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TWO NEW "KIDNAPPING" CASES



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Paralysis and UFO Close Encounters

By Richard Niemtzw

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Throughout the literature of Ufos, numerous are the reports of the witness or witnesses becoming paralyzed during close encounters. Although the author does not wish to set forth a hypothesis to explain these events, it is rather interesting to consider the problem from a medical perspective. Particularly, emphasis is placed on the paralysis as being a separate entity distinguished from immobility provoked by fear.

We are reminded of the multitude of cases: the witness, curious and brave, investigates and becomes paralyzed; the motorist experiencing a dynamic process involving motor and electrical failure of the vehicle before his paralysis.

THE PARALYSIS: A CLINICAL SKETCH BASED ON REPORTS.

Skin: Burns usually 1st degree.
Head: Headache, dizziness.
Eyes: Temporary blindness, inflammation, pain.
Ears: Perception of sound.
Nose: Perception of smell sometimes reported.
Mouth/Throat: Paralyzed; Speechless.
Endocrine system: Difficult to evaluate.
Hematological system: Pathological manifestation if atomic radiation greater than 100 Rem.
Arms: Paralyzed
Legs: Paralyzed; Subject does not fall.
Respiratory: Obviously sometimes functions with difficulty.
Cardio-vascular: Obviously functions within normal limits.
Gastrointestinal: No information.
Genito-Urinary: No information.
Central Nervous System: Cognition: sensorium and intellect intact. parapsychological manifestations reported: telepathy.

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The Tuesday, October 29, 1974 issue of the *Rawlins (Wyoming) Daily Times* carried Mr. Carl Higdon's account of his strange experience while elk-hunting on the north boundary of the Medicine Bow National Forest on the 25th of October.

On Saturday, November 2, Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, APRO's Consultant in Psychology, Mr. Rick Kenyon, art teacher in the Public Schools of Rawlins and Mr. Robert Nantkes, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor at Riverton, Wyoming, spent four hours with Mr. and Mrs. Higdon, their children and several relatives, talking about Higdon's experience and their reactions to it. The pendulum technique and other hypnotic procedures were utilized to obtain more information from Mr. Higdon about his experience. Dr. Sprinkle was not satisfied with the results and decided to pursue the matter further at a future date. On November 17 another session was held and more information was obtained.

Mr. Higdon's experience is certainly strange, and might even be described as bizarre. At about 4 p.m. Higdon was hunting south of Rawlins when his "experience" began to unfold. "I walked over this hill and saw 5 elk," Higdon said. "I raised my rifle and fired, but the bullet only went about 50 feet and dropped." He went over, got the bullet and tucked it into a fold in his canteen pouch. "I heard a noise like a twig snapping, and looked over to my right and there in the shadow of the trees was this sort of man standing there."

The "man" was 6'2" tall, and approximately 180 pounds. He was dressed in a black suit and black shoes and wore a belt with a star in the middle and a yellow emblem below it. Higdon also said he was quite bow-legged, had a slanted head and no chin. His hair was thin and stood straight up on his head (see accompanying drawing).

The "man", Higdon said, asked if he was hungry, he replied that he was and the man tossed him some (4) pills and he took one. The pills were in a container much like a "Dristan" package (apparently the cellophane type as he said it was transparent). He put the container in his pocket. Higdon also commented that he didn't understand why he took them because ordinarily he doesn't even like to take an aspirin. The "man" had

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New Consultant



Burt L. Monroe, Ph. D.

The staff is pleased to welcome Dr. Burt L. Monroe, Jr., Chairman of the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Biology at the University of Louisville, Kentucky as our Consultant in Zoology.

As is the case with all of our Consultants, Dr. Monroe's educational and scientific achievements are so extensive as to preclude their listing them all here; however, he received his B.S. in Biology from the University of Louisville in 1953 and his Ph.D. in Vertebrate Zoology in 1965. He is a member of many scientific societies and has published many papers.

In his letter of acceptance of Consultant status, Dr. Monroe wrote: "I have been most impressed with APRO's approach to the UFO problem, as well as totally appalled at the lack of scientific study by either military or federal agencies so charged . . . Let me know any time I may be of direct help."

With the increasing number of UFO cases in which animals figure we are sure Dr. Monroe will play a big role in the solution of the problem dealing with the effects of the UFOs on animals.

More On Mutilations

Through the excellent work of Field Investigators Bill Pitts, Kevin Randle and of Lee Spiegel, we are able to throw more light on the matter of cattle mutilations.

The vast majority of cattle deaths resulted from usual causes; disease and malnutrition. The missing parts were those parts usually attacked first by small scavenging animals simply because they are easiest to sink small teeth into; i.e., lips, tongue, ears, udders, sex organs, anus.

However, there were a few cases where such simple explanations did not apply. In these cases the animals had been healthy up to time of death, blood was missing from the carcass and there were definite indications that certain organs had been removed with surgical skill.

Tracks of intruders or signs of struggle were not in evidence.

Law enforcement personnel working together with veterinarians eventually uncovered the working of a bizarre Satanical group somewhat reminiscent of the Charles Manson "family".

The leader of this "family" operated in Minnesota for a while, then moved abruptly to Texas when family members ran afoul of the law. The leaders have been apprehended and are now in custody.

The general modus operandi is as follows:

The group would approach its intended victim at night walking upon large pieces of pasteboard which they picked up and carried with them; thus no tracks were left. The victim was shot with a tranquilizer dart, immobilizing it

(traces of nicotine sulfate were found in the livers of some of the animals). Then a heart stimulant was injected, an artery in the throat was punctured and the blood was caught in a plastic bag and carried from the scene in that manner. Organs to be used in the Satanic rites were then surgically removed with a minimum of bleeding.

What needs to be emphasized is the entire lack of what could be called UFO involvement.

For a time a young man who claims to be a lecturer for the University of Minnesota was spreading the work that UFOs had shot some Minnesota cattle and had "collapsed their blood structure

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told him that the pills were "four day" pills, apparently to slake his hunger. Higdon said the man called himself "Ausso" and asked Mr. Higdon if he'd like to go with him and Higdon replied that he guessed so. The man pointed an appendage which came out of his sleeve and at this juncture. Mr. Higdon said he found himself in a transparent cubicle along with Ausso. He was sitting in a chair with "bands" around his arms (apparently holding him in the chair which resembled a high-backed "bucket seat") and a helmet-like apparatus on his head — somewhat like a football helmet except that it had two wires on top and two on the sides leading to the back. On a sort of console opposite his chair Higdon said he saw three levers of different sizes which had letters on them and which "Ausso" manipulated.

Mr. Higdon was very unclear on the size of the cubicle. He said there was a mirror on the upper right in which he could see the reflection of the five elk which seemed to be behind him in a "cage" or corral. They were still, not moving, just as they had been when he first spotted them before he encountered "Ausso". He thought the cubicle was about 7 x 7 and couldn't account for the elk being there also.

When Ausso pointed his appendage at the largest lever it moved down and the cubicle felt like it was moving. After they took off, Higdon said he saw a basketball-shaped object under the cubicle which he took to be the earth. There was another being in the cubicle who left, "just disappeared" when they landed. Ausso said that they had traveled 163,000 light miles.

Outside the cubicle, Higdon said, was a huge tower, perhaps 90 feet high with a brilliant, rotating light and he heard a sound like that made by an electric razor. The light bothered his eyes considerably and he put his hands over them.

Standing outside the tower were five human-appearing people — a gray-haired man of 40 or 50 years old, a brown-haired girl about 10 or 11, a blonde girl of 13 or 14 and a young man of 17 or 18 with brown hair and a blonde 17 or 18 year-old girl. They were dressed in ordinary clothing and appeared to be talking among themselves.

Ausso pointed his "hand" and they (Ausso and Higdon) moved into the tower and up an elevator to a room where he stood on a small platform and a "shield" moved out from the wall. Ausso was on the other side of it. The "shield" was "glassy" appearing, stayed in front of Higdon for what he estimated to be 3 or 4 minutes, then moved back in the wall.

Ausso then told Higdon he was not what they needed and they would take him back. The two moved out of the room to the elevator and then down to the main door. It seemed that all Ausso needed to do was to point his "hand" and they moved effortlessly.

Next, Higdon found himself back in the cubicle with Ausso, who was holding his gun. He said the gun was primitive and wanted to keep it but wasn't allowed to and he gave it back to Higdon. Then he pointed at the longest lever and Higdon found himself standing on a slope. His foot struck a loose rock and he fell, hurting his neck and head and shoulder.

At this point Higdon didn't know who or where he was and got up and walked past his pick-up truck which was sitting in a wooded area on a road with deep ruts. He walked along the track about a mile past the truck, then came back to the truck and heard a woman's voice. As he regained a little of his senses, he used the citizen's band radio to call for help. He told the woman he didn't know who he was or where. Authorities were notified and Higdon was eventually found about 11:30 that night. He was dazed and confused and had difficulty recognizing his wife. The search party had a considerable problem getting Higdon's 2-wheel drive vehicle out (it had to be towed as it could not navigate the rough road).

Higdon was brought to the Carbon County Memorial Hospital in Rawlins at 2:30 a.m. on the 26th. Besides the sore head, neck and shoulder, his eyes were extremely bloodshot and teared constantly. He had no appetite on Saturday and his wife Margery had to force him to eat. On Sunday morning, however, he was ravenous and complained about the meager size of the hospital breakfast.

This, essentially, is Carl Higdon's account of his time from 4:15 p.m. on October 25th 1974 when he first spotted the five elk until he called in on the CB radio.

Some foundation for his story is found in the testimony of the search party who said Higdon's pickup truck could not have driven into or out of the area where it was found. Also, unidentified lights were seen near the area where Higdon was found before the searchers started driving out of the area so the lights of the vehicles could not have accounted for the unidentified lights.

The bullet which was greatly mangled (see photo) was only the copper jacket, the lead slug was missing. This jacket was examined by Dr. Walter Walker, APRO's Consultant in Metallurgy who could only say that it had struck something extremely hard with great force. Higdon points out that the 7 mm bullet is so powerful it can completely transit a standard telephone pole.



Photograph (by Rick Kenyon) of the bullet described by Carl Higdon as the bullet which was fired at a bull elk, but which traveled 50-60 feet, went "splat," and fell to the ground.

Other interesting details which Higdon recalled during hypnotic sessions: Before Higdon was returned to the ground, Ausso pointed at the pocket where Higdon had put the pills and they floated out and up and remained suspended in the air. Ausso had only 6 teeth — three above and three below. He said that on his planet there were no fish, that he could not tolerate the sun's rays as they burned him and that he was exploring and searching for food. He said they took animals back with them for breeding purposes. Last but not least, when the cubicle first took off, Ausso pointed at Higdon's truck and it "just disappeared."

In conclusion we quote Dr. Sprinkle from his first (and preliminary) report: "Although the sighting of a single UFO witness often is difficult to evaluate, the indirect evidence supports the tentative conclusion that Carl Higdon is reporting sincerely the events which he experienced. Hopefully further statements from other persons can be obtained to support the basic statement."

After the snow melts, an attempt will be made to locate the lead slug from the bullet and hopefully it will be able to add something to a very puzzling story.

Another Bahia Blanca Case

The July-August, 1974 *Bulletin* contained information about an alleged kidnap case which took place in October, 1973 near Bahia Blanca, Argentina. Our next case comes from that same city but appears to have better corroborating evidence.

This case is actually in the embryonic state — it has just come to our attention and has not been fully investigated to (See "Kidnapping" — Page Four)

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date. APRO is grateful to Field Investigator Jorge R. Martinez of Bahia Blanca, Argentina for the basic information bearing on this case and to Peter Romaniuk of the Institute Biophysica and Jane Thomas for the translation.

Carlos Alberto Diaz is a 28-year-old married man, father of one child and born in Ingeniero White, a district of Bahia Blanca, Province of Buenos Aries, Republic of Argentina. His work record indicates that since becoming an adult he was a clerk in a central store and for 6 years was employed in the mechanical traction section of Ingeniero White. During the past year he helped with the preparation of a football training school for the Huracan Club of Bahia Blanca and in his spare time augmented his income by working as a waiter at private parties.

On the morning of January 4, 1975 he was finishing his shift as a waiter in the Holy Protective Society of the Naposta District in Bahia Blanca. Outside the door he purchased a "La Nueva Provincia" (The Province News) newspaper, then caught the bus to go home. He got off the bus several blocks from his home and started walking. His route was through a large and desolate railroad yard. The sky was overcast so when a brilliant flash of light momentarily blinded him, he assumed it was merely lightning from the approaching storm. Thunder did not follow, however, and he later described the light as not straight but "broken". After he regained his sight he was frightened and decided to run the rest of the way to his home which was now in sight but couldn't move - he seemed to have become paralyzed.

At that point Mr. Diaz heard a humming sound which he compared to the sound of rushing air or wind and his strange experience continued. Although he tried to resist, Diaz was pulled off the ground and when about 3 meters (about 8 feet) off the ground he became unconscious. His vision faded before he fainted.

When Diaz regained consciousness he was inside a smooth, bright sphere which appeared to be semi-transparent plastic. There was no furniture or devices and the illumination seemed to come from the walls. Diaz said he was completely lucid and conscious, half kneeling and half lying on his side against several openings of about 3 centimeters in diameter (1-1/4 inches) in the bottom of the sphere through which issued air. He said he felt ill if he turned away from the openings and felt they served to keep him conscious. He estimated the "sphere" was 2-1/2 to 3 meters (about 7 X 8 feet) in diameter.



Carlos Alberto Diaz

Suddenly, Diaz reports, three creatures resembling humans came sliding into the sphere. They appeared to be 1.75-1.80 meters in height (approximately 5 feet, 10 inches), their heads half the size of a human head and completely devoid of features - no ears, nose, mouth or eyes. The head was mossy green in color and the body which was rather thin, was covered with something Diaz defined as rubber - light cream colored and very soft and the creatures were completely hairless.

The arms were almost straight and very flexible and ended in "stumps" rather than hands and fingers.

When the creatures came into the sphere, they immediately began pulling tufts of hair from Diaz's head. He didn't know how they did it, at first, not having hands or fingers, but each time they would reach out their arms would pull back and they would have some of his hair. This seemed to give them great pleasure for they would then jump up and down and wave their arms.

Diaz tried to resist the creatures but to no avail. During his struggles Diaz felt the softness of their bodies and ultimately noted they had "suckers" on their arms and assumed that was the method by which they removed the hair. One of them held him, another pulled his hair and the third apparently only observed. Diaz noted the fact that he felt no pain as they pulled at his hair, both on his head and chest. The creatures moved slowly but were very strong and seemingly tireless, he said.

After this ordeal was over, Diaz's sight began to wane gradually and he then fainted. He remembers nothing else of the experience.

Several hours went by and Diaz woke

up and found himself lying on the grass and had to close his eyes as the sun was high and shining into them. He was fully recovered and conscious and near a large, busy highway. Diaz looked at his watch which had stopped at 3:50, the time he last noted before his experience began. Beside him was his bag containing his work clothes and the newspaper he had bought hours before. Diaz felt ill and this illness stayed with him throughout the day.

A man appeared driving a car on the adjacent highway which was 30 meters (about 100 feet) from Diaz's location. The man thought Diaz had been struck by a car and stopped. Upon hearing Diaz' explanation of what had happened to him, he offered to take him to the nearest hospital (Railway Hospital), where they arrived 25 minutes later at 8:30 a.m. It was when he learned the time that Diaz became convinced that he had been abroad an aircraft of unknown origin and in the company of extraterrestrials.

For the next four days Diaz was confined to the Ferroviario Hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina where he was questioned and examined again and again by 46 different doctors. The hospital's Director informed the Federal Police who also questioned Diaz.

Diaz's wife and other relatives were notified by telephone at 9:20 a.m. They had been extremely worried because Mr. Diaz seldom arrived at home later than 4:00 or 4:30 a.m. They went to Buenos Aires that day, arriving at about midnight. It is 785 kilometers (423 miles) from Bahia Blanca to Buenos Aires.

The examination of Diaz yielded no evidence of physiological or psychological alteration in Diaz, except the illness described as dizziness, upset stomach, the lack of appetite and the missing hair. During the 5th of January Diaz had only one cup of milk which had to be fed to him forcibly.

We are immediately struck by three similarities in the Higdon and Diaz cases, namely: in both instances, the "creatures" had no hands or fingers and in both cases the witnesses suffered a loss of appetite after the experience and lastly, the entities in both cases "glided" rather than walking.

As we have pointed out in this *Bulletin* in the past, we must consider the possibility of deliberate confusion in these cases of absolutely bizaare (to us) creatures and experiences. It seems likely in Higdon's case that he was under the influence (both he and his gun) of *something* when he went over the crest of that hill and saw the elk. In Diaz's case, he was rendered unconscious before his experience with the humanoids began. Was he also under some kind of influence? Obviously *something unusual*

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happened to him — the absence of hair in various spots on his head and chest attest to that. If we speculate that he pulled his own hair out, for whatever reason, we must then consider the fact that, outside of one interview with a magazine, he permitted no interviews with newspapers, radio or TV and was questioned by only one civilian UFO investigator — Mr. Romaniuk. He obviously did not thirst for publicity or notoriety. Then we have the problem of how he got from Bahia Blanca to Buenos Aires in a matter of 4 hours and 10 minutes — a distance of 423 miles. In the United States, traveling on the best of the roads and breaking speed limits, the best that could be done would be something over 5 hours. Diaz does not own a car. We can rule out cars and of course, buses. That leaves only air travel. Did Carlos Diaz get a flight from Bahia Blanca to Buenos Aires? This will have to be checked. We must also check to make certain that Diaz was on the job and left at 3:30 — as he claims. We must also verify that he was, in fact, on the city bus and did get off at a point a few blocks from his home.

There have been alleged cases of transportation of humans by UFOs in the past, but Carlos Diaz's alleged experience appears to be one of the most credible of them all. The investigation is on-going and if additional information if procured it will be contained in the "Follow-Up" column of the *Bulletin*.

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with mercury." An interview with this man, Terry Mitchell, disclosed a complete preoccupation with achieving notoriety. His attempts at technical discussion were pitifully naive. Couple this with the fact that recently in Bellingham, Washington, he claimed to be a "Sasquatch" or "big-foot" contactee (he had visited in their homes) and that his touted evidence connecting UFOs with dead cattle disappeared in the light of objective investigation to complete the picture.

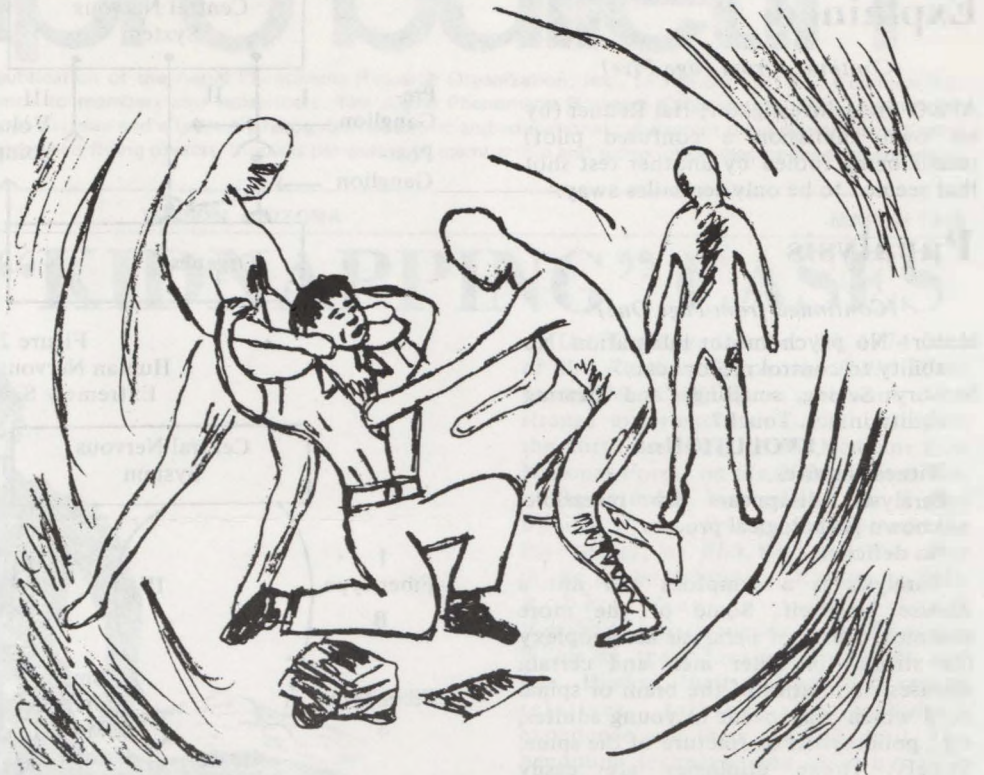
To this date no satisfactory evidence has emerged which links UFOs to mutilated animals.

Multiple Witness And Radar Case Explained

By Professor Theodore Spickler

(Mr. Spickler is a Professor of Physics and a Field Investigator for APRO.)

The Case I reported at the APRO UFO Symposium (June 15, 1974 Pottstown) has been explained to my satisfaction. In the process I am very impressed with the



Artist's conception of Alberto Diaz' Experience.

hazard in pressing a witness for more information than perhaps he can legitimately recall.

A private pilot and passenger were flying near Huntington West Virginia when they both saw a green light near the horizon. The pilot of a commercial Piedmont airliner also saw the light which he took to be a distant atmospheric effect. An air route traffic controller was able to find an unidentified radar blip near the location specified by the private pilot. All of these observations seemed to add up to the existence of a huge plasma-type object of unknown origin. By careful probing of the private pilot and passenger I was able to piece together their attempt to fly after the object. For details refer to the APRO proceedings of that symposium.

I began the investigation under the assumption that something physical was actually present at the location where the pilot and radar controller respectively insisted. This preconception influenced the manner in which the investigation was conducted and delayed the final identification. Ted Bloecher broke my "conceptual set" by bringing to my attention some clippings he had describing high altitude test shots conducted on the night in question by the Air Force.

I had already noticed that a triangulation of the sighting by the private pilot and the Piedmont airline pilot indicated a mutual agreement with location near Eglin Air Force Base, Alabama. This seemed too far away to

make any sense considering the radar confirmation and the apparent motion of the private pilot part way AROUND the green blob. With the clippings in hand however it seemed prudent to do additional checking. Information was obtained from the Cambridge Air Force Laboratories.

At 7:53 Eastern Daylight time a 50 kg load of trimethylaluminum was released at an altitude of 160 km. A cloud of aluminum oxide formed 25 miles in diameter, initially visible by resonance fluorescence due to light from the setting sun. Analysis reveals that the cloud was 700 miles away from the pilots and would have subtended an arc of about four degrees from the pilots' location. This is consistent with their claim that the light appeared to be a thumb size at arms length. The light would have been 4 degrees above the horizon which is also consistent. In other words the atmospheric test cloud was in the right place at the right time, had the right size and was of the proper color.

What about the radar confirmation? I am satisfied that in reality a controller looking at many unidentified blips on his radar screen possibly can find one near a ufo sighting. The Piedmont pilot confirmed this idea. As for the apparent flight of the private pilot around the cloud, this maneuver came out only after extensive questioning by me and I can see where over-zealous probing on my part could have produced this information by inference on the part of the pilot. An

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APRO Field Investigator, Hal Redner (by his own admission a confused pilot) recalls being fooled by another test shot that seemed to be only ten miles away.

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Motor: No psychomotor integration. No ability to control motor acts.
Sensory: Seeing, smelling, and hearing ability intact. Touch?

EVOLUTION:

Witness survives.

Paralysis disappears by reversible unknown pathological process.

No deficit.

Paralysis is a symptom and not a disease in itself. Some of the more common causes of paralysis are apoplexy (or stroke) in older men and certain diseases or injuries of the brain or spinal cord which may occur in young adults, e.g., poliomyelitis or fracture of the spine. Surely these etiologies are easily eliminated in the ufo paralysis and it is not necessary to cite other rarer causes.

It is interesting to consider nerve fiber types and functions in the tables presented:

In general, the greater the diameter of a nerve, the greater its speed of conduction. The larger axons are concerned with proprioceptive sensibility and somatic motor function. The smaller axons are responsible for pain and autonomic function.

In Ufo paralysis one notices that fiber type A α , B β , and A seem to be involved. A nerves function, since heat from the Ufo is reported. Pre-ganglion and post-ganglion, parasympathetic and sympathetic, nerves seem unaffected as death could unsue or the witness would report more somatic complaints.

The problem of paralysis and the ufo close encounter can not be explained by current medical knowledge. Instead, offered is the explanation that a process more specific and selective is occurring rather than fear itself.

Richard Niemtow

In South America

There have been several very interesting reports out of South America in the past years, one of which is presented herewith.

At 3 p.m. on the 3rd of August, 1973, several witnesses claimed to have seen a blinding flash of light, which was then followed by a dull thud. Then they sighted an object which was rotating fast just beneath the water of the Orinoco river in Venezuela. Jets or spurts of water shot into the air and appeared to be

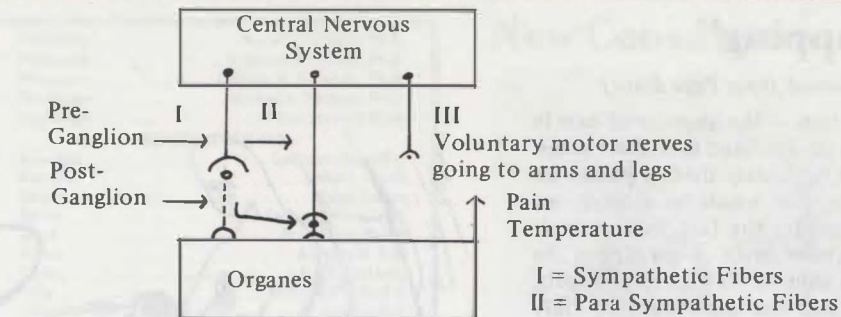


Figure 2
Human Nervous System
Extremely Simplified

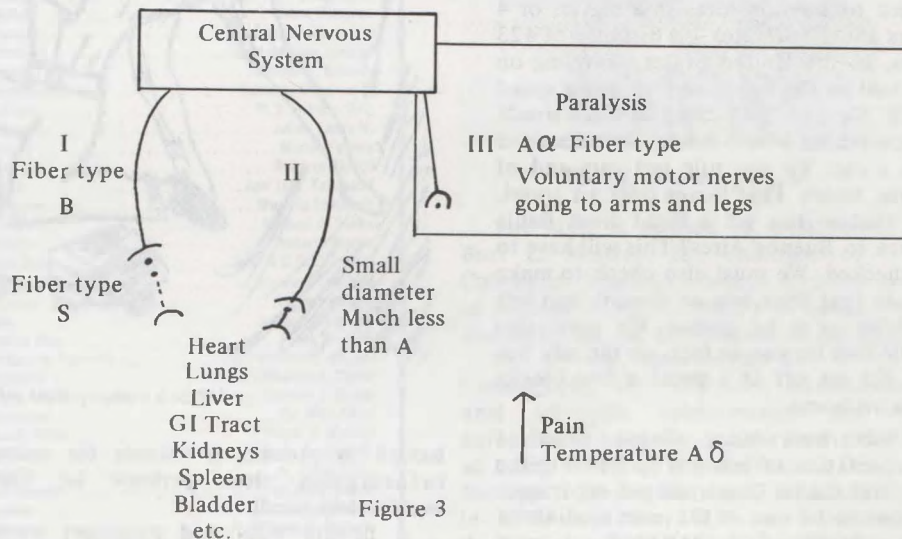


Figure 3

Fiber Type	Function	Fiber Diameter (μ)	Conduction Velocity (m/sec)	Spike Duration (msec)	Absolute Refractory Period (msec)
A α	Proprioception; somatic motor sense	12-20	70-120	0.4-0.5	0.4-1
β	Touch, pressure	5-12	30-70		
γ	Motor to muscle spindles	3-6	15-30		
δ	Pain, temperature	2-5	12-30		
B	Preganglionic sympathetics	< 3	3-15	1.2	1.2
C d.r.*	Pain	0.4-1.2	0.5-2	2	2
S. †	Postganglionic sympathetics	0.3-1.3	0.7-2.3	2	2

* Dorsal root C fibers.
 † Sympathetic C fibers.

Figure 1

mixed with a gaseous-like substance. The surrounding water appeared to be boiling.

The jets of water reached up to 30 feet above the surface of the water. At first the object veered toward the shore of the river, spinning constantly with a left to right rotating motion, then it returned to the middle of the river where it sank deeper beneath the surface. At no time did the object come to the surface but stayed just under the surface; however,

the witnesses said it appeared to be disc-shaped. One of the witnesses, a fisherman named Tereso Marcano, 41 years old, said that he attempted to pursue the object in his boat but had to give up the chase as his boat lost power and nearly stalled when he got close to the object, which ultimately continued on downstream and out of sight. The sighting took place from the shores of the river near Tucupita.