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*Strange light with bird-like figure atop Cairo church [see For Your Bookshelf].*

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## NEW CLUES TO UFO MYSTERY?

By coincidence two curious bits of news dealing with matters that may have stemmed from the same source in the remote past appeared recently in the press about the same time. (Both are reported under Spot News in this issue.) One concerned a finding that some comets appear to have had a common starting point in the asteroid belt, suggesting they are remnants of a planetary explosion. The other described the unexplained behaviour of certain Apollo installations left on the moon. Although the report made no such inference, it almost seemed as if these mechanical operations were deliberately affected by some alien intelligence.

In previous issues (vol. 1, nos. 1 & 3) we have discussed both strange lunar activity and the possibility of a vanished planet, but without realizing there might be a connection. Now the coincidental timing of these recent reports brings new questions to mind. Is it possible there was a planet in our solar system that was destroyed by its inhabitants who - - or what was left of them - - then found refuge at improbable points in the same system? Did they deliberately look for unattractive places, like our moon, to reduce the danger of any more hostilities? Does proximity of their bases to Earth explain the large number of UFO sightings? (Mars, now being examined by NASA's Viking craft, might also qualify as such a base.)

There are, of course, no ready answers. But hopefully questions like these will help steer us toward some central clue to the UFO mystery. Which brings to mind another question. Did some influence beyond our understanding arrange these news items so they would appear simultaneously?

Maybe someone out there is trying to tell us something.

# Strange Voice Heard After UFO Landing

by Graham Conway

Joseph Borda, 48 is a tobacco farmer at Mt. Pleasant, Ont. One Sunday afternoon in July, he was walking from the house to the barn, on his mother's farm, when he looked across a field of rye and saw a shiny domed metallic object sitting in the tobacco field beyond. He thought "A flying saucer, that's a flying saucer." Then as if someone suddenly took his head and rearranged his thoughts, he said to himself, "No, that's a tank truck."

Joe later admitted that hindsight dictated a large number of inconsistencies in this recognition of the object as a tank truck, possibly engaged in spraying. Firstly, to get into the position where he saw it, the vehicle would have to drive past the farm, which no one had seen it do. Secondly it would also of necessity have to drive over a pile of irrigation pipes which obstructed its path. These pipes, 10 inches in diameter would be crushed, and they weren't. Alternatively, the "spraying truck" could be in his neighbour's field. However, this theory didn't hold up either, as the neighbour in question has firm religious beliefs which include not working on Sunday.

Glancing at the object a couple more times, he dismissed it from his mind, continued into the barn and completed his chores, then went home for a swim.

Two days later, Tuesday morning, he went into the tobacco field with a cultivator. He began to feel hot and "off." At 11 a.m. he quit and went home. His wife was surprised as he never came home before noon. She questioned him and he admitted to not feeling well. Around 1:30 after lunch, he went back to work. Suddenly he came upon a circular crushed patch of tobacco plants about 30 - 40 feet in diameter, as if a heavy weight had been placed upon them. Then it came to him that this was where he had seen the "saucer" two days before. Glancing across the field, he could see the barn about a third of a mile away. No tracks were visible that might lend support to the original tank - truck idea. However, on the ground within the circle were two spots of some substance, reddish purple

in colour, that felt slippery and oily, but not sticky. These patches were about as big as a fist, and the strange material seemingly had penetrated the ground several inches.

A little later he decided to call his brother Charles who is Crown attorney for Brant County, asking his advice after relating the circumstances. His brother arrived soon after and suggested that Joe call provincial police at Brantford. The police duly arrived and removed soil samples that were sent to the attorney general's laboratory in Toronto for analysis.

Later on Douglas Lucas, director of the Forensic Science Centre said that the analysis showed that the sample comprised tobacco and soil, was not radioactive and did not contain oil. He said this was what the police had asked the centre to check on. Staff Sgt. Bud Soroka, head of Brantford's police, detachment, recalled that the sample looked just like a sponge but felt somewhat firmer. Examination of plants

within the area showed they contained a reddish brown streak down the centre. However, it could not be established if this was due to the effects from UFO's landing or whether this irregularity was present beforehand.

Three days after discovering the damaged area, Joe received a phone call from three curious UFO investigators, one a Canadian living in Niagara Falls, Ont. The other two were from Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N.Y. (Names are on file.) It was around 7 p.m. and they asked if they might be permitted to visit and see the site and ask questions. Being granted permission, they arrived about ten p.m., stating they had heard about the landing on the radio. A short time later Joe Borda drove them to the landing area. It was a clear calm night as the four stood at the site location and discussed what had taken place. Suddenly one of them asked, "Who has the transistor radio going?" Although they had brought along a fair amount of



Joe Borda [right] and wife with nephew Jim Berneths at landing site. "Transmission" was heard from bushes in background.

equipment, including infra red film, a radio was not present.

All stopped to listen but could hear nothing. However, the moment they recommenced the conversation the voice transmission resumed. "Did you hear that?" one asked. Without a doubt they all did. Joe said that "I'll never forget it as long as I live". He described the voice as seemingly female, speaking in a language that was to all those present quite unrecognisable. It was low in volume, crystal clear in quality, flawless and flowing. It was almost like a data reading and in Joe Borda's opinion, "not of this world". After about three minutes of this something seemed to take control of Joe's mind and told him to return to the house. Although admitting to not feeling scared, he simply said, "I'm not staying here any more," turned and walked with the Canadian investigator to the car. They left the two Americans behind. As they shut the car doors and were about to leave they heard shouts and saw the two others running and waving, asking not to be left. It then transpired that the two Americans thought they saw a branch move in the bushes alongside the field about 150 feet away, from where the transmission

appeared to originate, though Joe was sure there were no trespassers on the property. Anyone moving across the field would have been in plain view for several minutes. Mrs. Borda commented that whatever took place created a profound impression upon the witnesses as they talked late into the night, all eager to speak, one on top of the other not waiting for a gap in the conversation.

Joe Borda admitted that four grown men being frightened by a voice and a movement in a bush was, when viewed in the light of day, a ridiculous situation. However they were equally convinced that something unusual had taken place and were unable to offer a reasonable explanation.

Author's note: I would like to thank Joseph Borda for granting me permission to describe the events and providing copies of local newspaper stories. Also I wish to thank Jim Berneth of Burnaby, B.C. who not only brought this story to my attention, but made available much background detail and relevant photographs, all of which were obtained when he visited Mr. Borda's farm in Mount Pleasant, Ontario, during August, 1975.



*Three weeks later plant damage still showed.*

*Readers will have noted reports in CUFOR concerning a current spate of animal - mutilation incidents, sometimes accompanied by unexplained aerial activity plus the occasional appearance of unusual - looking animals or birds. [See particularly vol. 3, no. 6, pp. 10-14.] In recent issues of Awareness and The UFO Register published at Oxford, Eng., by Contact International there was a remarkable article by Sebastian Robiou describing in considerable detail events of this sort that occurred in Puerto Rico in 1975. While the second part of the article was essentially a summary of UFO reports, the first part concerned strange incidents that may have been related to the sightings and that is the section we carry below. In doing so we express thanks for permission to reprint to J.B. Delair, editor of both publications in which the article appeared, and to Brinsley Le Poer Trench, retiring president of Contact International (U.K.) Mr. Le Poer Trench, whose column You and Me is one of our regular features, is leaving his C.I. position to assume new duties as Earl of Clancarty, the eminent seat to which he has just been elevated. He is succeeded by Dr. John Cleary - Baker, former editor of BUFORA Journal.*

## **UFO Activity And Apparently Related Phenomena Over Puerto Rico In 1975**

by  
**Sebastian Robiou**

### **Introduction:**

1975 presented a UFO wave of a new and different nature so far as Puerto Rican records are concerned, and involved news of mass animal slaughter throughout its duration.

Previously we had read about the now famous "Snippy" case in Alamosa, Colorado - the Apaloosa mare found dead under mysterious circumstances - and the sinister experience of Mr. Alexander Hamilton when a UFO stole one of his calves, while he watched helplessly, this latter being a well documented event dating from the turn of the century. And we were also familiar with the extraordinary abduction of a calf by unseen aerial forces at La Palma Velha Estancia, Algrete,

Brazil, in late October 1971 (see Awareness, vol. 1 pt. 1 March 1972, pp. 6-7). Furthermore, we had followed with great curiosity the USA cases of 1974, which were impregnated with widespread occurrences of animal abduction and slaughter, especially in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Colorado (see APRO Bulletin, vol. 23 no. 4, January 1975; and Jerome V. Clark, "Strange Case of Cattle Killings", Fate magazine, August 1974). Neither had the odd happenings involving the abduction and dismembering of cattle and horses at various Texan localities in late 1973 (see The UFO Register, vol. 5, 1974, p.93)

escaped our notice, as had any more the additional similar happenings elsewhere in Texas and in Oklahoma reported in the New York Times of March 4th, 1975, and in which Governor David Brown had asked for a full enquiry because of the seriousness of the cases. In many instances it had been observed that only parts of the animals were missing, effected by perfect cuts as if executed by skilled surgeons. According to members of the faculty at the University at Minnesota, some animals were discovered sucked dry of blood, as if it had been extracted by a hypodermic syringes.

To our knowledge, nothing resembling these events had ever previously occurred in Puerto Rico, yet from February 1975 onwards, effects like those described above hit the island like wildfire, and continued to be reported until July. Hardly a week would pass without a new case being added to the list.

And, more significant still, these mysterious deaths occurred in the *same areas* where UFO sightings and reports of unusual aerial phenomena were being made. UFO activity had been commonly reported in the other localities hosting strange animal deaths listed above too.

Our investigation of the above deaths consisted of personal interviews, field readings with electronic equipment, laboratory analysis, photographs, and the collecting and classification of gathered material. This is synthesized below for purposes of convenience; animal killings and UFO reports are treated separately.

#### **A: Mysterious Deaths of Farm Animals.**

The first reports of animals found dead under strange circumstances, occurred in late February. From then on, a steady flow of reports involving animal killings came in from the town of Moca, in western Puerto Rico, near Mayaguez and Aguadilla. A total of fifteen cases were made public. Some were very weird, and some were humorous, as in the case of the burnt latrine reported upon later.

By late March, the phenomenon had spread out to other areas, the first case outside the Moca area coming from Aguadilla, where a pig was found dead in suspicious circumstances.

By then, the unknown predator had been christened "El Vampiro de Moca" and was apparently very active and consistent in slaughtering farm animals. As the situation worsened, one leading newspaper, *El Vocero*, asked editorially for official intervention, repeating the same plea a few days later.

Unable to identify the killer, someone asked whether snakes were to blame; but Dr. Juan A. Rivero, professor and ex-dean of Arts and Science at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, announced on March 22nd., after laboratory analysis of dead farm animals, that snakes had nothing to do with the deaths of these creatures.

The same day, Senator Miguel Deynes Soto, President of the Senate Commission for Agriculture, together with District Attorney Victor Calderon and Colonel Samuel Lopez, police commander for the district, went to Moca on an official visit. After interviewing affected farmers and examining some dead animals, they concluded that some maniac hiding in nearby caves was the criminal hand responsible for these mass slaughters, and promised prompt police action to bring him to face justice as soon as captured. These proved to be "famous last words", for no arrests were ever made. The scoundrel, moreover, must have changed his eating habits and supposed habitat.

On March 28th., Dr. Mariano Santiago, a veterinarian, carried out a thorough study, and declared that unusual evidence surrounding the cases and the extraordinary and singular wounds left on the victims could not have been caused by any known natural

agencies, that no known predator was capable of producing the wounds, and that the incisions had always been made with remarkable precision. It was also pointed out that Puerto Rico has never had any species of dangerous or poisonous animals, even the snakes inhabiting it being of harmless type.

Once again the notion of one or more killers hiding in nearby caves was aired, about this date, with the result that parties of private investigators and members of a UFO study group from Ponce undertook a search for vampire bats that, at the time, were thought to be possibly responsible for these deaths. The results of these investigations were negative, and several individuals contracted respiratory infection inside the caves.

Once again Dr. Juan A. Rivero, who specializes in zoology and who has authored a textbook on the subject, declared that vampires or vampire bats, which do not naturally inhabit Puerto Rico, are incapable of inflicting such precise wounds as were consistently found on the dead animals. In a press conference, Mr. Astol Calero, the Island Superintendent of Police, announced that "I do not believe in vampires", but failed to come up with a satisfactory explanation for the killings to satisfy the anxious community.

On April 9th., Felipe N. Rodriguez, the Under-Secretary of Agriculture, stated that his department was aware of the seriousness of the situation and was extremely worried about the unexplained farm animal slaughter, but announced no plan of action or investigation.

Meanwhile, Mr. Isais Fernandez, Federal Inspector for Meats, publicly declared that the cause of these abnormal animal deaths is a mystery.

During April, The "Vampiro de Moca" struck again, although very far from Moca, actually in the Metropolitan Area itself. This was the most impressive case that came to our attention, and one we investigated thoroughly. It occurred in the Los Angeles development near the International Airport, where ten dead geese were found spread out in a circle as if the predator had dived from above.

And, to confuse matters, the "Vampiro de Moca" moved back to its point of origin and added more cases to the mystery at Moca.

About this time, a group of local farmers proposed another explanation, which centered around the possibility of foreign land speculators using this ploy to scare them out of their farms to get them to sell their land at bargain prices, the suggested reason being that the speculators wished to resell the property to an unspecified American firm at much higher prices. But as time passed, the name of the speculator was not disclosed, nor the American firm identified, so that, to this day, the real identity of the "Vampiro de Moca" remains a mystery.

By this time also, the possible tie-up between the animal killings and UFO activity had suggested to many that once the UFO visits were over or subsided then, too, the animal killings would cease. This is indeed what transpired.

It will now be convenient to present our observations on the killings themselves, as derived from studies of the many cases that came to our attention. Our observations are as follows.

1: The animal killings took place at night, especially near dawn.

2: In most cases, farmers and owners of the animals, though sleeping very close to them, failed to hear any sound or alarm from the victims, as if they had been paralyzed or stunned before being killed.

3: In rare instances, the owners reportedly heard high pitched noises emitted by the predator and a strong flapping of wings as if by an abnormally large bird. In a few cases a strange looking animal completely covered with fur was seen running away after having attacked the farm animals.

4: Death resulted from wounds although some animals managed to survive and behaved normally afterwards.

5: The wounds followed a specific pattern in all cases, as if inflicted by a hollow but thick ice-pick, cutting both bone and flesh as penetration occurred. Wounds were always in pairs, but varied in diameter and distance proportionally to the size of the individual victim. Thus, in the case of birds, the wounds would be 1/4 inch in diameter and separating one from the other, and up to one inch in diameter and separation in the case of larger livestock. There was no blood around

the orifices and the wounds remained open, even in those cases where the victims survived.

6: Selected organs were missing. These included ears, brains, legs, testicles, and various internal organs, all removed in a very neat professional way. In some cases the neck of the victim was found broken, and other organs were discovered mutilated. An outstanding instance of this involves case no. 12, in which, according to Angel de la Sierra, a doctor in bio-physics, the cuts were very similar to those used in cases of impaired hearing.

7: Even in cases where a variety of animals occupied the same pen, slaughter was selective, only one species being attacked. Nearly all members of the other species remained unharmed and unconcerned, as if they had been previously hypnotized or paralyzed before the attacks took place, thereby keeping them calm and silent while victims were selected and, in most instances, slaughtered.

The distribution of victims is as follows.

	Number	Percentage
(I) Chickens, guineas	182	57.80
(II) Ducks	40	12.70
(III) Goats	33	10.50
(IV) Rabbits	20	6.38
(V) Geese	18	5.70
(VI) Cows	8	2.55
(VII) Sheep	5	1.59
(VIII) Pigs	3	0.96
(IX) Dogs	3	0.96
(X) Cats	1	0.32

8: The above break-down shows that fowls easily make up the largest percentage. Adding ducks, geese, and rabbits to the same group, the resulting percentage (82.58%) means that a high degree of preference for comparatively small animals by the predator can be established.

9: In a number of cases, human witnesses have seen a strange creature, "like a ball of fur with no appreciable extremities or head" and resembling a large hairy ball, running away. Accompanying noises have included an irritating chirp or cry, and intense humming noise, and a strong flapping of wings sound as if from a gigantic bird in flight.

10: In a number of cases and raids, Mr. Cecilio Hernandez, a 65-year-old farmer from Moca, lost 35 hens. On the last

raid he was able to observe what he afterwards described as a headless hairy dog, without legs, running away very fast and in total silence. He had never before seen anything like it; it was a large live ball of fur and as fast as a hound.

11: Other instances in which beastly animals were observed are assembled below. (a) Mrs. Maria Acevedo, from Barrio Maria of Moca, was awakened in the middle of the night, during early March, by the sound of a heavy bird landing and then pacing on the zinc roof of her house, pecking hard as if trying to gain entrance into the house. Every time weird music was heard coming from some point higher up on the same hill, the bird would flap its wings heavily and fly off to the source of the music, only to return minutes later to peck again at her roof. Upon take-off it would produce a very annoying squeak. By peeping through a crack in the window shutter, which she did not dare open, Mrs. Acevedo was able to discern the silhouette of the large bird.

(b) Another "bird" was reported in Barrio Cupey Alto of Rio Piedras, during June, by the Gabriel Ramo family, who, upon returning home after attending church services at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, found three children hiding under their parents bed after a similar manifestation of a peculiar bird on the house roof.

Not far from the Ramos, lawyer Ivan Garcia K., who had not been drinking but reading instead, heard the bird land hard on the roof of the cottage he was in, and heard the sound of loud wing-flapping. Although he had a loaded gun by his side, he decided that "rather than step out to face the unknown and satisfy his curiosity, he would stay inside and shut the windows close".

(c) On March 25th., Pellin Marerro, of Rexville, Bayamon, sighted an unusual bird in flight, its size being that of an eagle or large buzzard.

(d) Next day, Juan Muniz Feliciano, of Barrio Pueblo of Moca, at 10:00 p.m., on his way back from work, was attacked by a weird looking bird as it dived at him from above. He was able to scare away the bird with his machete and, later, with stones. Neighbours came to his aid when he called out for help, but were too late to see the bird

which had by then flown off.

(e) That same day, Miss Olga Iris Rivera and Miss Barbara Pantojas, from the public housing project Nemesio Canales of San Juan, sighted a very strange bird flying in that vicinity, and were unable to identify it.

Although investigated by the police, who did not make public their findings (if any), these instances are admittedly not in themselves demonstrably related to the aforementioned animal killings or to the contemporary UFO reports. Nonetheless the simultaneous cessation of all three types of phenomena may be significant.

#### **Enigmatic Cases:**

The outstanding case in the Moca area is that of Mr. Hector Vega Rosado. It has been thoroughly investigated, both officially and privately. Briefly, it is as follows.

During the morning of March 18th., Mr. Vega found two of his goats dead, each exhibiting two round holes one inch in diameter, one below the neck and the other at the base of the front legs. They were very neat holes, as if made with a large syringe, and no traces of blood could be found around these wounds.

The next day, Mr. Vega found the act repeated, but on a larger scale - 10 dead goats, 7 more wounded but surviving, and 10 additional ones missing altogether. This news received widely circulation in the press.

Shortly after the case had become known, the authorities, as well as a private investigator visited the site, while Mr. Luis R. Urbina, a radiation specialist with the Civil Defense Office, declared that he had obtained abnormally high readings on his geiger scale at the Vega farm. This latter news generated a considerable amount of general apprehension.

Two days after this, Miss Mildred Caban, also a specialist, said that her radiation readings in the area were only .005.

On March 22nd., our own readings were normal. Note that residual radiation diminishes rapidly in a matter of days.

Mr. Vega's land is mostly level, wide open terrain, enclosed by a barbed-wire fence. Though isolated and not illuminated, still it would be no small feat to try to capture 27 loose nervous goats on an open piece of land without

disturbing them, and also silently so as not to alert the Vega's in their nearby house.

Another very interesting case is as follows.

Mr. Buenaventura Bello, of Los Angeles house development, next to the International Airport at Isla Verde, had the habit of feeding his flock of pet geese, which he kept in his backyard. On April 5th., he went, as usual, to feed his geese at 12:30 a.m., but to his surprise one of his dogs, who habitually accompanied him, refused to go along with him and kept at a distance, persistently barking at something invisible in the patio. The yard was well illuminated and Bello could see nobody there, so he went about his chores of feeding his pets. Then he went to bed as usual. His room, so close that he could see the entire patio by merely looking out of the window, was so positioned with regard to the patio that under normal circumstances he would have expected to hear the slightest cackling the geese might have made. The same applied to his wife; but nothing disturbed their sleep that night.

The next morning, at 8:30 a.m. after breakfast, Mr. Bello went to the patio to feed his geese again, but to his dismay all ten of them, plus three chicks were dead, not, however, grouped together, but spread out, forming a circle. Upon inspecting the carcasses, he found each

#### **Report From Brazil**

## **PROSPECTORS PLEASE NOTE**

**by Irene Granchi**

One night in February, 1974, Nelson Ricardo de Souza, 28, an electronics technician, was standing at the top of a mountain that overlooks Valenca (about 150 km. from Rio de Janeiro) and stands about 300m. above the town, when he saw three blue spots, two of which stood closer together, and a red light moving together in a very slow circling flight, at an altitude of less than 500 metres above the city, but not straight above it, a little to one side. The four lights then disappeared. One month before, Nelson had watched three lights approaching the same mountain very close: it was two in the morning on this occasion. UFOs are seen with great

of them to have been pierced by wounds of ¼ inch diameter, arranged in pairs, each hole being separated from its mate by ¼ inch. In every case the wounds were clean inside and located within a 1 inch circle devoid of feathers, artificially removed. A missing goose was found in the back yard next to the door, decapitated with a very clean cut.

Mr. Bello called the police, and in no time there were 20 policemen and officers on his property, plus officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. With great secrecy they took readings, and samples, and even took a few geese for further analysis. For the next three days Mr. Bello's dog refused to venture out onto the patio at all.

On March 8th., Mr. Bello claims that, while in his kitchen, he heard a "piercing noise" inside the house, which frightened him, and that at the same time his dog started barking furiously at something unseen in the living room, only stopping when the strange noise ceased. Mr. Bello has remained baffled by this and does not know what to make of it. The dog's singular behaviour, however, is noteworthy.

Finally, we took one of Mr. Bello's dead geese for X-raying and autopsy, tests, being conducted for us by a pathologist friend. His findings, however, shed no further light on the cause of death or why it should have occurred.

frequency in this region, Nelson states. The first time he had watched UFOs from Valenca (Nelson lives in Rio) was on an August evening in 1973, from his father's house at Rua Visconde de Pimentel. The lights were traveling southwest of the town, at 30 degrees from the horizon. First two lights were seen by Nelson and two more witnesses. One light was still, the other moved. One started going up and down, then from right to left, finally disappearing at the same spot from which it had first been sighted. More lights were seen, five altogether, traveling north, south, skirting the town. Colors ranged from white, green, red, orange, flitting on

and off, with greater or lesser intensity, and there was a change in the speed of flight. Lights were seen traveling towards Quirino (Vassouras), southwest. The last light seen seemed to be spinning.

Nelson Ricardo also told me of a sighting in Valenca one afternoon in July that same year when he saw a metallic - looking sphere. Sightings are almost daily now. Groups of lights are seen traveling in formation, lower than the mountain - tips, either one solitary orangey light, or several multicolored ones. A surprising time was when Ricardo and a girl saw a cluster of irregular - shaped lights in very slow flight making a sound like a jet. Why the simulation, Ricardo asks himself?:

Carlow Furtado, 20, a student and electrician, remembers having seen a UFO in 1968 when he was still at school, and people said it had fallen onto a mountain, and all the population went up to see where it had fallen, in the direction of the TV towers. All went, including the military from the barracks. (Carlos possibly remembers the date wrong and this may be the 1972 sighting Mr. Chaves reported below.) On another occasion Carlos saw above a

hill at three p.m. a domed object, solid - looking the size of a saucer. Every day he heard someone say they had seen something unusual in the sky. Note: Carlos does not know Ricardo, they have never met. Carlos and others have also frequently seen bright beams of light, with no source lasting, two or three seconds, lighting the surrounding ground at night. Witnesses: 20 to 30 at a time.

Joao Braz Chaves lives at Chacara Laranjeiras, midway to the top of the mountain where the TV towers are. His is a solitary house and property. He was standing outside his house one afternoon late in 1972 when he heard a noise like that of a refrigerator motor. A flash of light caught his attention, and he saw a large, wheel - shaped object coming straight down from the sky toward the roof of his house. The startled man cried out for his wife and six children, running in to save them from impending disaster. But the UFO lifted and, in a circling flight, drew away from its supposed aim. The UFO was seen to spin rapidly in its flight. Marcia, 17, one of Mr. Chaves' daughters, said it looked like the chrome cap of a car wheel, only it was much larger than a wheel, and shone silvery. It was a clear, sunny day. The UFO had swooped down to a little less than 50 metres over the house then up and off, and back again. Shortly after the UFO had vanished in the sky over 1,000 people (according to Mr. Chaves) came rushing up the mountain from town in trucks, cars and on foot, all looking for the "flying saucer" and trying to discover where it had "fallen." The Chaveses often observe little lights, like candlelight, along the slopes of the mountain behind their house.

*This phenomenon of little, drifting, lights is very commonplace in the Brazilian "hinterland" and has its own place in Brazilian folklore, together with the "mae de ouro" [mother of gold] which is a larger, golden - colored [hence the name] ball of light that is seen floating over, or settling, wherever valuable minerals are supposedly underneath the ground. In the Chaves' case, of course, the daytime UFO sighting has none of these connotations, with its describable solid, metallic shape, watched by so many people. But the little light, like candles, seen close to the hill, where a series of quarries containing many precious metals and*



*Mountain quarry at Valenca attracts UFOs.*

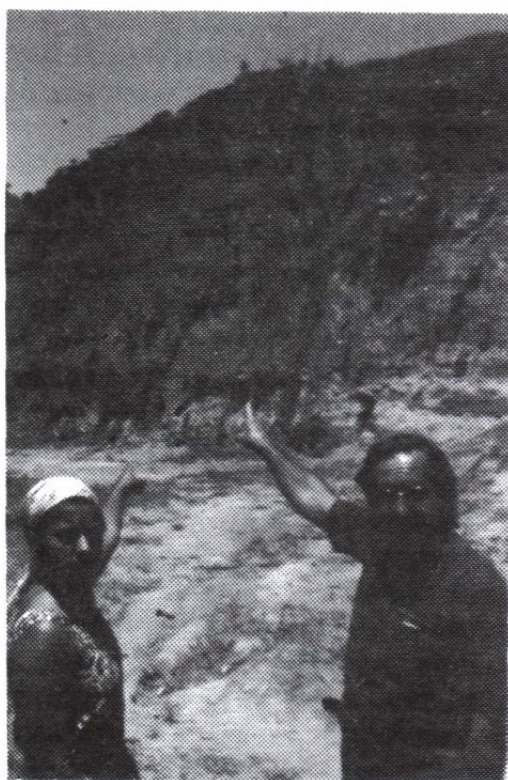
*minerals, as the quarry overseer informed me, is a fact of another nature.*

To end this report, the translation of an item in *O Dia* That appeared six months after my visit to Valenca is to the point:

(The title: "Appearance of a flying saucer puts Tijuca families in a panic" refers to the incident just described. The item then speaks of another incident in August, 1974.) "An identical fact was observed last Saturday night in the municipality of Valenca, when a driver on his way between Valenca and Barra do Pirai (km. 7) even had to stop his car when he saw 'a strange object, like a June balloon, unlit and surrounded by little lanterns, and these were lit. It stopped, then took back on its tracks without manouevering all of a sudden, at great speed, vanishing in the distance.'

"The population in Valenca is unanimous in declaring that the fact (of seeing UFOs, translator's note) is commonplace and permanent in that town, and they request that authorities on the subject sould place an observation post locally to identify the flying objects."

The above report written out in July, 1975, stands like a blaming torch of disapproval for, in spite of the justified plea made by the people of Valenca, so



*Chaves and daughter Marcia show direction of flight.*

far as I know, nothing has been accomplished!

Among other things I heard rumored, was that the soldier barracks were put the alert a year or two ago, when a UFO hovered over them and the lights of the town blacked out. Another case reported to me directly was that of a young man and his fiancée, who was deeply panicked, who were followed by a UFO which nearly stopped their car - engine, on their way from Valenca to Vassouras. The two are now married and are both reliable witnesses, whose family has been known to me for years.

## Report From U.S.A.

### HUMANOID CAPTURE CASE

by  
Hayden C. Hewes

In the last issue of CUFOR I reported on the UFO abduction case of Travis Walton as based on the investigation of Ground Saucer Watch. Since that reporting additional information has been revealed.

Now it appears that another incident has amazing similarity to the Walton case.

The National Enquirer of May 11, 1976, carried an article reporting that Staff Sgt. Charles L. Moody said he was taken aboard a strange craft near Alamogorado, New Mexico, in August, 1975 (250 miles from where Walton was abducted three months later) while he was stationed at Holloman Air Force Base.

Moody said, "The object was disc-shaped and glowed a dull metallic gray. It was 40 - 50 feet across and 18 - 25 feet high with three globes attached to its underside."

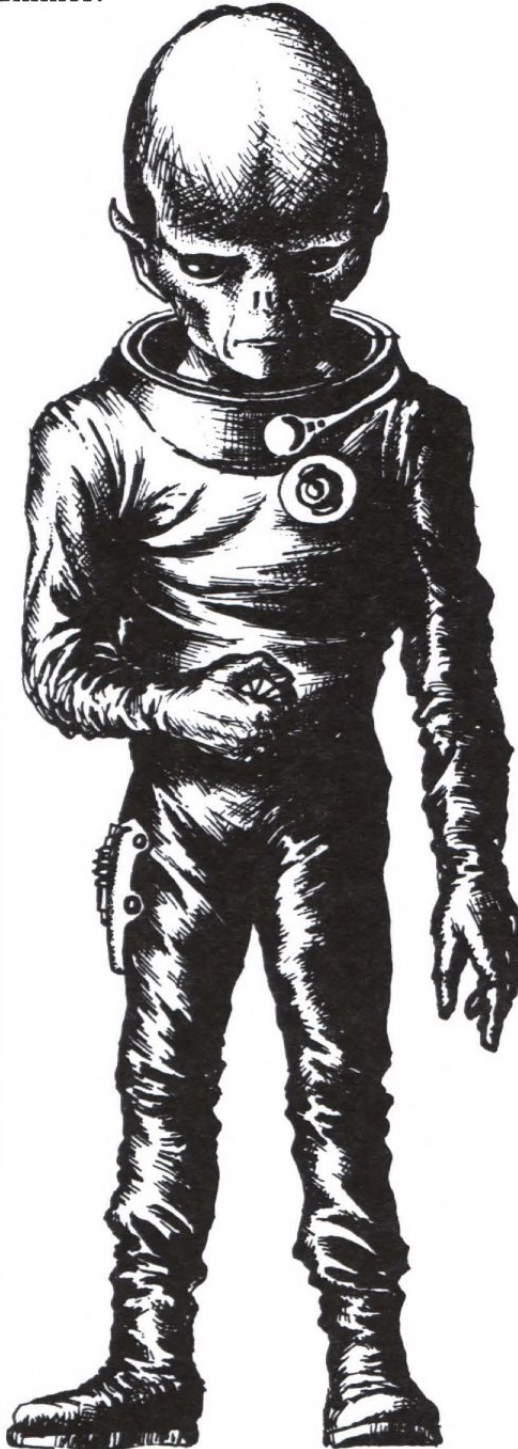
He told reporter Chris Fuller, "The craft came within 50 feet of my car. I heard a high pitched voice and a window appeared in the craft. I could see shadowy figures in the window.

"Suddenly an odd glow enveloped my car, and I felt numb all over . . . I remembered that while the car was engulfed in the glow, two beings came toward me from the craft. They didn't walk they glided."

After Moody knocked one of them down the lights went out. When he came to, he was lying on a table while an alien studied him. He tried to get up but couldn't.

Moody said, "The creature's head was about one-third larger than a human's. He had no hair at all. His eyes were dark, beneath an overhanging brow. His ears, nose and mouth were smaller than ours, and his lips were very thin. He was about five feet tall and looked very frail. He wore a skin - tight white suit which covered everything but his head and hands. His face was a whitish-gray."

Moody said, "When the being spoke there was no lip movement. He told me that within three years his people will make themselves known to mankind. It may even happen as early as this summer."



## OCCUPANT TYPE 1

*Humanoid drawn by Hal Crawford is similar to those in abduction cases.*

In the other case Walton described the beings he saw as "about five feet tall and they wore tight - fitting tan - brown robes . . . their skin was white like a mushroom . . . there was no hair and their foreheads were domed and their eyes were very large."

The Moody incident was related to the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization before the Walton incident was given publicity.

Jim Lorenzen, director of APRO and author of a new book *Encounters With UFO Occupants* said that both men reported they were rendered unconscious and that they awoke on a slab - like table inside the UFO with aliens studying them. Both men said the craft hovered above the ground, wobbling slightly, and glowed.

In 1969 artist Hal Crawford illustrated the three most commonly reported UFO occupants. The study, titled *The Aliens* was published in 1970 by the International UFO Bureau, Inc. One of the types in that study is similar to the beings described in these two cases.

Crawford said, "In physical form, Type I can be compared to a 3 to 4.5 foot tall child with a disproportionately large head. The high forehead could indicate an advanced cerebral development. The eyes are usually large and wide - set.

"Type I ears vary from 'not apparent' to large elaborate structures. The nose can vary from 'nearly human' to mere rudimentary slits. The mouth tends to be either a lipless slit or a puckered orifice. The arms are usually long and spindly, with quasi - human hands in contrast to broad shoulders and a thick or non-existent neck.

"The specific patterns of behaviour shown by Type 1 are as follows: collection of *selected* biological and geological specimens (humans included) and what appears to be repair and maintenance of their aircraft."

Staff Sgt. Moody said he gathered the beings "plan only limited contact at first, intending to study us further. They fear for their lives."

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## Humanoid At Vilvorde

[This article by Jean - Luc Vertongen appeared originally in *Inforespace*, the excellent Belgian UFO bimonthly published by SOBEPS, Boulevard Aristide Briand, 26, 1070-Brussels. We are grateful to *Inforespace* for kindly allowing us to reprint the text and illustrations as carried in its issue no. 18, 1974. We consider it of special interest because it may help to explain tracks referred to in previous CUFOR issues that climbed straight up over various obstacles. See particularly vol. 2, no. 4.]

Until recently our country, said to be a hospitable one, was not being favored with landings in which occupants were sighted. In the past several months, however, a change has taken place as there are more and more sightings of this type with a large number of witnesses to confirm them. Apparently the time of secretive appearances is over. Our country is now a place in which events of this sort do happen so that our police force, previously undisturbed by these strange visits, has begun to take notice.

### Description of the location and conditions of the sighting.

In this case an unusual incident occurred in the Flemish countryside, about a dozen kilometers north-northeast of Brussels in the industrial community of Vilvorde. This town of some 35,000 inhabitants is crossed by a waterway connecting it to the docks of the capital city. Here we find many warehouses as well as various factories and businesses of the heavy industry that is served by an important high voltage system fed by a thermal station at Pont Brule.

In a district consisting mostly of single-family dwellings, the sighting was made from the home of the witness who occupies the lower floor of a house facing the street. It is situated between taller buildings. Behind the house itself is a smallish yard of about 75 square meters which is fenced in by three plastered walls. Beyond the back wall lies the extensive property of a school run by the Ursuline sisters. The witness, who wishes to retain

anonymity as well as his peace and quiet, has allowed us to use only his initials. For this same reason we do not show a plan indicating exactly where this happened. In any case, that detail does not have an important bearing on the matter.

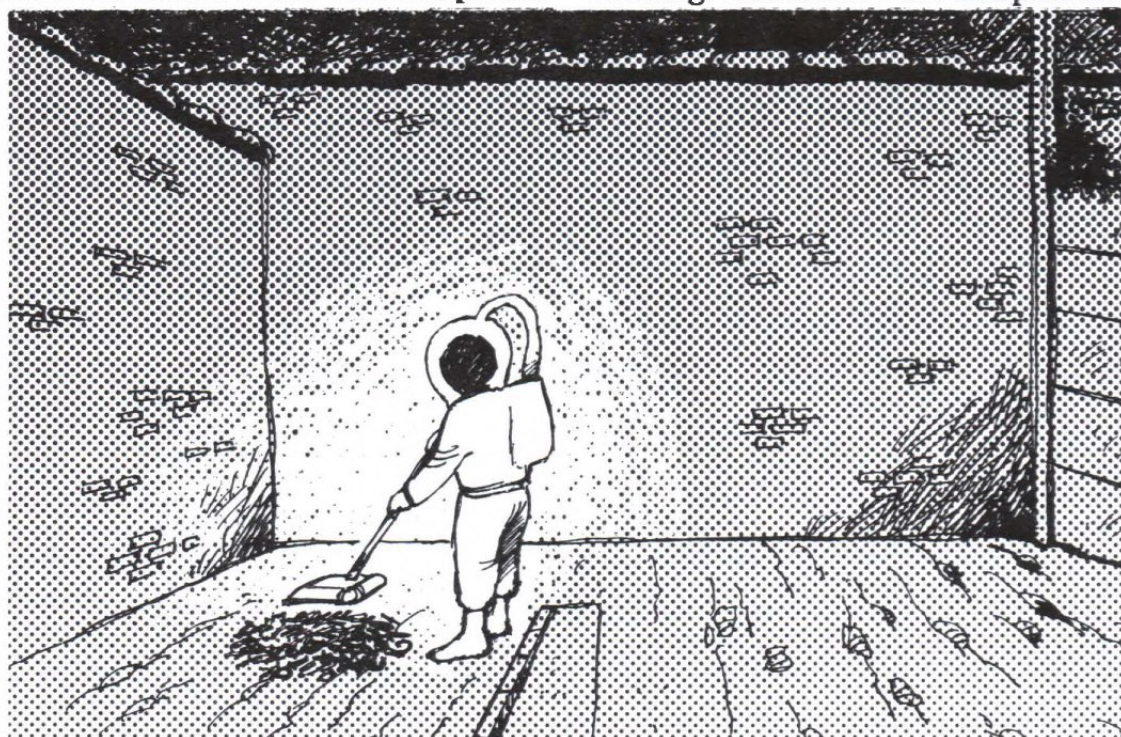
The incident occurred about mid-December in 1973. Although it was the middle of winter, there was nothing like the heavy snowfalls of the preceding month, but the weather was very cold and a strong wind blew over the region.

### Description of the sighting

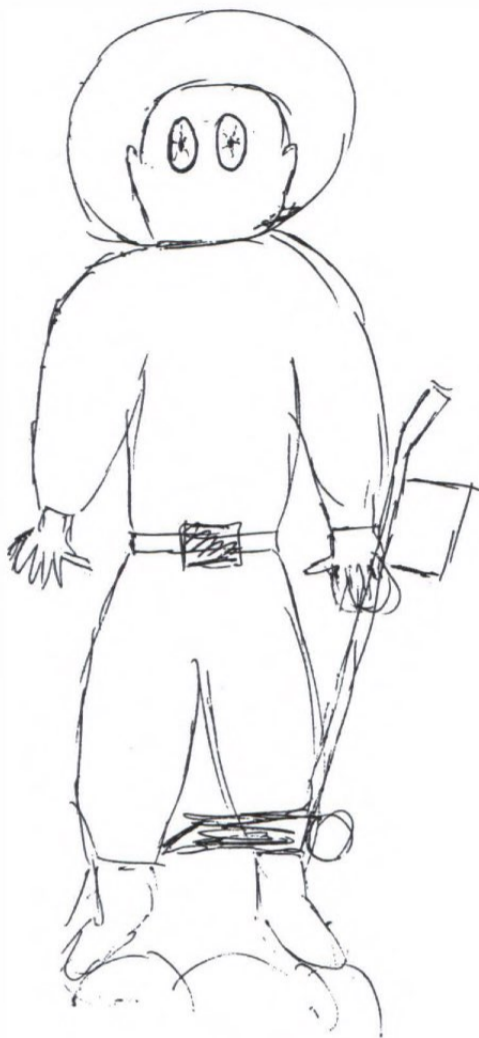
That night V.M., then 28 years of age, was asleep with his wife when about two a.m. he woke up to go to the bathroom located in a small courtyard next to the kitchen. To avoid disturbing his wife, he used a flashlight to find his way. When he got to the kitchen he heard a noise from outside that sounded like a falling shovel. It was then he noticed a greenish light filtering through the left side of a window curtain in front of him. The witness compared the luminosity to the diffused light of an aquarium. Knowing his garden was usually in complete darkness at that hour, he was intrigued by the unusual brightness and the noise he had just heard. He moved to the window, parted

the curtain and was met by a sight that stunned him. At the back of the garden there was a small being less than two meters tall dressed in a shining uniform that sent out a greenish light. The creature was visible from the back and a three-quarter view, was of medium build and his head, legs and arms were normal by comparison. His green uniform was very bright and glittering. The witness compared the material to the paint used on some jalopies (a polyester tinted with metallic particles). The head was covered by a bowl-shaped transparent helmet with a hose behind leading to a sort of haversack that the being wore on his back. This rectangular-shaped sack covered the humanoid from close to his waistline to his shoulder-blades, if that is what a humanoid has. The attachment had the same appearance as the rest of the uniform.

Apparently the clothing had no seams, buttons, zippers or buttons. The witness could see a belt and, when the being moved, he noticed waist-high in front, a little square box of vivid red, bright and scintillating. The belt was 3-4 cm. wide and the box must have been 8 cm. down the side and 3-4 cm. thick (we point out these measurements are very approximate). This attachment emitted a steady, intensely bright red light. The lower part of the pants, like plus-fours, was tucked into small boots that looked like the rest of the outfit. There was no outstanding detail of clothing. The hands were comparable to



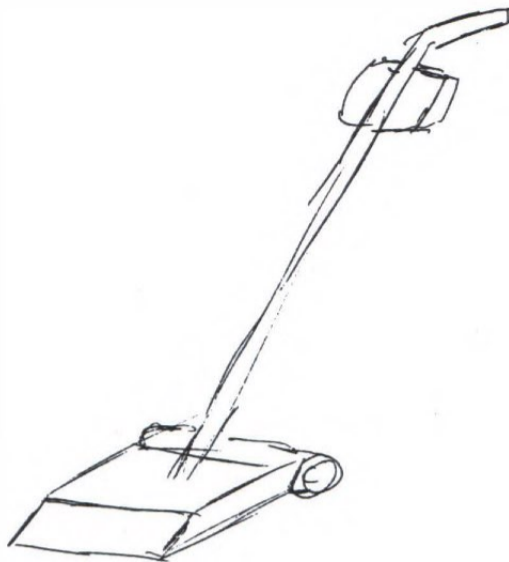
Humanoid at end of garden.



*Witness' sketch of humanoid.*

ours but smaller. There were gloves attached at the wrist to the sleeves and, like the pants, they puffed out slightly. Seen from the back the head was round and black and M.V. thought the creature probably had black hair. An encircling light illuminated the night visitor from head to foot and partly lit up the ground and left - hand wall. No breathing motion was evident and the humanoid made no sound.

In his hand he held an instrument perhaps comparable to a vacuum cleaner or mine detector which he moved slowly from left to right above a pile of leaves which the witness had left several days before at the end of the garden. The object consisted of a long smooth handle to the top end of which was attached a little rectangular box. The "detector" at the bottom seemed to be a thick rectangular piece of metal with the front part cut off at an angle. The back part consisted of a cylinder



*The "detector".*

with a diameter matching the thickness of the metal piece. The handle was fixed between these two parts. The color of the instrument was the same as that of the humanoid's uniform, and the instrument did not cast any reflection or make any perceptible noise.

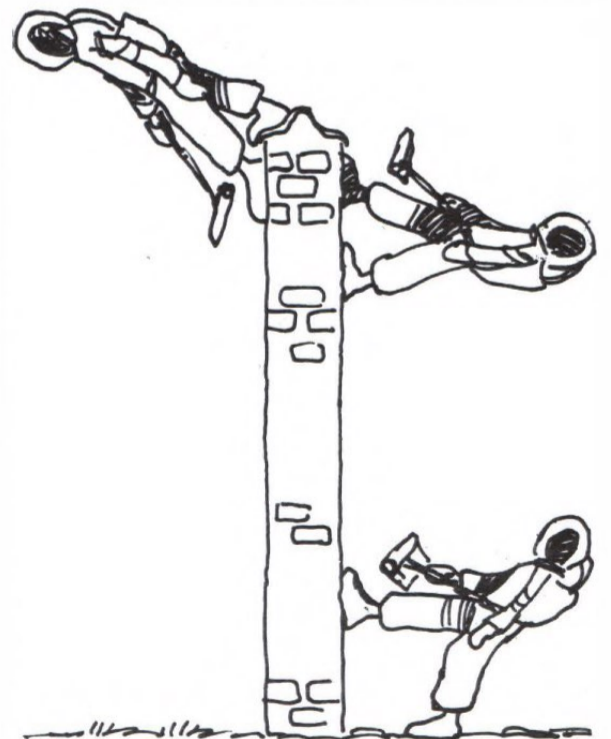
The witness noticed the little being moved with difficulty. He swayed slowly from side to side, bending his knees slightly. His way of walking seemed heavy. It was then that V.M. made use of his flashlight by shining it twice toward the end of the garden. When that happened the humanoid turned around, apparently being unable to move his neck, for he turned his entire body. Then for the first time the witness saw the unusual visitor had a dark complexion. Neither nose nor mouth was visible, but small somewhat pointed ears could be distinguished. The eyes, oval in shape and of a yellowish color, were huge and very shiny and were circled by a green edge. On the iris the witness could see black and red veins. The pupils were black and slightly oval. Intermittently the eye - lids covered the eyes, and when that happened the expression became somber. When the eyes were opened, the lids became invisible, making them comparable to curtains or shutters hiding the eyes when they were closed.

Looking at the witness face-to-face and holding the "detector" in his left hand, the stranger seemed to answer the light signals by raising his other arm and making a V sign with his first and middle fingers, after which he turned and walked toward the end wall in his characteristic manner, moving his arms slightly. On reaching the wall he put

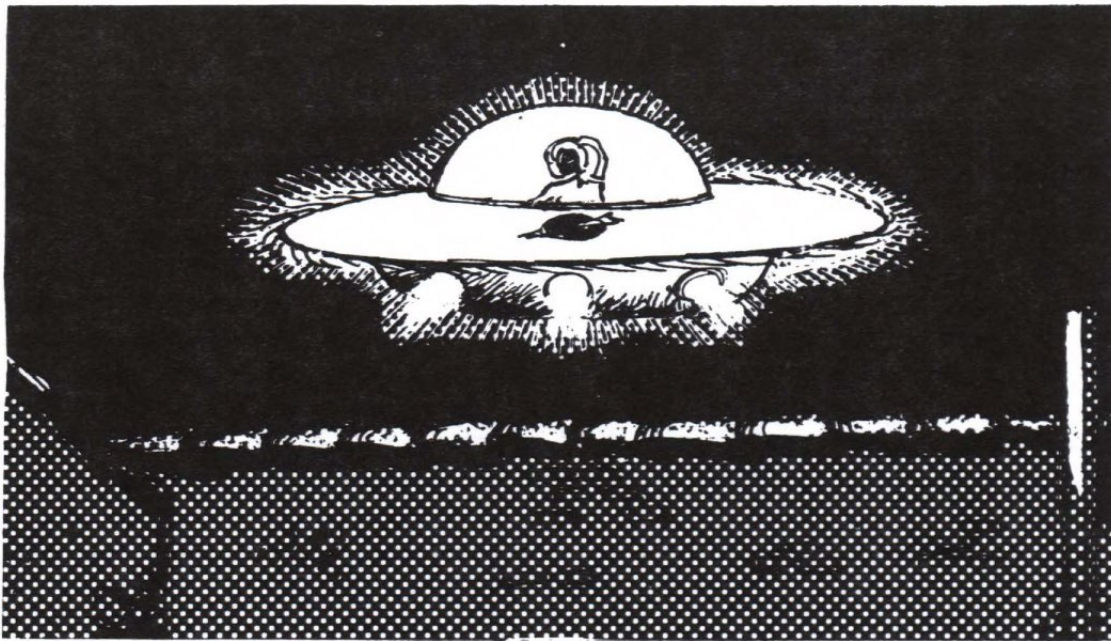
one foot flat against it, then, without hesitating, he did the same with the other and walked up the wall with straight legs. During this astonishing climb the creature continued to move his arms as before and held his instruments in the same position as on the ground. When he reached the top of the wall, about three meters high, he performed an arc - of - a circle movement, standing straight up and balancing before a starting down the other side in the same remarkable way.

(CUFOR note: While it seems strange the humanoid raised his fingers in a V sign, often used by us almost as a greeting, remember there are many UFO cases in which our visitors have tried to appear similar to ourselves. Obviously this little fellow could not move among us undetected, but presumably those "occupants" with a known human resemblance can do so with ease. No doubt our mannerisms, including speech and dress, have been under scrutiny for a long time.)

A minute after this extraordinary performance was over, an aura of white light appeared behind the wall and a penetrating sound was faintly audible above the wind. (Remember that during the whole sighting, the witness was behind a closed window.) Then, climbing very slowly, a circular object appeared a few meters away from the wall. After a short climb, the machine hovered for about four minutes, meanwhile making a noise like a cricket. It had a diameter of about five meters

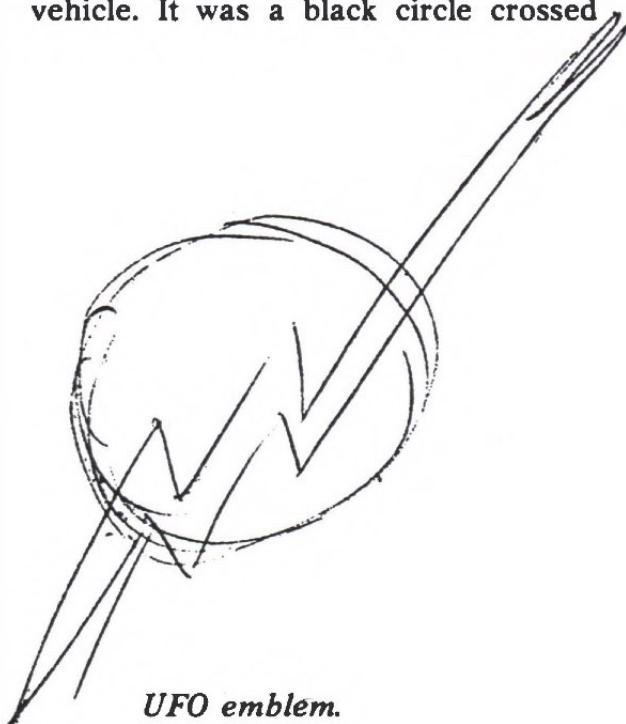


*Humanoid's method of climbing wall.*



*UFO appearing above wall.*

(estimating it by the size of the yard). The upper half was a phosphorescent orange, topped by a transparent dome which emitted a greenish light. The lower half was a claret red, and in this darker section three lights arranged horizontally could be clearly seen: a blue one at left, a yellow one in the middle, and a red one. These three lights flashed in sequence. Around the circumference of the object, between the dark and luminous sections, there were sparks like those from a flint. They seemed to be rotating around the craft, which itself did not appear to be turning. Visible to M.V. inside the transparent cupola was the humanoid bathed in a sea-green light, though no other detail could be seen inside. Right under the dome part the witness noticed an emblem on the orange section of the vehicle. It was a black circle crossed



*UFO emblem.*

diagonally by a yellow flash brighter than the phosphorescent orange (see sketch by witness).

Then the machine rose vertically, meanwhile maintaining its horizontal position, and swayed slowly. The sparks were still visible around the object. Suddenly the penetrating sound increased, changing into a sort of whistling noise, and the craft shot toward the sky, leaving behind a glowing trail. In a few seconds it was only a small point of light lost among the stars.

At no time during this strange incident did the witness have any feeling of fear, nor did he have any hostility toward the humanoid. It should be noted at the same time that during the whole encounter M.V. did not receive any verbal or telepathic message. After the craft left he did not feel the least upset by what he had just seen. Instead he sat down in the kitchen and made himself a light snack, after which he returned to bed and went peacefully back to sleep. Besides his wife there was a cousin in the house staying with them, and during the sighting he thought of waking him but in the end didn't do so, without knowing why.

The next day he got up as usual without complaining of a headache or any other discomfort and, during the morning, looked around his yard. He found nothing unusual. Apparently nothing had disappeared. There were no tracks on the ground or marks on the wall. The humanoid had left without a trace.

#### **Additional information:**

This sighting was passed along by a member of SOBEPS but, because there had been delay, there was no investigation until several weeks after the incident. And it was not until March that we had a chance to see the place of the reported landing. In visiting the property of the Ursuline sisters we hoped to find something that would bear out the statement of the witness, but the sister in charge of the gate said she had noticed nothing unusual. The gardener, who was also questioned, confirmed these remarks. He had seen no tracks on the ground and the vegetation did not show anything strange, except a few fruit trees were deteriorating because of pollution from the local factories. The wall around the witness' small yard was examined without any suspect marks being found on the masonry. On the other hand it was decided the vegetable garden was large enough for a space-craft to land there; a helicopter could set down without any trouble.

To locate other witnesses we distributed 500 bilingual letters-French and Dutch-to all the letter-boxes in the district asking box-holders to advise SOBEPS if they had noticed anything unusual during the period concerned. This effort produced nothing.

In completing our report it must be noted this was not the witness' first sighting. A few months earlier M.V. and his wife were on vacation at Westende on the Belgian coast and, while walking on the beach one evening during the last week in August with a cousin and the witness' sister-in-law, they saw a strange object coming across the water. V.M.'s cousin was the first to see it as it moved along at water level and close to shore. Rectangular, very flat, about five or six meters long and of a reddish color, it was partly hidden by a light mist. As it passed the onlookers they could make out four square "port-holes" lined horizontally on top of the craft. Simultaneously they could hear water splashing, evidently caused by the object as it cruised along. Coming from Nieuport, the "ship" moved slowly parallel to the shore toward Ostende. M.V. flashed his light at the craft and the four "port-holes" immediately became dark, only the red hull remaining visible. A sea-wall barred the way of the object which, one

might expect, would have crashed into it. Instead it rose, still in horizontal position, flew over the obstacle and continued on its way as it came down to water - level again on the other side. Curiously, when the object flew over the sea - wall, the witnesses could still hear the water splashing.

In July, 1974, when we called on the witness, he told us he had a later sighting between Vilvorde and Brussels. He did not remember the exact date but figured it happened one evening in April. He was driving his car (a Ford Escort), accompanied by his wife and cousin, when in the vicinity of Koningslo out in open country they noticed a second "moon" that was fairly low in the sky. The car was running along at 60 k.m.h. when the motor, in third gear, began to miss and then stopped, and the headlights went out. Being still in gear and on a slight incline, the car came to a full stop. The driver tried to start the motor but without success. After a moment the bright object moved away, immediately causing a phenomenon that has been observed before this kind of incident: the motor started itself without action by the driver. Being still in third gear, the car moved forward a little but stopped again only because the road climbed a little and third gear was not enough for the gradient.

It was too bad that the witness, although acquainted with SOBEPS, did not tell us immediately about this incident. It would have enabled us to make an investigation at once, not several months later as is now the case.

(CUFOR note: There follows a commentary in which the main sighting is compared to other humanoid incidents discussed in *Inforespace* and elsewhere. The writer then concludes his article with these remarks.)

Some readers may be struck by the frequency of sightings reported by the witness. It is admittedly surprising that one individual should have so many such experiences in so short a time, and it does challenge the laws of probability. However, in three years of research we have found others have been through the same experience without their credibility being diminished. Despite a few weaknesses, this case seems to be sufficiently positive to merit presentation in these pages.

Jean - Luc Vertongen

## Report From Austria

# "The Greatest Maneuver"

by Ernst Berger  
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[Editor's note: In a manuscript titled *Anatomy of a Local Flap Ernst Berger of Vienna has put together the results of an intensive six - day investigation made by him and his team into a series of sightings that occurred in 1972 - 73. The area of study was around Graz, capital of the mountainous province of Styria, and the principal witnesses were Alois and Sabina A. In vol. 3, no. 4 we carried an excerpt from the Berger report on a "flying crown." Following is another featuring a phenomenon that the A.s called the "drop". This was a milky white oval object crowned by a flickering top that looked like small flames. Beneath was a sack - like form with a motion like dripping liquid as it stretched into an elongated pear shape and contracted again. Its apparent size was slightly less than a half - moon, and it moved toward and away from the witnesses in a manner they called the "zoom effect." Under the heading "The greatest maneuver," the report describes activity early in June when a dark red - orange "disk" appeared west of the "drop" and, with a rotating motion, seemed to send out light waves.]*

The next thing originated at the "drop." Approximately every two hours (also the interval between two rotations of the disk) it suddenly acquired an extension toward the east. "It was as if one would imagine a line or a handle and suddenly red dashes would come out of there (the left drop edge - E.B.) and run along the handle, like single rods of different length were shot out. The distances were shorter than the length of the dashes but one could see a sharply defined space between them. Compared with the diameter of the thing, the handle was at least 30 times as long." It almost exhausted the power of description of the witnesses to describe the "Morse code" or "light advertisement" shooting out of the "drop" and travelling in a rising trajectory far across the night sky. Along the line of flow continually

about 20 dashes moved to the east. At the end of the "neon tube with dark spaces" the dashes of variable length abruptly ended, as if disappearing behind a fixed, black wall.

The "light writing" was visible for about a minute then disappeared as suddenly as it had appeared. Mrs. A. called the process "pan - handle." Again our method to accept the vocabulary of the witness as the observer attempts to describe the indescribable proved successful. We then asked orientated questions including the individual phrases and built on. A case very similar to the Graz "handle" is already in literature: On January 1, 1970, Jim Drummond, a shipwright from Mill Bay, on Vancouver Island, observed from his boat via telescope an egg-shaped object. "Suddenly something came out of the thing," he told John Magor of *Canadian UFO Report*. "It was a ray of light like a thin neon tube, and in pieces, something like the dots and dashes of Morse code. It came down in a curve and then it flashed right out, all at the same time. My hair just stood on end . . . ." (CUFOR vol. 1, no. 7, p. 9). Back to Graz, Austria. The rotations of the disk and the "neon line" of the drop continued, with 30-minute interruptions until midnight.

### Dogs In Uproar

One cannot think of sleep. Fascinated, Mr. and Mrs. A. keep their watch. In the clear summer night, one does not hear a sound from the south, where the objects are hovering. The dogs in the neighborhood provide the noise, it seems. Again and again their howling and barking disrupt the silence, "Peculiar - in the whole area," Mr. A. remembered, "every time when these flying objects were around, the dogs barked like crazy. At that time the dogs were rebellious the whole night - a dog's concert, terrible." Without realizing it, the A.s reported an effect that has been noticed the world over - strong animal reactions. After a time, Mr. A. is able to determine that when an object disappears from the sky, the dogs cease to bark and when it returns, the barking starts again. "It even developed that when the dogs began to howl we would look out and sure enough something would be there." Max, their own dog, a mongrel of Fox Terrier and Doberman, reacted very strongly to the objects, especially the "drop." He acted crazy.

He would run out on the balcony and try to climb a ladder there with a howling concert. In Webling almost every house has a dog, according to Mr. A. The dog concert, in 1972 a regular occurrence, also allows one to state that the objects were probably very near. The further course of the maneuver in that June night also points in this direction.

#### **Dance At The Horizon**

It was already past midnight as a change took place in the sky. The drop and the disk no longer sent out signals and remained quiet over the ridge. Already before one a.m., Mr. A. had noticed a white point of light over the Florianikogel, one of the neighboring peaks. This light suddenly came closer and its form could be distinguished with the naked eye. "At a glance it was there, and very large; it looked like an upside down tank, with the wheels upwards." This is, of course, only a comparison. The object formed a perfectly outlined, sharp ellipse of one and a half full moon diameters with a small cupola on the bottom. It shone bright white with a yellow sheen, even a halo around. Were it not white, one could confuse it with the "domed disk" of Traunstein, Austria. And while peculiar light signals were projected out of the Traunstein object's cupola, the cupola of the Graz disk was also the outlet valve for an unusual effect. It began with a noticeable disturbance in the air that Mr. A. examined with his binoculars. To his astonishment he saw points of light coming out of the cupola of the "tank" travelling in a sloping trajectory rapidly towards the low south-western horizon. There, the long chain of dots was lost. A short time later this very sector of the horizon from 214 degrees to 260 degrees turned to life. "Suddenly there were several, then many balls over the ridge. The balls were milky white . . . they jumped around as if there were no gravity. Honestly, I have never seen anything like it. Looked like they bounced back from the treetops directly at the ridge, or somewhat further away. Peculiar, as rubber balloons, but in an abnormal direction. You could simply not calculate the next movement.

[*Editor's note: As reported in vol. 3, no. 3, p. 5, another incident involving dancing lights occurred in September the same year in Canada's Rocky Mountain Trench.*]

Over the treetops to the south-west, dozens of spheres were performing jerky, apparently senseless movements. The sight was so extraordinary that Mr. and Mrs. A. could not recover from their astonishment. In our talk the flak specialist (A. was in charge of anti-aircraft platoons during World War II) rejected any comparison with well-known movements such as yo-yo's, bouncing balls or a pendulum. He had great difficulty in finding the right words. The typical "zoom effect" did not occur in the "dance of the spheres". Mostly there were irregular sideways displacements and wild jumps. The dance took place right over the forest (apparently), but at least 1 kilometer away, because the spheres never appeared in front of the trees. The center of the maneuver was in the zone around the summit of Buchkogel and a collapsed karst crater the author has visited. Only after 2 hours, about 3:00 a.m., did the milky spheres disappear behind the trees. "And after it was over, those points flew back (to the tank). But one couldn't see those were the spheres, only very small points." Mrs. A: "We said then: They're collecting them again!"

The greatest maneuver had lasted a good 5 hours, from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. It represented the longest observation that the A. couple had undertaken together. Only two hours after the three objects, "tank", "drop" and "disk" had disappeared "into space", Alois A. had to return to work. It was the first and last time he had seen together the three forms and the "Morse code." However, he once saw again the tank with points flying out of the cupola, but further to the south and without a "sphere dance".

#### **A Rotating Cross**

Concerning the period of maximum activity at the end of May and June 1972, Mr. A said: "During that period I could guarantee you that if I went outside for an hour or so there would be something to see . . ." One evening he noticed a rotating form, azimuth 160 degrees. Mrs. A. also saw the object. "Like an atomic sign, - a sphere, a cross and more spheres on it. Color ruby red. It rotated like a thing from a weather station (a cup - anemometer - E.B.)" The body, constructed of 4 smaller red spheres on two crossed bars that go through a red main sphere, could be

perceived because the axis of rotation was pointing eastward in the direction of the observers. [*Editor's note: Another Rocky Mountain Trench incident involved the same sort of object - vol. 3, no. 6, p. 3*] An electrician from the neighborhood working on the A. house at the time was called out on the balcony by Mr. A. to watch the phenomenon with them. Again Mr. A. was disappointed. With the hasty and cryptic comment, "those must be flyers" the good man packed all his tools and departed to never return. Similar things happened when the A.s notified the Graz newspapers. Local reporters twice visited the family, and once even the reporter himself was able to see the jerks of the "drop" at dusk. Nervously, he exclaimed: "It's moving! How come it's moving!?" However, when he wrote his article, he mentioned only the A. testimony, not his own, although the chief editor admitted in a talk with Mr. A. they had received many calls and other eye-witness accounts had made his way to his office (to be lost, of course). When the article "Burning UFOs in the night sky" appeared at the newstands, Mr. A. was the subject of jokes at the Puch factory. A few old ladies from Strassgang noticeably avoided him. With good reason he writes in his second letter to the author: "I must mention that many suspicions were directed against me. I could even say a hostile attitude." He met the well-known fate of courageous UFO observers.

## **You and Me**

by Brinsley Le Poer Trench

In my last article I suggested that there might soon be open landings by the ufonauts. I stated that this was a hunch. However, apparently it is not just me sticking my neck out.

The well-known Dutch psychic, Peter Hurkos, has predicted the UFOs will land within a few months after the next Californian earthquake. This is being brought forward, according to Hurkos, by our crazy underground nuclear explosions in the neighbouring

Nevada Desert.

Now, a Mrs. Ruth Norman, of El Cajon, California, has placed a \$4,000 stake with Ladbroke's. She says the UFOs are going to land soon. When they do Mrs. Norman will collect \$225,000. She claims psychic powers and predicts that the UFOs will land before the autumn in both the U.S.A. and England!

It seems that something is brewing. Even if the unfonauts do not make open contact within the next few months, it is on the cards that we will be contacted by advanced alien civilizations before much longer.

What we have been discussing is the possibility of imminent open landings. However, as you, the readers of CUFOR know, there have been hundreds of reported landings in all parts of the world in recent years. These have not been *open* landings but isolated incidents, and a variety of different types of entities have been seen.

It is my conviction that space people have been not only landing here, but in some instances, living among us for centuries. This is what I wish to discuss with you in this article. At first, this idea may seem both incredible and not feasible.

Robin Collyns in his fascinating book *Did Spacemen Colonise the Earth?* [1] gives the following quote:

Dr. Hermann Oberth, internationally - known rocket pioneer and space authority, UFO lecturer, and head of the U.S. C A L T E C H Laboratories until 1955, said:

'We cannot take all the credit for our record advancement in certain scientific fields alone; we have been helped!'

When asked by whom, he replied: 'The people of other worlds!'

The late George Adamski was a very controversial character. I had the pleasure of meeting him in London some years ago and was struck by his tremendous dynamism.

As most ufologists know he claimed a contact with a Venusian called Orthon near Desert Centre, California, on 20 November, 1952. There were a number of witnesses to this encounter, though they were watching from some distance away. It was all described in a book called *Flying Saucers have Landed* [2],

co-authored by George Adamski and Desmond Leslie.

Later, Adamski wrote some other books. He related in *Inside the Spaceships* [3] how the space people, including Orthon, took him by a flying saucer (scout craft) to the huge mother ship. While on board this great craft he was invited to look out through a porthole to see what space really looked like.

Adamski wrote: 'I was amazed to see that the background of space is totally dark. Yet there were manifestations taking place all around us, as though billions upon billions of fireflies were flickering everywhere, moving in all directions, as fireflies do. However, these were of many colours, a gigantic celestial fireworks display that was beautiful to the point of being awesome.

That particular trip took place in February, 1953 some nine years before astronaut Colonel Glenn successfully orbited the earth at the end of February, 1962. At a press conference afterwards he reported the same phenomena as Adamski had all that time before, and described the manifestations as being like fireflies!

This was not the only discovery that Adamski made before its official one some years later.

Laser holograms were not developed before the 1960s. Once again, I must give due credit to Robin Collyns for this most remarkable quote from Adamski's *Inside the Spaceships*, given in the former's own book. Adamski is describing Venusian scenes that he saw while on board the Mother ship.

He wrote: 'I was delighted at the prospect of such a travelogue, and

wondered on which screen it would appear. But there was no screen. Before my astonished gaze, as the lights dimmed, the first scene hung suspended upon the space of this room!

'Orthon seemed to enjoy my amazement, and explained: "We have a certain type of projector that can send out and stop beams at any distance required. The stopping point serves as an invisible screen where the pictures are concentrated with colour and dimensional qualities intact."

'The scene at which I was looking, seemed, in fact, so definitely "there" that it was with the greatest difficulty I could still believe myself still on the

ship . . . .''

Collyns went on to write that what George Adamski described, was a highly developed and sophisticated LASER HOLOGRAM PROJECTION SYSTEM.

The point is that Adamski told us about such an advanced Laser Hologram system nine years before the first Laser Hologram was invented here on Earth!

At this stage it seems a good moment to refer readers back to my controversial article in this series but sub-titled *All Done with Mirrors* (CUFOR vol. 3, no. 1) in which I suggested that the two famous sightings at Oleron and ten days later at Gaillac, both places in France, were possibly projections. Both sightings had a large number of witnesses, and involved in each case the same performers. Each sighting was an exact duplication of the other down to the smallest detail. We now know, if we accept Adamski, that the space people do use holograms.

Although I accept that Adamski was a controversial person, I am on my way to being convinced that his experiences were genuine. What with the 'fireflies' and the Laser Hologram, I would say that he is fully vindicated. All those vicious stories about him attaching three ping - pong balls under a lampshade, and throwing all this up in the air to be photographed are absolute rubbish!

For a start, other people in England have either seen or photographed Adamski - type saucers, long after Adamski took his photographs. For instance, a young boy called Stephen Darbishire had an 'urge', call it what

you will, to go out of his father's house, and climb up Coniston Old Man, Lancashire, England, with his young cousin, in February, 1954. They were able to photograph an Adamski type saucer. This is still one of the classic photographs in ufology.

The year before, another Adamski-type craft flew over Norwich, England, in November 1953, and was observed by seven members of the British Astronomical Society. One of them, a Mr. Potter, made a drawing of the object clearly showing the dome, the portholes and the three round balls underneath.

What more is required to prove that Adamski was genuine?

At the time that Adamski's books came out in the fifties, people were not really ready for the impact of the UFOs. We had not then landed on the moon several times, and in those days it was all rather too much for most people, and even for some ufologists.

Now, when we consider that Adamski was received by Queen Juliana of Holland, and shortly before his death he was given a private audience by the Pope who gave him a special medal, finally being buried in the Arlington Cemetery in the United States, reserved for war heroes and very special people, one must ask who exactly was he?

I have dealt to a great extent with Adamski in this article because I think that his experiences and contacts with space people should be re-evaluated.

Now, here is one more interesting incident. In his last book *Flying Saucers Farewell* [4] Adamski wrote: 'My next lecture was scheduled for April 23rd at Weston - super - Mare (England - author). Desmond Leslie drove me to the railroad station and helped me get settled in my compartment. When we entered the compartment reserved for me, we were surprised to find another passenger seated there. The train was ready to move so Desmond didn't have a chance to inform him of his mistake.

'Desmond and I shook hands and said goodbye just as the train started to move. After a short interval, the man in my compartment started a conversation. To my amazement, he was a spaceman working as a scientist on projects for the British government! He, and countless others like him, are working in various scientific projects for every government in the world. In this way the space people can help us reach out into space, with our own science and our own ships, bringing us nearer to the understanding that abundant intelligent life exists throughout the Cosmos...'

What Adamski wrote in his book about his interview with the spaceman in the train ties in with the quotation given earlier in this article by Dr. Hermann Oberth regarding space people assisting us in scientific fields!

For a long time I have believed that when the time is ripe for us to have some discovery or invention, then the space people give it to us in an unobtrusive way, usually by planting the same concept in several people's minds. This policy of giving the same basic idea to several carefully chosen

people capable of developing it ensures that the invention will eventually see the light of day. That is very sound thinking on the part of the space people!

We all know that very often when some invention is patented, it turns out that several people have been working on the same idea over the identical period in different parts of the world, unbeknown to each other!

This points up to an extraordinary fact. Someone or some people, somewhere out in space, are planting ideas in earthlings' minds at a specific moment, and I repeat my suggestion that that moment is when the time is ripe for us to have whatever it is.

All this has happened over and over again. However, there is an example of a 'leak' that occurred on one occasion. This was in the case of the famous Comte St. Germain who was probably a spaceman living among us. That extraordinary man whom Frederick the Great referred to as 'the man who does not die'.

It was Madame de Pompadour who asserted that the Comte claimed to possess the secret of eternal youth. He always looked about 40 years old. A lot of people who had met him, stated that they had seen him in their old age looking exactly the same as when they first saw him in their own forties!

St. - Germain was a brilliant linguist, and knew at least twelve languages, besides being a wonderful musician. Also, he was an alchemist, and on many occasions could produce fantastic jewelry of his own making.

Anyway, Franz Graeffler, in his *Recollections of Vienna*, tells of the following event in the life of the amazing Comte.

*St. - Germain then gradually passed into a solemn mood. For a few seconds he became as rigid as a statue; his eyes, which were always expressive beyond words, became dull and colourless. Presently, however, his whole being became re-animated. He made a movement with his hand as if in signal of departure, then said "I am leaving [iche scheide] do not see me. Once again you will see me. Tomorrow night I am off; I am much needed in Constantinople, then in England, there to prepare two inventions which you will have in the next century - trains and steamboats".*

Well, of course, we did receive those two inventions. St. Germain, no doubt, planted the ideas for these inventions in the minds of some scientifically-minded human beings who would be capable of developing them. In this particular instance, the Comte upon coming out of the trance, leaked to his friend that he was going to prepare the way for these two inventions.

I think that St. - Germain was undoubtedly a spaceman living among us. Today, there may well be hundreds, even thousands, working and living here unnoticed. Especially, when you consider the comparative ease with which members of all nationalities and races travel the world today, and also the various modes of dress and hair styles.

It is reasonable to believe that out in space there are all kinds of beings. Some could be giants and others extremely small by our standards. Some, I am told, have very large heads and small bodies in comparison. However, I believe there are some that look to some extent like us, and these could pass in our modern world as normal human beings.

There may well be people sitting next to you in the bus or train that may not belong here! This reminds me of the Biblical injunction. 'Let brotherly love continue. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby, some have entertained angels unawares.'

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# UFOs Over The Maritimes

by

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The Maritimes is a hotbed of bizarre enigma. The region teems with reports of ghosts, mysterious fires, Sasquatch-like creatures, phantom ships.

And UFOs:

November 12, 1887: A huge, fiery object was seen rising from the ocean off Cape Race, Nova Scotia. Later, the object hovered beside the ship from which it was observed, before racing away. Total duration of sighting: five minutes.

July 3, 1947: Farmers in several communities near Charlottetown, P.E.I. witnessed a black, rocket-shaped object with a long, flaming tail speeding across the afternoon sky. Ewen McNeill of Village Green described the object's tail to reporters as being "even brighter than the sun."

June 15, 1952: A large silver disc was sighted by a meteorological assistant on reserve army manoeuvres near Halifax. The strange disc maintained a level flight path, before finally executing an abrupt vertical climb and disappearing into clouds. Estimated speed of object: 800 miles per hour.

June 19, 1952: The presence of a glowing red disc was confirmed by radar and ground personnel at Goose Bay Air Force Base (Labrador). The same or a similar disc, which returned to the base on the nights of November 26 and December 15, easily eluded jet interceptors.

April 14, 1965: The John Lint family of McLeod Hill, New Brunswick (near Fredericton) witnessed a huge, loudly hissing object hovering low over a neighbouring farmer's field. The following morning, a series of circular holes were found in the field.

October 4, 1967: Numerous persons sighted an unknown lighted object, about 60 feet in diameter, dive into the ocean off the coast of Shag Harbor, Nova Scotia. Before a Coast Guard vessel and several fishing boats could arrive at the scene, however, the object moved seaward and disappeared. All that remained was a 40-yard wide patch of yellow foam, which local fishermen were at a complete loss to identify.

December 6, 1967: An object "about the size of a car with a round back, pointed end, and two or three lights" that landed on a hill near Quinan, Nova Scotia was reported by Percy McBride of Yarmouth. The unknown object was viewed for five minutes, before it took off in a burst of flames.

Indeed, some of the finest UFO reports in the world have come from the Maritimes. Since the beginning of the "modern era" of North American UFO reports in 1947, Maritimers have been sighting the unknown objects in alarming numbers. At the same time, Ottawa has been telling Maritimers that they, like their fellow Canadians, have been "seeing things"; the see-no-evil Canadian press hasn't helped matters any.

But Maritimers are basically a stubborn lot - stubborn and honest. As such, the average Maritimer doesn't appreciate being told that the wildly manoeuvring object he witnessed the night before was only an illusion caused by red corpuscles floating across the retina of his eye, or that the burned-out portion of his field that earlier served as a landing site for a strange, brightly glowing disc was actually caused by nothing more than an infestation of fungi. In short, Maritimers don't like being called liars.

And, despite the government's nihilistic attitude toward UFOs, Maritimers continue "seeing things":

It was shortly after 9:00 p.m. on September 25, 1974. Robert Hagell, electrical supervisor of the Halifax International Airport, and his wife, Irene, were just leaving the home of Mr. Hagell's father in Truro, N.S. While walking to the car, Mr. Hagell was startled to spot a bright red light low in the southeastern sky. He immediately called to his wife, whereupon the couple observed the light as it proceeded slowly toward the southwest.

Suddenly, the strange light became violently erratic, throwing off numerous sparks. Seconds later, a large chunk of fiery material separated from the main body of light and descended slowly to the ground, disappearing behind a distant row of trees. Mr. Hagell's father, having arrived at the doorway in time to witness the awesome display, quickly ran inside the house for his binoculars. Meanwhile, the couple watched in amazement as the curious light abruptly stabilized itself, and

began to *ascend* rapidly into the clouds. Mr. Hagell's father returned shortly with the binoculars. But he was too late - the strange visitor was gone.

Length of sighting: about three minutes.

A subsequent investigation revealed that no commercial or military aircraft were in the area at the time of the sighting. Further, no aircraft distress calls or crashes were reported that evening to the Rescue Coordination Centre (Halifax). The possibility that the sighting may have been attributed to parachute flare operations was ruled out completely by Maritime Command Headquarters (Halifax).

It is interesting to note that the Hagells immediately reported their sighting to the RCMP detachment in Truro. The following day, Vince Campbell, chief air traffic controller at the Halifax International Airport, telephoned a full report of the sighting directly to NORAD Headquarters in North Bay, Ont. Despite these prompt reports, no official government investigation of the sighting has yet taken place.

Another interesting UFO encounter occurred around 9:30 p.m. on or about September 9, 1974 in South Bar, Cape Breton (near Sydney). Alfred Vernon, a broadcasting engineer, and his daughter, Karen, were at home enjoying a leisurely evening of television. Glancing out the front window, Miss Vernon suddenly sighted a lighted object falling rapidly from the sky. She quickly ran to the window for a closer look. A few seconds later, Mr. Vernon joined his daughter and confirmed the presence of the unknown object now hovering low over a nearby radio tower. The two continued to observe the object as it began an abrupt sliding descent toward the ground, finally disappearing behind an adjacent wooded area.

At the time of the sighting, Mr. Vernon felt that he was actually viewing a helicopter preparing for a landing at the nearby Sydney Airport. (A subsequent check revealed that no commercial or military aircraft were in the area at the time of the sighting.) Miss Vernon, on the other hand, was under the distinct impression that the object - whatever it was - finally landed in a field belonging to Robert Dingwall, a neighbouring farmer. Despite his daughter's insistence, Mr. Vernon decided against exploring the field. This

proved to be a poor decision.

Later that week, Mr. Dingwall, unaware of the Vernons' sighting, was walking in his field when he was surprised to find an oval - shaped patch of dead grass. The patch, measuring 30 by 35 feet, was severely discoloured and exhibited a soft and spongy consistency. Four indentations were also present at the site. Mr. Dingwall, a farmer with 40 years experience, was (and still is) totally baffled by the strange patch.

Soil samples from the site, later submitted by this author to the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing (soils and crops branch) in Truro, were found to contain elevated levels of potash, phosphate, and magnesium. In addition, Department soil experts were unable to ascertain the cause of the oval - shaped patch. (Note: the patch remained clearly visible some seven months after its discovery.)

The official reaction to the incident was characteristically negative. Although soil samples were collected by representatives of CFS Sydney shortly after the oval - shaped patch was found, these were returned to Mr. Dingwall six months later - untested. In early November, Captain Nelson W. Weatherby, CFS Sydney Information Officer, told *Cape Breton Post* reporters that the patch was of "no significance," and went on to describe UFOs as a "closed subject." The statement recently given this author by Captain F.B. Frewer, regional information officer, Department of National Defence, was even more direct: "The only reason we investigated the case as much as we did was to appease the locals."

And so, the UFO controversy continues. Chances are as you read this article, someone in the Maritimes is witnessing a UFO. Chances are equally good that some government spokesman will later pompously announce to the press that Maritimers are once again "seeing things." Such is the nature of the Maritimes' UFO scene.

[Editor's note: In 1974 there was a flurry of reports of flame - throwing objects that sometimes appeared out of control. Their clumsy behavior caused us to speculate in vol. 3, no. 2 that somewhere an emerging world was making its first forays into distant space. There are striking similarities between the Hagell sighting above and the Meuser incident over Vancouver Island in April of the same year as

described in that issue. In both cases the objects dropped burning material, and both became stable after erratic flight.]

## A WORD TO THE WISE

by Arthur Bray  
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Having been a ufologist for over 25 years and having studied a high proportion of what has been written in English, or translated into English, on the subject, I feel qualified to comment upon it. (I can't believe anyone has read *all* the literature because no one can be aware of it all). Further, I feel entitled to comment by virtue of the fact that I have also contributed to the mountain of UFO literature and have contributed to its failings. Thus I am not, like a critic of a play, an outsider looking in. I am one of the players.

This article is intended to be critical of ourselves as ufologists in the hope we can raise the standard of much UFO writing in order that both research and our public image may be improved thereby.

Our writing is a reflection of our research. If our writing is sloppy, the chances are that our research also was sloppy. My observation over these many years is that a great deal of the UFO writing is indeed sloppy. Not that it is bad writing in itself, but it is often bad scholarly work. If we are to be given a fair hearing, our work must be 100 per cent credible. We must be able to support every statement we make, with *facts*. We must provide the means whereby others can check our facts. And we must be certain that our facts are indeed facts, not hearsay or fiction.

Some of the leading best - sellers among UFO books over the years are in fact the least scholarly and this reflects badly on ufology. Although such books, and magazine articles, focus much public attention on the subject when they first appear, considerable harm is done when it later is discovered that much of the work is inaccurate or downright misleading. The urge to rush into print often exceeds our urge to do our home - work first. In certain cases it is clearly the urge to make a buck.

I will mention just a few of the sins we commit in our writing, be it in books,

journals, magazines or simple club newsletters. These are the four cardinal sins in my opinion and we must overcome them if we as ufologists are going to be taken more seriously.

**1. LACK OF CITATIONS, OR REFERENCES:** Dozens of books are on the market wherein all sorts of claims are made concerning sightings, landings, occupant contact, etc., without giving a reference to the source of the information. Unless this is provided there is no credibility to the claim and no way others can check its validity. I couldn't count the number of times I have read of supposed incidents to discover, often years later, that there was no truth to them.

Not only is the source vital, but it should, if humanly possible, be the *original* source. Frequently, an incident is recounted numerous times in various books and other publications and only the latest source is cited. How does anyone know that this source was accurate? Many writers have a tendency to embellish a story by filling in details from their own imagination and after several retellings the story is quite different from the original. Lawrence Kusche gives excellent examples of this sort of thing throughout his entire book. [*The Bermuda Triangle Mystery - Solved*. Harper & Row, New York, 1975]. This is why it is vital to be able to get back to the original source. This problem has existed in UFO literature for so many years that much valuable source data is lost forever.

Partial information is as bad as a complete lack of citations. On the surface the impression is conveyed that the writer has conducted thorough research, but if the reference is incomplete, such as giving only the name of a magazine, it does not assist the reader in locating the source. The volume and issue number, even the page number, should be given, and where the publication was published, or by whom. Without complete data another researcher cannot trace back to the original source himself.

**2. LACK OF AN INDEX:** This makes referring to specific details in a book a terribly time - wasting experience. Someone may have cited a book, and when you go to look up the details yourself, there is no index and you have to go through the entire book to find what you want. Busy people don't have time for this sort of exercise. Other

than fiction, no book should ever be published lacking an index. It has happened all too frequently in ufology in the rush to get into print. There can be no excuse for such an omission.

3. **SENSATIONALISM:** This is the use of descriptive words or phrases which elaborate on and exaggerate the facts of the case and are used to draw attention and gain publicity and visibility for the writer, as well as to sell more copies. Sensationalism has no place in research, particularly in ufology where too much is already created by the news media, without ufologists deliberately adding to it.

4. **RELIANCE ON NEWSPAPER REPORTS:** This is the source of many problems. Such reports are invariably sketchy with little effort to identify the real cause of the incident. Reporters have deadlines to meet and the real objectives are to report that an event took place, what it looked like, what seemed to happen, the reaction of those involved and to get the report printed as quickly as possible.

Under the usual circumstances, no UFO case can be properly investigated by a news reporter in the time available to him. Most are not qualified to investigate sightings properly anyway due to lack of experience in this field.

News reports should be used simply as the initial trigger to the fact that an event of interest may have occurred. Frequently, what is initially reported by the press as a UFO is subsequently found after a thorough investigation by a qualified investigator to have actually been some commonplace thing such as the planet Venus, as one example. A case should never be considered as a true unidentified sighting simply on the basis of a news clipping. It must be followed up and thoroughly investigated before it is entered into the literature.

I have been guilty of some of these sins just as most other writers on the subject. We all need to "pull up our socks" and improve our scholarship if ufology is to gain the respect and credibility it deserves. Let's all keep these sins in mind every time we take pen in hand, or sit at our typewriters to add more pages to the mountain of ufological literature.



# MISSING PLANET

One of the first articles to appear in CUFOR (vol. 1, no. 1) speculated on the possibility that the asteroid belt in our solar system was the remains of a planet that once moved in orbit between Mars and Jupiter. It was not a new idea, and the article made specific reference to scientists who had given it serious consideration. But at that time, 1969, it was still highly speculative. As one reader wrote: "The author was really reaching. I like imagination and speculation as much as the rest, but really!"

Now, with astronomers rapidly changing their minds about almost everything, the picture has changed considerably in just seven short years. Consider this news story that appeared last April:

*Washington [AP] - The orbits of 60 comets indicate they originated from the explosion of a giant planet that once existed between Mars and Jupiter, an astronomer says.*

*Dr. Thomas Van Flandern of the U.S. Naval Observatory here said that computer plotting of the comet orbits appeared to confirm that the planet existed up to about six million years ago.*

*"At that time, the planet exploded - accounting for most, if not all comets, the asteroid belt and many meteorites," Van Flandern said in an interview.*

*What could have caused such an explosion is not known.*

*The astronomer traced backward the orbits of 60 comets that have been seen only once from earth. These comets have orbits so large that it takes millions of years for one swing around the sun.*

*"There is a tendency for these orbits to intersect at a common starting point in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter," Van Flandern said.*

*The asteroid belt is a ring of rocky bodies orbiting the sun.*

*Three - quarters of the orbits indicated the comets originated in that area five million to seven million years ago in a zone about 100 million miles wide, he said.*

*The orbits did not intersect exactly at one spot, he said, because the comets were probably disturbed by the gravitational influences of the galaxy and passing stars.*

*Van Flandern said his findings, drawn from a year of calculations, were in line with a theory proposed in 1972 by M. W. Overden, an astronomer at the University of British Columbia.*

*Overden calculated that a giant planet 90 times the mass of earth once existed where the asteroid belt now is. Three - quarters of this planet would have been made up of liquids and gases surrounding a solid core.*

(Editor's note: Our article did not anticipate a body of such great size. Previous estimates of the asteroids' total mass had indicated a planet smaller than Earth. No doubt the difference lies in what is allowed for gas and water content.)

*Two centuries ago, German astronomer Johann Bode devised a formula for predicting the planets' distances from the sun. His formula predicted a planet between Mars and Jupiter, but none was found.*

*Overden later devised a complex mathematical formula on the gravitational interactions of objects in space. The formula did not match reality as far as the earth's solar system was concerned unless a large planet existed up to a few million years ago where the asteroid belt is now situated.*

A point in the CUFOR article that may have seemed too imaginative for some readers was its suggestion that the vanished planet was destroyed either accidentally or deliberately by its inhabitants. Yet this idea was carefully proposed by scientific writer Dr. Alan Nourse who said in his book *Nine Planets*: "We know that an uncontrolled fusion reaction could conceivably split a planet into fragments and consume a good part of the mass of the planet in the process. But such a reaction - an enormous hydrogen bomb explosion - would not be likely to have occurred on any planetary body in our solar system at any point of its evolution. If such an explosion did occur, it must have been set off somehow by an intelligence powerful enough to conceive it and build it."

Despite accumulating knowledge about the absent planet, that far - out idea remains unchallenged. As United Press said in its release: "How a planet

the size of Saturn could have exploded is a mystery. The lack of an explanation for such a cataclysm disturbs some researchers, considering the idea of a disintegrating planet in times that are relatively recent by geologic terms."

However, as clues about the missing body become more apparent, so may clues about those who could have lived there and what they might have done to their home.

## Are UFOs Moon Based?

Of all the bases our visitors might have from which to conduct their exploration of Earth, none holds more logical or intriguing possibilities than the moon. In previous issues we have considered the question of polar, satellite, underwater and even underground bases - some or all of which do conceivably exist - but in none of these areas is there the same amount of apparent evidence that one finds on the moon. In vol. 1, no. 3 we listed some of the incidents that have pointed to unexplained lunar activity and in vol. 2, no. 6 we quoted a Soviet news release reporting the discovery of a moonstone that seemed to be of artificial design.

Still the mysterious hints of lunar life continue. The latest to come to our attention is this New York Times dispatch of last April:

*New York - A mysterious force on the moon has been perplexing space scientists in recent months by making one of the remote - controlled scientific stations set up by Apollo astronauts behave peculiarly.*

*The station, which had been operating on the lunar surface without interruption since it was placed there in February 1971, went dead, then spontaneously returned to life a few weeks later, working better than ever, and then went dead again.*

*Engineers at the Johnson Space Centre near Houston are now waiting to see whether the unknown influence acts on the station again to switch it back on.*

*"It's a bit of a mystery," said Charles R. Redmond, a Houston-based spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "We have a number of people trying to figure what's happening up there but we haven't got an answer yet."*

*The station, established on the Apollo 14 mission, is one of five deployed at various sites on the moon at intervals since November 1969. Until this recent incident, all had been operating uneventfully, sending back a steady stream of scientific data on such things as moonquakes, the amount of heat flowing out of the moon's interior and the nature of particles blowing in the solar wind.*

*Although the stations, called ALSEPs for Apollo Lunar Scientific Experiment Package, were first thought to have a lifetime of one year, their atomic power supplies have proved more durable.*

*The mystery began in March, 1975 when the Apollo 14 station's receiver failed, cutting it off from radio commands from ground controllers. Last Jan. 18 its transmitter suddenly stopped working and nothing was heard from the ALSEP until Feb. 19 when, just as suddenly, the entire station came back to life.*

*Not only did both the transmitter and receiver resume working but one of the experiments that had never operated during the heat of lunar daytime was also now operating flawlessly night and day.*

*Then exactly a month later, the mysterious force shut the whole station down again.*

*One theory, Redmond said, is that the starts and stops are related to the extreme changes in temperature on the moon. At high noon, the surface temperature is 250 degrees Fahrenheit, but at lunar midnight, 29 days later, it drops to 300 degrees below zero.*

*The ALSEP has tended to die close to lunar noon and to come back to life around lunar midnight.*

*Since day and night have been occurring on the moon throughout the station's lifetime, no one knows why the temperature change, if that is the cause, didn't produce its effect from the start.*



## A "LENS FLARE" CLASSIC & OTHER LIGHT IMAGE CASES

*In November, 1972, a photo providing what looked like indisputable graphic proof of a UFO invasion appeared in the U.S. press showing an unexplained formation of lights over the national Capitol. "Flying Saucers over Washington" proclaimed the nationally read tabloid that first carried the photo.*

*The story published about the picture was that it had been taken in 1952 during a known flap over Washington, details of which were recorded and published by Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt who was then head of the UFO - investigation Project Blue Book in the Pentagon. The photographer was said to be a government employee who kept it filed away until he changed his mind 20 years later and showed it to ICUFON, the research organization headed by Colman VonKeviczky.*

*After its first appearance the photo was carried in other publications and seemed to stand the test of time and study, with the result that in 1973 VonKeviczky was encouraged to release a comprehensive "military analysis" he had made of the Washington flap, using photo as a focal point. To be the "world's first" in publishing this analysis he chose Canadian UFO Report [vol. 2, no. 8]*

*The choice proved to be a strongly mixed benefit for both VonKeviczky and ourselves. On the minus side was the fact that after publication the first cracks - they were the first as far as we know - in the authenticity of the picture started to appear. Two CUFOR readers, each with a fine background in UFO work, noticed the conspicuous brightness of the Capitol's balcony lamps and a somewhat similar two - tier arrangement in the so - called UFO flight formation which they suspected was a reflected pattern caused by "lens flare."*

*The two were John Keel, well - known author, and Rod Dyke of the UFO Research Committee in Seattle. Both*

were equally sharp in their observations but, as Dyke included a fairly detailed sketch, it was his letter that we passed on to VonKeviczky who saw at once the whole matter should be reconsidered. That was on the plus side. In studying the photo again VonKeviczky further saw an opportunity to produce other cases of lens-flares and accordingly sent us a file of illusionary UFO photos that is probably unmatched anywhere.

Also on the plus isde, as far as CUFON is concerned, is that we had readers who felt free to express their doubts [as there were in the case of the Victoria, B.C. shot, see vol. 3, no. 7, p. 23], rightly anticipating their remarks would not be ignored. But this raises the grave question of why nothing critical was published about the picture

before it appeared in these pages. Thousands saw it in the so - called popular press and surely at least a few expressed their doubts, just as two did to us. Yet as far as we know nothing of the sort was ever published or acted upon. It was, to put it mildly, a great disservice to ufology which one day without question will be a recognized science of the greatest significance.

In presenting these lens - flare photos we regret some editing of VonKeviczky's analyses has been necessary because of space restrictions. However, these examples of photo error are so varied and show the relected images so clearly, they virtually speak for themselves. We think they serve effectively as cases of what to look for when you believe at last you have a picture of a "flying saucer."

## A Re-Analysis

by Maj. [Ret.] Colman S. VonKeviczky  
[copyright: ICUFON]

During 1973 and '74 ICUFON and DUIST e.V. research staffs had analysed a color photograph which presented 19 objects flying in a precise trapeze formation behind the Capitol's dome in Washington, D.C.

The photographer requested anonymity, remarking that the picture was taken on that memorable day, when on July 19/20, 1952, USAF interceptor squadrons were alerted against illegal forces over the US capitol.

The analysis was carried out in a most circumspect study, based on contemporary official, semi - official references and private UFO literature. The submitted photograph was additionally checked with the appropriate meteorological reports.

ICUFON's specially trained analysts in photography only casually searched for lens flare, considering the photographer's reliability. But the absolute similarity of the "crafts" twin light effect, basically ruled out any speculation for lens flare, because it should have appeared in a variety of dissimilar flare - images.

When the analysis was published in *Canadian UFO Report*, Rod B. Dyke, director, UFO Reasearch Committee in Seattle, Wash., informed us about his suspicion that the two pairs of the

balcony lamps presented in their tilted position a certain similarity to four craft within the formation.

ICUFON and DUIST e.V. are grateful to Mr. Dyke for his finding and information, which made it possible to reanalyze the photograph of this historical incident, and publish an instance of a most unusual lens flare.

In issuing this supplement, ICUFON - DUIST doesn't consider it necessary to revoke the original analysis, because it was made in accordance with verified and historical facts:

Operations above the White House and governmental establishments calling for deployment of USAF interceptor squadrons were officially confirmed, and the actions were detailed in the book by Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt *The Report On Unidentified Flying Objects*.

### The Lens Flare

What actually is the mysterious lens flare, which has misguided and confused so many scientists, UFO researchers and analysts?

*Intense light sources - sun, moon, stars, electric lights, etc., photographed directly or indirectly [backlight] through optical lenses with their images relected on the front lens or bounced from the socket - ring during the exposure time, depict diagonally pro-*



No. 2. By Charles Luttor, Toronto, Ont.

jected nonexistent second image[s] on the negative. [Consult Pix. 2, 3 & 11]

These "unwanted" images present themselves in many ways. The form of their appearace largely depends on the camera's optical system. The lens flare object[s] of uncoated lenses are surrounded by a large halo called "ghost image[s]". When blue - coated lenses are used "lens flare[s]" present more concrete object-like images [Pic. 2].

The general characteristic of lens flare images is mostly three dimensional (Pix. 4, 12, 14), but they also vary in form according to the distance between the light source and the center of the negative. (Consult Pix. 9 and 10.)

### Outstanding Example

*Abstract: disc shaped UFO with dome on its top and a signalling light on its bottom [Pic. 2]*

*Time and location: October 26, 1968, 7 - 8 p.m., Toronto, Ont.*

*Photographer: Charles Luttor, 20, University of Toronto.*

*Camera: Miranda Sensorex, 50 mm; lens opening: 1.9; exposure time: 2 seconds. [Camera mounted on tripod, elevated 45 degree to SSW.]*

*Film: Kodak Tri - X, developed and agitated 11 min. in Microdol.*

### Analysis:

Applying the basic rules of the optical lens flare we established the following facts: (Consult Pix. 9 and 10)

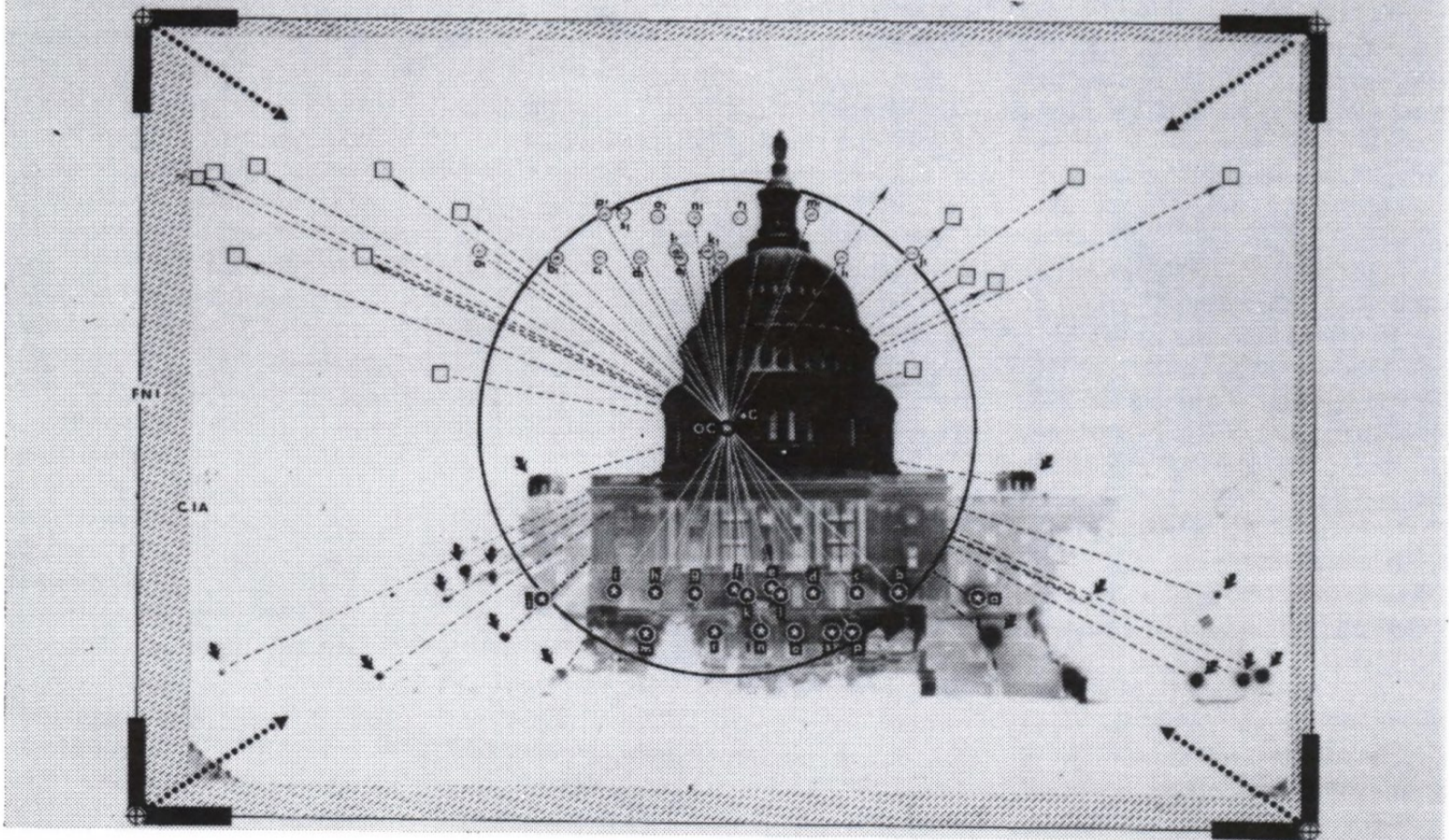
1/ The diagonal axis of the "craft" points toward the center of the light source and coincides with the diagonal



No. 15 *Strange craft fly over U.S. capital*

# VERIFICATION FOR LENS FLARE

**SUBJECT: Washington D.C. U.F.O. Formation**





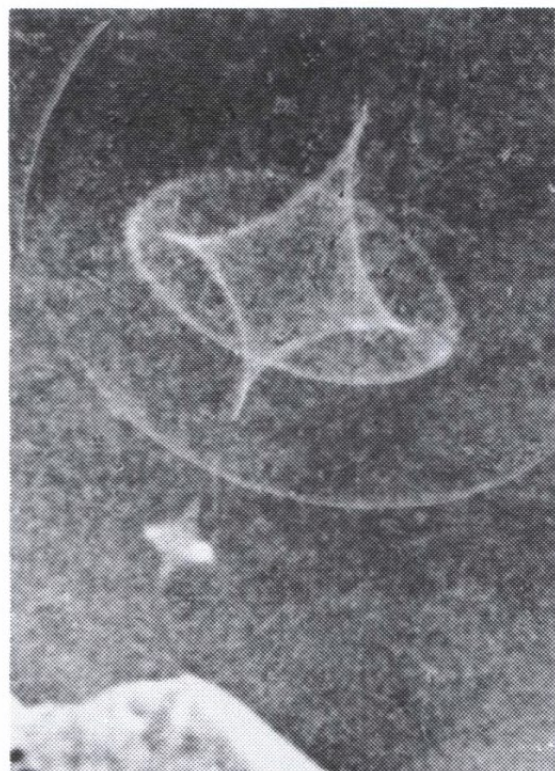
No. 3. "UFOs" on lens. Photo by ICUFON.



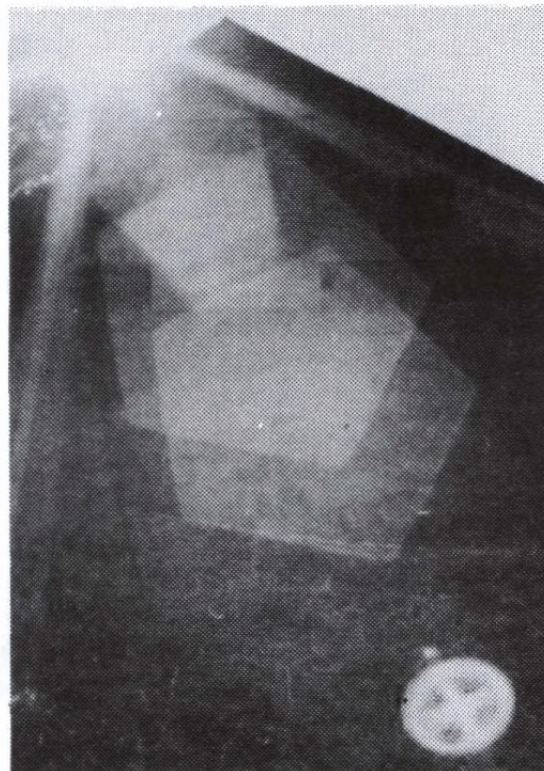
No. 4. Dolomites, Italy. Credit: Ilse Meussling & DUIS e. V.



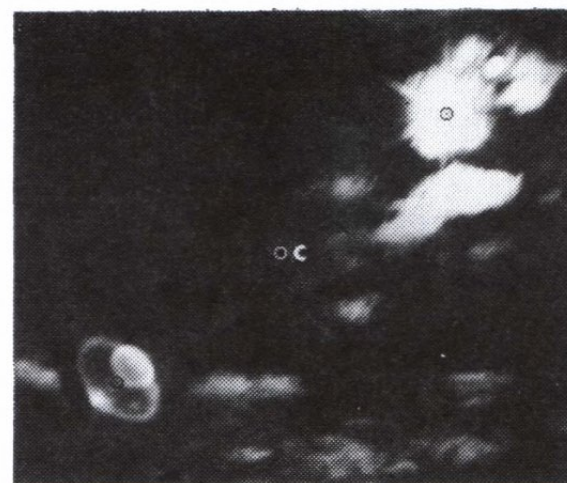
No. 5. Sicily Island, Italy. Credit: Rosa Viatrini & DUIS e. V.



No. 6. Cerro de Pasco Mtns, Peru. Credit: Carlos Paz Garcia of IPRI - ICUFON.



No. 7. Pocono Mtns., Pennsylvania. Credit: Clarence W. Stackhouse, ICUFON.



No. 8. Frame of Luttor photos.

of the full negative image.

2/ Center of the "craft" and the moon are equal distances from the diagonal center of the negative image.

3/ "Craft's" and the moon's centers in reciprocal relations are the same distances from the longitudinal and vertical sides of the full negative frame.

4/ The "craft's" depicted form (seen in other frames) varies according to the distances between the negative center and the light source's center.

**Noted Lens Flare UFO's In Literature**  
**[Pic. 11] Wilkins: Flying Saucers On The Attack:**

*UFOs hovering on the night sky around the Armco Steel Corporation Furnace Plant at Hamilton, Ohio, USA. All UFOs are diagonally projected "crafts" of the planet's strong light sources. [Take a ruler and check them.]*

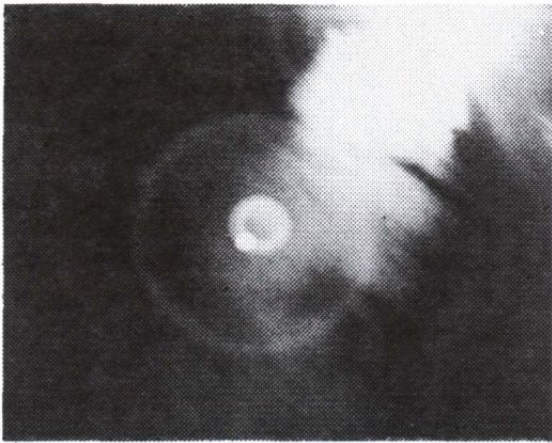
**[Pic 12] Leslie and Adamski: Flying Saucers Have Landed**

*"Flying saucer" over New York.*

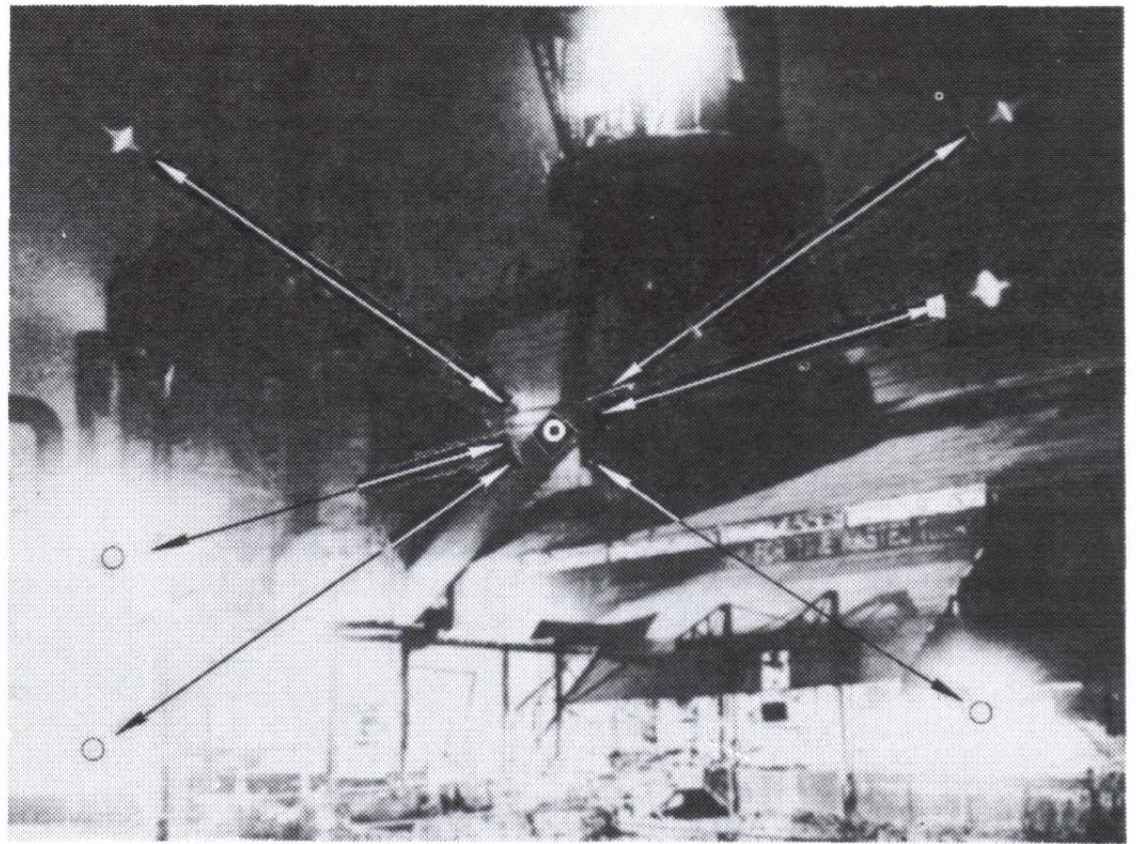
*Photographed on July 25, 1952, and filed with the Civil Defense Office. "Object" is a lens flare of the strong street lamp visible in the front of the picture.*

**[Pic. 13] Komsomolskaja Pravda, January 8, 1961**

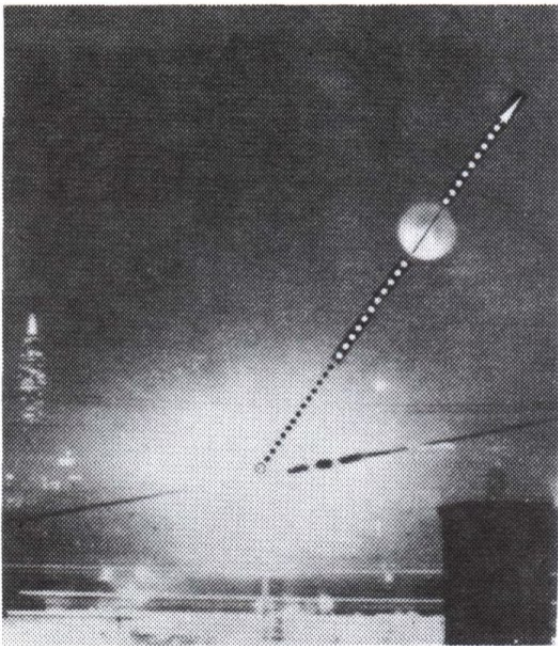
*Prof. J. Murashov's photograph at TLXI's Polarstation Stolb are identifiable lens flares of the street lamps. [Horizontal axis of the "craft" points toward the light source.]*



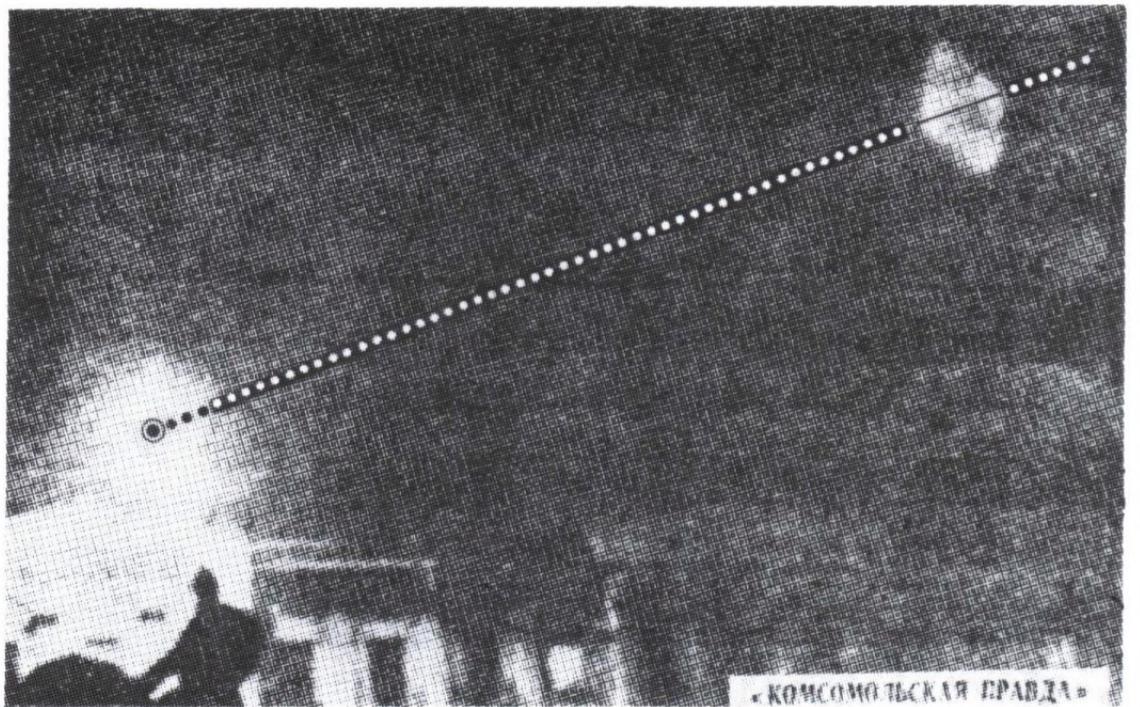
No. 10. [no. 9 omitted]. Frame of Luttor photos showing "signalling light."



No. 11. Steel plant at Hamilton, Ohio.



No. 12. "Flying saucer" over New York.



No. 13. USSR news shot.

[Pic. 14] *Look and other Publications Hillsdale County, July, 1965.* Picture released by Civil Defense Director William Van Horn. A generator plant's wind-reel photographed against the sun depicted a typical lens flare UFO, of which axis points toward its originator, visible diagonally amongst the branches of the tree - the sun.

The "Flying Top" snapped on May 25, 1975, by George Stephens over the night scene of Victoria, B.C. [see CUFOR, vol. 3, no. 5, p.4]. The

diagonal axis of the Flying Top points to the street lamp in right bottom corner. [This revealed as lens flare in vol. 3, no. 7, p. 23].

[Pic. 15] *Washington D.C. - A Lens Flare Classic*

The Washington D.C. color photograph's task force formation is not only a classic, but an educational example of a lens flare, presenting for study certain pro and con factors.

Pro: The lens flare has one dominant clue which covers the rule. It is the

undisputable diagonal projection of the capitol's lamp row on the balcony.

Con: 1/ In spite of the various diagonal lengths between the light sources, there is no deformation in appearance as should be the case. On the contrary they bear the same characters.

2/ The twin light flare's axes are horizontal and they do not coincide with the negative image's diagonal.

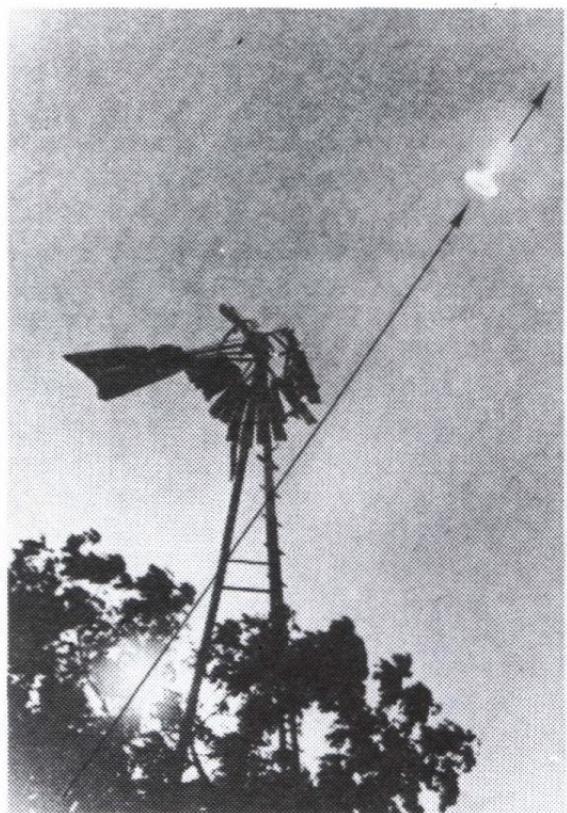
3/ It is really mysterious why only the balcony lamps reflect within a small

circle around the center, and why the other light sources of the picture depict no flares at all, especially the illuminated dome of the capitol!

#### Postscript

There is no doubt that the photographer, discovering the unwanted "UFO Formation" on his slide, was a victim of his good faith as was Charles Luttor, who believed he had photographed an invisible UFO.

But a question that remains is that according to the information of the architect of the Capitol, the wood shoring of the west - central front of the building was installed in two of the five bays between the columns in the year 1965. Consequently the picture was taken 13 years after its given date.



No. 14. U.S. civil defense shot.

## For Your Bookshelf

*Apparition Phenomenon Manifest at Zeitun, Cairo, Egypt.* Page Research Library, 6707 Colgate Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44102. [Cardboard cover, 48 pp. with over 32 photos. \$2.50 plus \$.25 postage; wholesale rate on 10 or more copies.]

"The apparitions of Our Lady are usually heralded by mysterious lights. Not only does the Blessed Mother appear in a burst of brilliant light, so bright the spectators find it impossible in most cases to distinguish the features, but flashing, scintillating lights,

compared by witnesses to fluorescent lights or sheet lighting, precede the appearances by approximately a quarter of an hour. These flashes appear sometimes above the church, sometimes in the clouds that on occasion form over the church and cover it like a canopy."

The setting of this fascinating scene described by visiting American priest Rev. Jerome Palmer was the Church of St. Mary at Zeitun where apparitions seen by thousands continued from 1968 through 1970. Too frequently in accounts of miraculous appearances the reader is left to his own imagination and must take for granted the honesty and accuracy of the witnesses. Not so here, however. This booklet contains a collection of photos so absorbing it lingered in our mind until we felt compelled to carry an example on the cover, making this the second issue in a row so featuring an illustration from "For Your Bookshelf."

At the same time, the booklet does not lend itself readily to the usual sort of review. It is not so much a thesis as a collection of accounts - of witnesses and those concerning cures - and of photographs. For ufologists it raises intriguing thoughts about whether our visitors have a sophisticated way of achieving these effects by cinematography (see Brinsley Le Poer Trech vol. 3, no. 1 and this issue.)

The Page Research Library has performed a commendable service in putting out this privately printed, not-for-profit publication. (For background information see letter by Dennis Pilichis, vol. 3, no. 5, p. 20.)

*des soucoupes volantes aux OVNI.* Under direction of Michel Bougard, published by SOBEPS, boulevard Aristide Briand, 26, 1070-Brussels, Belgium. [Illustrated, 287 pp., soft cover.]

*a la recherche des OVNI, la verite sur les soucoupes volantes.* By Jacques Scornaux and Christiane Piens. Published by Bibliotheque Marabout, 65, rue de Limbourg, B-4800 Verviers, Belgium. [Illustrated, 252 pp., soft cover.]

It seems there is a lively interest in Belgium in the UFO mystery and these two new books reflect that attitude. Each offers a close look at outstanding cases, old and new. While there is some duplication of material (Scornaux, co-editor of the second book, is former

director of SOBEPS which published the first) the total coverage is so broad that each publication has its own special merit. Illustrations in the first book, reprinted from various periodicals, are particularly extensive. Both books, of course, are in French.

As we do not have price listings for these books, inquiries should be addressed to the publishers.

## Letters

Sir:

I am very interested in UFOs because I think I saw one. When I was 11 years old a friend and I saw something land that blew up with a severe explosion. When we ran in the house for help it simply disappeared. When we came back out there was no fire or anything. The next day when we went down the field to check on what we had seen there wasn't a trace to be found. There was no puncture in the earth from whatever had landed and there wasn't a trace of any burned grass.

*This is a true story.* Our parents wouldn't believe us because they hadn't heard the strange hissing noise or seen the bright red, blue, green and yellow flashing lights of that weird - shaped object. But we know we saw it and we'll never forget it.

[Editor's note: Intrigued by this unusual eye - witness account of a UFO's destruction, we asked the writer for more details and she sent the following second letter.]

In 1969 my friend Graham and I were out playing field hockey in his yard. It was into the beginning of October and was still quite light. I would say it was around 7:00 when we noticed a strange noise. At this time we were running around his yard and looked up in the sky to see a weird object coming straight toward us. This hissing noise was like a swarm of bees coming for us.

The object looked like an enormous egg. It wasn't round and it wasn't flat. Our first thought was that it was a meteorite but meteorites don't really have pulsating lights that change from red to blue to green to yellow. I remember exactly how those lights sequenced! The lights were visibly attached to the object. They were around the lower half of the object.

When Graham and I saw this thing coming straight toward us we ran toward the eaves of the house for shelter and watched it. We were scared to death because we had never seen such a thing! Behind Graham's house is an enormous field. Whatever this thing was, it headed for it. I would say it was no more than 25 yards from the ground. The field had no trees on it and it was clearly visible. The object travelled about 200 yards down the field and landed. It wasn't an easy landing either because it just seemed to drop to the ground - and then it blew up! It wasn't a loud explosion but one you could hear a small distance.

By this time Graham and I were really shaken up so we both ran into his house to get his parents. The immediate instinct of fire made us run for help. Graham's parents wouldn't believe us but they went out to have a look. We were in the house no more than five minutes because we were in a hurry to explain to them what we had seen. When we walked out of that house we got the biggest shock of our lives! There was no fire, no smoke and no object: a big fat "nothing."

We immediately wanted to walk down the field to see if we were seeing right but we were told to do it the next day. That night was the longest night I had ever known. I couldn't find the answers to what had happened. I was sure I would find something when we went to see where it had been. But there was nothing there - no burned grass, no signs of a landing. We couldn't understand. I only know one thing - I was 11 years old when this incident happened and I haven't forgotten one thing about it. I know I never will. To this very day Graham and I are still wondering.

Patricia Spencer,  
Wolfville, N.S.

Sir:

I wonder if it would be news to mention that following the appearance of my letter in vol.3, no. 5 re Joseph Smith and the Mormon Church, a rather strange confirmation came to hand supporting the theory that the plates revealed to Joseph Smith were indeed buried there by someone from farther south.

Two young Mormon missionaries gave us an illustrated lecture which purported to show that the plates in

question were carried from Egypt to South America, thence to Central America and lastly to the place in New York State where they were revealed to Smith; further that these plates were inscribed in ancient Egyptian lettering, similar writings having been found in recently discovered ruins in Central America and also in South America. They also suggested that the angel Moroni was responsible for bringing them from the south and perhaps also from their original source.

All this would depend entirely on one's understanding of the scope of UFOs in acting as vehicles and messengers for the great masters, those who have from time to time given intellectual, cultural and technical help to budding dynasties where it was necessary to keep alive the spark of knowledge in humankind. Especially to keep alive the knowledge among men that there is far, far more in the great unknown than that very small portion observable through the five senses.

I feel the lid has just been lifted enough to give us a very small peek into a fascinating sequence of events.

John Squance,  
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

(1) On Aug. 1, 1975, people in the port of Antofagasta, Chile, saw a dazzling UFO crossing the mountains towards the ocean (cf. *Lumieres dans la Nuit* 149, Nov. 1975, p. 26); some reported that it lit up the landscape like daylight; others saw no light, but felt a burning sensation, instead: (cf. Acts of the Apostles IX, 3 - 7; & XXII, 6 - 11, & c.). This may explain why some brilliant UFOs, reported by a lone witness, remain unreported by others - to the embarrassment of those who reported the incidents. Perhaps we can with profit consider this dichotomy in the light of other, parallel oppositions:-

(2) At (Marian, &c.) shrines, there are people who receive healing, sometimes in spite of skepticism; whereas others who appear to have deep faith, sometimes leave disappointed. Locations of Marian (&c.) apparitions are all on or close to ufological orthotenic corridors.

(3) There are the cases when witnesses understood the speech of the ufonauts, and other cases when such

speech was not comprehended. I discussed this in the light of evidence indicating that trance (if deep enough) may by - pass the language barrier, at times (cf. *FSR* 16 - 6, and *FSR* 19 - 3).

(4) Lastly, we have instances of carloads of people watching a hovering UFO; but only one person in each vehicle felt compelled to get out and approach the craft (cf. *FSR* XI-6 Felixstowe; and *APRO Bulletin* 24-5 Travis Walton). It could be argued that the UFO had pre - selected one person out of each car; but another possibility exists, viz. that the auras of the 'selected' persons may have differed sufficiently from those of their companions, and thus reacted positively to the EM force - field from the UFO (one may be reminded of St. Matthew XXIV, 40-41!) My first reaction was that Kirlian Photography might be useful here; however, it is thought that this technique may only show a corona, and not the true aura. I trust that the above comparisons may point the way for fruitful research in these fields.

P.M.H. Edwards,  
Victoria, B.C.

Sir:

On page 3 of your last issue the "shadows" framing the balloon in the photo taken by Mrs. Betty Jones appear to be a folded camera strap hanging in front of the lens.

Colman VonKeviczky,  
Jackson Heights, N.Y.

*Not so, says Mrs. Jones. When asked about this, she wrote: "I took my camera out to see if the strap would accidentally get in the way of the lens. I had to hold the strap in the way to take a fake picture, and then the strap blocked out most of the entire picture - viewing area. I know that it was not the strap due to the almost impossible technique I had to use to acquire the fake picture."*

Sir:

With reference to the interesting account by Brinsley Le Poer Trench in vol. 3, no. 7 I think it is vital to all countries on this planet to coordinate worldwide UFO activities by appointing scientific personnel who would be seated at the United Nations head-

quarters for UFO studies either in Berne or Geneva, Switzerland (writer's suggestion). This consortium of member - countries would have to finance this unique project out of their annual military budget, which would suffice in view of the overall international defence budget of three billion dollars per annum.

One percent of this international defence budget could be utilized for a Project Contact which would rely on the complete cooperation of all nuclear - producing nations.

I appeal to all countries on earth to make the project feasible by contributing financially as well as scientifically. Unfortunately, by my own experience with contacts in western and eastern countries in regard to the establishment of a UN - supervised world - body of UFO research, I came across negative replies from politicians who ought to know better. If those politicians are willing to annihilate mankind by allocating billions of dollars for nuclear arms, then it is our responsibility to ask them politely to contribute something of a worthwhile nature to save mankind from annihilation.

F.A. Lierman,  
Toronto, Ont.

Sir:

Recently Charles Berlitz, author of the best - selling book *The Bermuda Triangle* spoke to a large audience at the University of Guelph. I thought you would be interested in this local newspaper report of his talk.

Homer Schaefer,  
Kitchener, Ont.

*Following is an excerpt from the Waterloo - Kitchener Record report:*

Mr. Berlitz illustrated his hour - long lecture with slides, many of which appear in the book. He described several disappearances, as well as the latest one.

Just last Friday, "a four - passenger plane from Puerto Rico flying in good weather vanished. When last heard from, everything was normal, which is typical of the many disappearances that have happened there.

"What I have tried to do is find people who have almost disappeared. That's the only way we're going to find out what's happening."

Apparently, Mr. Berlitz himself is

one such person. He detailed his experience on a 78- foot vessel two months ago.

"At 9:30 p.m. an object pulsating with green light was seen in back of the ship. All of a sudden, it took off on the starboard side of the ship and went for about 1,000 to 1,500 yards dead ahead of us. It then left the water, changed color to orange, and took off into the sky.

"When it went past the ship, the motor stopped, the lights went out, and we lost radio and sonar contact. After about 10 minutes, I realized there was a haze coming over the ship. Luckily, we didn't disappear, the haze lifted, and the ship started functioning."

## SPOT NEWS

The instant vanishing act, one of the favorites in our visitors' bag of tricks, was performed one night last April for the benefit of a policeman in north-central B.C.

RCMP Constable Bill Toffan said he was patrolling the highway west of Terrace when he saw a vehicle with flashing lights ahead of him. Driving closer he discovered it was some kind of craft hovering just above the road. He said that when he drew abreast of the craft there was a blinding flash and momentarily he thought a light plane had crashed. But when he stopped to investigate, he found nothing.

After a brief press report appeared, news of the incident ended abruptly. When CUFOR contacted Toffan for details, he said he was under "strict orders" to say nothing more.



*In its April, 1976 issue, under the heading "A Look Back Into History" the Bigfoot News published at The Dalles, Oregon, U.S.A. carried an intriguing item about a creature that, because of its size, seemed to be much more eligible as a UFO occupant than as a Bigfoot. Reprinted in full from the Pioneer and Democrat [State of Washington], May 15, 1955, this was the item:*

'A WILD MAN IN WALDOBORO'.  
The following communication relative to

the discovery of a wild man in Waldoboro was handed to the editor of the Thomaston Journal by Mr. J. W. McHenri. The Journal says there are several persons who can vouch for the truth of the statement that it contains:

Mr Editor: On the morning of Jan. 2nd, while engaged in chopping wood a short distance from my house in Waldoboro', I was startled by the most terrific scream that ever greeted my ears; it seemed to proceed from the woods near by. I immediately commenced searching around for the cause of this unearthly noise, but after a half hour's fruitless search, I resumed my labors, but had scarcely struck a blow with my axe when the sharp shriek burst out upon the air: Looking up quickly, I discovered an object about ten rods from me, standing between two trees, which had the appearance of a miniature human being. I advanced towards it, but the little creature fled as I neared it. I gave chase, and after a short run succeeded in catching it.

The little fellow turned a most imploring look upon me, and uttered a sharp, shrill, shriek, resembling the whistle of an engine. I took him to my house and tried to induce him to eat some meat, but failed in the attempt, I then offered him some water, of which he drank a small quantity. I next gave him some dried beech nuts, which he cracked and ate readily. He is of the male species, about eighteen inches in height, and his limbs are in perfect proportion. With the exception of his face, hands, and feet, he is covered with hair of a jet black hue. Whoever may wish to see this strange specimen of human nature, can gratify their curiosity by calling at my house in the eastern part of Waldoboro', near the Trowbridge tavern. I give these facts to the public, to see if there is any one who can account for this wonder phenomenon.



Announcing its first objective to be "a centre to which individuals can report UFO sightings and experiences in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada, without fear of ridicule, and with assurance that their reports will receive serious scientific attention," the UFO Research Centre: Ontario was established recently in Toronto.

In an introductory statement the Centre said its "field of interest will lie mainly in the area of Canadian UFO sightings and experiences, primarily those reported in Ontario, both past and current. We hope for significant exchange of information, co-operation and assistance in investigations."

Among other aims the new body is looking toward the establishment of "a network of mainly Canadian advisors of scientists, professionals and others with special knowledge relevant to UFO research." It also proposes to publish a bi-monthly newsletter.

The Centre will function as a sub-committee of the Toronto Society for Psychical Research. Present officers are: Henry McKay, chairman; Michael Sinclair, vice-chairman (administration); Mrs. Iris Owen, secretary. Inquiries should be addressed to the Centre at PO Box 427, Station F, Toronto, Ont. M4Y 2L8.



Add this to your list of illusionary UFOs. A lenticular cloud photographed by Patsy Doyle, 17, over Shawnigan Lake, B.C. Such clouds are formed by rotating air currents. This cloud was the only one at that low altitude, which added to the deception.

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