *Ultimas Noticias* visited one of these spots, on a very stony beach. It struck them as notable that the putative landing-site was totally devoid of stones, as though these had all been blasted outwards towards the periphery. The ground there looked "as though it had been swept by a blow-lamp."

At another place on a beach an enormous hole, described as a "UFO nest," was found, with lots of dead crabs, seemingly killed by some radiation effect.

However a powerful tidal surge from the sea a few nights later erased all traces of some of these alleged sites, and when reporters got there, nothing more could be seen. (At both sites, witnesses had recently seen stationary UFOs at a height of some 200 metres, for periods of about ten minutes.)

One of these witnesses, Sr. Ruperto Màta, said the UFO looked as though made of aluminium, and much resembled the idea of a flying saucer as given in the papers. From its underbelly it emitted what seemed to be light-green flames. These flames changed to bright orange when the craft made off at high speed, and then became a vivid white before the craft vanished from sight.

The next night, UFOs were seen over Maiquetia and Catia La Mar. Most of the witnesses said they rose up out of the sea, and then flew from East to West, over Naiguata and Caruao, to the Maiquetia International Airport, after which they made off southwards to the Carayaca Mountains and the El Avila Range. One observer, Rafael Tovar, a sanitary employee, reported having seen an oval object, of apparent size of some 30 cm. (diameter), silver in colour, with an orange light on its rear part while the front was a vivid white. It passed over the Airport at great height, towards Catia La Mar.

Braulio Munoz, a Customs employee, described a similar object, moving from East to West and seen by him when right over the Airport.

On March 30, 1973, the papers carried an account of the experiences of Armando Silva of "La Salina," near Carayaca, who told the press that on March 28/29 he and his wife had had a strange experience at their country house, which is near the seashore. On the evening of the 28th, they had

seen two elongated bluish objects flying at great height. Then, at about 1.00 a.m. on the 29th, they had both been awakened by a sensation of enormous heat. The wife went to the balcony and looked out towards the sea, and beheld "two long blue flying things like capsules, not very big; they were the same as we had seen the previous evening. They were of a vivid blue colour, and so close that I am absolutely sure of what I saw. When they came nearer to the shore they shone as brightly as the sun. One of them dropped into the sea, submerged, and then came out again. The second one also dropped into the sea, lay still awhile, and then moved nearer to the first one." (From Senora Silva's letter to the Editor of *Ultimas Noticias,* Caracas newspaper.)

Senora Silva said her sighting of these two objects lasted about fifteen minutes, and ended when she watched them both take off from the water and vanish in the sky at a staggering speed.

After the craft had departed the temperature in their house seemed to return to normal and the Silvas were able to sleep again.

The account given by the husband is even more interesting, for it seems that while his wife watched from the balcony, he went out of the house to take a closer look. As he described it to the press: "I was terrified when, at one of the small windows on the strange little object that came down from the sky and fell into the sea a few metres from the shore, I saw a tiny figure, like a five-year-old child, and wearing on its head what looked like a great gourd. I cannot say for sure that it was an intelligent being, since I only saw half of its body and its head which, as I say, looked like a gourd. Nor did I see any arms. And I didn't wait to see whether it made any movement, for I took to my heels and ran into the house, where my wife was watching, from the balcony, the two things which had come down from the sky and were bobbing up and down there in the water."

On March 31, *Ultimas Noticias* reported that on the previous day their La Guaira office had received ten 'phone calls from some of the many hundreds of people who had seen UFOs passing overhead, principally from West to East, but also on more irregular courses than previously. This spectacle, now a regular feature in the lives of the La Guaira populace, occurred between 6.30 and 8.00 p.m. on March 30. All reports said the UFOs arrived from the West (Caruao area), flying at a considerable height, their apparent size being about 40 cm. (diameter). They were in Indian file, and in this formation they passed right on over the Maiquetia International Airport and then vanished towards the Carayaca Mountains. Half an hour later they were seen returning, on an East—West course, over the sea, and some time later they made a third appearance, now flying from South to North, coming from El Avila Range, and finally vanishing out to sea, presumably to that under-water base or "submerged mother-ship" in which so many Venezuelans now believe. The colours of the craft varied between green, orange, and vivid white.

On April 1, *Ultimas Noticias* reported that, according to their La Guaira office, matters had been just the same on the nights of March 29 and 30, the public being now alarmed, with much talk of a threat to Venezuela and of an impending invasion of the Earth by ultraterrestrial (sic) beings. As before, the objects were appearing from the West and flying eastwards over the Maiquetia International Airport. One witness, Sr. Jesus Rojas of Maiquetia, said he watched one UFO for an hour as it flew around over La Guaira, passing over the Airport at least three times. Then it plummeted almost vertically, and from a great height, into the sea right off the port of La Guaira.

On April 2 the paper published a report of the previous day from La Guaira, containing a statement by a Customs agent named Celestino Perez Perez. "It was about 11.00 p.m., and I had just finished work in connection with cargo being unloaded from a ship, when I saw a glowing object drop into the sea right opposite the Marine Passengers Terminal. I can't rightly claim that it was a 'flying saucer,' but I can definitely say it was no aircraft such as we here are used to seeing every day of our lives at the big International Airport near here. For on two occasions I have seen accidents, in which big aircraft fell into the sea, and each time when they did so they exploded as they hit the water and the sea was covered with flames over a big area. With what I saw, it was nothing like that. The object came down as though it was well under control and its crew were going down on to the sea-bed."

As has been made clear already, a large proportion of the coastal population of Venezuela are now convinced that "something is going on out there," and that there is a UFO base, maybe in some vast submerged "mother-ship" lying deep under the waters of the Caribbean, from which machines are coming to "photograph" and make a general reconnaissance of their country.

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I have the strong impression that, apart from Ivan T. Sanderson and Toni Ribera (whose excellent books, still not available in English, were the first to deal at length with this problem of the UFOs in the sea) the rest of us have perhaps not yet thought nearly enough about two elementary facts, namely that (1) the greater portion of the surface of our planet consists of sea, not to mention the innumerable deep lakes, rivers, and pools, and (2) that we still know far less about the great Watery Depths of our own planet than we know about the Moon. When assembled, the mass of evidence which points so dramatically to the systematic utilization of these watery areas by the mysterious Other Intelligences (OINTS' as Ivan Sanderson liked to call them) begins to look overwhelming. Such, in my belief, it is, and so, for the convenience of students of our subject, I give below two bibliographies, the first containing material relating to Venezuela, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean, to be consulted in connection with the current wave in Venezuela, and the second containing material relating to what may prove to be one of the great

key-factors concerning the OINTS and their UFOs, namely the *sea*, and *water* in general.

As I hope to describe in a subsequent article, there are indications of some astonishing things now going on in the depths of our oceans. It may well be that, in these days when both the American and the Russian governments are engaged in such massive programmes of sea-bed exploration, this activity is not being undertaken by them solely as part of the Cold War (which, make no mistake about it, still continues, despite all the eyewash) but is also designed to yield fresh information about the OINTS who are here in our midst and have their hiding-places in the Great Deeps, one of which, incidentally, more than 24,000 feet, *lies right off Puerto Rico.* (See map.)

If we have heard of only one or two UFOs seen emerging from the polluted Mediterranean and none, to the best of my recollection, from the equally polluted Black Sea or the dying Caspian, perhaps this means that the OINTS like their environment sweet.

Notes

1. The reports supplied by Sr. Victor Gesua, and written by Atilano Hidalgo (the paper's correspondent at La Guaira), Ernesto L. Rodriguez (correspondent at Maiquetia), and Pedro Lira, appeared in the Caracas newpaper *Ultimas Noticias* for March 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and April 1, 2, 3, of this year.
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   "Virgin Islands: awesome spectacle," ibid., p.29.
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   "Hundreds see Saucer (Caracas)" in: World Round-Up, in FSR, Jan./Feb., 1964, p.29.
   "Five more UFOs (British Guiana)," in: World Round-Up, in FSR, March/April 1965, p.28.
   "New Landing (Caracas report)," in: Stop Press, back cover, FSR, Sept./Oct., 1965.
   "Air Force sightings near Caracas," in: World Round-Up, FSR, March/April 1966, rear cover.
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   Brian Stross: *The ?Ihkals,* FSR, May/June 1968.
   Gordon Creighton: *Middle American creature reports, (ibid).*
   Charles Bowen: *More unusual Humanoids.* ("Are they 'crackers' in Caracas?", *(ibid)* (p.18).
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STELLA LANSING'S CLOCKLIKE UFO PATTERNS—PART 4

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ON Wednesday night, September 19, 1973, Mrs. Lansing and I went to the Holy Face Monastery in Clifton, New Jersey, to film prints of the Shroud of Turin.[25]

IV. Further Experiments and Videotapes

Mrs. Lansing finished several feet of black-and-white 16 mm. infrared film remaining in her Keystone spring-wound camera, and she also took approximately 25 feet of Kodachrome II film with her Canon camera, while I finished the 25 feet of Kodachrome II film remaining in my Eumig camera.

After an hour of movie making, Mrs. Lansing took a few feet of film at the Great Notch quarry where UFOs have been seen in the past, and at the Cedar Grove reservoir. Because Mrs. Lansing was most impressed with the Monastery, we returned the next night (September 20, 1973), when she used *my* Eumig camera for fifty feet, while I used *her* Canon camera for the remaining 25 feet. As previously, we also did double simultaneous filming.

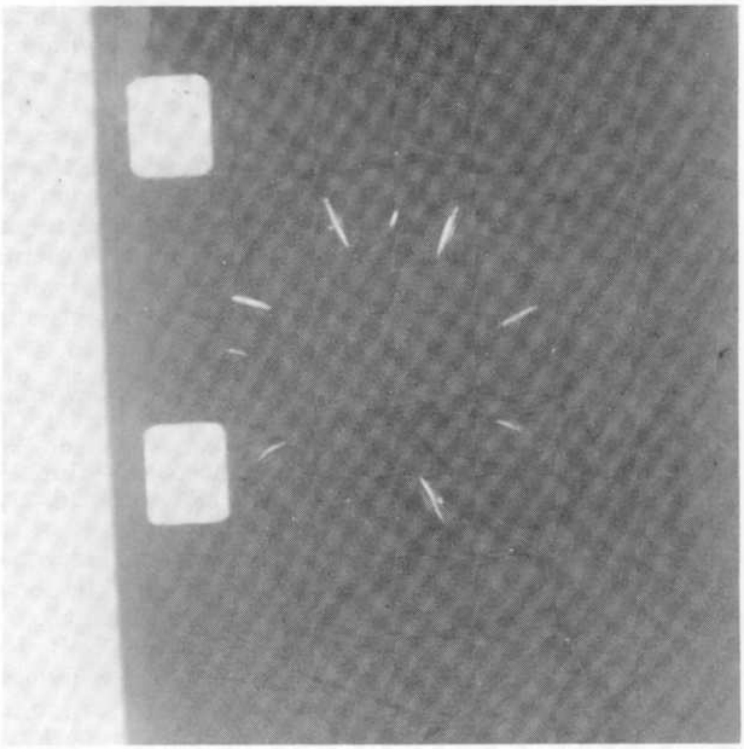
Later that evening Donald Selwyn (NIRE)[26] examined Mrs. Lansing's five cameras and my Eumig and found no defects that could account for such artifacts or anomalies as he had seen in her films.

On September 21, Mrs. Lansing and I went to additional psychodynamically high-interest locales and took movies of Essex County Medical Center, and of an allegedly haunted, pre-Revolutionary War Dutch house at Kinnelon, New Jersey. She used both her Canon, with Ektachrome 160 film, and her Bolex, with Kodachrome II film. As a control at the haunted house, I simultaneously and in proximity to her, used my Eumig with Kodachrome II.

An hour later we went to a New Jersey farm, dating back to Colonial times and also with an alleged haunted house, which was near the UFO-related Split Rock Reservoir.[27]

When the developed films of the Monastery and other locations were reviewed, there were occasional possible sentinel blue lights and miniaturized anomalies: e.g., a bright ray suddenly shooting from the allegedly "haunted chandelier" (Figure 18), a faintly visible side view of a portly "Pete the Ghost" (Figure 19), a disc in the knight's visor in a painting of a coat of arms, etc.

Analogous to some effects noted in Part 1, double simultaneous filming by Mrs. Lansing and I (as well as her using two cameras at once) yielded contradictory results: viz., why did Mrs. Lansing obtain sentinel blue lights if they were genuine and not artifact, when I didn't, and vice versa? Perhaps

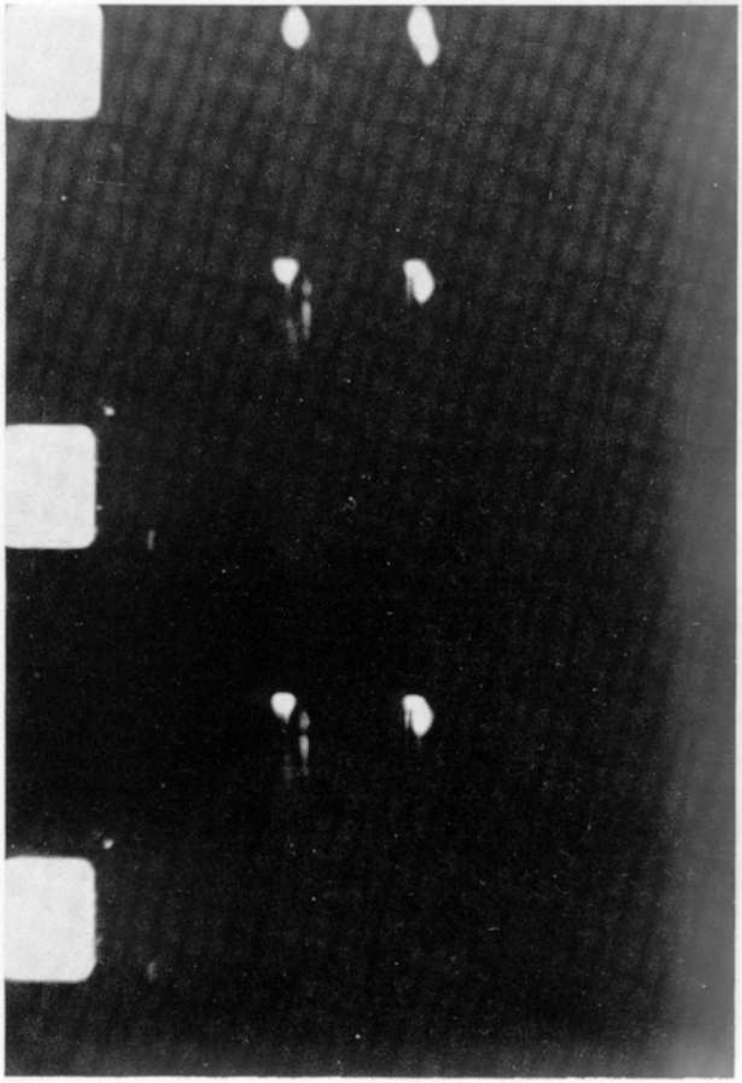


having two or more cameras set at different speeds on a metal bar, with a simultaneous multiple cable release, as suggested by Mr. Selwyn, would help to better control and clarify this as well as yield other information.

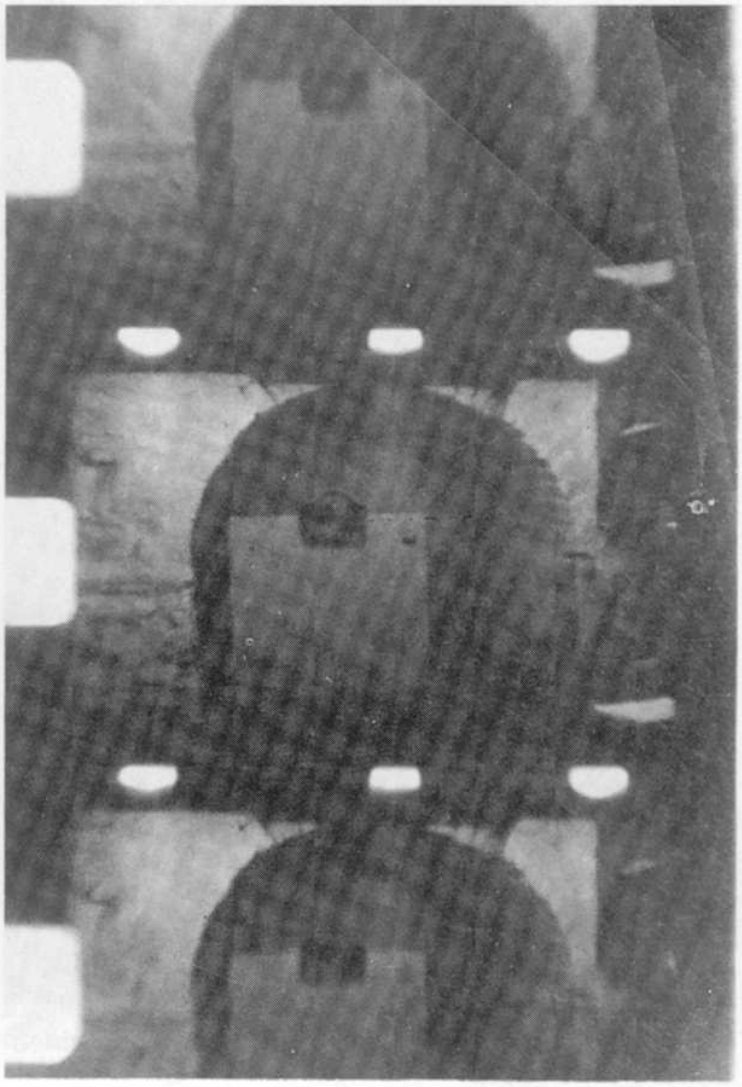
At 5 p.m., we arrived at Mr. Selwyn's laboratory, which is three miles from the Wanaque Reservoir. Mrs. Lansing then made one hour of black-and-white audio-videotaping of known objects, including herself, planes, trees, birds, wheelchairs, radio towers, etc.

Although nothing beyond what was expected was seen, when monitoring the TV on playback of the videotape, a herringbone artifact (see Figure 20) was noted on and off throughout the whole reel. A similar effect was also noted on the one-hour videotape that was made much later in the evening. Again, nothing was seen during the actual televising. The herringbone pattern occurred when Mrs. Lansing was using both the regular and the telephoto 150 mm. F 4.5 lens on a tripod-mounted television camera under conditions of clear weather.

Mr. Selwyn immediately commented on the herringbone artifact because he had used this particular TV equipment for more than three years with over a hundred hours of recording and had not noticed this effect before. As a control, Mr.



Left. Figure 18: "Haunted Chandelier"



Right. Figure 19: "Pete the Ghost"

Selwyn and I independently televised sequences of the same scenery while holding the camera in a similar manner to that of Mrs. Lansing. When our audio-videotapes were played back, there were no herringbone artifacts. However, we had not recorded for the same length of time as had Mrs. Lansing.

Mrs. Lansing and I photographed the TV screen video playbacks with our respective Bolex and Eumig cameras. Later review of our films revealed the herringbone anomalies seen on the TV screen.

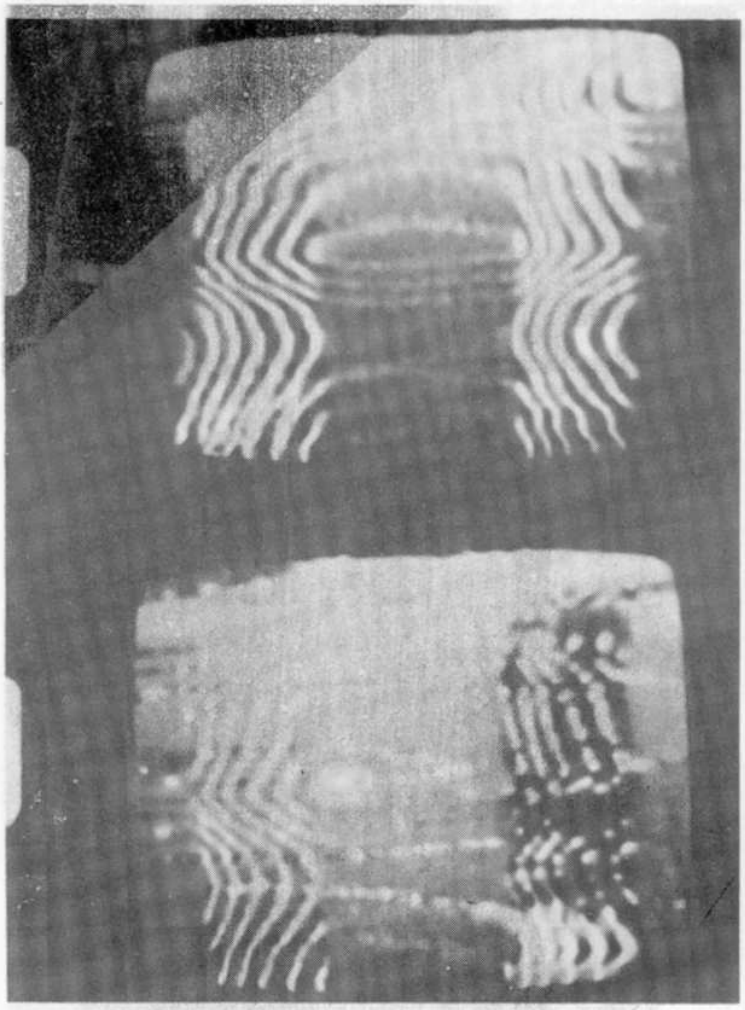
The evening was concluded by Mrs. Lansing taking pictures of Mr. Selwyn and various high-interest objects in the institute. Then Mr. Selwyn projected Mrs. Lansing's more than a hundred feet of 16 mm. colour film made during 1973, mostly in Massachusetts. It showed numerous anomalies similar to those found on her super 8 films.

On Monday, September 24, 1973, Mrs. Lansing excitedly phoned from Massachusetts because she had seen pictures of the herringbone pattern which closely resembled the videotape artifact, in the pamphlet on the Shroud of Turin. Earlier, I had noted this myself because when I was zoomfilming the blowup of the Holy Face at the Monastery, this herringbone pattern was quite pronounced.

Although it is rash to speculate upon such a paucity of data, one might be forgiven in view of the uniqueness of the material and difficulties in the study.[28] As another odd coincidence, I was particularly alerted to this pattern and circumstance since my professor of clinical neurophysiology at the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Reginald G. Bickford,[29] was the pioneer of photosensitive epilepsy to lined patterns, similar to the herringbone design in the Shroud and in Mrs. Lansing's videotapes; and we have used this pattern as an activating test in the electroencephalography laboratory for years.

Perhaps the experiments at NIRE were not all "bananas" because when Mrs. Lansing returned to Massachusetts, finished, had developed, and reviewed the reels that she had initially exposed at NIRE, she was surprised to see a solitary "flaming banana" or luminous crescent in the laboratory adjacent to the TV screen. This object was similar to effects she obtained recently on other reels, and, as previously, I failed to photograph them myself.

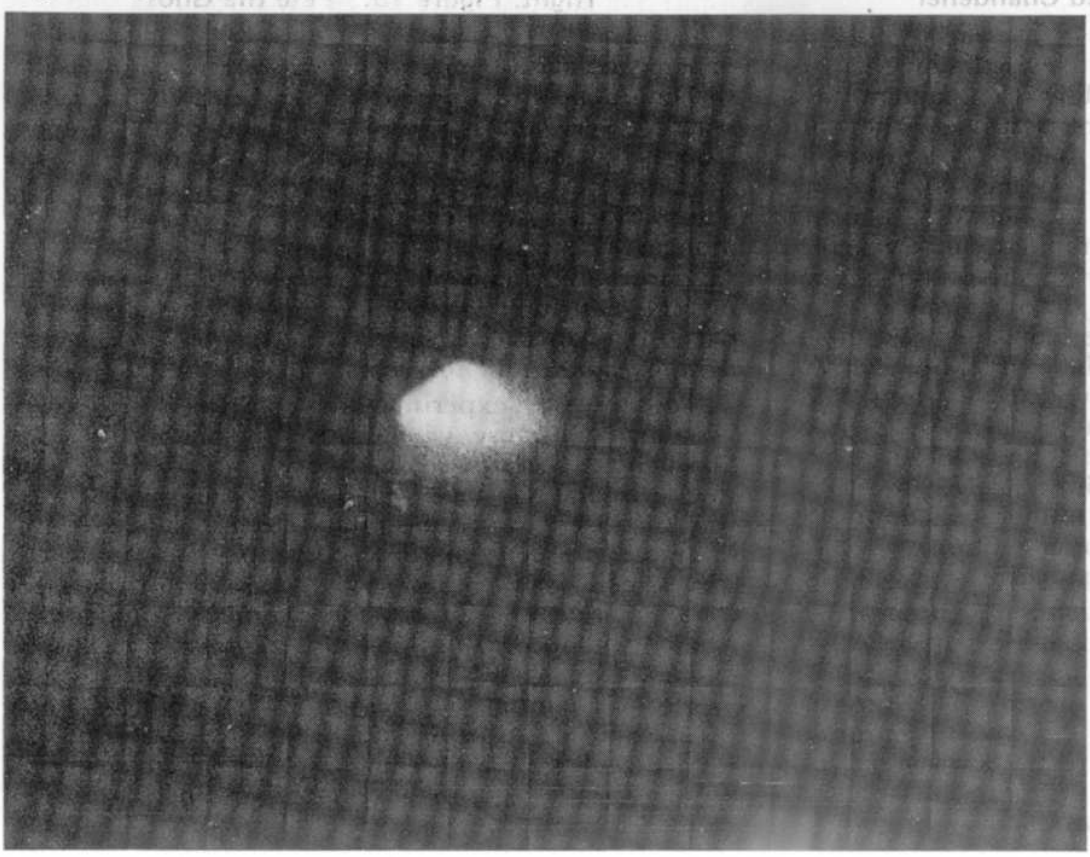
Mrs. Lansing was elated and convinced that whatever was behind the UFOs wanted her to film them. She was further astonished to discover, near the end of the same film, a "gliding encapsulated ufonaut with luminous feet," over three series of several frames. She made these movies while driving



Above left. Figure 20: Herringbone effect on videotaped TV playback.



Right. Figure 21: "Ufonaut"



Below left. Figure 22. (See also figures 23 and 24 on next page): Infra-red motion pictures of UFOs; horizontal line is believed *not* to be artifact.



Figure 23

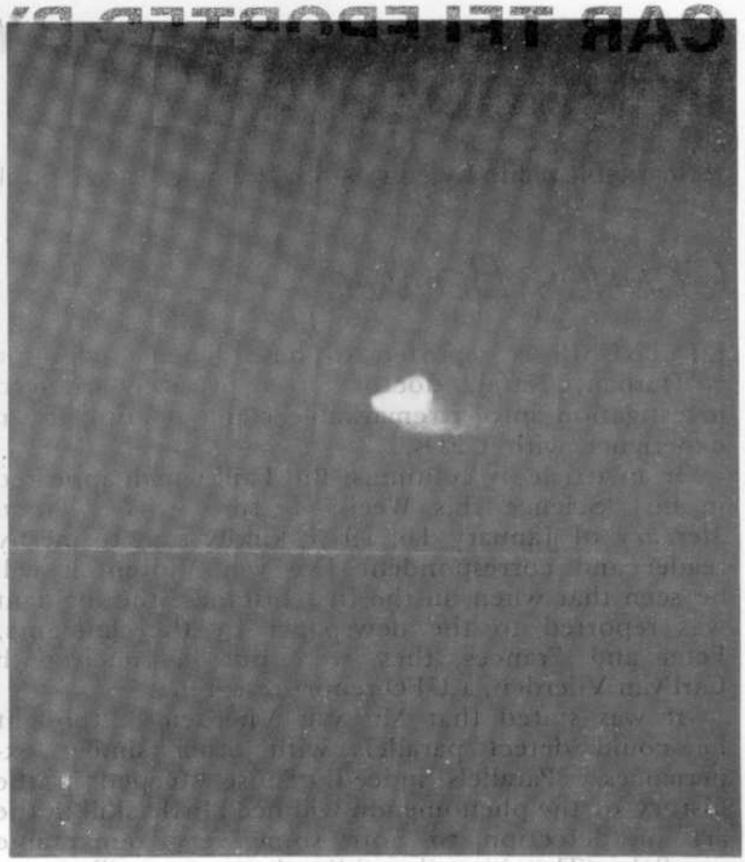


Figure 24

in the Massachusetts countryside the day after her New Jersey trip. This reel was studied with Mrs. Lansing in Montclair on October 13-14, 1973 (see Figure 21).

At that time (October 14 and 15) Mrs. Lansing also filmed in her accustomed intuitive-impulsive manner (mostly in my presence) more than one and a half reels of Kodachrome II films, with *my* Eumig camera. In addition to probable artifact and sun-induced optical illusions, she obtained several blue lights both during the day and night, and she also filmed two peculiar orange stick-like objects that made bizarre gyrations in front of a house before disappearing. Neither Mrs. Lansing, my wife, nor I noticed anything unusual with our naked eyes, although for some inexplicable reason Mrs. Lansing insisted that I stop the car (for the only time on the trip) so that she could film a former church but currently a library, in Hibernia, New Jersey, which immediately preceded the house of the strange unseen but filmed "orange sticks."

It was also during this October visit that Mrs. Lansing and I studied her 100 feet reel of black-and-white infrared 16 mm. film which was made during 1973, and which showed possible anomalies (see Figures 22 to 27). It is of interest that the data were strikingly similar to some of the Adamski and Menger photos in the Roberts collection and possibly to astronaut McDavitt's photographs of a possible UFO.

Summary

A study of Mrs. Lansing's life and successes in making movies of UFOs in a variety of places and under different conditions, including psychodynamically designed and controlled experiments, would suggest that she has had some strange effects on most of her 400 films taken since 1967. Her presumed UFO filming abilities seem to be related to herself as a person and spontaneous psi abilities. Her data suggest that the forces behind the UFOs, rather than being simplified, are compounded. When with me or with others, she or some of us obtained intriguing film anomalies; when others, including myself, operated independently, nothing noteworthy was obtained.

THE UFO CONTROVERSY IN AMERICA

by David Michael Jacobs

with a foreword by Dr. J. Allen Hynek

Dr. Jacobs received his MA and PhD degrees in American history at the University of Wisconsin, and is assistant professor of history at Nebraska. His dissertation for his PhD was on the theme which he has expanded in this book — the first on the subject to be published by a University Press. It contains many details, hitherto unknown, from U.S. Air Force records.

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CAR TELEPORTED BY UFOs IN RHODESIA

Remarkable claim by couple now living in the Republic of South Africa

Charles Bowen

HYPNOSIS is reported to have been used by a Durban, Natal, doctor in a privately-arranged investigation into a remarkable claim relating to an experience with UFOs.

In an article by columnist **Bill Faill** which appeared in his "Science this Week" feature in *The Natal Mercury* of January 16, 1975, kindly sent to me by reader and correspondent Eve van Vloten, it will be seen that when, in the first instance, the incident was reported to the newspaper by the claimants, Peter and Frances, they were put in touch with Carl van Vlierden, a UFO-report researcher.

It was stated that Mr. van Vlierden "...thought he could detect parallels with other similar experiences." Parallels indeed! Those steeped in the history of the phenomenon will need little skill in the art of detection to note some very remarkable parallels. (The general public, however, will know little or nothing of these parallels, and I am convinced that many people around the world would be amazed to learn what has been going on behind their backs – or before their very eyes, if they had cared, or had been allowed, to look.)

If there is truth in this claim from Durban about the events along a road in Southern Rhodesia on the night of May 30–31, 1974, then there are distinct parallels with the famous Betty and Barney Hill case reported from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, U.S.A., which took place in 1961, and was researched finally in 1963, with the use of hypnosis by a Boston neurologist, Dr. Benjamin Simon.* Other parallels are to be seen in the case of the teleportation experienced by Sr. Atilio Brunelli and Sr. Severino Porchietto during a journey between Balnearia and Córdoba in Argentina on July 16, 1972,† and the incredible "journey" experienced by Dr. G. Vidal (a Buenos Aires attorney) and his wife, who set out on a night in May 1968 to drive from Chascomús (120 km. south of Buenos Aires in Argentina) to nearby Maipú: their car was enveloped in fog en route, and the next thing they knew was when they "awoke" in a strange land which turned out to be Mexico, more than 6,000 km. from home.+ And there are other cases.

We are all grateful to the editors of *The Natal Mercury* for their confidence in Mr. van Vlierden and for their open-mindedness in publishing a résumé and commentary on the case. It is just as fortunate too that Mr. van Vlierden has been a reader of *Flying Saucer Review* for several years, and I was delighted when I received from him, while I was busy working on the final stages of preparation for this issue, a package which included not only the newspaper item I had received earlier, but also report forms signed by Peter and Frances,** photographs of the car, and a tape casette with Mr. van Vlierden's own interview with the witnesses in Durban, and a recording of the session under hypnosis.

I have run the tapes through and find them fascinating. At the moment there is insufficient time to make a careful transcript for inclusion with this article. So the full report of the hypnosis session will be included with Carl van Vlierten's contribution in the next issue of FSR. Suffice it to say that after hearing Peter's revelations when stated to be in a deep hypnotic trance, I am not surprised that Bill Faill only touched on the surface of the report – and even then suggested that some folk might wish to empty "this baby" down the plughole!

It goes without saying that this matter should be treated with great caution, and one reason for this is that the sensitive young man Peter (aged 23) reveals that he had an earlier, startling UFO experience in Rhodesia in 1964. Since that time he admits he has occasionally "astra-travelled" – a process that has now stopped – and that he is capable of self-hypnosis. Could the incredible things revealed under hypnosis by this young man possibly have been self-instilled (if that is the correct expression) in his subconscious mind, say as a by-product of his earlier experience? The doctor states quite clearly that Peter was in too deep a trance for anything to remain concealed.

I feel that the facts that Peter had an earlier experience, and that he is a deep-trance subject, should not militate against the veracity of his claim. Indeed my feeling is that these very things qualify him only too well as a contactee. As for the possibility that he could have had knowledge of the subject from reading books or magazines on UFOs,

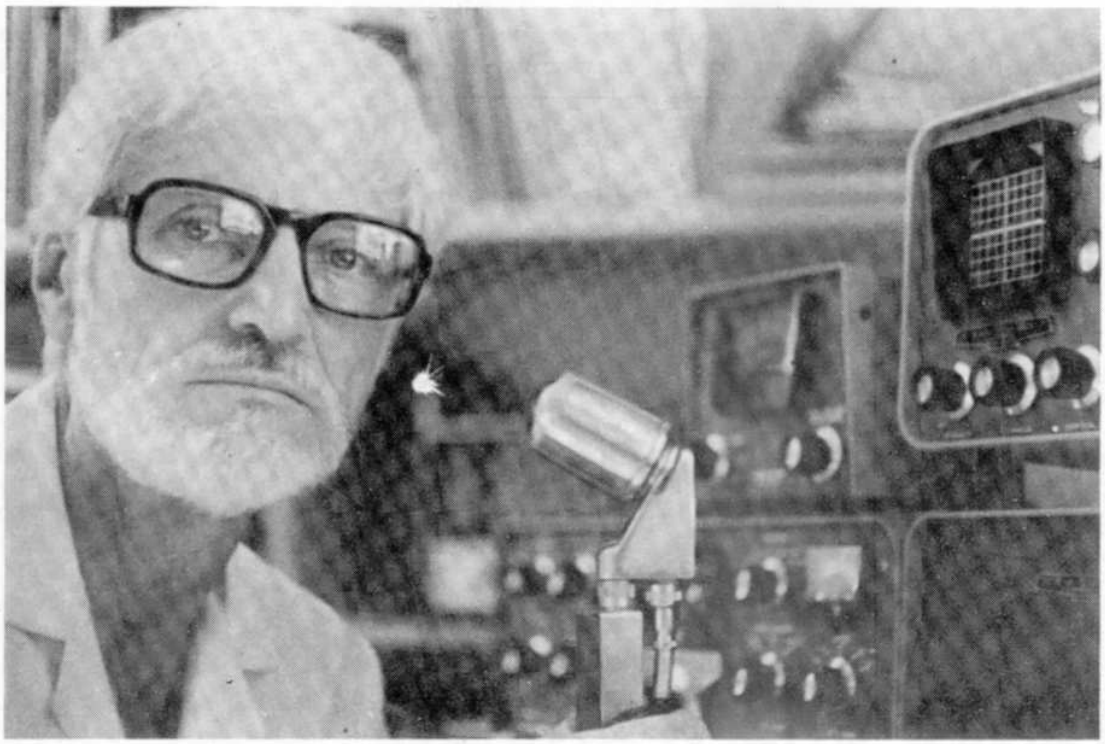
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* See *The Interrupted Journey* by John G. Fuller (The Dial Press, New York, and paperback by Dell Publishing Co. of New York) currently re-issued in paperback form: also alluded to by Charles Bowen in the chapter "Interesting Comparisons" in *The Humanoids* (currently available as a paperback by Futura Books Ltd.).

† See Dr. Oscar A. Galindez: *A New Teleportation near Cordoba* (FSR Vol.19, No.3, May-June 1973).

\+ See Dr. Oscar A. Galindez: *Teleportation from Chascomus to Mexico* (FSR Vol.14, No.5, September-October 1968).

** A married couple who seek no publicity, and wish us to withhold their surname (which, like that of the doctor, is on file with FSR).



Carl van Vlierden and his radio "Station"

it can only be suggested that he acted as though he had no such knowledge. Puzzled, he wanted to report his and his wife's experience to someone who would be genuinely interested, but he was unable to do this until he read a report of a UFO sighting in *The Natal Mercury*. He took the plunge by asking the newspaper to help. Fortunately the newspaper did the right thing.

Here now is Bill Faill's article as it appeared in the *Mercury:*–

"Hypnosis, still relatively neglected in South Africa as a medical tool, but now widely used in the U.S. and the U.K., was put to a very odd application in Durban recently.

"The technique was employed to investigate what really happened to a young Rhodesian couple, Peter and Frances, while driving from Salisbury to Durban.

"The story began when Frances, the wife, rang me to ask if I knew to whom one could report an experience with unidentified flying objects. I gave her the information – the name of Carl van Vlierden local representative of the U.S. based Mutual UFO Organisation and then asked if she would mind telling me her story.

"Her memory of the episode is that from just south of Umvuma – about halfway from Salisbury to Fort Victoria – all the way to Beit Bridge, their car was accompanied by first one and then two UFOs.

" 'A light suddenly rose up from behind a hill and came into view in my window. It was revolving and very bright. We thought it was a helicopter until we realised that there was no sound and it was very bright, almost blue and moving at exactly the same speed as we were,' said Frances.

" 'Our headlights started to become dimmer and eventually seemed to go out altogether although our dashboard lights were still on and presumably our sidelights. However there was sufficient light being emitted from the object to enable us to see clearly.'

"The object vanished during the journey through Fort Victoria, where the couple filled up with petrol.

" 'Exactly 10 kilometres south of Fort Victoria the object suddenly re-appeared. This time there was no revolving, but a steady constant light and another UFO directly above us.'

"At this stage, the couple realised that they had seen no vehicles apart from three empty buses with all lights blazing, no pedestrians on a road notorious for them and no animals or birds apart from a solitary owl. On top of this says Frances, the road was passing through flat, marshy country which does not exist in that area.

"From then on Frances remembers nothing until the car reached Beit Bridge 290km further on at 7 a.m.

" 'We realised that we had reached Beit Bridge impossibly early and had used no petrol on the journey from Fort Victoria. My husband later stated that he had no control over the car and that the road was perfectly straight with not a twist or a bend in it.'

" 'Neither of us mind admitting that we were scared rigid. In fact I remember repeating time and again – 'It's like a dream. Are we here or aren't we? What will we tell the folks if we suddenly vanish?'

"So far, so good – just another UFO story, to be believed or otherwise as one's inclination guides one.

"But Carl van Vlierden – who has been investigating UFOs for several years, thought he could detect parallels with other similar experiences which have been reported from various parts of the world.

"He wondered if the apparent amnesia, the automatism of the episode, didn't mask much odder events.

"So he contacted a Durban medical doctor who uses hypnosis extensively in his practice.

"Under deep hypnosis, in which Peter was an ideal subject, it emerged that he believed that he had been shown the interior of the UFO and had

been closely examined by one of the inhabitants.

"On this point I closely questioned the doctor.

" 'There are several accepted levels of hypnosis,' he explained. 'These are generally termed light, medium and deep. In the first, the subject's unconscious can probably project false beliefs and his own ideas.

" 'But in the last – and Peter was in a very deep trance – nothing can be hidden and the truth will always be revealed.'

"The doctor explained that this had been proven all over the world as well as in his own experience.

" 'The lay public often term the result of hypnosis as a 'miracle' cure. Once deep-seated causes are revealed, immediate cures can follow for such conditions as asthma or allergies. Bad habits – such as smoking or drinking – may be quickly cleared up.

" 'I carried out this hypnotic session with Peter. Nothing in my experience indicates any conclusion other than that he experienced the things he talks about.'

" 'Frances, on the other hand, had no deeper experiences than those she remembered consciously. Between Fort Victoria and Beit Bridge she was, in fact, unconscious.

" 'The strange landscape the car passed through on its journey was a simulated one. The car was not travelling on the road at all. It was 'somewhere else.'

"Before we throw this baby away with the bathwater, as many will be promptly inclined to do, it would be nice to have an alternative plausible explanation of the deep hypnosis sessions, vouched for by a qualified doctor. One might also ask why a very pleasant young couple like this would concoct such a yarn if it were not true, especially since they insist on remaining anonymous."

THE FRIGHTENED CREATURE ON COUNTY ROAD W

Jerome Clark

ONE night early in December 1974 William Bosak, a 69-year-old dairy farmer from rural Frederic, Wisconsin, was driving slowly home through patches of fog that dotted County Road W. The time was 10.30 p.m. and he was about six miles east of town when suddenly his headlights reflected off something in the westbound lane – something which Bosak would call "the strangest-looking thing I ever saw."

It was a disc-shaped UFO, the bottom half obscured by the fog, resting on the road. But he scarcely noticed that and later, when I interviewed him, he could not describe it in any significant detail. For what held his attention during the 10 seconds or so he watched it was the UFO's "curved front of glass," inside which stood a figure with its arms raised above its head.

The figure, illuminated by a bright light of no discernible source inside the tube-like front, seemed "just as scared as I was," the farmer recalled a month and a half later. Its eyes, which otherwise were normal in appearance, were protruding, betraying surprise or fright. Its bottom half, like that of the UFO which housed it, was hidden by the fog.

The being was generally human in shape. Its body however, was covered everywhere with a dark-tan fur except on the face and chin, which were bare. The hair or fur ran along the top and side of the head. It appeared to be combed or swept back. The head itself was somewhat "rectangular."

Bosak wondered if the fur were not part of a suit rather than the creature's skin but he saw no evidence of seams or buttons. Mulling the question over after the sighting, he concluded that the fur was part of the body.

The oddest feature of all was the ears, which stretched out approximately three inches. They looked like nothing so much as calf's ears, Bosak thought. "The mouth and nose seemed quite flat," he told me, "but I couldn't remember real well. It was so foggy and I was pretty shook up.

"The first thing I thought of was, 'what in the world is that?' I was going to stop but I decided not to. They're so much more advanced than we are and I figured if I got out of the car I might end up dead on the side of the road. The next day people would just think I had died of a heart attack."

The thing's calf-like ears also made Bosak think of the mysterious cattle mutilations which have afflicted a number of states in the middle parts of America since the fall of 1973. Rumour, though not solid evidence, ties these to UFOs. Many of the animals, which have died under extremely perplexing circumstances, have had their ears removed. I am not, of course, implying any connection – but Bosak's was certainly a curious association.

The farmer abruptly accelerated past the object and its occupant. As he passed them, his car lights suddenly went dim and he heard a "soft whooshing sound." In the foggy darkness he lost sight of the UFO.

Terrified, he sped home. Once inside the house he looked through a window for a further view but could see nothing because of the fog. Half an hour later he saw another car pass the spot.

"I was so goldarned scared I was afraid to go out at night for a few days," Bosak said. "I'm over the shock now, but I was pretty shook up for a couple of weeks." When he returned to the spot several days later, he found nothing out of the ordinary.



The "frightened" creature" as it appeared to the witness. This drawing is based on the one which appeared in the *Pioneer Press* and which Bosak described as "basically accurate".

Bosak kept the story to himself and his wife for a month and a half before deciding to tell it to Dewey Berscheid, Wisconsin editor of the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. The resulting article was published in the January 19, 1975, issue of that paper. The farmer explained, "I've decided to talk now so that anybody else who sees something like what I saw will maybe know what to do and maybe even try to communicate with it." He offered to take a lie detector test to prove his sincerity.

Accompanying the newspaper story is a sketch of the creature drawn by a *Pioneer Press* illustrator. Bosak described it as basically accurate when I talked with him on January 28th.

"I sure wish I would see it again," he remarked to me. "Now I wouldn't hesitate to stop." He added that since publication of the story other people in the area had approached him to confide their own recent UFO sightings. These turned out to be of the lights-in-the-sky variety. Apparently only Bosak had seen an object on the ground.

Talking with the witness, I was impressed with his friendliness and obvious sincerity. He clearly was puzzled by his experience and seemed almost relieved when I assured him that many other people have had encounters with UFOs and UFO beings. Prior to his own sighting Bosak said he had laughed at "flying saucer" stories.

If anyone has seen anything precisely similar to the thing on County Road W, I am unaware of it. Nonetheless the creature does bear an at least first-cousin resemblance to the subhominid types which are appearing in increasing numbers in UFO cases.* The differences are in the Frederic ufonaut's slighter build, its human-like eyes (as opposed to the glowing red eyes so frequently reported), its smooth face and its peculiar ears.

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* See Jerome Clark and Loren Coleman, "Anthropoids, Monsters and UFOs," *Flying Saucer Review*, Vol.19, No.1, January/February 1973; Berthold Eric Schwarz, "Berserk: A UFO-Creature Encounter," *FSR*, Vol.20, No.1; Jerome Clark, "Anthropoid and UFO in Indiana," *FSR*, Vol.20, No.3; also, Stan Gordon, "UFOs, in Relation to Creature Sightings in Pennsylvania," *MUFON 1974 UFO Symposium Proceedings* (Mutual UFO Network, 40 Christopher Court, Quincy, Illinois 62301, U.S.A.).

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UFOs INVADE THE BAVARIAN ALPS - PART I

The following report of a landing, and subsequent events, is the result of collaboration by investigators of MUFON's newly formed Central European Section

Adolf Schneider, Ernst Berger, et alia

THE Hochries sighting of December 10, 1973 was completely ignored by newspapers outside Western Germany (with the exception of *Tribune de Lausanne* and *Le Parisien Libéré).* Nevertheless, it was not only an important event in the Central European UFO scene but was the catalyst, together with the "Traunstein Snails" reported in October that year, that accelerated co-operational efforts among German, Swiss and Austrian amateurs. In the summer of 1974, at Innsbruck, Austria, immediate integration of all German-speaking and scientifically orientated researchers into a Central European section of the Mutual UFO Network was decided at a two-day, privately organised UFO meeting.

MUFON's Central European Section is an investigative body trying to cover the long-neglected Central European scene with a broad spectrum of enquiries. All findings of MUFON C.E.S. will be published by "Skylook", and the most interesting items also by FSR.

Meanwhile, the Hochries affair expanded into a local flap. The same effect was noticed at Traunstein. Field investigations at the sites of numerous Hochries observations have been conducted by Dipl. Ing. Adolf Schneider of Munich, an electronics engineer and author of a German UFO book, Illo Brand, German Representative of MUFON, co-ordinator of MUFON C.E.S. and a systems analyst, Mario Bertossi, Michael Arends, and Ernst Berger (who has translated and edited the voluminous Hochries files for FSR).

Local features

Mt. Hochries (1569 m.) with its alpine hut is a prominent mountain peak of the Northern Calcareous Alps at the Austrian-Bavarian border, 70 km. south-east of Munich, 15 km. south-east of Rosenheim and about the same distance south-west of the famous Lake Chiemsee, Western Germany.

Mt. Hochries, Mt. Geigelstein (1808 m.) and Mt. Kampenwand (1669 m.) are the last alpine summits of the Chiemgauer Mountains overlooking the colourful plane of Bavarian Alpenvorland (prealpine country), with sweeping vistas over the Rosenheim and Chiemsee region as well as over the Austrian Alps to the south. On a clear day you can see the snow-covered peaks of the Stubaier and Zillertaler Alps in the Northern Tyrol. The beautiful surroundings have made the Hochries region a popular skiing ground and a cable-car has been constructed to take skiers from Grainbach up to Hochries hut.

An interrupted supper

December 10, 1973 was one of those typical Bavarian winter evenings with a full moon over the snowy slopes. Herr Friedrich Lennartz, aged 33, landlord of Hochries Hut and a mountain rescue service man, had his supper together with Hochries porter Peter Zettel, aged 29. The two men were sitting at a table in the dining room, and Zettel sat before the large panorama window overlooking the dark south-east towards Mt. Geigelstein, which is eight kilometres distant.

Suddenly, at approximately 8.30 p.m. CET, Zettel noticed a fiery spot on Mt. Weitlahnerkopf (1611 m.), somewhat to the north of Mt. Geigelstein. He pointed it out to Lennartz who later told us: "Really, it was something big and easy to spot, bigger than a fire. First we thought of mountaineers in danger, signalling with magnesium torches, or a burning hut, because of the brilliance. The ground was illuminated all around it."

It was a quiet night with excellent visibility, no clouds, and only a slight southern breeze. Lennartz and Zettel got their Zeiss Ikon binoculars 12 x 50 and 10 x 50 respectively, opened the window and pointed their instruments at the "burning spot" in the snow. They were amazed to see a mysterious fiery object, which had apparently touched down near the cross on the summit of Mt. Weitlahnerkopf and was now resting motionless in or above a shallow trough. Had there been an aircrash? Or was it a wrecked helicopter of Bavaria's air rescue? The general reaction of Lennartz and Zettel followed the "escalation of hypotheses" pattern, according to Dr. Allen Hynek.

At closer examination it was a strange sight even to Lennartz, who had been a member of the German navy at a special marine division for air control, and later in tactical close defence reconnaissance from 1958 to 1962.

The object seemed to be egg-shaped, pointed end up, and stood upright in the snow (see sketch). The nearby cross of Weitlahnerkopf was a good comparison and Lennartz estimated the object's size as 9 x 12 or 14 metres. Its upper third looked like a yellowish dome, and rotating coloured lights sped around its lower body and the outer circumference. Both men kept their "aircrash opinion" and went into action. The landlord signalled with his powerful US flashlight and they switched all the lights in the hut on and off – but no reaction was discernible at Weitlahnerkopf.

At 8.40 p.m., Lennartz fetched the mike of his Sommerkamp TS 600 wireless set to transmit an emergency exercise call. We have to add that Lennartz is no simple ham operator or hobbyist, but uses his TS 600 professionally for alpine rescue purposes and has built a 15 metre antenna east of his hut which gives his set an average broadcasting range of 300



View of Hochries hut, with Geigelstein summit in the background

km. His code name "Romeo Golf I" is well-known among 11-metre band operators in southern Bavaria; 11-metre band conversations usually take place between 27 215 and 27 275 Megacycles. The Hochries wireless set is connected to the grid, not to a battery, and has an output of 2.8 Watts.

"Romeo Golf I" in trouble

Lennartz reached "UTO II", "Höslwang", "Oskar Echo" and other stations in the Munich-Rosenheim area. At 8.50 p.m. he decided to fire a red signal rocket into the object's direction. The rocket type he used explodes 300 to 400 meters away on the average. Then he listened again to the wireless conversations, but watched the object closely. And he did not wait very long for a reaction this time. Suddenly the object became enveloped in a red glow that hid the rotating lights (Lennartz later selected a colour between red lead and salmon pink in shade on a colour table), and started to rise slowly. It took four or five minutes for the "egg" to clear the mountains, i.e. a minimum height of 200 metres above the landing site. It was a dazzling red, with only the cupola remaining yellowish.

Scarcely had they time to exchange opinions when the "egg" accelerated rapidly. It dashed towards Hochries hut at terrific speed, growing larger every second. Said Lennartz: "Suddenly I noticed static on my carrier wave, but at the same time my transmitting power was rising. I have no test for transmitting power on my set, but Munich and Rosenheim told me they were reading me extra loud."

At a moment's notice he picked up a crackling, continuous carrier, similar to statics from an unsuppressed motor-scooter, and some stations even complained about the "unidentified jamming station." Lennartz's voice spread with maximum volume, although he was unable to explain why. With the mike in his hand he watched the object's approach and had his first lesson in E.M. effects associated with the UFO phenomenon. Within ten seconds, the "egg" had travelled between five and six kilometres and it came to a standstill less than two kilometres away over the Klausenberg slope. Assuming Lennartz's estimate of a velocity of ten seconds for five kilometres (measured on the map) is correct, the object approached Hochries hut at supersonic speed (the speed of sound is 330 m./sec. for 0°C). Its trajectory proved to be straight, not parallel to ground level, but descending from 1800 to 1540/50 metres.

"When it was near, you could see once again the running lights," Lennartz explained, "It was soundless and looked like that..." He managed to draw a sketch for us showing all the salient details they had observed at 1700/1800 metres distance with binoculars.

The curved dome reminded Lennartz of a cockpit made of perspex. Its indirect illumination was a soft, dull-yellow colour, or like white light shining through a semitransparent cupola. Three or four dark ledges



Friedrich Lennartz, landlord of Hochries Hut and mountain service rescue man

reached down from the object's apex to the lower rim of the "pilot cabin", giving it the appearance of "pieces for an unfolded parabolic antenna or the 'greenhouse' of an old B–52."+ The really startling effect, however, was not the dome. Below the rim, four rows of pulsating coloured lights whirled around the dark body, Lennartz compared them to strobe lights of a discoteque – red, green, blue and white, white being the lowest line. In our summer investigations, we talked with him about the "strobe belts" for quite a long time and Ernst Berger arrived at the conclusion that the effect was basically different from common psychedelic lights, or strobe lights. Lennartz made it clear he did not see rotating dots, chains of bulbs or the "phi effect" known in the psychology of visual perception, where sequential flashes give the impression of movement. He said, "They always went from left to right (anticlockwise), without much system, not all at the same time. One light appeared at the left edge earlier, the next one a bit later and so on. Like tubes which would lead all around the body and brighten up." One light maximum (no point) per "strobe belt" moved along at two rotations per second. "Smeared light peaks" is a better term for the hard nut. At the circumference one more bright light seemed to circle the large oval clockwise. Whatever it was, one thing is certain – the whole show puzzled Lennartz and Zettel and effectively hid the object's dark surface. "The surface was rather grey – maybe metal. Goodness knows."

Let us return to the scene of December 10. The object had arrived over Klausenberg slope and stopped for half a minute, then continued with a right-angle turn, travelling in the direction of Klausenalm hut, which in winter is an uninhabited property across the border, in Austria. Two or three minutes later they saw it hovering ten to thirty metres over a snowy pasture on a kind of ridge between Mt. Klausenberg and Mt. Zinnenberg (1564 m.). The statics kept crackling in the receiver, so they switched off the set. At 9.00 p.m. Lennartz heard a whimpering sound outside the western door of the dining room. When he unlocked the door, he found his St. Bernard dog, Barrie, and Dachshund, Susi, and let them in, but he wondered why they had tried to get in there, because the western door is locked throughout the winter season. Had the object confused the dogs?

Klausenalm hut gave a good size comparison for the next two hours and Lennartz found his estimates to be correct.

Take-off

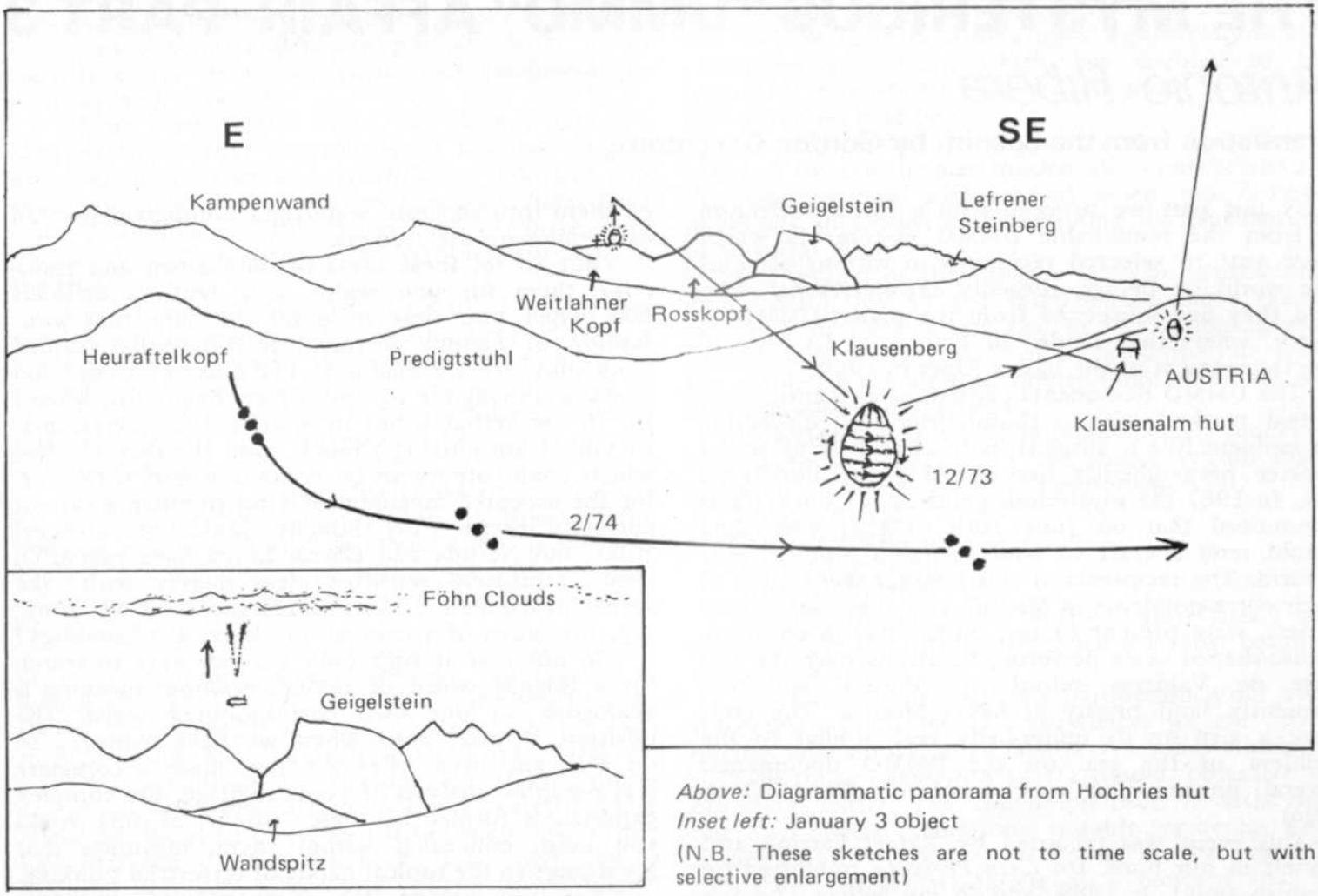
Nothing happened until 11.40 p.m., so the landlord decided to try his "trick" again and fired another red signal rocket into the south. Quick reaction again. The red mantle enveloped the "egg", it accelerated from zero velocity to an extreme rate and ascended with a slight western deviation. "It sped upwards at breakneck speed and we lost it among the stars. When it was gone, reception was clear again." The object had shrunk into a "star" within 30 seconds and into nothing at 11.45 p.m. CET.

The Hochries case made headlines in Bavaria on December 13, but the details given were sketchy to say the least. Adolf Schneider dug under the surface and following his interview at Hochries some corroborative sightings came to light. Brigitte Drexel, a schoolgirl, and two of her classmates had been out with their toboggans on the Zeller mountain near Neubeuern, when at sunset an oval, orange-coloured object appeared in the sky. A Rosenheim newspaper received a telephone call from a Herr Zoefel, who claimed that on Monday he had seen from his flat on the fifth floor a luminous, multi-coloured shape over the mountains in the Hochries direction. At 10.00 p.m. the same evening, Herr Hoffman, a ham operator ("Neptune I") from Bernau at Lake Chiemsee spotted a yellow-orange light in the fog about three or four kilometres to the north-east, but only 50 metres above ground level, and "the size of a bungalow". Similar stories came from tobogganers at Grainbach, Frau M. at Neubeuern and workers of the Hochries cable car project.

Geigelstein again

On Thursday, January 3, 1974, Fraulein Violetta Karnapke, a Neubiberg schoolgirl aged 18, was waiting for her breakfast in the dining room of Hochries hut. The weather was fine for a new skiing day (about -4^{o} in the open, with Föhn clouds over the Alps and good visibility. Violetta was looking out of the panorama window just before sunrise, at 7.45 a.m., when a bright light over Mt. Wandspitz (1687 m), to the north-west of Geigelstein, caught her attention. It soon turned out to be a hovering,

+ The term 'greenhouse' is applied to a glazed crew cabin raised above the general line of an aircraft, the Boeing B47 and Martin B57 (photo *FSR Case Histories* No. 6) are good examples. The Boeing B52 has a smoother profile more nearly resembling the familiar Boeing 707 airliner.



Above: Diagrammatic panorama from Hochries hut
Inset left: January 3 object
(N.B. These sketches are not to time scale, but with selective enlargement)

elliptical shape, and she ran upstairs to alert her skiing comrades, Christian Schnitter (18) and schoolboy Christian Ganzert (18). They rushed to the dining room and saw the object which was rising straight up at moderate speed with a condensation trail behind it. It seemed to have changed into two vertical beams of a luminous golden colour. After 100 metres of ascent it stopped and the vapour trail dissolved. Meanwhile Uwe von Schumann, a 17-year-old schoolboy, had joined the three observers and they all agreed at an interview conducted by Adolf Schneider only two days later that the object eventually rose further and entered a layer of Föhn clouds approximately 2,000 metres in the air, where it was lost from sight. Naturally they told Herr Lennartz about "their one" at breakfast. A standard test done with the four witnesses indicated a size of 50 x 25 metres for the UFO at a supposed distance of seven kilometres.

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THE MYSTERIOUS "UMMO" AFFAIR–PART 3

Antonio Ribera

Translation from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton

IN this part we proceed with a further selection from the remarkable UMMO documents which were sent to selected recipients in various parts of the world by beings, allegedly extraterrestrial, who said they had journeyed from the planet UMMO to Earth, where they landed in France, at La Javie in the Department of the Basses Alpes in 1950.

The UMMO documents carried, as authentication, a seal marked with a thumb-print and displaying an emblem like a letter H, with curved 'arms' and a shorter perpendicular bar bisecting the horizontal bar. In 1967 the mysterious gentlemen from UMMO announced that on June 10th of that year they would send a craft to land at Santa Monica, near Madrid. The recipients of this message were three of their correspondents in Madrid, and they, with many others, were present to see, on the day in question, a disc-shaped craft perform evolutions over the San Jose de Valderas suburb of Madrid, and subsequently land briefly at Santa Monica. The craft bore a sign on its under-belly very similar to the emblem of the seal on the UMMO documents: several photographs were taken of the UFO in flight.

This event was recorded by Rafael Farriols and myself in our book *Un Caso Perfecto*, published (in Spanish only) in 1968, and in my article *The San Jose de Valderas Photographs* in FSR (Vol. 15, No. 5 September-October 1969).

[*New readers of FSR are strongly recommended to read the first two parts of this present article in order to pick up the thread of these strange events*–EDITOR.]

Our views regarding relations with Earth-men

"It is not possible to give you a synthesis of our present-day culture without running the risk that our ideas may seem to you to be unconvincing precisely because, in a brief resume, they lack the support of the proper argumentation set forth and developed with the requisite breadth.

"Our desire is to offer you a surface panoramic view of the intellectual basis of our social structure on various planes that will be familiar for you, namely the

COSMOPHILOSOPHICAL
RELIGIOUS-MORAL
PHYSICAL

"For us, who view the warp and woof of the Cosmos as a harmonius 'whole' which cannot be split up into disciplines or sciences without gravely distorting the truth, this separation into such compartments as Cosmophilosophical, Religious-Moral, and Physical is of course artificial and wrong. The links between the various different aspects of the Universe are so intimate that the mental projection of them into separate watertight compartments can easily alienate the student.

"But to set these ideas of ours down and transcribe them for you really is in truth a difficult task when you bear in mind the fact that *your* fashion of mental portrayal is differently formed from ours. We are unable to make use of a common language intelligible to both of us. Even now, when I try to use verbal forms in Spanish that are familiar to you, I am putting a block upon the flux of ideas which could otherwise be communicated with ease, for the accepted meanings of your phonemes cannot correctly interpret my thought. Could your brothers Rilke and Neruda and Garcia Lorca have expressed their exquisitely sensitive ideas merely with the verbal instrument of a vocabulary picked out from, say, the index of a manual on electrical technology?

"In our case it isn't only that we have to search for a Spanish word or phoneme whose meaning is analogous to our own corresponding word. The position is that, even when we have managed to do this, and even when we have made a complete lexicographic analysis of your language, the complex expressions formed by these 'words' of ours would still hold, concealed within them, meanings that are strange to the topical habits of terrestrial thinking.

"For this reason the ideas offered, in these communications, to others of your brethren of different nationalities are bound to be 'geotropical,' that is to say having a marked flavour of 'terrestrial cultural orientation' towards this or that area of the Earth, but this is due to the vehicle of social communication selected.

The evocative power of the phonemes that are familiar to you hinders any serious attempt at exgeognosological[6] cultural transference.

"What is very far indeed from our minds is the idea of offering you these concepts in order that they might serve for you as a substitutional doctrinal basis in place of the present-day foundations of your own extraterrestrial human thought.

"Communications similar to these, although with a specifically different content, have been sent through the post to philosophers, to the hierarchies of various Churches, to graduates of various universities, to technical experts, to publicists, and to persons of average education in various countries of OYAGAA (Earth).

"We are aware that many of your brethren have rejected this material because they refuse to recognize our true identity. This attitude is the orthodox one from the point of view of normal logic.

"But even those terrestrial OEMMII (men) who, prompted by curiosity, have retained these duplicated pages in various languages, and who have been able to combine, in an admirable balance, the mental reserve and secrecy demanded by us plus an open

attitude of conditional acceptance of our testimony, have never been under any pressure from us to substitute our views for their own geognosological ideas and concepts.

"As we have stated above, we do not have the slightest desire that you should be tempted to give up your own religious, scientific, or political and economic ideas and accept ours instead. Indeed we warn you most strictly against such a course. You yourselves will recognize the rightness of such a warning.

"Just as, on your own planet Earth, if an engineer specializing in construction work were visiting a kindergarten, it would never occur to him to do violence to the normal cycle of infant education by trying to explain to the UYIIE (children) how to build the arches of a bridge with keystones of prestressed concrete.

"Naturally such a specialist could only make use of similies and expressions within the grasp of the embryo minds of those children. There is no need for us to emphasise once again that such a lesson would therefore be entirely out of place in a course of education for children.

"The honesty of our intentions towards you can be confirmed quite simply through the fashion in which we have chosen to address ourselves to you. If we were indeed desirous of injecting our own mental world into yourselves, we would carry on our proselytization by backing up these communications with demonstrations, sophisticated as these might be. We shall dwell no further therefore on the fact that our presence on EARTH is solely due to the vital necessity, which you yourselves will understand, of studying you and analyzing your biocultural evolution. Only when we had grasped that your own barriers of scepticism are actually a protection for us did we decide upon this plan for an intellectual symbiosis.

"We are now offering these documents to you even though we know that they will be received with reservations. We are depositing them with EARTHMEN like yourself who, impregnated with a strong interest in exobiological themes, will preserve them at least until genuine objective proofs shall confirm the authenticity of their source."

Our concept of the AIOOYAAIODI (Dimensional Entity)

"Every thinking person on EARTH will recognize the inevitable difficulty inherent in any attempt to project into unformed minds abstract concepts reflecting the wealth of ideas offered by the various philosophical schools.

"Our aim to explain such conceptions to you, condensed down into a few paragraphs, destroys right from the outset any possibility of establishing unified criteria in the adequate form such as we ourselves accept. But at least it will enable you to set down a rapid outline of the structure of our way of thought.

"The advances achieved by us in the field of Cosmology have thrown enough light for our thinkers to have abandoned, in their speculations, the shaky foundations formerly provided by the intuitions, and to base themselves now upon a purified and all-embracing empiricism which has enabled us to formulate hypotheses that are far more consistent than those we held before.

"We can reveal to you that the first shock suffered by our former mechanistic conceptions of the Cosmos was administered when our cosmophysicists succeeded in determining the true nature of physical Space.

"Our model of the Cosmos can give satisfactory explanations for all the interrogation-marks raised not only in Physics but also in the biological and psychophysical fields as well. It is compatible with the whole of the rich phenomenology of which we have chosen to be observers.

"However it is not a definite and perfect model – that is to say real – for the simple reason that, although it answers our own questions well . . .

"What is being?"

"What is non-being?;"

"What is ἐκ-being?;"

"Why are we here . . .?"

"What is the necessary 'entity?' (note that I am trying to use the formulations that are most familiar to you yourselves)

...nevertheless in satisfying harmoniously our own subjective aspirations for knowledge we are introducing, fallaciously, some false convictions, namely:–

"The false conviction that a model, objective to ourselves, exists. The conviction that, in satisfying our own mental figurations, suitable for beings with a definite neurocortical structure, we can qualify the OUTSIDE-OF-ME-MIND as a concept that is 'apprehended' in all its totality, without taking into account the fact that another DIFFERENT-FROM-ME-STRUCTURE had also satisfied its own formulated questions, arriving at conclusions which would be repugnant to my STRUCTURAL-I but would be perfectly valid for itself.

"But this is a corollary to the disturbing question set out in the first term. Is there an objective model of the 'Cosmos'? Because, if the answer is negative, then the confusion introduced will render all hope of certainty impossible.

"However, before we give you our ideas regarding entities, regarding the AIOOYAAIODI (Dimensional Entity), let us first see how we cope with the problem of information, whose perversion would negate all possibility of our understanding each other."

Language and our logic

"The first objective of our thinking was to create some dialectical bases, a logic which would be independent of language, of speech. This was of vital importance if you bear in mind the fact that our form of expression is bisynchrovalent, and that the verbal codification of thought into two modalities capable of being phonified simultaneously (one of them by a linguoguttural mechanism similar to that of the languages of EARTH, and the other by means of a code involving series of repetitions of the phonemes) predisposes to erroneous interpretations and is a source of fallacies due to the ambiguity of

the terms used and the emotive tone with which they are expressed.

"For this reason we chose our OIYOYOIDAA (or form for expressing ideas by means of the *codified repetition* of various words in the context of a normal conversation) to serve as a basis for the verbal communication of our AADOOAUGOOA (logical) concepts. The transcendental ideas expressed thus in a language having a mathematical basis.

"In this fashion, we OEMMII of UMMO can make use, as and when we so desire, of three verbal instruments which are utilized in accordance with the needs of each individual at each moment.

"The first instrument, DU-OI-OIYOO (this can be translated as 'linking language') uses ideograms in its graphic expression together with connected or associated words which represent concepts, values, and concrete objects and at times even complex series of ideas. It is a vehicle which serves for carrying on a conversation about routine questions (domestic, technical, popular macrosocial speech).

"During the process of teaching, and in gatherings of a transcendental character, in dialogues between what you would call intellectuals; when the hierarchies of our society (our supreme authorities are situated on three planes: UMMOAELEWE, UMMOAELEVEANI, and UMMOEMII) have to address themselves for some transcendental reasons to the component elements of our Social Network, and on specific occasions when the urgency of the case calls for great speed of information, two orders of ideas can be transmitted simultaneously by us to the person whom we are addressing. Of these two communications, the more transcendant, or more complex one, or the one requiring expression of great precision, is produced by means of a numerical codification in which each digit is picked up by the repetition, 'n times,' of the same phoneme, with the help of a special peculiar modulation of the phonemes.

"This last-mentioned manner is the one which serves as the basis for a third class of language which, utilizing the fundamental codification of the more elaborated propositions (numerical codification) establishes flexible rules, much more complex and exact, in the communication of information.

"So that, when we need to converse or express transcendental ideas of a logical, mathematical, 'metaphysical,' or physical nature, we require a unique codification of propositions, formulated in such a fashion that our conversation shall encounter no phonetic or emotional idiomatic obstructions. The high yield in informative power compensates for the slowness or the poor fluidity of the flow of verbal communication.

"We observe that there are some notable discrepancies between the logical bases familiar to you and our own.

"We deny the EARTH principle of the third excluded term (the excluded middle, enunciated by Aristotle) according to which propositions can only be TRUE or FALSE.

"The same line of dialectic requires likewise that we do not accept the principle called CONTRADICTION by you (for example in the field which we call the Theory of BIEEWIGUU). (This term can be translated as *psychophysiology.*) We respect in all cases what you call the principle of IDENTITY.

"The information which we have just given you calls for a clarification. In our normal process of becoming, our routine daily life, our dialectic can be confused with yours. If I say YES, I woke up at 26 UIW, such a proposition is either true or I may have falsified the reality, in which case no other class of statement other than TRUE or FALSE is possible (that is, HERE in my tridimensional version of my WAAM (Universe).

"For topical matters of daily life, this ingenious bipolar or di-valent principle is valid and useful (similarly you, when you are shopping in the market, also do not have to make relativistic corrections in the mass of a piece of merchandise moving from the shopkeeper to the customer).

"But when we need to speculate concerning transcendental values, and when we try to study concepts which you would term gnoseological, ontological, physical, biological, theological...,then this principle has to be discarded totally.

"And this precisely is the great obstacle to which we referred above. How are we to explain to you our metaphysical bases if our respective 'languages' are founded on contradictory principles of logic? The problem is, as you may well imagine, one not to be resolved merely by transcribing the meanings of phonemes.

"This is the reason why (apart from those reasons inherent in our need for protective censorship) we are obliged, in our communications to you, to make use of terracentric similes, narrow and mutilated propositions, trimmed of all the informative wealth of our own dialectical expressions. Even the mere use of the verb to be sets a restraint and limitation upon all our possibilities. The whole ontology of terrestrial thinkers is saturated with expressions like 'TO BE,' 'I AM NOT,' 'I EXIST,' without any option for other forms of different content.

"In this sense great perceptiveness is displayed in the orientation followed by the Neopositivist philosophers of EARTH, like Russell, not so much as regards the rejection of all metaphysic but as regards a demand for the revision of the language. Until you yourselves clarify your forms of informative communication the process of seeking the truth will be very laborious and slow."

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Notes

6 Here one may admire an excellent example of the skill of the alleged "Visitors" in word-concoction, the result being an extraordinary product, comprising the Greek terms for *outside, Earth,* and *knowledge,* thus meaning what we would call, in our more usual *Latin-based* terminology, "extraterrestrial knowledge." A few lines further on in the text will be found the word *geognosological,* meaning, of course: "relating to terrestrial knowledge."

Other terms which will be noted in the text are: *macrosocial; biocultural; gnoseological; bisynchrovalent; terracentric; geosocial.* Evidently our "Visitors" have "done their homework" in Greek and Latin!

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.

Bergier in a maze

Dear Editor,—Please accept my contributory notes on Mr. Derek A. Allen's letter (FSR Vol.20, No.3, 1974), dealing with Jacques Bergier's passage on the magnesium crystal from Brazil.

I own both the German and the English translations of *L'Homme Eternel,* and both contain this passage. I also own Bergier's book *Mysteries of the Earth* ("Editions J'ai Lu", 1970) where, in his Prologue, he says:

"For me, having extraterrestrial beings intervene in our history is no more absurd than having microbes intervene in the state of our health. In both cases, it is a matter of interventions that are imperceptible to our senses, but are revealed by deeper study and confirmed by instrumental analysis.

"Charles Fort said: 'We are the property of someone.' I go further than he does, in declaring that we are the creation of someone; and less far, in postulating that we are under surveillance and that perhaps 'they' intervene in our activities and in our history."

Why Bergier has started later to contradict his own statements, convictions and findings, is, to say the least, not to the advantage of his reputation, but he may have been warned — or threatened — to reverse his initial positive view points on this subject, and told to start publishing the opposite and rather sinister theories — he may even have had a call from the so called "men in black." For my part, I feel more convinced than ever by the evidence that has so far been recorded, not to mention the ever growing numbers of previously "unbelieving" scientists and others, joining our ranks.

While on the subject, finally allow me to express my appreciation to Aime Michel for *The mouse in the maze,* and focussing on his last sentence, about it perhaps being "something more disturbing than a maze", and permit me to observe "rather something more deep, mighty serious and powerful!"

Accept my very best thoughts and wishes to you all for 1975!

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January 1, 1975.

Base over apex

Sir,—I read with utter horror (FSR Vol.20, No.3, World Round-up, p.32) that

"...a special 'flying saucer' department set up by the Ministry of Defence is examining reports of sightings from Birmingham."

Bureaucrats have of course, in all ages and all climes, always been notorious for their gross inefficiency and their complete lack of contact with reality.

There is indeed a nasty little rude, crude, and popular British saying which runs (I quote it here as some of our overseas readers may not have the pleasure of knowing it) that civil servants . . .

don't know their ass from their elbow

(It will be noted that, in order not to lower the high tone of FSR, I have employed the three-letter word *ass* as used by the Americans — rather than the correct but more robust four-letter Anglosaxon term. Incidentally there does not seem at first glance to be much connection between the humble donkey and the human pygian integument, though of course you can sit on both.)

Now this coarse little British saying is exemplified to perfection in the reports of official activity around Birmingham. For it is clear that these gentlemen who have been despatched from the Ministry in London are blissfully unaware that *flying saucers do not exist,* and that it was their very own Ministry who proved long ago that they do not exist, as we saw for ourselves in that memorable and never-to-be-forgotten television programme from Banbury Town Hall, mounted by the BBC's *Man Alive* team in close collaboration with their mentors at the Ministry, and shown to the British viewing public on February 2, 1972.

I don't know what other people think about all this, but my own feeling is one of profound sadness. For here we are, in a country which, as we are assured, is on the very verge of bankruptcy. And we — the poor miserable, longsuffering tax-payers — have to endure the daft spectacle of these civil servants gallivanting around our rural areas, buttonholing the aghast yokels about non-existent UFOs and, no doubt, swilling to excess in the village pubs, And all this, mark you, at the taxpayer's expense. (Civil servants detailed on such duties which take them away from their normal place of work not only travel at public expense but also draw a daily *subsistence allowance* for food and lodging.)

Are there no more important jobs to be done? Surely these minions from the Ministry of Defence could be performing some really vital or essential job. Such as, for example, helping to put through our government's proudly announced plan to disarm our country and weaken NATO, *cutting our defences by no less than one thousand million pounds* in the face of those well-equipped hordes which constitute the greatest and finest army, navy and air force this planet has ever seen.

Gordon Creighton
London

Dr. Schwarz and Mrs. Lansing attacked

Dear Sir,—I received last night a copy of your issue, Vol.20, No.4. The first article I noted was "Stella Lansing's Clocklike UFO Patterns" by B.E. Schwarz.

As a photographer myself, I cannot believe that most of those photographs could have been published with a straight face! There does not appear to be one that I would judge genuine! My reasons:

1. Note figures 1, 3, 5, and 6. The clocklike pattern "spills out" of each frame of the film into the next. This should immediately be regarded as a sign of tampering! It indicates that the image *was not recorded by the camera, but inserted in some way afterwards.*
2. Note figures 2a and 2b. They are in a position on the negatives which would be impossible for a normal exposure to reach. Conclusion: they must have been inserted later, either accidentally or on purpose. BUT Note: since it is impossible to tell whether this is movie film or still film from your article, even this conclusion may not stand! Highly suspect.
3. Note in all of the exposures which show the clocklike pattern the pattern seems almost identical. Taken with the fact that the pattern is not confined to the frame and appears where an exposure could not normally be made with a camera, indicates again that there were *not introduced through the camera* as maintained by Mr. Schwarz and Mrs. Lansing.
4. Note figures 2ci, 2cii and 2ciii. They seem far too closely to resemble

ordinary household objects photographed in low light and then "sandwiched" with other negatives to produce a composite photograph. 2cii in particular appears to be a transparent attempt to use a common household saucer with a chipped edge, "sandwiched" along withother enlargements of other images (see following notes).

5. Of particular note are the photographs printed on pages 6 and 7 of the article. It can be seen that there are no points of reference in these photos. The images are suspended in blackness — something which immediately arouses suspicion in the photographer, for without a point of reference there can be no assurance that the picture is not a clever composite.

6. The pattern shown in many of the photos (i.e., clocklike) is also suspect, in that it is an unlikely formation for any craft, extra-terrestrial or otherwise to travel within.

I urge you to study your information more closely and consider, possibly, a retraction, in view of your subsequent (as reported in the latest issue of FSR) publication of a special report on this "case".

I believe that if you have your experts investigate these photos it will be found that the clocklike pattern can easily be duplicated by use of either a watch with a luminous dial (radioactively treated perhaps) and/or the "spoking" pattern on a radar screen photographed with high-speed film in the dark or otherwise introduced on film in some fashion.

It would seem apparent to me, Sir that you have, unwittingly, been taken in by Mr. Schwarz and Mrs. Lansing. I am by no means a "disbeliever" in the UFO phenomena, but believe that the best way to solve this mystery is to publish the truth and not such questionable material as the above photos.

Yours sincerely,

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Editor's comments:

Although I am nauseated by the unthinking nature and arrogant tone of Mr. Bowman's letter, and disturbed by his insinuations about Dr. Schwarz and Mrs. Lansing, I feel the letter should be published. Allegations like these have a habit of turning into rumours, and spreading, if they are not refuted.

Mr. Bowman and some other readers have hastened into the attack without, it seems having read the text carefully, or without waiting patiently for the succeeding parts of this lengthy study.

Mrs. Stella Lansing is a medium who has frequently seen strange unidentified flying objects and nocturnal lights. She has filmed them, and has at times obtained unexpected images on her films. This we have shown in two earlier issues, namely Vol.18, No. 1, and Special Issue No. 5, UFO ENCOUNTERS. *I understand that the clocklike patterns of UFO shapes are more recent manifestations of these intrusions on film. Nowhere in the articles is any claim made that the objects were seen flying in the clocklike formations, and that the images were focussed on the film objectively through the camera lens.*

The point of the article is that at times when this medium, or contactee, sees UFOs, or is subjected to an urge to film something, strange images, including the clocklike patterns appear by paranormal means on the negative. A kind of "Ted Serios effect" could be one way of trying to describe it.

It should be noted that experts have studied the films and are puzzled by them; I would think it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that they have considered whether or not Dr. Schwarz, and/or Mrs. Lansing, arranged dark room sessions for prefilming of their (handless) watch, or popped off to the nearest radar station for an "impingement" exercise, and found the idea as ludicrous as I do.

Mr. Bowman chooses to impugn the integrity of, and to insult a doctor who is prominent in his profession. I have known Dr. Schwarz for many years, which is hardly surprising as he is a valued member of the consultants' panel of FSR. Although I have not met him personally I have spoken with him many times on the transatlantic telephone, have the utmost faith in him, and nothing but admiration for his devotion to his work. Dr. Schwarz has spent a small fortune in his investigations into matters psychic and ufological; he is fully aware of the apparent overlap of UFO and psychic phenomena, and is not afraid to say so.

I certainly would not publish anything if I thought there was the slightest suggestion of trickery. It may not interest Mr. Bowman, but I feel I should record the fact that my British colleague Dr. Ivor Grattan-Guinness recently visited Dr. Schwarz at his home in New Jersey, and also met Mrs. Lansing and was present at filming sessions. He was very impressed, and has reinforced my opinion of Dr. Schwarz.

One final note: the history of "psychic photography" stretches back over some 100 years, is lengthy, and is well-documented, and there has never been any claim that the weird images have impinged on film through the lens of a camera. Mr. Bowman may be a photographic expert, but this phenomenon — and Mrs. Lansing's abilities and those of Ted Serios would seem to be part of it — has nothing whatsoever to do with conventional photography. In which case it would not surprise me to learn that Mr. Bowman lacks the competence to comment on these matters.*

C. BOWEN

* Readers (including Mr. Bowman) are referred for example to the book *The Great Problem, or, Does Man Survive?* by Dr. George Lindsey Johnson FRCS, MA, MD (Cantab), FRPS [for the benefit of Mr. Bowman and other overseas readers who might not recognise these qualifications: Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Master of Arts, Doctor of Medicine (Cambridge University) and Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society] published by Ryder and Co. of London in 1928 [a copy of which is in the possession of Mr. Gordon Creighton]. Dr. Johnson was a surgeon at the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London, and in Chapter 8 we read how, in 1920, he took a party of researchers to Crewe to see Mr. Hope, a well-known photographic medium. They had with them a large selection of photographic plates purchased at random from five dealers in London. Mr. Hope was not permitted to approach the members of the party, and he was photographed by them with several cameras. The plates, when developed, showed all manner of unexpected images: people, deceased people, written messages, and objects like flowers. A sealed box containing unexposed plates was held to Mr. Hope's forehead and he was asked to project images on to plates in the middle of the package. The experiment over, the package was later found to have two plates in the centre, between other unaffected plates, and these carried photographs of documents on them, one in unknown 19th Century handwriting, and the other, a message written in the handwriting of, and signed (writing and signature verified) by the Venerable Archdeacon T. Colly, who had died some years previously.

One of many Welcome letters

Dear Sir,—I have recently received my copy, Vol.20, No.4, of FSR and as a subscriber since the beginning, I feel I must write and congratulate you on producing such an excellent publication. I think you have a world wide respect. Your editorials and articles by your staff and consultants are a distinct breath of fresh air in these somewhat disturbed times.

Your advertisement with regard to the activities in France led me to buy from that country the book by Jean Claude Bouret – "La Nouvelle Vague des Soucoupes Volantes." It is extremely well written and well presented – surely it must sell well after these broadcasts!

You must be very busy, but allow me to say – "in spite of all the difficulties, all success to your efforts."

Yours truly,
L.H. Navier
Ormonde Avenue
Hull, Yorks

Editor's comment:
Thank you Mr. Navier, and all those others who, like you, have written in similar vein. We do not normally publish letters of this kind, but it is good to know that despite all the problems we faced, and the delays that accumulated, there are far more readers who are pleased with the end-product of our efforts than those who feel otherwise.

OF UFOs AND GARUDAS – KEEL'S LATEST BOOK

Jerome Clark

THE UFO mystery, it has become increasingly clear, defies all reason. Far from suggesting the appearance on our planet of advanced extraterrestrials, the growing body of "evidence" reads rather like the delusions of the insane or the guileless fantasies of children. Trying to prove the presence of interplanetary visitors from all these conflicting data is as absurd as trying to map the terrain of another dimension from the study of dreams.

In a sense it is with dreams rather than with interplanetary visitors that John A. Keel's important new book, **The Mothman Prophecies** (Saturday Review/Dutton, 1975), concerns itself. Strange dreams, to be sure – dreams which leave footprints, show up on film and may be experienced by more than one percipient at a time – but dreams nonetheless.

Keel's book, to be more precise, seems to deal with nightmares. A recounting of the "Year of the Gardua,"* it details Keel's investigations over a 13-month period (November 15, 1966, to December 15, 1967) into West Virginia's enigmatic "Mothman," actually a catch-all label which covers several different large winged beasties seen by over a hundred terrified witnesses. Accompanying Mothman on its incursion into the backwaters of America were the supposed inhabitants of the planet Lanulos from the nonexistent "galaxy of Ganymede," malevolent men in black who travelled about in black Cadillacs intimidating witnesses and ufologists, and all manner of odd flying objects, including floating blobs of light, machine-like "spacecraft" and ostensibly conventional planes and helicopters.

An amazing story, in short, and Keel tells it well, never losing his sense of humour through it all – an astonishing feat in itself. *Prophecies* will be difficult going for those who presume a relatively simple scenario for the UFO story, whether they be sceptics or extraterrestrials, and it will be misunderstood by those who take things too literally. And if there is one lesson UFO research teaches, it is that things must never be taken literally. Keel himself puts matters into perspective when he notes (p.102):

> ... *the phenomenon is imitative.* This paranormal mimicry is difficult for many to understand but I come across constant examples. Early in January 1973, for instance, a reliable witness in Ohio observed an unusual-looking helicopter which she was able to describe in detail. When she sketched it for a local UFO enthusiast he was flabbergasted. He was an aeronautical engineer specializing in helicopters and he knew the thing she drew was a new secret helicopter *that was still on the drawing board!*
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> Even closer to home, a few days after Tad Jones's sighting on Route 64, *True* magazine hit the stands with an article of mine about flying saucers. It was illustrated with drawings of all kinds of odd-shaped objects, many of them the pure products of the artist's imagination. It included an exact replica of Jones's sphere, complete with wheeled legs and propeller. An object exactly like this had never been described in the UFO literature before...or since. The artist had produced his layout many weeks before. Somehow the phenomenon had mischievously duplicated the artist's conception for Jones's benefit.

As Jacques Vallée speculated several years ago in *Passport to Magonia*, "There exists a natural phenomenon whose manifestations border on both the physical and the mental. There is a medium in which human dreams can be implemented..." The sociopsychological sources of the Mothman/Lanulos "dreams" seem obvious enough – comic books, horror movies and science fiction stories. The MIB archetype comes out of a hybridization of Mafia gangsters and CIA/KGB secret agents.

The question of the Phenomenon's ultimate source remains open, of course. We have no way of determining whether these manifestations are "only" psychic projections (a view I lean towards currently, though not dogmatically, and argue for in a recent book) or whether they are projections from some unknown Otherworld which have entered our realm in disguise (Keel's view). Either way, something of profound significance is occurring, and we must learn to understand it – if we can.

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* In East Indian tradition the Garuda is a giant supernatural bird.

Readers' Reports

Kempshot landing

Dear Sir,—I am writing to you after reading your very interesting book *The Humanoids*. I have recently heard a story concerning a sighting of a UFO which took place during August, 1965, at approximately 2.00 a.m. It flew past very slowly and landed at a Mr. Gibbon's farm at Kempshot near Basingstoke. The witnesses were a Mr. Ralph Croft and his wife of Four Lanes, Cornwall, (they lived at Basingstoke at the time). Their accounts to me of the sighting were identical.

The UFO was approximately ten feet in diameter, very smooth and flat, and of a gunmetal or silver colour with a green interior lighting. It sounded like a huge vacuum cleaner. After being under observation for some two to three minutes, it flew off in a northerly direction, trailing a large orange flame almost twice the length of the machine. The flame burnt a patch in the field 15 feet in diameter. Although the object was seen from a bedroom window approximately 200 feet away, it was a clear, moonlit night.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Willmott,
33 Penberthy Road,
Helston, Cornwall.

Met. man's sighting

Dear Sir,—I have taken an interest in UFOs for several years, and as my job is weather observing in the Meteorological Office I have plenty of opportunity to watch the skies. Despite this, though, I haven't seen anything very unusual as yet. However, last year I did witness something that I couldn't really account for. I would be very grateful if you could give me your educated opinion on this sighting plus any corroborative evidence that may have been reported to you.

On 16th January 1974, around 2300 hours I was at home in the kitchen making myself a drink when I felt the urge to go and look outside the back door. The night was a wild one; at least for this part of the country; with a strong to gale NW-Northerly wind (30-35 kts with gusts 50-55 kts); the sky was partly cloudy with low cloud (2000-3000 feet) and excellent visibility. (I checked the details with our observations register at RAF Cardington, near Bedford where I work.)

To the northwest I saw a red light, about as bright as the brightest star or planet in the sky, moving in a most peculiar manner. The best way I can describe the motion is to compare it with that of a ping-pong ball on a jet of water, that is moving up and down very rapidly and erratically; also horizontally occasionally. I was puzzled to say the least and hurried back inside to call my mother and my brothers to come and look. My brothers and I then went to the top of our garden to have a better view.

The light appeared to be quite close, as far as I could tell in the circumstances, approximately 2-3 miles away which is roughly over the old Warden Aerodrome, where a number of antique aircraft are kept, and flown on suitable occasions.

We watched the light weaving and bobbing for about 10 minutes, then it suddenly dropped like a stone and disappeared from sight.

Shortly thereafter, we saw another red light on the western horizon moving slowly eastwards towards us, but this was blinking regularly and we could see that it was a plane. It was noticably different from the earlier light. We watched the sky for a while afterwards but saw nothing further.

I realise, of course, that what I witnessed wasn't anything unusual, judging by the UFO accounts I have read, but it was impossible for me to find an explanation that seemed adequate.

Yours sincerely,
D. P. Daish
High Street, Broom
Bedfordshire
February 13, 1975

England

Low-level UFO near Marlow

Two encounters with UFOs gave rise to my interest in the subject and to my becoming a reader of FSR. The first took place over four years ago, the second more recently.

My family and I were on holiday on the Norfolk Broads. Four of us were playing about with a football when suddenly all four of us looked almost vertically upwards for no apparent reason. A fraction of a second later, an object appeared. It was three or four times as large as a star and bright orange in colour. In the next instant it disappeared, and reappeared ninety degrees from its first position. This is all we saw, but it worried us slightly. We couldn't understand why we had all looked up at the very same instant.

The second sighting was on September 21, 1974, at about 8.30 p.m. We were again on holiday, this time cruising on the River Thames. We had stopped for the night at Marlow, in Buckinghamshire, and had moored in a relatively flat and open part of the river. In fact we had moored next to several large fields, with a few scattered trees.

It was a very clear, starry night, and also very cold. Aeroplanes passed overhead every few minutes. My father was outside on the deck of the boat, when he called to us to come and see something across the fields. At first we thought that there was a very bright fire burning in the trees across the fields (they were 500-600 yards away). But the strange thing was that the bright light was seen to be 15-20 feet *above* the trees. The colour changed constantly from red to orange and then to yellow, and back again, while the object remained motionless.

After about six minutes it slowly began to lift higher above the trees (eight persons were watching this). Meanwhile my uncle ran to get his binoculars from the boat. The light was now moving relatively slowly across our field of vision. Upon looking through the glasses, my uncle shouted that it was a bright orange disc spinning on its axis. We couldn't believe this until we had all looked through the binoculars. Then all of a sudden it hurtled away from us at incredible speed and disappeared within a couple of seconds. (From a letter by Mr. Kevin Knight, aged 20, from Brighton, Sussex.)

Yours truly,
Kevin Knight
Thompson Road, Brighton
February 9, 1975

Mottingham mystery

Dear Sir,—I have been advised to contact you to report what I believe was a UFO sighting in the early hours of Tuesday, January 28, 1975, from the address below).

On that morning, at 6.15, I awoke suddenly after only five hours sleep, wondering what had roused me. After paying a visit to the bathroom without switching any lights on at all, as I fully intended to return to bed, I went to my kitchen window for a brief glimpse of the weather. It was very dark and overcast.

I live in a second-floor flat commanding a wide view of the landscape from the back windows. To the north lies Shooters Hill, about two miles as the crow flies, but to the north-west the horizon is limited to

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less than half a mile by a rise of land fringed with a belt of trees, beyond which, out of sight falls a large stretch of parkland.

It was over the latter area in Mottingham, S.E.9., that my eyes were drawn to a huge globe of light in the sky between a hundred to two hundred feet above the trees. It was absolutely stationary, pulsating with a brilliant, pale-golden light. Out loud I exclaimed to myself, "No*star* was ever that size!" To compare, if one thinks of a star in a cloudless sky as a pin-head, this object was the size of a tangerine and very similar in shape, slightly flattened top and bottom.

I stood observing it for at least three minutes, eliminating from my mind what it was *not*. Much too large for a star or a planet, too small to be the moon – in any case planets and moons do not "twinkle" as this did; as the light neither diminished nor increased in size, approaching or receding aircraft could be ruled out – there was in fact no noise at all.

Without taking my eyes off it, I began to wonder how long I should stand there rationalising this strange phenomenon, when suddenly it moved silently and swiftly in a straight line westward along the horizon, the light growing smaller as it went into the distance. I had it in sight for eight to ten seconds before it disappeared.

After several hours of deliberation I telephoned the local newspaper, the *Eltham and Kentish Times*, and asked if anyone else had reported seeing this brilliant light. Unfortunately, no one had, and although they were very interested in my story it was not published in that week's edition. However, they put me in touch with a Mr. Oakley-Hill of Eltham and it was he who suggested I write this account and send it to you.

As a 55-year-old widow I can assure you I am not given to wild flights of imagination. I have, however, been interested in this and allied subjects for many years, but like Thomas, I would have had to see with my own eyes before I could say categorically "Yes, they exist." Now I can state this.

Yours sincerely,
Joan Stuart
130B Southwood Road,
New Eltham,
London Se9 3QN
February 3, 1975

World round-up

of news and comment about recent sightings

England

UFO on the Dart

From the *Western Morning News* (date not indicated: sender thinks it was early in January 1975),–

"Dartmouth police are looking into reports of an unidentified flying object which is said to have hovered over the town and landed on the River Dart.

"Several residents on both sides of the river, including a leading district councillor, last night phoned the police to say they saw the bright orange object, about the size of a football, hover at a low speed over the Britannia Royal Naval College before changing direction to land on the river where it remained for several minutes before taking off again and heading for Torbay."

Credit: K. Bailey, of Ivybridge, Devon.

Spain

Luminous balls in Guadarrama

Translated from the Spanish afternoon daily newspaper *Pueblo*, of Madrid, for Tuesday, June 18, 1974, is this item by Staff Reporter Jesús M. Amilibia,–

"A really strange phenomenon – and one which I think merits analysis by those concerned in the study of such things – happened in a place called "Las Laderas", in Guadarrama. Three people, José Fidel da Lama, his wife, María del Pinar Quintero Ayala and Señorita María Angustias Gómez saw a large luminous ball sitting on one side of the mountain last Thursday afternoon (13th June), approximately one kilometre from their mountain home. The period of observation lasted some five minutes. It is Major Da Lama, himself, Infantry Commander, who told us the following story.

" 'It must have been round a quarter to five last Thursday afternoon; it was a very overcast day. At approximately one kilometre from my house, we saw a large luminous ball sitting on the side of the mountain. We observed it from the balcony of the house. This ball, or the object, or whatever it was, radiated a very strong white light. My wife was a bit frightened, and commented: 'José, let's go indoors; this is probably one of those ufo-things...' "

"Major Da Lama tells us his story with absolute naturalness, without fear or exaggeration, limiting himself to the simple facts. He is a serious, well-balanced man and decided to give us this story only because he feels that the phenomenon ought to be studied, and not taken as a mere frivolity. And, undoubtedly, this is the way it should be; and precisely the first frivolity to be eliminated is that of an attitude of indifference.

" 'How big do you think this ball was?' I asked him.

" 'It's not easy to calculate, given the distance from which I saw it, but I should say that it might have measured about one metre in diameter,' he replied.

" 'Apart from the very strong light that it gave off,' I continued, 'What else struck you as being strange about it?'

" 'Something really surprising and inexplicable – at least for me. The ball was winking, i.e. the potency of its brilliancy rose and reduced in an intermittent fashion but with absolute regularity. I took my own pulse and discovered that the intermittency coincided with my own heart beats more or less. But I don't mean to say that the light went on and off; no, it wasn't that, but rather that it became brighter and darker in a measured and rhythmic manner, as though it were emitting signals...'

" 'How long did this phenomenon last?,' I asked him.

" 'Four or five minutes, but the most extraordinary thing of all was when the light went out, a kind of smaller ball sallied forth from inside the bigger one. This smaller one might have been about the size of a football, was just as bright, and rolled about fifty metres down the side of the mountain. I had never before seen the likes of it. I then began to observe this smaller ball and when I turned my attention back to the larger one, it had disappeared from view. Really, I have never before seen anything to equal it all...Listen, I was always very sceptical about things such as this and never believed in these things; but now I think there must be something to it...'

" 'Do you think the ball flew out of sight?'

" 'I don't know. I can only say it disappeared.'

" 'What do you think this luminous object could be, i.e. this strange object that *begot* another smaller one before your very eyes?'

" 'I haven't even the faintest clue, but be all this as it may, it is the strangest and most surprising thing I've ever seen in my life.'

" 'Why didn't you run over to where it was? Were you afraid?'

" 'No. I wasn't afraid; it's just

that at this time it had begun to rain. It wasn't until the next morning that I got goose flesh, when I went to the spot on the side of the mountain where it had settled. I had thought that such an object would surely have left some tracks, and by George, it had...And when I saw the marks it left, I got goose flesh...'

" 'What were they like?'

" 'Basically, a burned circle about one-and-a-half metres in diameter. Inside this burned circle there were three points which had been burned even more, as though they had been made by *tuyères,* by jets or something of that order...Next to the circle, just off to one side, there was another point burned to great intensity. The fact that something had landed on that spot is undeniable. The origin of this thing or object or ball, or whatever it was, and where it came from, are all something else again. I think this is work for the specialists to say. I can only affirm and re-affirm what my wife, a young lady and I saw, and that it left its tracks behind. Ah! I almost forgot: the smaller ball that came out of the bigger one, and rolled down the mountain, also left tracks. It burned bushes as it rolled down the mountain side...'

"Just as the Commander has said, we visited the spot and saw the evidence for ourselves. As it always happens in these cases, a natural phenomenon is looked for as the answer. Some people say that the burns are the result of lightning, but there is too much against this sort of reasoning. In the first place, when Major Da Lama and his wife and friend saw the ball, the storm had not begun. In the second place, where has it ever been seen that lightning burned the ground in a circular form, with some points more burned out than others and all the points equidistant from each other? In the third and final place, since when have lightning flashes begun to set on mountain sides, in the form of luminous balls, giving off intermittent rays of brilliancy with regularity?

"Unquestionably the object or ball seen by Major Da Lama has nothing whatever to do with lightning...nor anything similar. Those who know and write about such things say these phenomena in the shape or form of balls, these luminous objects, usually precede the appearance of UFOs; but this is only a hypothesis. Some others may think that what Mr. Da Lama saw was probably produced by a meteorite. But the fact that it was 'winking' and 'blinking' and augmenting and diminishing its light intensity with rhythmic regularity discards this theory. And above all, a meteorite couldn't give off a smaller one once it had struck the earth. Besides, the remains of such a heavenly body would be there for one and all to see... And there on the mountain side of the Guadarrama Range the only thing to see are the tracks of something that stood there...and then disappeared.

Our thanks to **Sr. R-B. Guérard-y-Holmes**, who sent this item to us, together with a translation.

Sr. Guérard comments:

"In relation to this article about *Comandante* José Fidel da Lama, and the *luminous balls* seen on the Guadarrama Mountain Range, just about 50 kilometres outside of Madrid, to the North-West, I went to visit the reporter this morning. I did not see him, but spoke to him later by telephone. He is frankly impressed and believes every word of it.

"I am convinced that a Comandante in the Spanish Army would never try to tell such a story if he weren't absolutely sincere. Spanish high officials are extremely conservative and serious. It is their principal characteristic.

" 'Comandante' is a rank just between captain and lieut. colonel; what the British and Americans would call a 'major.'"

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