

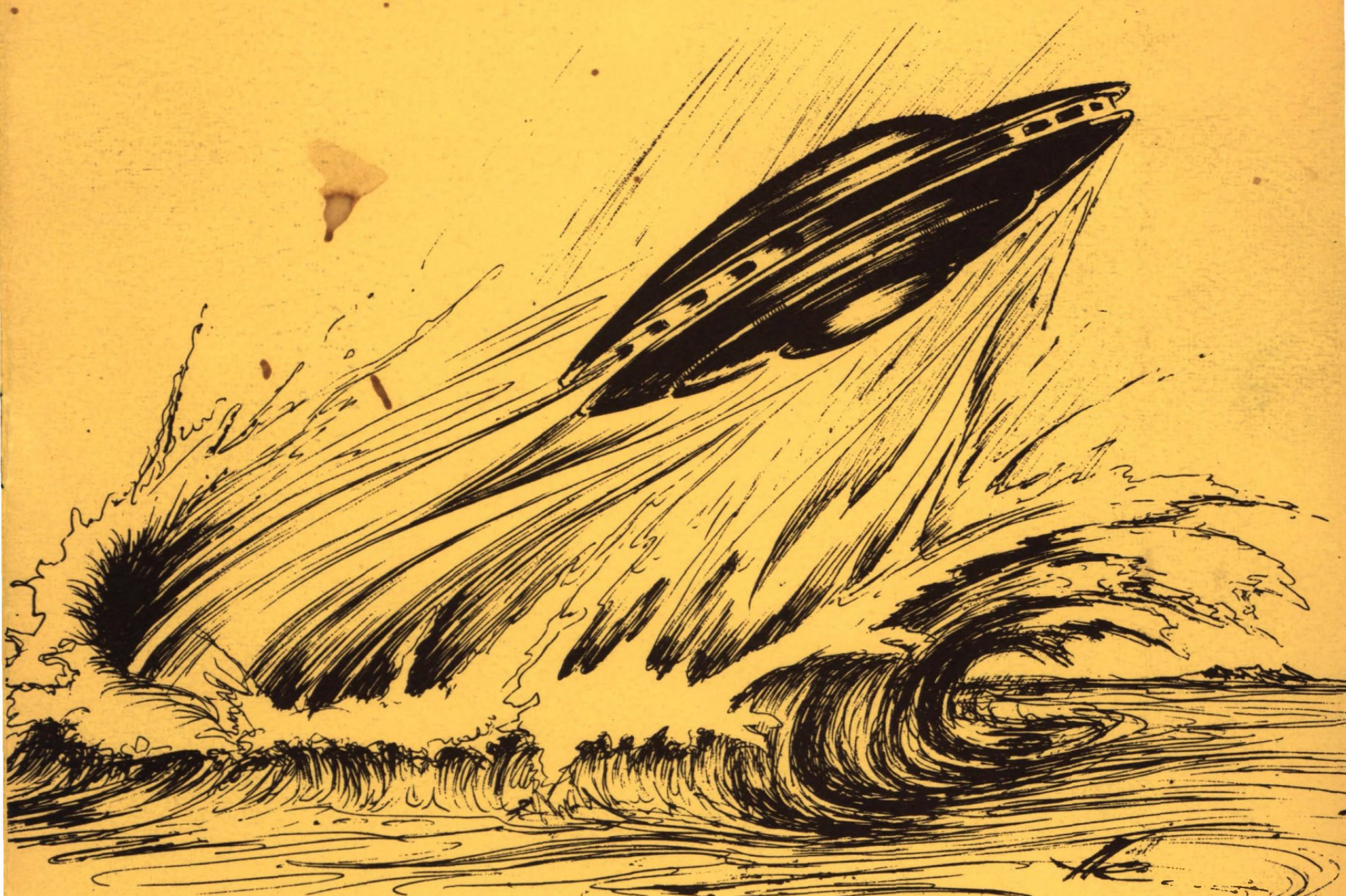
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A brief but intriguing item in our Letters section about UFO submarine bases off Argentina inspired this imaginative but carefully considered drawing by contributing artist Hal Crawford. For further news of our always exciting continental neighbor, see Report from South America by Irene Granchi.

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Sky Sweep

It is only a hunch (and hunches are what ufology is all about) but we suspect the widely observed flight of a "meteor" on Aug. 10, 1972, as discussed in our lead article, was one of the most important UFO events since the whole UFO phenomenon came to public attention almost 30 years ago. Unless we are totally wrong about all the clues, this was a test of our atmosphere on a massive, perhaps unprecedented scale.

Obviously one of the great challenges to our visitors - just as it will be to man when he reaches other planets - is to operate in an alien atmosphere. To quote again the statement (see vol 1. no. 5) made by Gen. George C. Marshall in 1955 (does anyone know in that circumstances the statement was made?): "United States authorities have established that flying saucers are manned by visitors from outer space, and these visitors are trying to work out a method of breathing and staying alive in our atmosphere before landing and establishing contact."

Evidently those of our visitors who walk here without headgear have already met that challenge or, perhaps coming from a planet similar to ours, were never bothered by it. But to judge from the variety of helmets and attachments observed, others have to equip themselves against our atmosphere, and there may be still others who prefer to make all their observations from the interior of their craft.

Whatever their differences, the matter of breathing correct air and working under correct pressure is logically of supreme importance to our visitors. Just as logically, they would pool their resources to make periodic earthly checks.

Why do we assume they would "pool" their resources for this purpose or any other? Because just a year after the great North American "atmospheric test" of 1972, this continent was visited by a myriad of craft and creatures on a scale unknown before in UFO history.

Somehow the word was passed that all was OK.

"Meteor" Tests Atmosphere?



"Meteor" as seen from house of Mrs. T.N. Weir, Windermere, B.C. Drawing by Lesley Footner.

News services were recently alerted by a story in the British scientific periodical *Nature* reporting on the near miss of a potentially devastating "meteor" over western U.S. and Canada Aug. 10, 1972.

Unaccountably held as classified information until its release 18 months after the incident, the report by a team of five scientists summarized the event as a rare occurrence that would probably happen only once in 10,000 years. With an estimated weight of 1,000 tons and a diameter of 13 feet, the object was thought to have the destructive capacity of "the nuclear weapons which destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

The press report added:

"Refined measurements from satellite tracking of the meteor show it sped along a course from Salt Lake City, Utah, north to Calgary, Alta., reaching

a low point of only 36 miles above eastern Idaho, just south of the Beaverhead Mountain range.

"If it had been at a slightly lower altitude, the damage would have been very extensive," the scientists wrote. 'The meteor very narrowly missed hitting the earth.'

"The meteor became hot enough over Utah for detection by infrared instruments aboard a satellite and cooled below the detection threshold over Alberta. It zoomed out of earth orbit again apparently without breaking up."

Note that even while still deep in the earth's atmosphere, the object for some reason "cooled below the detection level over Alberta." The point is important because at this stage other things happened which made the object seem very unlike a meteor indeed.

In vol. 2, no. 6 we told part of that story as learned from an observation in the Rocky Mountain Trench which, hugging the B.C.-Alberta border, was evidently right in line with the object's course. The witness was Mrs. T.N. Weir, editor of the weekly Lake Windermere (B.C.) Valley who, at the time of the incident, was sitting on her house patio with her brother and a friend. Suddenly an object hurtled into view, heading north.

"The patio looks out toward the apple-trees in our yard," she said, "and the object was so close it seemed to skim just over the tops of the apple trees. It was a beautiful sight. Some who saw it thought it was chrome colored but to us it looked like an iridescent blue, but that may have been due to reflection. In any case, we definitely thought it had a metallic appearance."

Mr. Weir described the object as about the size and shape of a small jet but there were no wings, port-holes or markings, and there was something else missing . . . even though it was barely a stone's throw away, there was not a sound!

Our report continued:

"All that was strange enough but the 'gods' in their 'playground' had one more trick to perform. About an hour after that sighting, the newspaper phone started ringing again. A second object similar to the first had been seen, duplicating that same low-level performance and headed in the same direction."

On a recent trip back to the Trench, which by chance coincided with the story's reappearance in the press, we asked Mrs. Weir again about the second object. A careful newspaperwoman, she said it was just possible both groups of calls had been about the same thing. In a rural area like that, some almost certainly would have been made a bit late.

But a few days later we received a letter from a reader that reopened the question of whether there was another strange object in the air that day in August two years ago and threw more doubts on the first object being a meteor. Normally we like to save letters from readers for the Letters' section, but this one was so appropriate to the matter at hand it had to be an exception. The letter was from T.S. Douglas of Granum in southern Alberta who was prompted to write after seeing the press item about the "fireball".

He said (*italics ours*):

"I will relate my own experience on sighting this particular object. I still remember that day distinctly. It was Aug. 10/72. The weather was

hot and dry, 80 to 85 degrees, and the sky was clear.

"It was about 3 p.m. when I sighted an object coming over the horizon due south, leaving behind it a trail of smoke. I ran to my camper which was only a short distance away, jumped in the back and got my binoculars. As I stepped out the object was directly in line with me, due west. At this point I checked the second hand on my watch.

"The object was about 70 degrees above the west horizon about this time. On looking through the 7 by 50-power binoculars, I saw the object was burning brightly like a welder's acetylene torch. *The burning was taking place at the rear of the object, not the front. It appeared to be cigar-shaped* and quite large, leaving behind it a trail of smoke.

"I continued to watch it until it was about 20 degrees above the northern horizon. At this point the burning stopped and all I could see was a little speck which then disappeared. A trail of smoke was visible from the southern horizon almost to the northern horizon. *It appeared to have dips in it as if the object was in fact adjusting its own altitude.*

"Approximately 90 seconds later a sonic boom was heard which sounded like rolls of thunder. I then continued to look at the smoke trail. *At this point I observed a saucer-shaped object slowly moving along the smoke trail.* I watched this saucer for about 10 seconds, then it disappeared in a flash.

"I would estimate the first object's altitude as it passed my position to be 30 to 50 thousand feet. Its size appeared to be much larger than 13 feet across."

Now let's take a look at what is possibly the all-important matter of the second object. Obviously the one seen by Douglas differed from what may have been observed at Lake Windermere in two respects: first, it was saucer-shaped and so perhaps not "similar" to the first object which was shaped like a "small jet"; second, it was following in the first object's smoke trail, whereas the Windermere second sighting - if there was one - was an hour later.

However, as students of the UFO riddle well know, the first difference was perhaps a question of angle - by a change of flying attitude, a saucer-shaped object can take on an elongated appearance.

The second apparent difference might have been much more important in that it could provide the key to what this whole remarkable performance

was all about. Note in the case of Douglas he saw the "smoke" trail stretching almost from one horizon to the other - an observation confirmed by other sightings - making it a rare sight in the sky and perhaps helping to explain why the second object was following along like a hound on its scent. Was the "smoke" deliberately made to linger so the second object could indeed smell and analyze it? Was this some sort of pollution test by an extraterrestrial intelligence interested in what we are doing to our atmosphere?

If we reflect that no such hounding tactic was said to have occurred over Windermere just an instant earlier, this might seem like poor guesswork. Surely it was not the luck of just one man to see this extraordinary event!

Remember, however, that about an hour later residents around Lake Windermere may have seen much the same performance, without the smoke. Maybe at ground level the tactics were different, but it does seem significant that the second object - if such it was - observed at Windermere was also following directly in the path of the first, though at a much greater distance than observed by Douglas.

Since the second object was evidently seen by Douglas long before it was sighted at Windermere, none of this seems to make sense, Windermere being in a position northwest of Granum where the object should have been seen just a bare instant later. Conceivably there were two following objects, one seen by Douglas and the other over Windermere much later on. But since no one specifically reported seeing two such objects (though

there were contradictory sighting reports of what was presumably the first object, leading to a suspicion there were several involved - see the following story) let's consider a more plausible alternative.

Bear in mind that Douglas said the second object "disappeared in a flash," obviously meaning it did not recede in the distance but vanished in mid-flight. What happened to it? Our guess is that when the main object turned off its "heater" - an action also recorded by the satellite, though scientists decided it was just the "meteor" cooling off - the first phase of the trailing object's operation was finished. Apparently in this period it had not only analyzed atmospheric effects on the "smoke" but regulated the altitude of the "smoker" itself, plunging it at times close to ground level and shooting it up to an altitude of several miles.

When phase one was over, we might reasonably suppose the operators would allow ample time for the fumes to clear and then make a follow-up run along the entire course for further tests. Possibly they were even concerned about contamination, for it was noticeable they did not release the smoke at low altitude. There was only that "long flaming tail" which incredibly did not burn anything and which may have provided the operators with other means of making their tests. Assuming that after its sudden disappearance, the second object remained aloft somewhere until the "smoke" had completely gone and then made another run over the course, this could account for the considerable delay before the Windermere sightings saw it. Had Douglas stared at the sky long enough, he might have seen it again, too!

If all this sounds overly speculative, let's consider the case of another witness who, being at Calgary, was slightly farther along the line of flight than Douglas and who was close enough to the main object to photograph it three times.

The witness, Barrie Jones, was on a picnic with his son that afternoon when he saw something shiny streaking in his direction from the south and thought "some idiot in the States has let a rocket off." Jones estimated the height of the object as 4-5,000 feet, seemingly another contradiction of the scientist's report which put the low point at 36 miles over Idaho.

A camera fancier, Jones was wearing a Tessina wrist camera with a tiny motor drive that takes up to eight shots at a time. Swiss made, the camera fits on the wrist like a large watch and takes 35 mm. half-frame negatives. With this he obtained a shot as the object approached, another as it came alongside and a third from the rear just as the

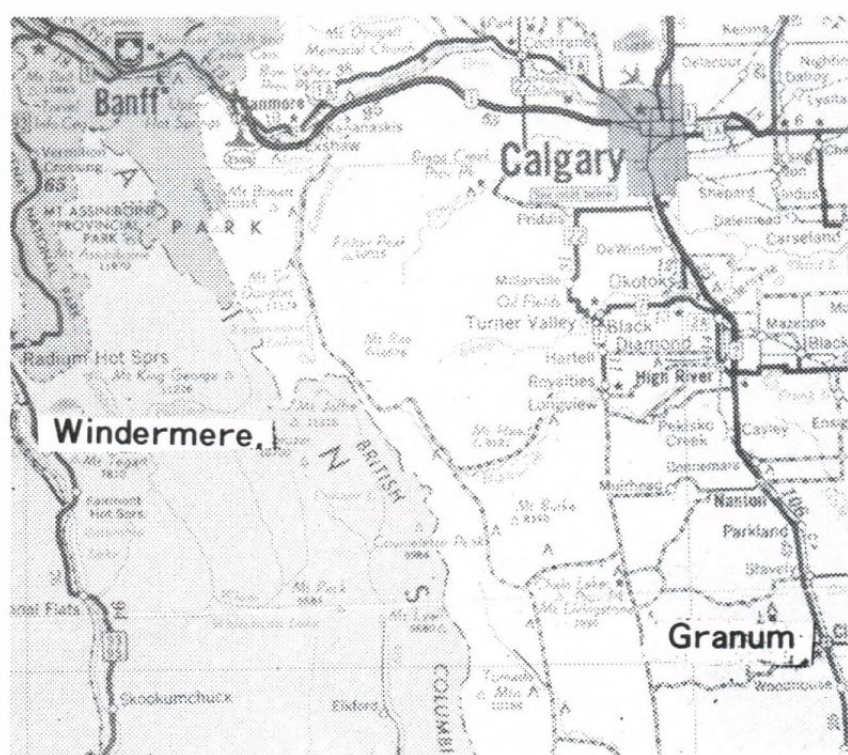




Photo of "meteor" by Barrie Jones.

object appeared to "disintegrate." If his impression was correct, the scientists' report was wrong on another count in stating the so-called meteor had zoomed "out of earth orbit again."

In his report to the Calgary Herald, however, Jones made one point which stands out above all others. "It was very shiny," he said, "with four jets that were multi-colored."

Added to peculiarities noticed by other witnesses, those "four jets" are enough to shoot any notion of a meteor right out of the picture. Also, from a ufologist's point of view, they dispel any idea this may have been a conventional cigar-shaped UFO (if UFOs can ever be considered "conventional").

In his absorbing book "The Spaceships of Ezekiel", spacecraft engineer Josef F. Blumrich presents a convincing theory that aircraft using rockets and propellers, perhaps for shuttling to a mothership, did land on earth in biblical times. But in ufology today, primitive propulsion of this sort is virtually unknown, except perhaps for a deceptive purpose. Obviously our visitors can now escape gravity without any brute-force devices.

Thus it seems fair to assume the jets noticed by Jones were not propulsive but were precisely

what the rest of the evidence suggests - that is, "smoke" or chemical-throwing devices to carry out some sort of test in our atmosphere.

Obviously this was not a routine type of test. With no apparent attempt at secrecy, it was carried out on a huge scale that curiously tapered out over and just beyond the Rocky Mountain Trench "playground" where so much action has been observed before (vol. 2, no. 3).

That was early August, 1972. Mid-summer just a year later marked the start of the biggest UFO flap ever recorded over North America. Maybe there was no connection, but then again maybe that "smoke" test satisfied our visitors that conditions were favorable for their "invasion". A year later they were geared up and on their way, while we went about our business and a few scientists collected a bit of information about the "meteor."

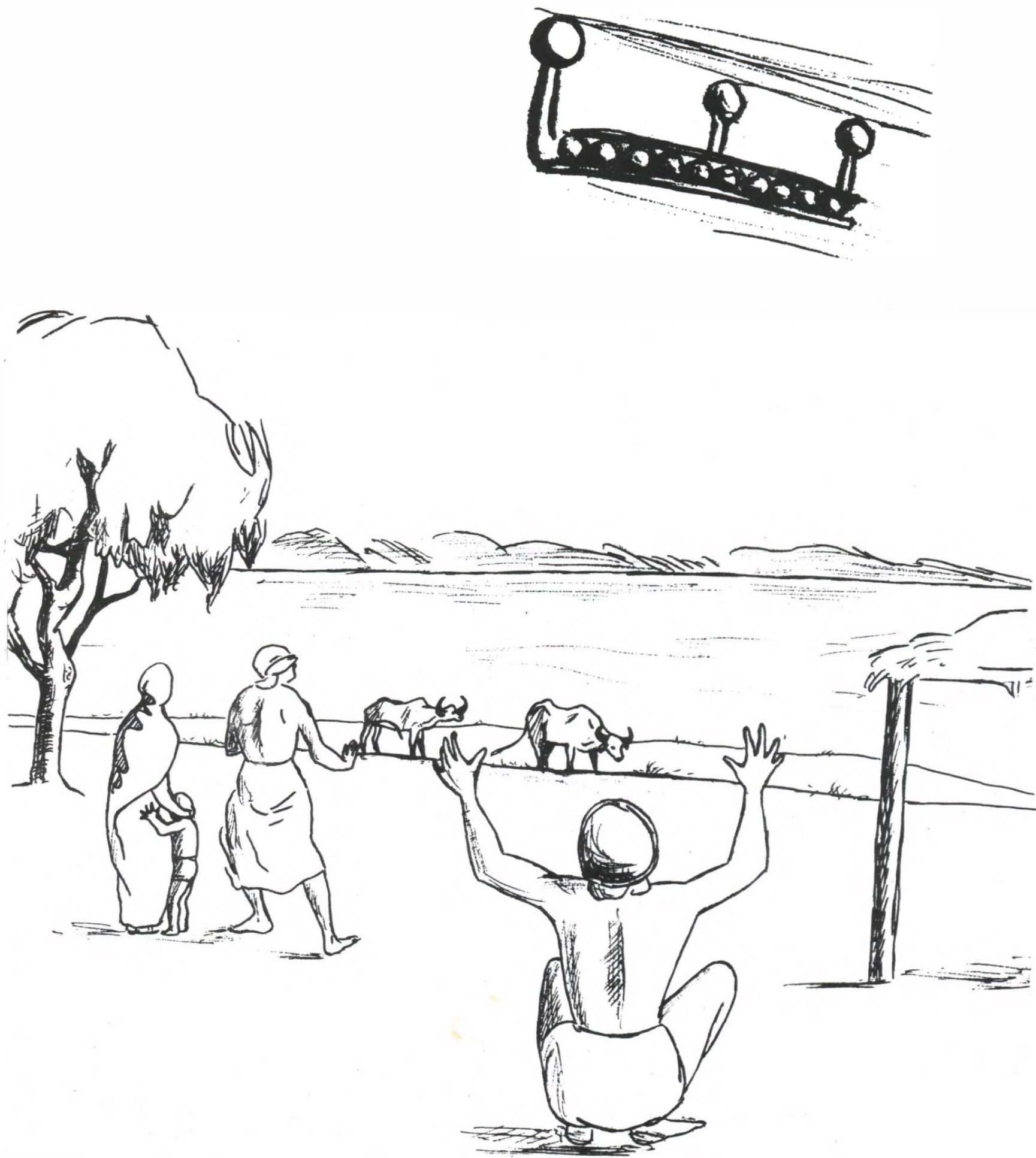
When do we pay more attention to these mysteries?

Several Objects ?

To include this in our main story might have caused too much confusion, but the point must be made that there may well have been several strange objects in the air that eventful afternoon of Aug. 10, 1972.

After plotting several sighting reports, reader John M. Litwin of Leduc, Alta., came up with a diagram that suggested two simultaneous lines of flight, at approximately 115 and 120 degrees W. (vol 2, no. 5). The more westerly one ran up through southern B.C. and along the interprovincial border, while the other ran through central Alberta after touching the southwest corner of B.C. Evidently the main object discussed in our report ran along the latter line, since Granum, Windermere and Calgary are all close to that longitude. But even here there is conflicting testimony. Barrie Jones at Calgary timed his sighting at 2:29 p.m., while the witnesses at the other two points, slightly to the south where they should have seen the object first, thought the time was closer to 3 p.m.

Then, still more confusion. In a footnote to reader Litwin's letter we said: "According to a news story sent in by Brigitte Ko of Gull Lake, Saskatchewan, where there were several witnesses, the object seen there was described as 'shaped like a basketball, bright and shiny in color as if of silver metal.'" This spherical object was seen to disappear in midair at Gull Lake which is over 200 miles due east of Granum where D.S. Douglas reported the same occurrence!



Ancient carver may have depicted spaceship over India like this.

Report From South America

by IRENE GRANCHI

By fortunate chance, among several witnesses of an usual incident over Rio de Janeiro last fall were Antonio Sergio Benevento and his wife, Maria Helena. Both are accomplished and well-known artists, and in addition Maria Helena is a graduate in journalism.

The combined talents of this young couple were to prove unexpectedly useful the night of Oct. 6 soon after they had left a cinema show at 10 p.m. They were driving along Avenida Atlantica skirting Lido Beach when Maria Helena saw something strange in the sky and they decided to stop and get out to watch. They parked at the curb and stood on the pavement by the beach opposite the famous Copacabana Palace Hotel.

What they saw above the sea, according to Antonio Sergio, were three reddish-orange solid-looking spheres in a horizontal line, with an upright pole jutting down from each, joined at the bottom by what looked like a 'fringe' of neon light. The all-over size was that of an open hand held at arm-length distance, or about 10 centimetres wide.

The object was standing about 45 degrees above the horizon. It hovered there for about five minutes and very slowly rotated around its axis at least twice and was seen in profile, with just one sphere and the tip of the 'fringe' beneath.

Then it started moving more rapidly, increased in size, seemed to explode, and a shower of sparks fell from it into the sea. Antonio Sergio believes that after this explosion he saw only two spheres, instead of three, and the object started sailing slowly with a curving trajectory towards the Leme promontory (Sugar Loaf). The whole sighting lasted 15 to 20 minutes. He was astonished and shocked to see couples sitting around who never looked up to see, and some foreigners passed by, obviously noticed what the two were watching, made some comment and went on their way.

As Antonio has never seen a weather balloon, he thought what he saw might be one, and is still not quite sure it wasn't. He drew six vignettes of the scene.

Maria Helena's report was similar to her husband's but she specified the size as being about

half that of the moon. There was no moon visible but when Maria Helena drew her set of pictures, she added one as a term of comparison in size.

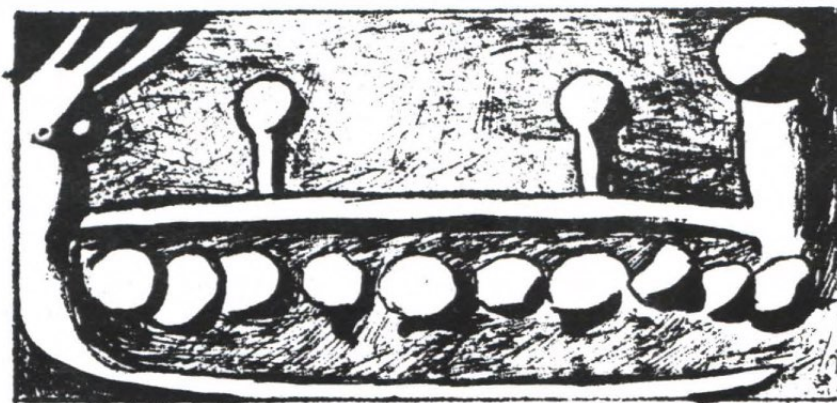
When the object was seen in profile it started to grow and seemed to be coming towards them just before it exploded. Maria Helena held onto her husband's arm in fear of this. When it exploded the sparks were very bright, like stars, and the rest of the object grew lighter in color. Then it flew slowly north, and to her it seemed in a straight line, not curved as her husband saw it. She believes her husband prefers to think of what he saw as weather balloons, for he would expect something more spectacular from the UFO. It all seemed too ordinary to him.

Soon after 10 o'clock that same night the public relations officer for Central do Brasil railways, Benicio Guimaraes, also a journalist, phoned me from another district in Rio to say he and his family were watching an object travelling slowly and silently across the sky. He said it was going south towards Copacabana where I live and where, as I learned later, the Beneventos had their sighting.

Then, again the same night, and probably a few minutes earlier my son Roberto, a specialist in electronic communications, was coming home by bus from the north side of the city when he looked up at something that lit up the sky. It was like the turreted wall of an ancient castle, or the spiked crown children sometimes draw, and was candle-light in color. He told me about it as soon as he got home.

So the sequence of sighting seemed to have been: Roberto, first witness; Benicio Guimaraes, second; and the Benevento couple, third. It was obvious that each report was completely independent of the others.

The shape of the object described by these witnesses bears a resemblance to an ancient Indian stone engraving that is close enough for the



Indian bas-relief. (by Footner)

In presenting this article we add our word of thanks to Irene Granchi of Rio de Janeiro for the care she took in supplying us with all the pertinent written and illustrated material. At her request the two principal witnesses, Antonio Sergio and Maria Helena Benevento, kindly gave us permission to reproduce their drawings of the incident but unfortunately, through no fault of theirs, the reproductions were not available at press time. However, photos sent by Mme. Granchi enabled contributing artist Lesley Footner to do the illustrations shown here.

Mme. Granchi, who has also reported this case to *APRO* in Tucson, Arizona for which she is a correspondent, is a distinguished student of the UFO mystery. We look forward to carrying more of her reports in future issues.

imagination not to be stretched too far. In its issue of Feb. 26, 1967 the Italian weekly *La Domenica del Corriere* reproduced the engraving with this caption: "A few years ago Russian archaeologists speculated the Indian bas-relief shown here might depict a spaceship that may have landed on earth in very ancient times."

Others also have been concerned with this particular piece of sculpture. The most descriptive seems to be Peter Kolosimo in *Not of This World* (Souvenir Press, Sphere Books, Bantam Books) who says:

"We already know now that space-ships with propulsion by nuclear or ionizing means are planned for the future with totally different aspects from the present day ones. To give a practical example we might remember that within half a century, space will have to be crossed -- according to the elaborate designs of Soviet and American technicians -- by ferries with the shape of true ships, by vehicles meant for the Moon-Earth stretch with equipment like shafts, discs, water-skis and triangles; and by interplanetary ships consisting of a complex of large spheres or cabins connected to each other by means of very long booms (to avoid the danger of nuclear contamination) to cylindrical or spherical reservoirs."

(The following article by Dr. Edwards was intended for the previous issue. However, an unexpected volume of "flap" news made it necessary to carry over this and other material to later dates. In the course of that coverage we described the Pascagoula incident and the earlier western Canadian incident to which the author refers.

(Dr. Edwards, who teaches linguistics at the University of Victoria, is one of Canada's foremost ufologists.)

Flying Saucer Occupants and S.S.P.

by DR. P.M.H. EDWARDS

As I write this article, the S.E. United States of America are experiencing an intense wave of sightings and landings of unidentified craft, and there are also certain reports of close encounters with the alien beings. Those who already know the outlines of the UFO enigma will see in this wave merely a repetition of the usual wave pattern, which periodically descends upon one or other area of the world, and which resembles an aerial reconnaissance. One is hearing remarkable stories from such selected areas: it is being claimed that these areas, during the "flap", experience many manifestations of the Poltergeist phenomenon in people's homes. (The German word, Poltergeist, means "noisy, mischievous spirit", and is pronounced 'polter - guy - st'; it refers to such things as the moving about of furniture, in a house that is occupied by a focal person - usually around the age of puberty -, or all kinds of other supernormal incidents which *appear* to be under the intelligent control of some invisible entities in the house). Another type of story claims that many people seem suddenly to develop high I.Q.'s after a "flap" of sightings. In other words, it would *appear* that these unknown craft are having a strange effect upon the minds, or psyches of certain people in the neighborhood. We all know that wherever one goes, one can find odd people; but in spite of this fact, it is becoming increasingly clear to ufological researchers, that there seems to be in fact a direct relationship between UFO activity and certain people's psychic, mental processes.

In a recent letter to the editor of the British *FSR* (Flying Saucer Review, c/o Compendium Books, 281 Camden High Str., London NW 1), Vol. 19 No. 3 (May-June '73, page iii of back cover), I attempted to point out that, whatever we may imagine the ufonauts to be - terrestrial, extraterrestrial, ultraterrestrial, spiritual, or whatever else - the one thing we should endeavor to avoid, is a *wrong interpretation* of the available evidence, for this might seriously put us off the scent. The hotly debated topic of the ufonauts' origins is, surely, of secondary importance: what we should first concentrate upon are their motives and their techniques. Are they deliberately trying to *affect our minds*; or are our minds being affected by some sort of force-field emanating from their craft, so that the observable results are a mere by-product of that force-field? And, how do they produce such a force-field? Questions such as these are vastly more important at this time, than the matter of where the ufonauts come from. *It is men's minds which govern the world*; and it is energy (whether from fuels or electricity, etc.) which runs the world of men.

The human mind is, we are told, being utilized only up to about 15 per cent of its potential. Were we to find a way to make use of our minds to the full, nothing would be impossible to us, and we should be capable of performing "impossible" feats. When Christ said that, had we sufficient "faith", we should be able to remove a mountain and cause it to be cast into the sea, He meant

exactly that; it was by no means symbolic talk. And we have only to observe the extraordinary powers of Oriental and other mystics, to appreciate the illimitable powers of our minds.

But, our minds can also be blanked temporarily by certain techniques, and we can be made to forget certain events - insofar as our conscious minds are concerned. The hypnotist can blank out of our minds a specific period of time, and he can instruct our conscious minds to lose all memory of it when we return to our normal waking state; however, our *sub-conscious* minds *never forget anything at all*.

For a long time, I pondered over the intriguing question as to whether a hypnotized subject is able to obey commands given to him in a language which he does not understand. No psychiatrist whom I consulted had ever thought of this matter, and I was consequently unable to clarify the question to my satisfaction. However, while reading Ostrander's and Schroeder's book **PSYCHIC DISCOVERIES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN** (Bantam paperback edition, New York 1971, page 111), I discovered two cases there in which it was said that the hypnotized subjects were able to understand commands perfectly, although those commands had been given in a language of which they knew nothing at all. This was evidence which I had been searching for; and *it has a direct bearing upon many a ufological report that has been branded as "rubbish" by average skeptical readers.*

It is reported that on October 11, two very reliable Mississippi men were fishing on the Pascagoula River from an old pier, when they saw a strange craft approaching them, hovering a few feet above the water, and giving off a blueish haze. Suddenly, strange beings floated from the craft towards them, and carried the men into the craft for an examination. One of the men, named Parker, says that when the beings appeared, he passed out and could remember nothing of what transpired. Fortunately, two eminent scientists interviewed the men shortly thereafter, and submitted them to hypnosis, when they then gave an astonishing description of the alien beings. These two scientists are well-known American citizens, and one of them is Doctor J. Allen Hynek, Astronomer from North-Western University, Evanston, (Illinois) - author of the important book **THE UFO EXPERIENCE** (Regnery & Co.). *It is to be noted here that the men's description of the beings confirms in every detail an earlier, similar description given under hypnosis by an 11-year old Canadian child in western Canada who was allegedly taken up into an alien craft by a beam of orange light, and submitted to an examination; only about five or six people know of this incident, for it has never been published; and the child has been made, by the hypnotist, to forget the incident altogether, in his conscious mind. Many years have elapsed since that event; but readers of John Fuller's **THE INTERRUPTED JOURNEY** will not fail to notice a strong similarity there, to our two stories. (1)*

In the three incidents alluded to above (the Pascagoula River incident, the western Canadian incident, and the important incident of the Interrupted Journey) - and, indeed, in many another incident in ufological literature - the memories of the witnesses were blanked out - presumably by the UFO entities - so that the witnesses would remember nothing consciously. But, under hypno-

sis, their stories had remarkable correlations which indicate that they were not fabricating their stories, but were honestly reporting what they experienced and saw. If an avid reader of ufological literature wishes to concoct a veridical episode, he can easily do so by borrowing all sorts of items from the extant pile of reports in the reviews and books, and with them he can build up an impressive "case" which might mislead even the experts. But, under hypnosis, the subject reports that which he feels to be the truth; and this is why reports given in trance-conditions are usually of such potential value to the researchers.

If a witness, then, becomes entranced - deliberately by the ufonaut, *or* accidentally due to the electromagnetic force-field of the UFO itself - he may quite easily be enabled to by-pass the language barrier, insofar as comprehending the speech of the alien beings is concerned; but upon returning to his normal state he may largely forget what has happened, - remembering only certain details, perhaps.

In ufological literature, there is much evidence from witnesses who claim that the ufonauts spoke to them in flawless English, or Spanish, etc. etc. (whatever the witness' language happened to be). In some cases, the witnesses reported that the ufonauts had a slightly foreign accent, or that their words appeared to be translated into English (etc.) because the alien words sounded "broken". But it was still the witness' language - quite intelligible.

In a few cases, however, the witnesses attempted to report or imitate certain words they felt to be alien words. A few witnesses even hazarded to give an English (or German, or Spanish, etc.) equivalent for those words, whenever they felt reasonably sure of the meaning.

Then we have cases when the aliens spoke a language that sounded like the witnesses' language, yet the latter people could not understand what was being said. In this connexion, I should insert a word about a personal experience: I was being prepared for a surgical operation and the anaesthetic had just been administered. I could distinctly hear the surgeons and nurses speaking, yet I could not, in my numbed state, filter the familiar sounds properly; they therefore could not form any recognizable pattern in my mind, and I could not understand what was being said. It is possible that witnesses in this category may be 'numbed' by a force-field, which prevents their understanding the language being spoken. Of course, this assumes that the ufonauts are speaking our languages: a not impossible feat; yet it is somewhat unlikely, unless they have learnt some of our vernaculars from the many humans they are constantly - apparently - abducting.

Lastly, there are also cases when the witnesses reported that the aliens spoke an incomprehensible language, so that no communication was possible. In *FSR* 16-2, I attempted to resume the various descriptions that have been given of such alien speech: Soft; Diphthongal; Guttural; Sibilant and Strident; Grunts and Growls; Harsh, Staccato; Gurglings and Grumblings; Cackling; a Mixture of B-z-z-z-z and H-m-m-m-m; Mooing; etc. etc. In some cases, the sounds were said to come from the body, rather than from the face! My article, **SPEECH OF THE ALIENS**, appeared in two parts, and was pub-

lished in *FSR*, London, Eng., in their issues 16-1 and 16-2, dated Jan.-Feb. 1970 and Mch.-Apr. 1970, where it may be consulted by anyone sufficiently interested to do so.

However, in *FSR* 16-6, Nov.-Dec. 1970 (p. 18 ff.), my second article appeared under the title UFOs AND ESP. In that article, as here also, I ventured to suggest that we should in no circumstances discard reports merely because they sound ridiculous. We know, by now, the admonitions of Aime Michel and Jacques Vallee, to the effect that when we are dealing with an alien intelligence, we should expect "the absurd". And I maintain that it may be precisely in what is apparently "absurd" (in the reports of witnesses), that we could find our most valuable clues. Being interested in linguistic matters, I naturally gravitated towards cases in ufological literature where language problems were reported. I found it hard to bring myself to accept statements by otherwise credible witnesses, which claimed that aliens were capable of communicating with humans by using "flawless" human languages. And it was after many months of hard thinking, that I finally came to believe that - in all probability - here was an instance of either deliberate *or fortuitous* mind-control; in other words, human witnesses were probably enabled to understand alien words because of some force-field that put them into a trance condition, *or* that force-field even caused them to think that the alien words were uttered in their own, human language(s). In either case, therefore, trance was by-passing the language barrier. It occurred to me then that the force-field might very well be responsible for suddenly activating (or, triggering-off) the supra-sensory (2) perception of the witnesses; and that this could also possibly be used in order to explain why "flap" areas experienced such strange manifestations as (a) Poltergeist disturbances in people's homes, and (b) the reported sudden development in certain people, of unusually high I.Q.'s in those areas also.

It was therefore with considerable interest that I recalled having read, in the Sept. 1968 issue of *Maclean's Magazine*, that Dr. Karlis Osis, Director of the American Society of Psychical Research, had stated that researchers hoped to find out *how to activate and produce ESP, at will*. This was closely followed by another discovery on my part, namely, certain books by the British scientist, Robert Crookall; I cannot give full details in this article; but I suggest that interested readers look at Crookall's writings for themselves, in particular the book called *THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF ASTRAL PROJECTION* (University Books Inc., New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1966). In this book, it will be seen that there exists experimental evidence of the radio-activity of the "human double", or astral body; moreover, experiments have shown (page 50) that it is possible that some radio-activity is observable in the trance state (3); one subject reported (page 99) that before being temporarily released from the physical, much telekinetic or Poltergeist activity occurred in her home. We are also told that the "silver cord" (mentioned in the Bible, and also in many Oriental texts on mysticism) is of an electric or magnetic nature.

Perhaps the best way of closing this article would be to quote from J.H. Pollack's biographical book, *CROISSET, THE CLAIRVOYANT* (Doubleday, Garden City, N.Y.,

1964; p. 305). Gerard Croiset is constantly in consultation with police forces in various countries in their search for missing persons and objects; and he has, for a long time, been studied intensively by Professor W.H.C. Tenhaeff, director of the Parapsychology Institute in the University of Utrecht, Holland. There is no further doubt that Croiset has exercised his almost unique gift for many years in the interests of the public. And the Dutch physicist, Doctor J. Kistemaker, director of an atomic laboratory near Amsterdam, is quoted as having said: "When I observe Croiset, I suspect there is some relation between telepathy and the world of electro-magnetic radiation. Perhaps telepathy occurred *via* a form of radiation yet unknown to physics . . ."

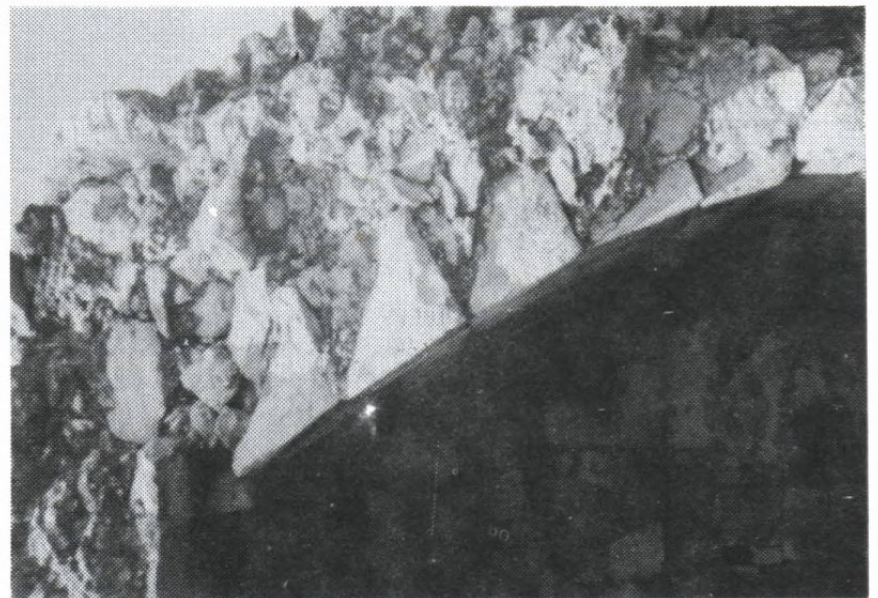
NOTES

(1) The descriptions of the beings stated that they had a greyish and wrinkled skin, large eyes, no hair, claw-like hands, and that their speech was a mixture of B-z-z-z and H-m-m-m.

(2) Although in my earlier article (in *FSR* 16-6) I used the popular term "E.S.P.", I now prefer to adhere to the practice of the late Ivan T. Sanderson, by referring to this phenomenon as "S.S.P." - i.e. "supra-sensory perception" (rather than to the earlier term "extra-sensory perception" which is not altogether correct).

(3) It may be pertinent to mention here that the trance state is often mentioned in fairy-lore. The excellent book *PASSPORT TO MAGONIA* (Regnery & Co.) by Jacques Vallee deals with the possible connexions between fairy-lore and UFO visitations in the past.

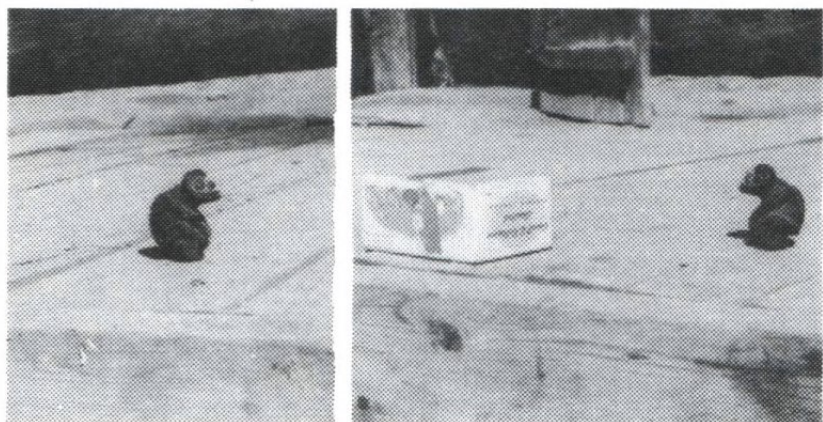
What's the Answer ?



Although literary markets are full of references these days to ancient architectural wonders, here is one of the most incredible which we have not seen mentioned elsewhere. The picture shows a portion of a free-standing Mayan arch at Uxmal, Mexico. Except for the brace in the lower left

section, the arch has no support or binding device of any kind. Its structure depends on the design and positioning of triangular stones like those in the foreground. Despite the additional weight of rubble on top, these have held firm for hundreds of years.

The photo was taken by Lincoln Magor of Galt, Ont. Although Magor heads a company whose operation requires advanced engineering skill, he was mystified by the sophisticated technique that must have gone into this structure of "floating blocks".



In 1961 Daniel Lee, a rancher in the vast remote Chilcotin country of British Columbia, was harrowing a section of his property by the Chilko river. There the valley soil is so rich Lee can plough his fields day after day without thought of hitting a rock.

But this time something heavy and well embedded struck the teeth of his machine. Almost in disbelief, Lee stopped and investigated. His surprise was all the greater when he found the "rock" was a beautifully carved stone figure of something vaguely resembling a monkey with spikes down its back.

What was it and who left it there? To this day Lee does not have an answer. He prizes his find too much to ship the object off to some museum which might never return it.

So the puzzle remains. Since the object has no resemblance to a native carving, a traveller must have left it there probably centuries ago, to judge from its depth in the soil.

But even today travel in that country is difficult at the best of times, and roads from the interior go nowhere, except for a hazardous mountain route to the distant Pacific coast.

These photos, showing the figure from two different angles on the Lees' porch at Hanceville, are carried with thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hagar of Duncan, B.C. The box about a foot high is included for comparison.

Leonard Lakeberg, logger and road-builder, was bulldozing on Quadra Island in B.C. coastal waters about 1960 when his machine dug up a stump of a great Douglas fir about five feet in diameter. Caught in the roots was a glass bottle unlike any he had seen before.

Curious that an artificial object of any kind, let alone glassware of such fine design and texture, should be buried there, Lakeberg tried to get a professional opinion about the bottle. But no one locally seemed to take the matter seriously. Then, on a trip to England, Lakeberg took the bottle to the British Museum in London where it was discovered to be an Egyptian relic dating back 3,000 years.

Examination of the stump had determined beyond doubt it was more than 400 years old and, since its roots had grown around the bottle, this rare glass object had certainly been there longer than that. But white man's exploration of the west coast was still at least 100 years in the future and, even when he did arrive, he had no room or purpose aboard his small sailing ships for valuable works of art.

Who was the much earlier connoisseur of art who did have the room and purpose?

Mysteries and Imagination

by M.B. GAUNT.

Since the time man began to think in words imagination, combined with idea, plus some hard work has led to every invention we know today from the wheel to the Atomic Bomb. Because of this we may be excused if we use our imagination in an even wider context than is normal and see in what direction our thoughts compel us to go.

In my youth, which, unfortunately, is rather long gone, I was an avid and somewhat indiscriminate reader, but did not know I lacked direction at the time. I was deep in H.G. Well's novels which had their plots based on their author's deep knowledge of the scientific world as it was known in that day. Once a week, however, I would immerse myself thoroughly in the *News of the World* and its scandal and odd bits of information.

Having just finished Well's great novel *The War of the Worlds* my mind was

filled with thoughts of great and super powerful flying machines capable of invading earth from another planet and going on from there to conquer the whole universe. Then I discovered in the next issue of my newspaper an item of news which fired my imagination and set it on a course which would have been considered wild in those days but, which would be thought today as a legitimate step in one's thoughts. The item stated that some workmen paving a road in an English county had finished their task for the day and had parked their gigantic steam-roller, weighing 20 or 30 tons by the side of the road ready for the next day's work. On the arrival next morning at the site of their endeavours they found that the steam-roller had disappeared into thin air. A search was undertaken in every direction by police and public but it was totally unsuccessful.

My mind, being lively and imaginative at the time, thought it possible that there could likely be some truth in the plot of H.G. Wells' story. Perhaps other peopled planets did exist and could it not be possible that on one of these planets the inhabitants had established, for the knowledge and delectation of their peoples, a great museum of science as it was known on earth? Perhaps they had never kept records of their own early days of science and invention and regretted the fact. Why not, at regular intervals, take from earth samples of progress?

Anyway, I became interested enough in the subject to try and find out what large and varied things had, at one time or another, vanished from this earth without a trace. There were plenty of them. All of them presenting interesting problems, challenging thought and demanding introspection. One thing became immediately obvious. The major articles, both large and not so large, that had disappeared from this planet had done so over the large and empty expanses of the different oceans. Some little thought at once brings to the mind the fact that this would be the obvious place for the beings of another planet to use as a collecting base. There will be no witnesses and a seized ship would offer a large and varied choice of cargo impossible to obtain in one attempt anywhere else on earth.

Let us cite an example that gives us sufficient evidence to hypothecate our theory and create food for thought and imagination.

The year was 1908 and a new liner was proudly launched from the shipyard of Barclay Curle at Whiteinch, Scotland. She had been especially built for the thriving Australian trade and designed to carry passengers and cargo. She was 465 feet in length and had a beam of 60 feet. She was ultra modern for her day and age and had a speed of thirteen knots. Her 17 lifeboats had a carrying capacity of about 200 people and there were three rafts that could be relied on to support another hundred. She was equipped with the usual signal lamps, distress flares and the like. Wireless was not fitted. She was christened *Waratah* and subjected to five different safety inspections which resulted in her being classified at Lloyd's as being "100.A.1."

On her maiden voyage to Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney she carried 67 cabin-passengers and 689 emigrants plus the crew. It was a very successful voyage as she returned with much cargo. Her owners were well pleased.

Then came her second trip to the Antipodes.

She arrived safely, discharged her passengers, and took on a cargo weighing 6,500 tons. Then with just over 200 passengers and crew she began her return journey to England via South Africa. She steamed into Port Durban, Natal, South Africa and left again on July 27 in the early morning. At about six o'clock in the morning she passed a small tramp steamer, the *Clan MacIntyre*. They spoke to each other by signal, exchanging weather information and destination information. The *Waratah* was due to arrive at Cape Town on July 29 but she did not get there for she had vanished from the face of the sea.

At first the authorities in that port showed no signs of worry, thinking that possible mechanical problems had arisen on the ship and had delayed her arrival. Days went by and the situation began to be alarming.

Mysterious Force Grooves and Twists a Thicket of Trees

by BETTY JONES

The telegraph line to London began to hum and the underwriters at Lloyd's began to worry. On August 4 a statement was issued by the famous insurance company to the effect that the *Waratah* was a fine twin-screw liner and they had little doubt as to her safety.

When the *Waratah* had been overdue for a week the British Navy ordered His Majesty's Ships *Forte* and *Pandora* to begin a diligent search for the missing vessel. All liners and cargo ships were requested, when entering the area between Durban and Capetown, to keep a sharp lookout for bodies and wreckage that might to have been taking was carefully plotted and a British Cruiser arrived to assist in the search. The whole world became aware of the mystery and clairvoyants and spiritualists got into the act with their prognostications.

Special parties were equipped and sent out to search the whole African coast between Durban and Capetown looking for the remains of rafts, lifeboats and general wreckage that might have come from a sunken liner. Theories began to be evolved accounting for the liner's disappearance. They included tidal waves, earthquakes, fire on board, pirates and typhoons.

Several boards of inquiry were set up and after weeks of hearing evidence and the tracking down of rumours, one thing, and one thing only emerged from the effort. That the *Waratah* had disappeared from the face of the seas without leaving any trace that she had ever existed.

Is it possible she is now and forever more embedded in a great sheet of concrete in the hypothetical museum my imagination created on a planet in outer space? Perhaps children are taken on inspection tours along her decks and into her engine-room - an instructor guide explaining meanwhile that this ship was the sort of thing they used for transportation a million years ago before the dawn of a greater science.

In 1956 an unknown object, apparently flying and probably heavy, ripped through the woods in the Blue Mountains of Oregon, leaving a path of twisted, grooved and uprooted trees.

The story was told to me by my father, Lee A. Finley. Although he has worked in the forest and is familiar with timber sawing and cutting techniques, he has never seen anything like that path of destruction.

This is how he described it. In the fall of 1956 he and my brother Donald had driven into the high mountains to go elk hunting in Granite County, a remote area once busy in gold-mining days but now left with ghost towns, including the town of Granite which is close to the scene of this story.

Walking through the woods and fields, they entered a thicket where they were surprised to find a number of trees scarred, broken and in some cases completely uprooted. The path of damage was 12 to 15 feet wide and the strange grooves slashed into some of the trees varied in height from just over two feet to more than six feet.

My father said, "It must have happened in the winter or early spring of 1956 because the needles of the broken and uprooted trees had all turned brown. I'd say it happened six months before we found the area, but all the evidence was still there and it was easy to trace the path through the thicket."

Entering the thicket from a meadow, my father traced the path through the trees to a meadow on the other side. He then retraced his steps and climbed a ridge at the far end of the first meadow. There he found two trees with those same horizontal grooves and figured the flying object, if that's what it was, must have entered the woods at that point.

My father then followed the whole trail again. He noticed that the object had cut horizontal slashes in the larger trees, as if glancing from one to another, while it twisted off the smaller trees about three feet above the ground. Some of the smaller uprooted ones had smooth slices along their length, as if the object had cut into them



Betty Jones and family examine uprooted trees.

while pulling them out. The trail zig-zagged as if the object was out of control. The ground was not disturbed in any way except for the pulled-up trees. My father figured there was anywhere from 50 to 100 small trees that had the tops twisted off.

On the far side of the thicket was a large tree with marks all the way up one side as if something had hit it again and again trying to get past. Near that tree was a hole where another had been pulled out, to judge from the torn roots, and farther on at the edge of the meadow, was a torn up tree whose roots matched those in the hole. The object must have ripped it up and carried it there.

My father then crossed the second meadow, thinking the object may have crashed into the hill at the other side. But he found nothing.

"It must have taken off into the sky," he said. "It had a good clear shot to do that after it came out of the thicket."

When my father and Don could find nothing more, they continued with their hunting trip. My father did not make a report to the police or air force but did tell some friends what they had seen.

Now he says "I wish I had reported it so we could see what their answer was to the question . . . if a UFO did not tear up those trees, then what did?"

The next year both my father and mother, with other members of the family, went to have a look at the thicket. Then 16 years later we were all still so interested in the story that more of us hiked into the site. This time, with my father

leading the way again, my husband and I and our six children, plus other members of the family also went along.

The path of torn up trees was hard to find as smaller trees had grown up and many of the chopped off trees had died and fallen over. But others were still standing, though dead, and we could almost trace the path as my father and Don had first seen it.

We found the hole where a tree had been uprooted and we found the tree itself still lying in the meadow. It was about 30 feet tall, whatever pulled it out had tremendous strength to uproot it and move it that distance.

Behind the hole with the roots left in it, I found the tree with the marks all up and down it. It was as if something had hit it while banging away at the tree in front which it finally pulled up and dragged into the field. Although we had a metal detector, we did not find any metal in the area, nor was there any paint in the marks on the standing trees.

One thing that interested me was that a large groove in a standing tree we found did not "pitch over" like saw marks or carvings do. The groove was very smooth, but not burned, sawed or anything that I have ever seen before. Yet there is pitch on other places near the cut.

Like my father, the question I ask is if a flying object did not cause those grooves, then what did? It is in a place you cannot drive to with machines and chains. The ground was not torn up except for pulled out trees. Most of the trees had been scraped the full length or had gashes. It is (or was) in a remote area with no one up there but sheepherders and miners. The road was only a dirt one and not too travelled. (A logging company has fixed it up now for its logging operations). Was the object out of control but came out unharmed? If so, it must have been almost indestructible.

I would like to mention another incident on trees and UFOs that I read about. My father had never seen the article and he told me about the incident before I found my newspaper clipping. It appeared in the *National Enquirer* on Dec. 31, 1972 and was about an incident in Montauroux, France. Its title was: *Mysterious Force that Twisted Trees and Hurlled Stones was a UFO, Say Villagers.*

I had never heard of this kind of damage in the U.S.

In October, 1973 my father and brother went hunting again near the UFO thicket. They could drive up the logging road almost as far as the site.



Author with section of grooved tree

So they cut down the tree with the large smooth groove in it and Don carried it out on his back.

My family mailed a piece of the grooved part to me for my Christmas present. The groove is 13 inches long, a half-inch deep and one inch wide. I now have four pieces of trees from that area but I guess I will always wonder if a UFO was there and is it buried somewhere in the mountains of Oregon?

(Mrs. Jones said she would welcome inquiries about the site. Her address is: 636 10th Ave. West, Kalispell, Montana 59901, U.S.A.)

International Dateline

by: HAYDEN C. HEWES,

Director IUFOB, Contributing Editor CUFOR

Mrs. Nita Smitherman was enroute home at approximately 6:30 p.m., Dec. 11, 1973 on the Old Hearne Road North of Calvert, Texas, with her grandson, Brent Roberts.

All of a sudden Brent started talking about a space man out in the pasture.

"Sure enough", Mrs. Smitherman told Tommy Blann, associate director of the International UFO Bureau, who investigated the incident, "when I finally did look where he was pointing there was this strange object hovering right over our pasture, blinking very bright red lights."

Mrs. Smitherman admitted later she thought it was nothing more than a childish fantasy, but that "he insisted that there was a spaceship in the pasture near the calf pen."

In describing the UFO to Blann, who has researched the subject for the past 15 years, Mrs. Smitherman said that she could not get a clear view of the craft but that a "tower type" structure was visible on top and a very intensely bright red light was atop the structure. (The UFO sightings at Piedmont, Missouri, vol. 2, no. 7, also reported the tower-type top).

In describing the UFO further, Mrs. Smitherman went on to say that "at each end of the craft there were long antenna that seemed to gather and throw the red lights in a pulsating motion. The light on the west end was huge."

Mrs. Smitherman pulled into her yard and went inside to tell her husband. He hurried out to have a look at it and later told Blann, "It made a whooshing sound and took off faster than the eye could follow."

Blann investigated the incident five days after it happened. Soil samples from the site were obtained for analysis.

In Blann's investigation report to the Bureau he stated, "Soil chemistry was noted as normal - no unusual deposits nor alteration of minerals - exceptionally high temperatures involved around circular holes - estimated to be well over 3,000 degrees F due to white ash formed in soil."

Due to pressed-down grass, the object was estimated to be around 30 feet long and 10 feet wide, cigar-shaped. Pulsating blue-white light on top with reddish-yellow lights on antennae projections at each end of object. No visible support system and the only sound was a swooshing noise as it took off."

Blann added, "Soil in the holes was not compressed but sectioned out as if to determine soil composition."

Three months later a bewildered Craig County Oklahoma dairyman, Clay Knight, told Sheriff's Deputy Joe Davenport that a UFO appeared to take off from his pasture and scared his cows so badly they wouldn't give any milk.

Knight has operated his dairy farm for the past 10 years several miles north of Chelsea, Oklahoma.

Davenport told Bureau officials, "I never saw a man that was so anxious to prove what he said



Blann interviewing Mrs. Smitherman

he had seen. I don't have any reason to not believe him. He's a college graduate and obviously a man of high intelligence and he definitely saw something. He's a hard working man, wanted to put everything aside and walk out to the area. We walked out about half-mile into the field, muddy, dark, raining at the time. Even with my flash light you couldn't see anything. But as soon as I got my unit started back to town, he called and said he had seen the thing take off again."

The following morning, Bureau officials arrived in Chelsea to conduct a field investigation of the reported incident.

Knight greeted Dan Garcia, deputy director, and Robert Elliott, Jr., field investigator, and immediately took them to the reported area.

Knight described the UFO as appearing to take off from his pasture about 5:30 a.m. It seemed to land and take off again on a hill top north of his farm house.

"It sounded like a high pitched noise, real high. It stopped right over me and appeared to be oval shaped, about the size of a bedroom." Knight said. "I was down in this little gully and couldn't tell how high off the ground it was. It was under the tree top level, approximately 200 yards away. It stopped about 150 feet directly over me and was emitting light with one red light directly underneath the object." Knight said the UFO appeared to be slightly domed on top.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol dispatcher at Vinita who took the call stated, "The man was scared or shook enough that you could tell he was

startled by whatever it was. It wasn't any prank or fake call, he was really sincere about it and he was scared."

Garcia agreed that Knight was sincere in relating the incident and that he "was anxious for us to find some sign of where it had been."

Although Bureau officials were the first to investigate the pasture hill area, almost two inches of rain left the area in mud and no traces could be located to indicate a landing site.

Normally Knight gets 500 pounds of milk per milking, "But the ones that were stampeded still wouldn't give milk. I was off 89 pounds this morning."

It was clearly visible where the stampeded cows had gone through the fence, and while no physical evidence was obtained it appears that something was indeed in the area.

(A weekly UFO column by Hayden Hewes highlighting interviews with witnesses, scientists, authors and celebrities appears in *Modern People*, a newspaper published at 11058 W. Addison St., Franklin Park, Illinois 60131.)

Between You and Me

All done with mirrors

by BRINSLEY LE POER TRENCH
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In my book *The Eternal Subject*, (1) I wrote: "Another interesting possibility that I have not broached before, is that the ufonauts are able in some way to project 'mental' pictures. A possible example of this might be found in the two extraordinary French sightings at Oleron and Gaillac described earlier. It has always struck me as quite uncanny how the same scene, the same actors, the same actions, without an iota of difference, was gone through at Gaillac, ten days after the first identical sighting. *There is something crying out to be learnt here, I feel sure.*"

Now, these two classical sightings were originally described by Aime Michel in his first book, *The Truth about Flying Saucers*. (2) The first sighting took place on Friday, 17 October, 1952, at Oleron. It was an absolutely clear day. The event was witnessed by M. Yves Prigent, the head

of the Oleron High School, his wife and their three children. In my book I gave M. Prigent's account of what he and his family saw, as related by Michel in his work.

"In the north, a cottony cloud of strange shape was floating against the blue sky. Above it a long narrow cylinder, apparently inclined at a 45-degree angle, was slowly moving in a straight line toward the southwest. I estimated its altitude as two or three kilometres. The object was whitish, non-luminous, and very distinctly defined. A sort of plume of white smoke was escaping from its upper end. At some distance in front of the cylinder, about 30 other objects were following the same trajectory. To the naked eye, they appeared as featureless balls resembling puffs of smoke. But with the help of opera glasses it was possible to make out a central red sphere, surrounded by a sort of yellowish ring inclined at an angle. 'The angle', according to M. Prigent, 'was such as to conceal almost entirely the lower part of the central sphere, while revealing its upper surface'. These 'saucers' moved in pairs, following a broken path characterized in general by rapid and short zig-zags. When two saucers drew away from one another, a whitish streak, like an electric arc, was produced between them.

"All these strange objects left an abundant trail behind them, which slowly fell to the ground as it dispersed. For several hours, clumps of it hung in the trees, on the telephone wires, and on the roofs of the houses."

Michel went on to state that various people were able to collect some of this 'gossamer' like substance, which rapidly became gelatinous, sublimed in the air and disappeared.

Ten days later, on October 27, the whole scene was re-enacted again over Gaillac. The same actors, the same play. The long plumed cylinder, inclined at 45-degree in the midst of a procession of saucers flying in pairs zig-zag fashion, and dispersing as at Oleron, large quantities of 'angel hair', the name generally given by ufo-logists to the 'gossamer' like substance. At Gaillac, there were about 100 witnesses, including two police officers.

Now, I appreciate that these two sightings are 'old hat', but it is my contention as I have stated elsewhere, that it is no use just recording, analysing and filing sighting reports away, and forgetting about them. You see, sometimes long afterwards, you can learn something of great importance, and these two sightings are cases in point.

The very fact that the action, the players, the whole scene, was exactly the same over first, Oleron, and then, 10 days later at Gaillac, is extremely significant.

I think it highly probable that the ufonauts have something like a library of pictures or a projection sighting bank! In my book I suggested the ufonauts were probably able to project 'mental' pictures. Upon reflection, I now think that these were projections of another sort.

The first of the two sightings, the one at Oleron, if we follow up my theory, may or may not have been an original sighting. Both may have been projections of an earlier one, but certainly I think the second one at Gaillac, which was absolutely identical in every detail to the Oleron one, was a projection.

What do I mean by a projection? I think that the ufonauts would have a moving picture of the original event, available to be shown to certain people in specific localities. Perhaps, this motion film of UFO phenomena is projected by the clever use of mirrors reflecting the sun's rays and focussing the film on to the appropriate place where it is to be seen. Much in the same way as the heliogram, a message transmitted by a heliograph (which is a signalling apparatus employing a mirror to reflect the sun's rays), is received.

Maybe, it is done in a much more sophisticated way. Whatever manner the result is achieved, I am sure that the ufonauts are capable of projecting very realistic pictures of previous events in the sky to Earth people.

Some readers of this article may point to the 'angel hair' that dropped over the landscape at both Oleron and Gaillac, as proof that the two identical sightings could *not* have been projected pictures in the sky.

I agree that this is an important point to be taken into consideration. On the basis of our present earthly, scientific knowledge, it would seem in the face of the evidence to be correct, but I submit this is not necessarily valid.

Let us take another look at it. According to my theory the incident was filmed. On each occasion 'angel hair' dropped. Obviously, the film (if there was one) would repeat on the second occasion this part of the scene. However, critics of my theory may quite rightly say some people on the second occasion at Gaillac, actually handled the 'angel hair' which dissolved almost immediately afterwards. Therefore, how could this second repeat performance at Gaillac be a projection of a film?

Reports From Quebec

My answer is that throughout the history of pictorial art, from time to time new dimensions have been added. We had plain black and white stills, now we have colour stills. We had silent black and white movies. Then we had sound added, giving us both the human voice, music and other effects. Later, colour films with sound. Later still, three-dimensional colour films. More recently, we have heard about 'smellies', that is, films in which there might be, for example, a scene depicting the sea waves breaking on the coast of Cornwall, England, or off the coast of British Columbia, Canada. The cinema audience would be treated to a smell of ozone, adding another dimension of reality to the performance. I understand that this is something we shall all enjoy in the cinema before long. I gather that the 'ozone' smell is an illusion and would not necessarily come from the sea waves portrayed on the screen.

Although at Oleron (if that was the original event) the 'angel hair' was real enough, in the repeat performance at Gaillac, it may be this substance could have been seen dropping because it was in the film, and the witnesses on the ground could have thought that they were actually handling the substance!

The ufonauts with their advanced technology may have introduced still another dimension into their film-making, with which we are not yet aware. In the same way that our film industry is experimenting with 'smellies', they may have gone a further step, and introduced a pseudo 'angel hair', like the example of the 'ozone' in the 'smellies'.

Anyway, I am convinced that the repeat performance at Gaillac, 10 days after the Oleron incident was a projection. If you re-read the fantastic account of the first one at Oleron, with its cylinder object at the 45-degree angle, the 30 other saucers in pairs, the actions gone through, and then appreciate that this whole spectacular scene was gone through again at Gaillac 10 days later, it seems to be sticking out a mile that some kind of projection occurred.

In this article I have been throwing out some suggestions as to how this exact second performance was achieved. Some of my ideas may be 'way out'. That I am prepared to admit. However, perhaps, some of you readers will think around what I have written and send in your own ideas to the editor.

Incidentally, if you have heard of any other duplicated sightings on such a big scale, please let us know. I think this opens up a considerable area for us to explore. Another exciting aspect of the fantastic UFO enigma.

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(Two entirely different features of our planet that have an obvious attraction for UFOs are power systems and ancient geological formations, both of which have been discussed in previous issues - e.g. the Peace River power project, vol. 2, no. 6, and the Drumheller "badlands" vol. 2, no. 4.

(Because Quebec has these two features in abundance -- bearing in mind the Laurietian mountains are the world's oldest -- the spacious eastern province is uniquely interesting to ufologists.

(Two of these who make valuable contributions to CUFOR are Claude MacDuff and Wido Hoville. In the following reports, MacDuff discusses a special study he made of the hydro-electric aspect, while Hoville describes a rare case apparently involving both features. He follows this up with an intriguing account of two recent humanoid cases.

(Two other excellent Quebec correspondents are James Richards and Lucy Bakay. Their reports will appear in a future issue.)

by CLAUDE MACDUFF

The apparent relationship between UFO sightings and power blackouts was evident in Quebec province during July 18-24, 1971. In that period of one week a succession of power failures occurred, corresponding with UFO observations in the same areas. Some of the objects were observed directly above power stations of Hydro-Quebec. Twice in this same week the Montreal area was hit by black-outs.

When a series of strange events occurred over the city of Rimouski, north-east of Montreal, *Le Devoir* newspaper of July 23 carried the following report:

Rimouski, P.Q.: Unidentified flying objects, round in shape, continuously flashing, were sighted in the sky at different places in the Rimouski region, causing much disturbance among the population. "They twirl and are red as fire, with green and blue rays flashing around," according to witnesses of the phenomenon, seen Tuesday night, July 20, at Rimouski, Sainte-Odile, Sacre-Coeur and Bic. The same phenomenon was also noted from the North Shore where the objects were observed to be above Rimouski.

The theory that these objects are satellites of earthly origin is not acceptable to the head of the physics department of Centre d'Etudes Universitaires de Rimouski, Michel Campagnat, who pointed out that such satellites fly in the arc of a circle and, most important, cannot become stationary as in the case of these objects.

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According to a report received by the Societe de Recherches sur les Phenomenes Mysterieux du Quebec at that time, UFOs were seen over the Manic hydro-electric station, the largest and most powerful in Quebec serviced by five dams. Sightings were made on July 23, corresponding with power failure in a large sector of the province.

A look at the map where objects were seen shows that most of the sightings occurred close to the St. Lawrence river. This ties in with the pattern in other countries where UFO corridors are known to follow the main waterways. It is noted the main observations were made starting at the north-east end of the river around Rimouski and Manicouagan and proceeding toward the source past Quebec, Trois Rivieres, Sorel, Montreal and Ottawa where sightings apparently ended for that period. It is noted also there are many substations of Hydro-Quebec along that section of the river. To explain the worst of three black-out that occurred in the one-week period, this news item was carried:

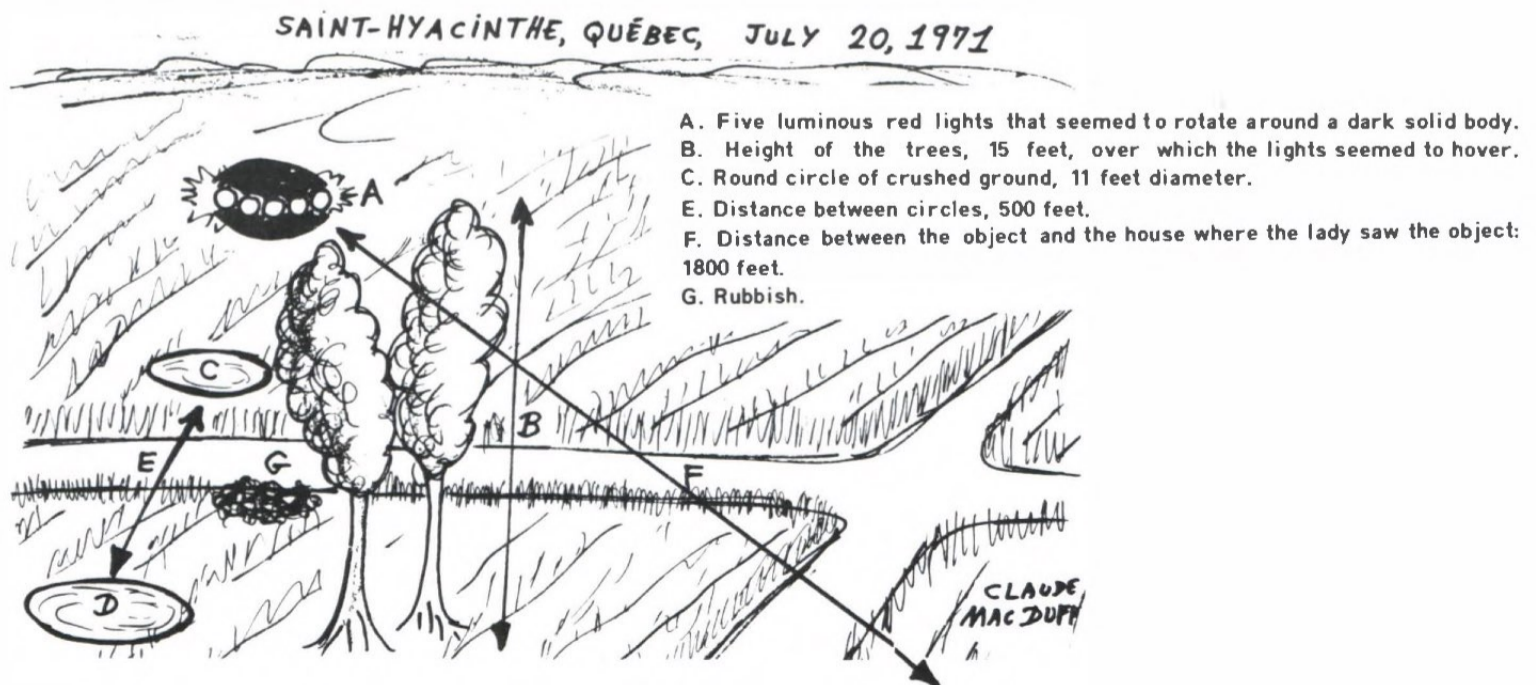
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I wonder where the official who issued that statement was during the period in question because no thunder-storm was recorded in that region. As well as I remember, the weather was sunny and clear.

Now let's consider an incident on July 20 which was the most interesting and important of all, particularly as strange tracks and marks were left behind where it occurred. A newly formed group of us were advised of the case soon after it occurred and so were able to make a prompt investigation. This is the account we gave to the French-language newspaper, *Le Matin*:

On the St. Dominique road at St. Hyacinthe there is a large field of potato crops. The owners, a farmer and his wife, are an up-to-date, intelligent couple who are well informed about farm equipment and are not likely to have been deceived by what they saw. This is how the wife related it:

"It was a cloudy evening without any moon. I was in the living-room, near the window, looking out to the west. Suddenly I saw, about 2,000 feet from the house and about 15 feet above two trees, five huge red lights that seemed to rotate around a dark solid body. I've never seen anything like it in my life before. I tried to call my husband but he was taking a shower just at that moment and did not hear me. I came back to the window and the lights were still there.



"Then the lights moved and went off. That was all. There was no motor noise or other sound. Later on I told my husband what I had seen but he didn't believe me. He said I must have been imagining things."

But next day, going through his field, the farmer was surprised to find unusual tracks that roughly corresponded in position with the details given by his wife.

After we, the investigators, had interviewed the wife we went out to see for ourselves. There were two perfectly formed circles, each 11 feet in diameter. The first one we saw was about 1,800 feet from the house and the second was 450 feet away in another field. The potato crops in the circles were crushed and burned, the worst part being in the center. The first circle was beyond the trees mentioned by the wife which may have given her the impression the object was hovering above them whereas it may have been standing on the ground. No other tracks of any sort were found in the field, so obviously the imprints were not those of an ordinary vehicle.

Soon after the incident police cars, both provincial and RCMP, were seen in the vicinity of St. Dominique road which the wife said was very unusual. What made it stranger still was that the farmer had not reported the incident because he did not want sightseers tramping across his fields.

It should be remembered, too, that incident and the visit by police came in the same period that the district was affected by power failures!

(A few months later, starting in February 1972, more strange activity was reported over and around St. Hyacinthe. Before investigating a particularly vivid case at nearby Rougemont where a landing was involved, Wido Hoville made notes on the following cases, among others: St. Hyacinthe, Feb. 25 - Two objects "like bananas" grayish in color, seen moving very rapidly in south-east; St. Hyacinthe/St. Simon, July 30 - One round luminous object "as big as full moon" descended to ground, gave out burst of light, then rose again and in less than 10 seconds was "pin-head small." This was followed by others doing same thing over period 4-5 minutes. Some nearly touched nearby heavy power lines; Beloeil, July 30 - Four UFOs, also big as full moon and surrounded by halos, seen in formation crossing horizon toward south-west. In distance they looked like single "light-bar," becoming discs when closer.

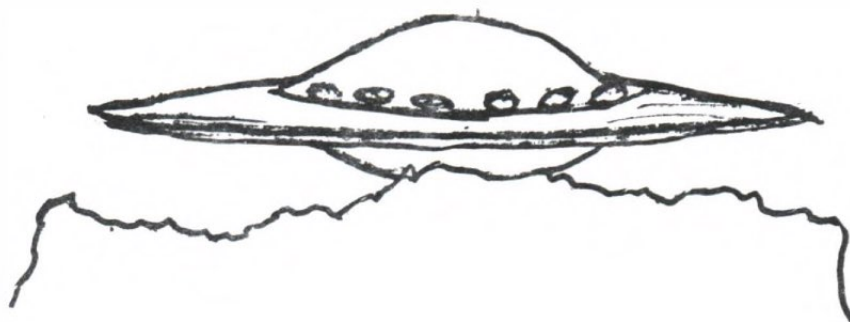
(Several other sightings, involving formations and a dome-shaped object, were reported from Beloeil in the next six weeks. Hoville, himself a witness, along with his wife and others on one occasion, noted that Beloeil is at the foot of Mt. St. Hilaire, an ancient mountain of volcanic origin with a lake on top. Closeby is Mt. Rouge where the next incident took place in early morning, Sept. 20. Hoville's report follows.)

by WIDO HOVILLE

After investigating a sighting at St. Jean Baptists de Rouville on Sept. 20, I started out after midnight for Rougemont where another incident had just occurred.

The chief witness in this case was G.P. (full identity known to me) who also was driving from St. Jean Baptiste that night when, stopping his Ford Mercury at an intersection and glancing casually from the driver's window, he saw a strange lighted object flying toward Mount Rouge. His description indicated it was Saturn-shaped and it flew with a pendulum-like motion.

For about the next four minutes G.P. watched the object as he continued slowly ahead. He saw it clear a microwave tower and a TV tower before it started to climb in step-like manner to the summit of the mountain. (see sketch) It stopped twice in its course, then finally came to rest on the mountain-top where it stayed for about another four minutes.



To observe better, G.P. stopped his car less than a mile from the foot of the mountain. At this point a Volkswagen drove up, carrying two women, and G.P. left his car to talk with them. One of the woman asked, "What is it?" When G.P. answered it might be a flying saucer, they became scared and drove off.

Returning to his car, the witness watched for another minute with his engine idling. By now the object had become so bright it illuminated

the whole area and he could see trees moving in the wind. Resembling "one saucer on top of another," the object had an upper part silvery in color, while the lower section was a glowing pink. Around the upper part, just above the rim, G.P. could see a row of oval "windows" giving out a bright light which apparently was the cause of most of the illumination. Judging from the surface of the mountain-top, he estimated the object to be 100-150 feet in diameter.

Curious about the obvious intelligence behind all this, the witness flashed his headlights three times, whereupon the object left the mountain and dove toward him, passing 30 feet overhead and over power-lines beside the road. In that instant his engine stalled, his lights dimmed and the radio went dead. He had a sensation of heat and clearly saw the windows around the rim. He said the interior of the UFO, which then sped out of sight, was "very bright."

The power lines there carry 4,160 volts, and it was reported that TV reception just about that time became distorted. Two days later an investigation was made, with the witness accompanying others on a search at the top of the mountain. Nothing unusual was found. Although the tops of trees surrounding the site were brown, this could have been due to normal autumn conditions.

One mile from the landing site is a small lake, about 300 feet in diameter and 40 feet deep, which is likely a crater-lake because of the volcanic origin of the mountain range. This might have been a point of interest to the unusual visitor. The witness led me to the lake where we took rock samples. These proved to have very heavy ferrous content, so much so they could be drawn to a magnet.

The lake, incidentally, serves as a reservoir for a nearby village. During the winter of 1971 snowmobile-drivers saw another UFO over its frozen surface.

(Editor's note: It is perhaps more than coincidence that the following humanoid cases reported by Hoville occurred during the continent-wide wave of UFO visits last fall. The first one that follows occurred about 2 a.m., Nov. 22.)

Mr. and Mrs. J.P. live in a rather isolated area in the town of Joliette (in the Montreal area). Their home is smaller than surrounding houses, but is very clean and tidy, reflecting the good habits of its owners. Behind the house are garages and gardens.

Late this particular night Mrs. J.P. went into her kitchen to have a cigarette because she felt

unaccountably restless. As the room was bright enough from a street-lamp outside, she did not switch on the light.

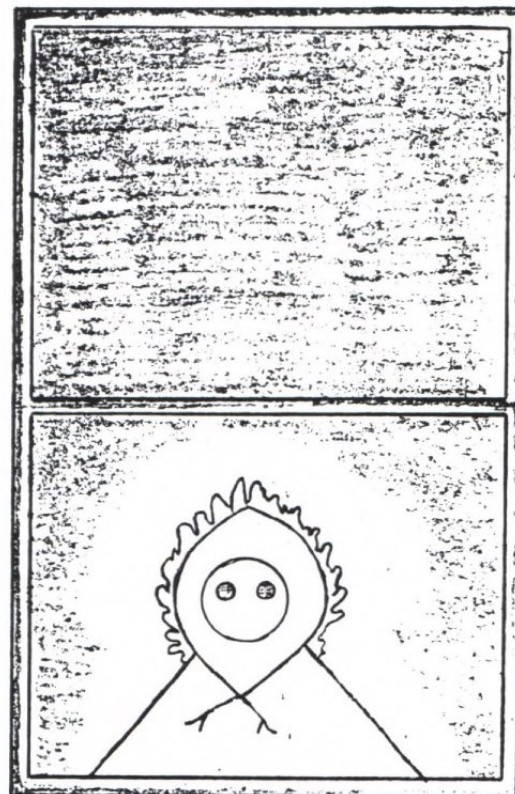
Suddenly her attention was attracted by a white object which seemed to stand just outside her kitchen window. She went closer to the window, which is very low, and to her surprise discovered a "four-foot tall thing" as she called it. The being had a round head with two very bright eyes which had a phosphorescent glow. They were threetimes as large as normal eyes. Around the head or helmet there was some sort of halo or flame.

The witness did not see any mouth or nose but she did notice what seemed to be "laces" around the neck of the "thing." She said the shoulders were not square like humans' but sloped down from the head or helmet at about a 45-degree angle.

Far from being afraid of the apparition, Mrs. J.P. said it somehow looked beautiful to her. She said she was actually attracted by it and could not move away. It was only when the "thing" vanished after about 15 seconds that she suddenly realized something very strange was going on. Running into the bedroom, she wakened her husband who dressed, turned on the outside light and searched all around the house without finding a trace of any trespasser. But he did notice their dog was crouched on the ground as if "scared to death."

By measuring the height of the window-sill, J.P. confirmed his wife's estimate that the visitor was about four feet tall.

The following night it was the family cat that behaved strangely. She ran up and down in the house



and frequently looked out the window where the "thing" had appeared. Later she seemed anxious to stay as close as possible to Mr. and Mrs. J.P.

The incident became a matter of UFO interest when it was learned that on the same night a priest and local police had seen lights rising from a nearby limestone quarry. A search of the quarry produced nothing unusual. It may be significant, however, that the site is skirted by two power-lines, each carrying 730,000 volts. Also there are several springs in the quarry.

After we (Hoville and a representative of the local radio station) had talked to Mr. and Mrs. J.P., a local newspaperman named Fortier said he had questioned a corporal of the provincial police who told him that the sightings "are being taken seriously."

(Editor's note: It might be supposed that, though the hour was late for such pranks, the J.P.'s place had been visited by a peeping Tommy who was doing his Halloween bit all over again.

(It so happened, however, that in the previous month there had been another mystifying incident in the Montreal area in which five small beings appeared who obviously were not concerned with anything so juvenile as Halloween tricks.

(Occurring at St. Mathias several miles south east of Joliette, this case was also investigated by Hoville who identified the witnesses as Mr. and Mrs. N.R. and neighbors. His report follows.)

About midnight Oct. 6 the N.R. couple who live on a farm, became curious when they noticed a bright light on the other side of their property. Assuming it was police looking for reported cattle thieves, they did not investigate.

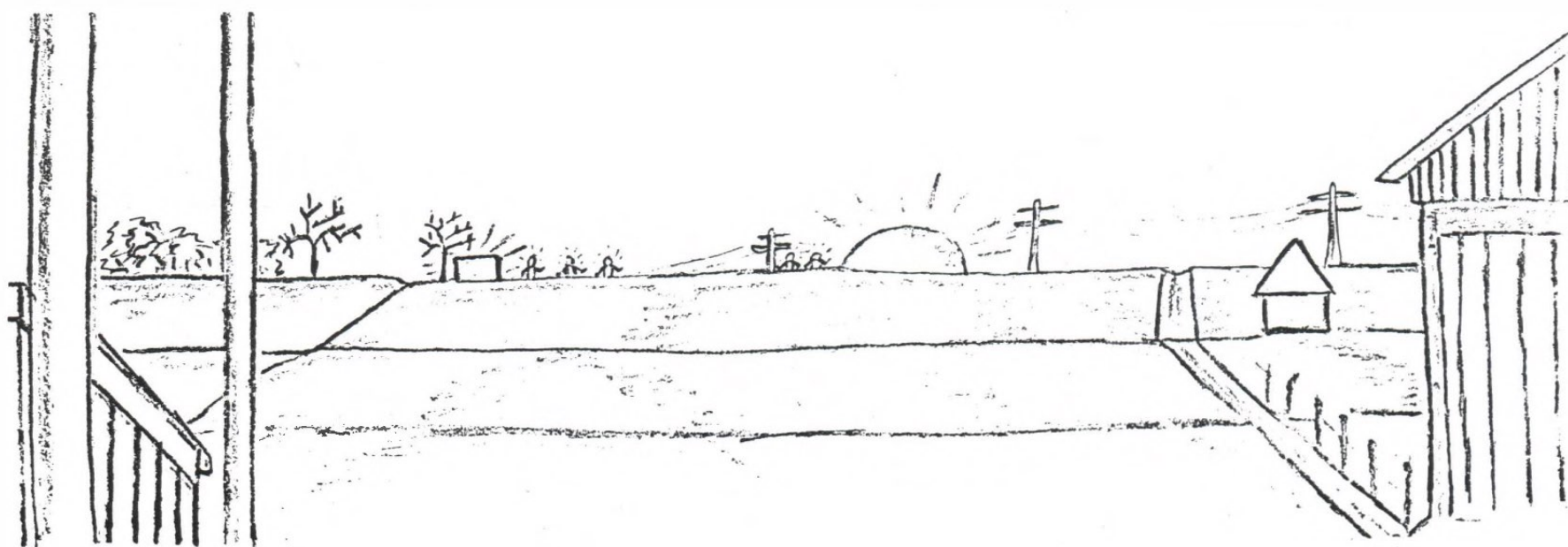
Next day, noticing some smoke in the same direction (which apparently had nothing to do with the case), they also saw what looked like "a dome-shaped tent of orange-yellow color" about 75 feet in diameter. As they watched, a much smaller, squarish object emerged from the dome, moving slowly like a "bulldozer". Continuing for about 200 feet, it stopped at a spot where the witnesses knew there was a spring.

At this point five small human-like creatures came from the "tent" and seemed to busy themselves moving between the two objects. Dressed in bright yellow clothing "much brighter than highway workers" and wearing some sort of helmet, they seemed to be about the height of children. Because of tall grass, only the upper part of their bodies was visible. After they had gone back and forth for a few minutes, the smaller object moved on and disappeared behind a slope.

It seems incredible, but none of the witnesses (neighbors also noticed the activity) were curious about what was going on. Only after going about their business for a while and then suddenly realizing the little beings and the objects had all disappeared, without being noticed, did they begin to wonder what it was all about.

Those who did later walk over to the site to see if they could find anything were bothered afterward with nausea and headaches. These included the N.R.'s daughter and her children, and my wife, myself and a friend after we went there three weeks later.

But we had some compensation for our trouble. Flattened and discolored grass and vegetables, and a triangular pattern of imprints showed that some object of unusual design had indeed come to rest there.



Reports From Ontario

A selection of newspaper reports from Henry McKay of Agincourt, Ont., an observer of the UFO scene who has a sharp eye for such items, indicates our visitors have been taking a remarkable and continuing interest in a swathe of the province bordering Georgian Bay on Lake Superior. In particular, Boshkung Lake, immediately to the east, near the town of Minden has been the scene of an extraordinary succession of visits.

At first it appeared these visits were just another part of the wave of sightings reported last fall. But according to the last word from McKay, they were continuing well into 1974.

A recent story by Peter Courtney in the Minden Progress said:

After three months of nightly visits by small armadas of unidentified flying objects, perplexed Boshkung Lake area residents are looking to Ottawa and a full-scale investigation to set their minds at ease.

Recently long-time Boshkung Lake residents Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Lunham wrote the Department of National Defence of their observations.

"We understand the National Research Council has been asked to investigate," said Mrs. Lunham.

The UFOs, which "have scarcely missed a night since mid-November," are apparently capable of instantly defrosting window-panes in below-zero weather.

While a number of area residents have reported UFO sightings, probably more have been seen by Mr. and Mrs. Lunham than anyone else. They describe the objects as kite or cigar-shaped, emitting amber, red, blue and white lights. They have as many as nine antenna each and appear to signal each other in some sort of code with flashing lights.

"They have made no attempt to bother us or interfere with us," explained Mrs. Lunham. However, shortly after dinner a week ago the Lunhams saw a UFO arrive over the lake then turn towards their house. About halfway across the lake it turned on a bright white light. Although only on a second or two, the light lit up the Lunham dining room and melted the frost from the room's windows.

"When I went to wipe up the water with a cloth, the glass was so hot I couldn't touch it," said Mrs. Lunham, who pointed out that it was 20 degrees below zero at the time.

Last fall the Lunhams called the Ontario Provincial Police after a particularly large covey showed up.

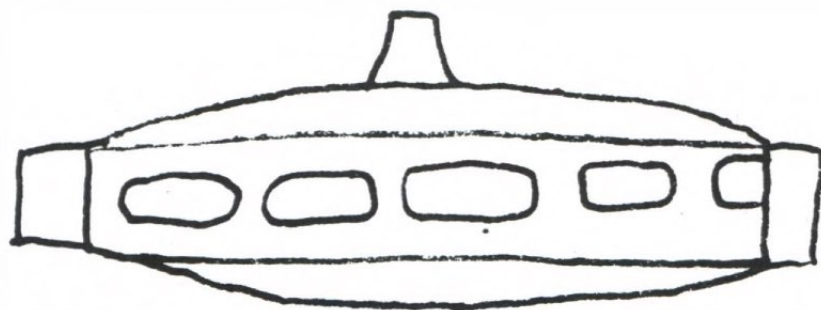
"The officer said they were reflections," said Mrs. Lunham, "but after he left, the 'reflections' flew straight up in the air and across the lake and you could see the 'reflections' reflecting in the water."

Reporter Courtney became so interested in the accounts he heard that he went to the lake several times to see for himself. Nothing happened, however, until his fifth visit which he made at night. After an hour's wait it looked as if he was out of luck again.

"Then, about 10 o'clock, when I decided I might as well leave, a dull, red light appeared just above the tree tops across the lake. It travelled slowly in a northerly direction, then began to re-trace its course before it was lost sight of... Its movements were too erratic to be a regular aircraft. I don't know what I saw that night. To me it defies rational explanation."

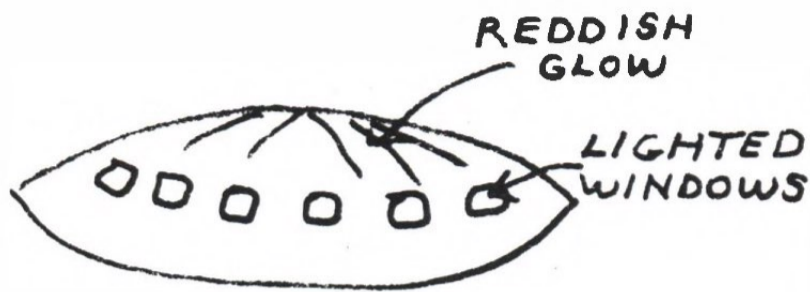
Following up the story, the Lindsay Post, published in the same area, learned that ice-fishermen on the lake occasionally saw strange lights on its frozen surface. It seemed to them that an individual object would give off lights of a changing pattern as if to camouflage its shape. When the fishermen approached to investigate, the lights became obscured by a mist which prevented them from looking closer.

Another focal point of activity seems to be in the vicinity of Lake Simcoe to the southwest. Sketched by McKay from witnesses' descriptions, the two objects shown here were seen near Sharon, just south of the lake.



"This object," McKay wrote, "was observed by an adult male in the presence of a female witness, with other corroborating observers. The incident took place southeast of the village of Sharon on the evening of Nov. 1, 1973. The man's attention was drawn to this incident by the phone call of a neighbor who had made the initial sighting. During the approximate 17 minutes this object was being observed, on a clear night, no unusual

sound was detected as the object moved below tree tops. The male observer watched the object through binoculars. He described it as oval-shaped with brightly illuminated, rectangular windows."



Of this object, McKay said:

"It was observed by Mrs. Bev Hall, her daughter Kim, 13, and Kim's friend Glenda Goodman, 13, while they were outside about 9:30 p.m., Sept. 20, 1973. They watched it for approximately 20 minutes as it circled the farm buildings at less than 100 feet. Mrs. Hall described the windows as being square with rounded corners. This farm is located in the same region where an apparent landing 'ring' was discovered in 1965."

The Community Communicator of Mount Alberta reported three more sightings after this near the Halls' farm. It added:

"A gentleman of our acquaintance who is very interested in the subject . . . believes that our area, especially around the lake, is ideal for sightings. Apparently, he feels, there is a regular 'flight-path' over the area."

Letters

Sir:

The following item appeared in *Le Soir*, Aug. 22, 1973:

Flying-saucer submarine bases exist in southern Argentina, it is claimed by the Society for Study of the Unexplained, according to a communique from its president, Antonio Las Heras.

After a year's study, the communique says, the society believes it has evidence that machines from another world have established submarine bases in the gulfs of San Matias and San Jorge at 1,100 and 2,000 kms. southeast of Buenos Aires off the coast of Patagonia.

Preliminary investigation began several years ago, Las Heras said, after a cigar-

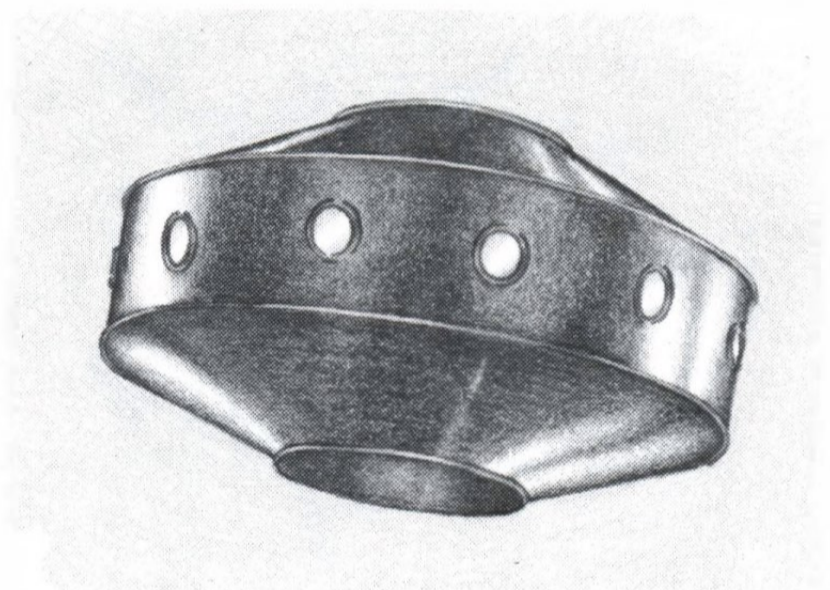
shaped craft apparently from another world was reported in the area Oct. 22, 1954. By the beginning of the '60s flying-saucers were seen so often off the coast of Patagonia, they received little attention.

According to Las Heras, firm indication of their existence was provided Aug. 14, 1968 when about 100 witnesses saw five brilliant elliptical objects rise from the gulf of San Matias and plunge into the gulf of San Jorge.

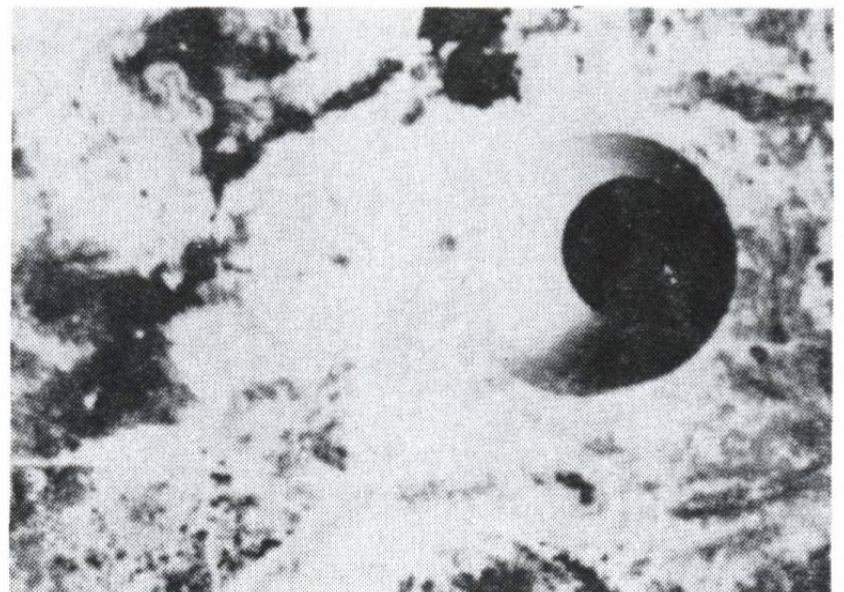
*Sav. Blondel Bastide,
Aix en Provence, France.*

Sir:

CUFOR no. 12 describes a UFO seen in November, 1959 at Abilene, Texas which has an amazing similarity to a UFO photographed in February, 1966 over Venezuela as shown in *Flying Saucers - UFO Reports* (discontinued) no. 2. It is perhaps significant that the color yellow is mentioned in both cases.



Abilene, Texas



Venezuela

(Editor's note: Report of the Abilene sighting was first carried in UFO Review published by the California Research Institute. When artist Brian James read the account he decided the original illustration did not bear out the measurements reported. His new sketch (above) of the object even more strikingly brought out the similarity to the Venezuela case noted by reader Mark Herbstritt. Having a keen eye for such similarities, Herbstritt later sent the following second letter.)

After reading the article "Matching Cases" in vol. 2, no. 8, I remembered reading about a similar incident in *Flying Saucers Illustrated* (published by Real Magazine, 1967).

CUFOR, case 1: "Mrs. De Hart of Radium, B.C. saw a hat-shaped object giving off greenish and pink lights. Each time the thing climbed to the top of its wavy flight she heard a faint sound like Chinese chimes." Case 2: "Carville police officer Gary Clayton observed a disc-shaped object emitting a red, green and white light. It made a ringing noise like bells jingling."

"Contact Outer Space" in *Flying Saucers Illustrated*: "John Otto attempted to contact intelligent life on another planet on Nov. 28, 1954 by broadcasting on the 50,000-watt radio station WGN in Chicago, Ill. After the broadcast a woman phoned Mr. Otto and said she heard sleigh bells ringing that sounded like jingle bells. The woman, Mildred Maier, claimed she heard this over the Chicago station at the time of the broadcast. Several others confirmed hearing these sounds and reported them to Mr. Otto."

It is perhaps significant that in the last two cases, sounds resembling jingle bells were heard.

Could these sounds be some kind of signal or code emitted by UFO occupants in the first two cases and by life in interstellar space in the case of the radio broadcast?

The similarity is amazing.

*Mark R. Herbstritt,
St. Mary's, Pennsylvania.*

Sir:

I had a strange experience one night early in February, 1970, in Montana near Glacier Park.

Two lady friends and I went to our cabin on the Flat Head river and we'd had a lovely day. We had sat up late just enjoying the full moon on very deep white snow, and there was a good fire in the fireplace.

About one o'clock we went to bed but sleep just wasn't for me. I lay in the upstairs bedroom, thinking, when my room was all aglow as if someone had turned a car-

light into the window, which was impossible as the cabin faced out over the river.

I got up, and down in the lower field was a shape quite long, with a dome and a platform around it, and sparks were flying across the river, hitting the bank and flying up into the air.

I saw what I thought were two men running around my side of the platform. I called one of my friends and she came to see it and became very ill. She lay down for a minute and then she, too, watched the fireworks. The lights or sparks looked like welding-torch sparks, all colors.

I think we must have watched for 30 minutes at least, and all at once it went dark and was gone before our eyes became used to the darkness again.

(Editor's note: In answer to our request for more details of this remarkable incident, the writer sent the following second letter.)

There was six feet of snow and the cabin was built in the woods a mile or so from the town of Coram on the Flat Head river, 15 miles south of Glacier Park. There was a mountain across from the cabin and the river had cut away at this for many years, leaving a bank 500 feet high or so.

The men we saw were like earthmen. They were about 5 feet 8, wore what seemed like snow-suits, and their heads were bare. They worked and walked as an average person.

The rim which ran around the dome was six feet wide at least, as these men ran around with ease, not like they would on a narrow area. The top was so enveloped in the sparks that it was only a shadow. The sparks flew from the rim up over the dome, filling the whole area with bright yellow light. The sparks were mostly yellow-white, and bright blue with heat like a welding torch. These sparks were large and would fly over the top of the dome, skim across the river, hit the bank on the other side, fly up and back into the river with a sizzle sound. This lasted 30 seconds or so.

We were inside a door which went out onto a small porch. It was partly opened. The whole area of about two acres of cleared land seemed to be on fire. Why my friend and I didn't panic and run, I don't know. Neither were afraid. Then all at once it was as dark as it could get. You couldn't see an outline of a tree.

Then it cleared and became light as a full moon would give, and nothing remained of the UFO or whatever.

To answer your question, were the men on the ground? They came from the other side of the ship and ran around to the end of the rim on the other side. After this you could see them doing something near the dome.

I do not know if they were on the ground at first or not.

The ship sat on a piece of ground 25 by 20 feet, I'd judge. I have problems with measurement but it was a goodly size, about 50 feet around.

I'm also enclosing some photos of paintings on a wall not too far from the above area. Persons who look into these things say they are not Indian paintings that match any others of the same place.

*Mrs. Leona Nielson,
Walla Walla, Wash.*

One of the figures in the photos stood out from the rest, being remarkably erect and boldly executed. However, an on-the-spot examination would be necessary to establish whether the pictographs are truly distinctive. It is possible the site has been visited before by strange craft which were recorded in native art (for example, see vol. 2, no. 6). While there may be no connection, it should be noted in the previous month a dome-topped craft containing two human-like figures was seen outside a hospital on Vancouver Island (vol. 1, no. 7).

Sir:

I am 17 years old. On April 26, 1973, myself and three friends were staying on Hornby Island, about 50 miles north of Nanaimo (on Vancouver Island).

On the night of the 26th we went for a walk. We were heading roughly in a westerly direction. The beach was on our left. The night was overcast and dark. There was no moon.

At 9:25 one of us turned around and looked behind. Then we all looked because there was a brilliant red light in the sky. We later figured that it was about a half-mile away and between 500 and 1,000 feet up. The light came from the south and was heading north. This may not seem like much except that it didn't make a single sound. But the strangest thing was that it was bouncing up and down like a rubber ball as it travelled by.

We thought it was an airplane in trouble at first. So as it bounced out of sight we ran down the road to see where it would crash. But when we reached a point where we should be able to see it, it wasn't there, except that it was coming from the direction it had just come from.

It wasn't bouncing any more. We could see its red light coming over the water towards the island. It was going quite fast. Then when it reached the island it stopped dead in its tracks and hovered there for a while. Then without leaving its spot, it pivoted all the way around in its own length. Then after it had done this, it left, again without a single sound.

Then before we knew what was happening, we saw it approaching the island again. Like before, it came from the south. It was going fast again. Also like before as it hit the beach it stopped and hovered. Only this time a blindingly bright searchlight came on.

The light was in the nose of the machine. At first the light was shining up into the clouds. The light was white and very bright and it lit up the machine. This is the oddest thing. With the light on we could see the machine. It was cigar-shaped. Now if that isn't the oddest thing!

The light then swivelled down to the ground where it moved all over the place. It moved all over the trees, the road and finally on us. The light was so bright it actually blinded us. The light then went out and the machine left, rather quickly.

A few minutes later we saw it again. Only this time it was further way and it didn't stop. We waited around for a while but we never saw it again. Each time it had made a pass it got a little higher and a little farther away. In every pass it made no sound at all and it scared the hell out of us.

The last time we saw it was 9:40 p.m., so we had watched it for 15 minutes. I thought that maybe it was an air force plane, so I wrote Comox air base. They answered by saying that they had no planes in that area.

Four of us saw it but we are all the same age. Since we are young, people don't seem to believe us. The first impression when we tell people is that we are either nuts or drunk. Or maybe both. But we know what we saw and it was not an airplane. I have not made this up and I hope it is of some interest to you.

*David Holmes,
Campbell River, B.C.*

Sir:

I have been keenly and deeply interested in the whys and wherefores of UFOs since the Kenneth Arnold sighting during 1947, but I do not or ever will classify myself as a so-called "Expert on UFOs." Within a few more years it will be 30 years when the UFO enigma all started. I find it very, very difficult to think and believe that the UFOs are all coming from the same place. The universe is vast and huge beyond human comprehension. We really don't know how old the universe is, we really don't know how it all started, we don't know where we came from before we were born, we don't know why we are here, and we don't know where we go after death. Yes, I believe that the space visitors have been coming here to this planet for thousands and thousands of years, perhaps beyond recorded history. The UFOs fantastic speed, the UFOs fantastic maneuvers prove without a shadow of a doubt that they come from a superior technological civilization. But as to where they are coming from and why they are coming here, well . . .

I think and believe that a number of them come from another dimension or dimensions, I also think and believe that a number (?) of them are of flesh and blood and solved many, many, many problems regarding space travel that the people of this planet don't even know exist. Yes, I believe in "Mat and Demat" and travel to many distant parts of the universe which is physically impossible to do. The UFOs' science and technology are of such a superior nature that if they were to land and tell the scientists what it is all about, I doubt very much if the scientists would know what they are talking about. I do think and believe that they know a very great deal about us while we know almost nothing about them.

*Nicholas Nestor,
Cleveland, Ohio*

Sir:

I should like to make a short comment about your editorial in the last issue of the Canadian UFO Report.

In the editorial, "Holy Oand Crises & UFOs," you point out "that there is a striking parallel between major UFO flaps and major crises in the Middle East," and then you proceed to list the correlation between the UFO flaps and the war periods.

You then proceed to state, "If there were other years just as outstanding in one category but not in the other

there would be no case. But there are no such years. Those we have listed stand alone even if their Middle East and UFO events are considered separately. The pairing of these events makes them that much more remarkable."

The records clearly show that there are other years of major flap conditions. There was a 'major' world-wide flap in 1954 and 1957. The flap of 1957 was the grand-daddy of them all to this date. There were major UFO flaps in 1964 and 1966. Most Ufologists agree that the major wave of activity in 1966 caused a major breakthrough in the attitude of the public and the press.

*Robert J. Gribble
Director, Phenomena Research,
Seattle, Wash.*

As flap years we listed 1947-48, 1952, 1956, 1967, 1973 "with some allowance being made for moderate extension into the months immediately before and after." Maybe that qualification was too modest, for 1957 was indeed a flap year but as an extension of 1956. There was no brexk. The same applies to 1966-67 and, for that matter, 1968 which some records show as the high point in that period. But no records we have seen bear out the contention there were flaps in 1954 and 1964. These were years of strong ground-swell but no peaks, as far as we know. Any information to the contrary is welcome.

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