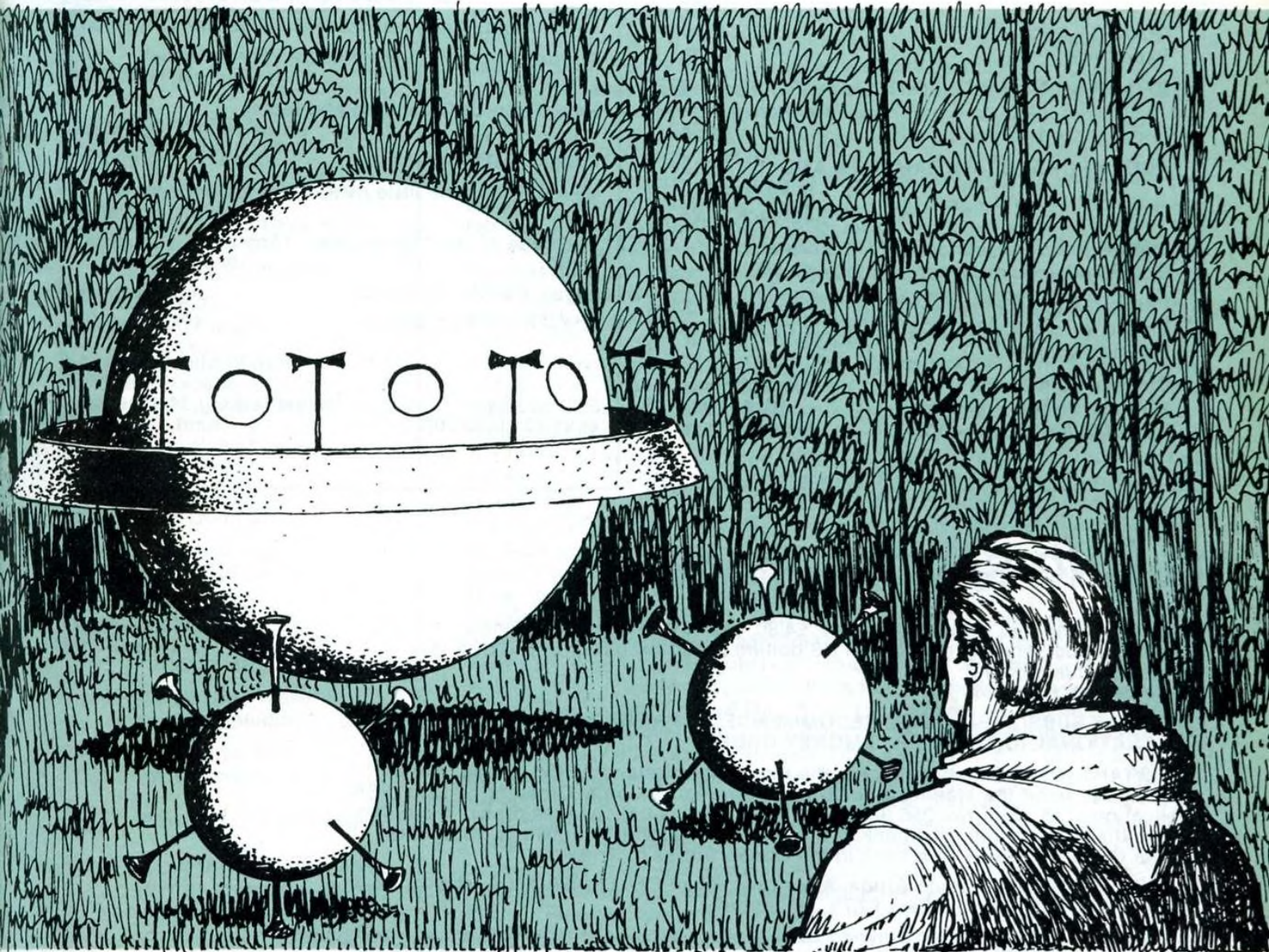


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Scottish forestry worker "attacked" by spheres of unknown type at development area near Edinburgh

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WHENEVER a package containing a new article was received from Aimé Michel, it was always a time for pleasurable anticipation, for so many of those articles turned out to be landmarks in the history of the study of UFOs. His latest article, received by us in September 1979 but, regrettably caught up in the recent delays, was a landmark too — both for its content and for the shock of a message it conveyed: Aimé Michel had written his last article on the subject of UFOs.

In his covering letter he referred to the article as his *chant de cygne*, but assured your Editor that the reason for this was nothing more sinister than the fact that he had exhausted his store of ideas for research.

Although such news always comes as something of a shock, it was an event that was bound to occur one day. So, instead of bemoaning his retiring, we should be grateful that this distinguished French thinker, researcher, writer and broadcaster should, over the years following the successes of his books *Lueurs sur les Soucoupes Volantes* (English title — *The Truth about Flying Saucers*) and *Mystérieux Objets Célestes* (published in America as *Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery*) produced for his beloved FSR such valuable and engaging — and sometimes “biting” — pieces. Here are some of them: **Global Orthoteny** (FSR Vol. 9, No. 3 — 1963); **Where Dr. Menzel has gone wrong** (Vol. 10, No. 2 — 1964) in reply to criticism of the theory of orthoteny by the Harvard Professor of Astrophysics; **Reflections of an Honest Liar** (Vol. 11, No. 3 — 1965) when, in response to an implication by Waveney Girvan in an FSR Editorial that Dr. Menzel had impugned Michel’s integrity, the astrophysicist had denied this and stated that he had referred to Michel only as an “honest but incompetent statistician . . .” Then there was **The Valensole Affair** (Vol. 11, No. 6 — 1965); **The Problem of Non-Contact** (*The Humanoids* — Special issue No. 1, October 1966, published subsequently as both a hard-back and a paperback book); **A Visit to Valensole** (in conjunction with the Editor of FSR in Vol. 14, No. 1 — 1968: subsequently reprinted in *Encounter Cases from Flying Saucer Review* — 1977); **The Strange Case of Dr. ‘X’** (*UFO Percipients* — Special issue No. 3 — 1969) and its sequel in Vol. 17, No. 6 — 1971; **Palaeolithic UFO-shapes** (Vol. 15, No. 6 — 1969); **Project Dick** (Vol. 18, No. 1 — 1972); **An Enigmatic Figure of the XVIIth Century** (Vol. 18, No. 2 — 1972: a fascinating study of St. Vincent de Paul) and his swan song, **The “Cat-Flap” Effect** in the last issue (Vol. 25, No. 5) of *Flying Saucer Review*.

The list is impressive, and there have been many other contributions besides these from our good Provençal friend, occasionally writing from Paris, but mostly from his beloved Alpine eyrie, and thanks to his books, and all his brilliant studies in our magazine, he will never be lost to ufology. And, as far as FSR is concerned, he remains as a consultant. Indeed, consultations have gone on ever since that swan song article was sent to us.

We are sure our readers will join with us in thanking Aimé Michel for the great work he has done, for having produced the first scientific study of UFO reports, for having always delighted us with the freshness and charm of his writing, for having introduced us to so many fascinating and exciting ideas, and for having encouraged us to think. If such a man can ever be said to retire — and he has wide interests—then we wish him a long and happy retirement.

PHYSICAL ASSAULT BY UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS AT LIVINGSTON — Part I

Martin Keatman & Andrew Collins

This report has been specially prepared for UFOIN and Flying Saucer Review

THE UFO phenomenon often throws up encounters of a staggering nature, but rarely does it provide an opportunity for an immediate and in depth investigation that permits the substantiation of such events. In the following case the investigators were lucky; a claimed close encounter of the second kind involving a reliable witness, a landed object that left significant traces, two independent devices that physically assaulted the percipient, severe post physiological and psychological effects, confirmation and other sightings, and a thorough investigation within one week of the incident. These combine to complete what must surely be the most important landing case ever to have been reported and recorded in the annals of British Ufology.

Mr. Robert Taylor, a forestry foreman from Livingston, West Lothian, Scotland, claimed that whilst carrying out his routine daily duties in the forests on Friday, November 9, 1979, he came across a strange domed object resting silently on the ground in a secluded clearing. Intrigued he watched, until two weird spheres with protruding spikes came hurtling towards him and toppled on to his sides, whereupon he fell unconscious. On waking he heard a *wooshing* noise and looked up to see that the object had gone. He had pains in his chin and legs, he had an intense headache and thirst and he could not walk or speak. With difficulty he crawled back to his pick-up truck some 300 metres away, but although being unable to control it, he was now able to struggle home on foot. Later, on returning with others the same day, remarkable physical traces were found to support his story. These also provided significant evidence for the investigators.

Such were the details of the claim as they reached our ears on Monday, November 12, 1979, after varying reports in the Sunday newspapers.* Hasty arrangements were made for the authors to visit the area on behalf of UFOIN. By speaking to Mr. Malcolm Drummond — Bob Taylor's superior — on the Tuesday, we were able to arrange to meet the witness the following day, and he would take us to the site. Contact was also established with all the other authorities in the area, including the local police and newspapers, in order to pave the way ahead.

*After seeing the report in *The Sunday Express* on November 11 (see World Round-up in FSR Vol. 25, No. 5) the Editor of *Flying Saucer Review* asked Miss J. Randles if it would be possible to arrange for UFOIN investigation of the report.

Initial contact with percipient and environment

The authors arrived in the area late in the afternoon of Wednesday November 14, and made straight for Mr. Taylor's place of work, the Livingston Development Corporation (LDC) at Rosebank, Livingston. Travelling through the area around Livingston, a Scottish new town and satellite of Edinburgh, one somehow gets the impression of being in Canada, with immense and colourful factory complexes covered in fresh snow, and an interwoven maze of new roads constructed over the past twenty years. Everything is conveniently placed and laid back out of reach, as if lifted straight from a drawing board.

Both Mr. Drummond and Mr. Taylor were there to greet us on our arrival, and the latter immediately took us to the spot where the incident was said to have occurred. A drive of some 3 kms took us to an area known as Dechmont Woods, via a recently-built housing estate which lies scattered around an unkept mud track. This is bordered by the amenity forests planted by the LDC Forestry Commission.

Bob Taylor led us across open pasture land, through the neatly planted trees, and on to the location where his experience took place. Unfortunately, because of heavy snow that had been falling on and off since the previous Sunday, the site was completely covered with a glistening white sheet. Mr. Taylor indicated the exact position the object had been, and told us of the fence erected by the LDC on the day of the incident. This was to "protect" the indentations. As could be expected, the knowledge of the experience had reached many ears by this time, and it was obvious that dozens of people had tramped up through the snow to the site, almost treating it as a pilgrimage. You can imagine our feelings when we were greeted with the sight of a large snowman built in the centre!

Due to encroaching darkness only a tentative investigation was carried out at the site, with the agreement that all concerned should return next day to remove the snow, thus allowing a thorough analysis to be made.

We then returned to Livingston with Mr. Taylor, and spent the rest of the day interviewing him, his wife, his daughter and one of his sons. During the first evening we questioned Bob at length, and it is from this interview that we present the following account. Despite rapid questioning for more than three hours, and subsequent

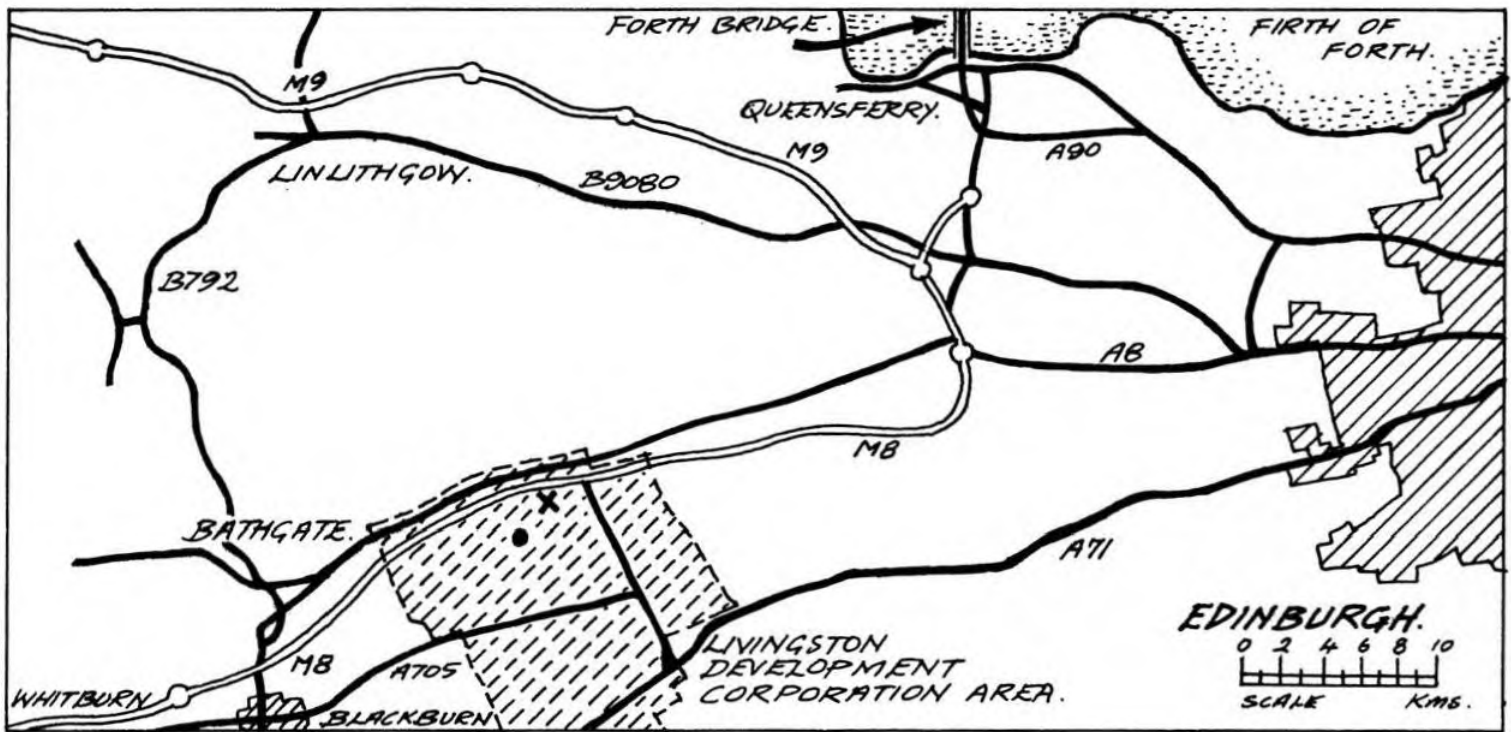


Figure 1: Location of the site. The encounter took place at X, while the dot marks the position of Bob Taylor's house.

interrogations in the following three days, Mr. Taylor never veered from his original story, nor did the others involved in this bizarre saga.

A day to remember

Mr. Bob Taylor is 61 years of age, and has resided in Livingston since 1964. It was some years before he was eventually appointed forestry foreman with the LDC, a job that allows him considerable freedom. He spends much of his time in his *Bedford* pick-up truck, visiting the various forests and hills used by the LDC forestry commission, checking and directing his four squads of workers, and ensuring that animals do not stray on to the land. Dechmont Woods is one such place which he visits virtually every week, and it was here on Friday, November 9, 1979, that Bob alleges he had his encounter.

He left his house at 4, Broomieknowe Drive, at about 09.45 hours GMT, having finished his early morning break. By pick-up it takes a good ten minutes to reach Dechmont Woods, so an arrival time of 09.55 hours may be assumed. A further ten minutes would allow Bob to pass through the two closed gates and along the unmade roadway used by the forestry workers to reach Deer Hill. He parked his vehicle at the end of the road (see fig. 2) some 300 metres from where the encounter was to take place.

As usual Bob allowed his six-year-old dog, a striking rust coloured Irish Setter called Lara, to accompany him on his quiet, and often lonely trek through the peaceful forests. All around stand tall, straight conifers, and a mass of natural green foliage. This is a chance for the dog to roam freely and chase small animals in the forest.

Bob carefully looked at the fencing, the fire paths, the gates, a keen eye searching for anything untoward. Lara shot off on her own, running carefree through the trees.

The weather was fresh, with frost stiffening the ground beneath his feet. The partially clear sky indicated that it would not stay cold for long. For Bob the day was the same as any other; he had no reason to assume otherwise. He was heading for a spacious cross-roads of fire paths on Deer Hill to check the gates. His course took him along one of these fire paths, shouldered either side by the tall trees. Those to the right are taller and not as thick as those on the left.

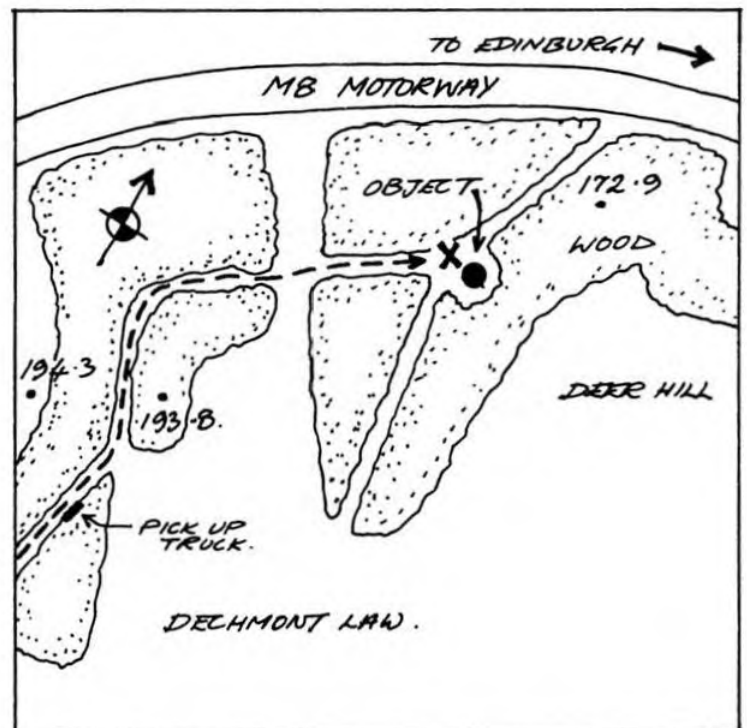


Figure 2: Route taken by Bob Taylor

He continued walking down the slight incline that he knew would take him out into the large clearing between the four areas of forest. As he reached the end of the path he was suddenly confronted by something large and quite out of context with the area as he knew it. This was at right angles to his line of vision. He swivelled round and faced, with surprise, something that sat motionless and silent on the ground only a few metres away.

Bob Taylor states that this "something" was like a "top" or dome-shaped object, with a flange of a larger diameter (see fig. 3). Protruding from the upper side of the flange were evenly spaced "stems" or cylindrical bars pointing vertically. Atop these were what appeared to be horizontal bars not unlike propellers. Between each of these features the witness could see dark circular areas on the dome. He feels these could have been "portholes," or perhaps just "markings," since nothing could be seen through them. The area below the flange was rather confusing, and Bob could only recall a structure likened to the upper dome. This gave the impression of a "Saturn-shape" overall, or as he put it "a child's top."

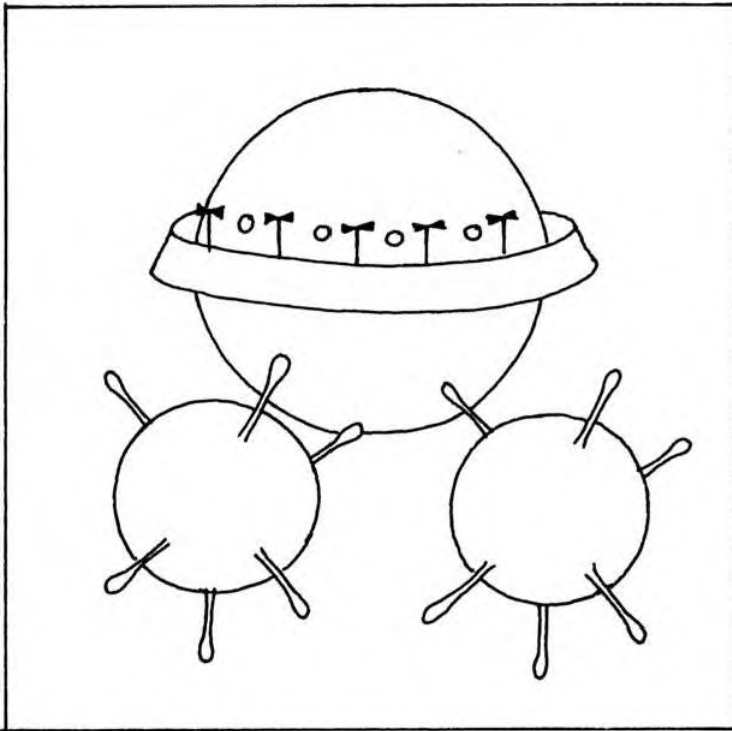


Figure 3: The objects, based on Bob Taylor's sketch

Judging from measurements taken at the site, it would appear that the object had a diameter of approximately 7 metres at its widest (the flange), and was a mere 8 metres away from Bob, who described the colour as dark grey, like "carborundum," which was uniform all over. The texture looked rough and there were no apparent seams, joins, or any other such features. As to its composition the witness could not enlighten us, stating only that it did not seem to be metallic.

After an estimated 30 seconds of viewing the strange craft, Mr. Taylor said that its structure began to alter. Parts of the upper dome began to "disappear" and areas of the background could be seen through it. Only moments before the object had seemed totally physical. Now, parts would fade out, and then return to their original physical appearance; first on the left hand side,

then across to the right, and then returning to the centre. This unusual phenomenon was apparent over the whole of the upper dome. This gave the appearance of partially blending in with the background, possibly suggesting that it was not quite as physical as it seemed at that point.

Suddenly, and quite unexpectedly, two objects hurtled towards the startled witness. Two spheres with "spikes" were heading straight for Bob from a point in front of the lower dome. They moved in unison, on parallel courses so that they approached one on either side of the witness. As they reached him they "fell" on to his sides" (see fig. 4). He recalls a sudden smell that overpowered him, a bad taste that filled his mouth, and something "tugging" at

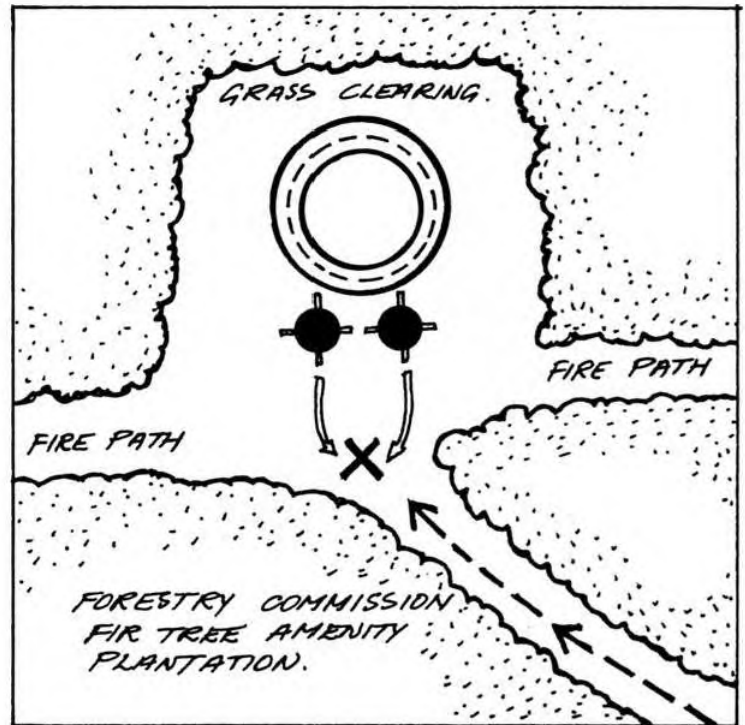


Figure 4: How it happened

his trousers and pulling him forwards. Thereafter a blank. We can only assume from the later evidence that he fell unconscious, head first on to the ground.

The next thing he recalls is lying with his face in the mud, hearing a *wooshing* noise, and the dog barking furiously. He also had an intense headache (positioned over the forehead), and a pain in the chin as if it were burned. He had an itch in the left thigh and he felt sick. His body was facing the position where the object had been, and his arms were lying straight by his sides.

Bob attempted to climb to his feet, but found his legs so weak that he was unable to rise or even stagger up. He tried to talk to the dog which was standing close by, but found he could not speak. It was as if his jaw had ceased to function. Eventually he got to his knees and saw that the object and spheres had vanished. He then started to crawl along the fire path back towards the pick-up truck, covering some 100 metres on his hands and knees. Finally he staggered to his feet to walk for a short distance, but even then he fell down several times.

On reaching the pick-up he attempted to use the radio to call the forestry commission, but although he established contact he was still unable to speak. He pulled himself into the driving seat and started the engine,

hoping to be able to reverse it and turn round. Unfortunately, since he was still disorientated, he lost control and reversed the truck down a slight incline and into a dry shallow ditch. He clambered out and decided to walk the 1.5 kms across the woodlands, fields, and roads to his home. He passed only one person en route. He says he was slightly dazed and confused, and the physiological effects were still very much in evidence.

Back at home

As soon as Bob entered the front door he asked for a drink to quench his intense thirst. His wife realised he was in a state of shock, or "ghastly," as she described it. He mumbled something about having been attacked, his speech having only partly returned to normal.

Mrs. Taylor suggested he take off his dirty clothes and have a bath, which he did a few minutes later. She then telephoned Mr. Malcolm Drummond, Bob's boss, who ordered two of his staff to "stand by," and drove straight to the Taylor residence.

According to Mr. Drummond the time was then approximately 10.50 hrs, although Mrs. Taylor puts it at around 11.30 hrs. On his arrival Mr. Drummond learned from Bob's wife what seemed to have happened. He then went upstairs to the bathroom. He realised that Bob had had a physically real experience, but at the mention of "space ships" with "things coming towards him" he suggested that Bob might have "fallen on his head, or something."

Mr. Drummond telephoned the local doctor, a Dr. Adams of the Blackburn surgery, who arrived within 10 or 15 minutes. He checked Mr. Taylor for any noticeable physiological defects, but concluded that he was in reasonable condition.

At this point it was noted that Bob had a large red mark, about 4 cms in length and 1.5 cms wide, underneath the round of his chin. This was comparable to a mild burn or scuff mark. A similar mark was also discovered on his left hip, which corresponded to the position in which he felt the tugging when the spheres "attacked" him. His trousers, a general purpose police issue, were torn on both hips, the left side in accordance with the mark on the leg. His "long johns" were also torn in the same position on the left side.

Hoping to find signs of a scuffle near the ditched pick-up truck, Mr. Drummond and Dr. Adams went up to Dechmont Woods and located the vehicle. The ignition was still on and the door was open. They wondered whether Bob had fallen from the van and knocked himself unconscious, but finding no marks they returned to the Taylor household. By this time Bob was out of the bath and fully dressed. He suggested he take them to the place where the experience occurred, as the "vehicle" must have left some sort of marks.

Dr. Adams then went home, leaving Bob and Mr. Drummond to return to Deer Hill. By now the witness was seemingly back to normal, with only the headache, slight pains, and some thirst still lingering on.

On arrival at the site a series of marks, indentations, and depressions were found. From the spot where Bob had stood before being knocked unconscious, to the position where his conscious recall resumed, there were two long marks which could have been made by his boots. These gave the impression that the percipient had been

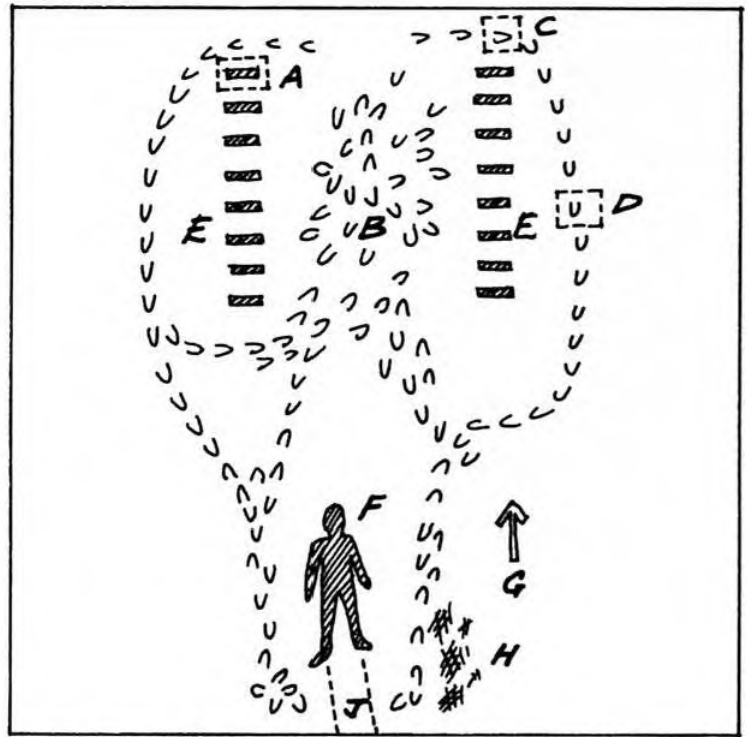


Figure 5: The traces left behind.

- Key:
- A. Depression sample from here.
 - B. Indentations facing in every direction.
 - C. Indentation sample taken here.
 - D. Turf sample taken here.
 - E. Lines of rectangular depressions.
 - F. Bob Taylor regained consciousness here.
 - G. Direction Bob viewed the object.
 - H. Unidentifiable gashes and scuff marks.
 - J. "Drag" marks stated to have been seen here.

dragged, with his feet trailing, for some 61 cms. There was then a gap of about 18 cms, before the same parallel marks resumed for a further 4-5 cms, this suggesting the point at which Bob was left.

From where the object had been to where Bob had fallen, were two parallel lines of irregularly shaped indentations similar to horses' hooves. As they approached the spot where the object had been resting, they could clearly see two parallel lines of approximately eight rectangular-shaped depressions in the grass. These were about 21 cms apart (see fig. 5). It was apparent that something of considerable weight had caused the marks since they were sharp and deep. Around these "tracks" were more of the hoof-like indentations apparently left by the spikes on the spheres.

On their way back to Broomieknowe Drive, Mr. Drummond radioed for a "squad" to lay sheep net wire and posts around the tracks, this in the hope of saving them from destruction by passers by. Mr. Drummond then went home and telephoned the local police at Livingston. The time at this point was about 13.15 hrs.

Soon afterwards seven policemen arrived from two different stations, Livingston and the nearby Bathgate, including a superintendent. Mr. Drummond led them to the area concerned, and they seemed totally baffled. Although sceptical they were nonetheless very interested.

A police photographer took several shots of the marks, tracks, and the locale, while his colleagues obtained measurements and sketches. No radiation tests were carried out. Mr. Drummond was approached by the superintendent, who shook his head jokingly and said: "When I came on duty at 2 o'clock I didn't have a care in the world; now look at this!"

Meanwhile Bob Taylor had been taken to hospital on the advice of Dr. Adams, for a "head x-ray." Bob waited for over two and a half hours (much to his chagrin as he "knew" there was nothing wrong with his head) before being asked to "strip off." It seemed they wanted him to undergo a thorough medical, which he was not prepared to sit through since he felt completely normal. Also, he felt he had been deceived by Dr. Adams into believing that it was merely a head x-ray. Rather annoyed, he picked up his medical card, signed himself out, and went home.

The police interviewed him during the late afternoon, and in the evening the Taylor family set out on a pre-arranged visit to relatives. They returned on the Sunday night.

Account breakdown

During the authors' stay with the Taylor family, the experience was recounted to us, and others, many times, but not once did it change in any way. We discussed the events, picking out the most minor details that may be relevant at some future date.

The object was positioned in a remote grass clearing between four separate plantations of conifers. This is about 18 metres wide by 30 metres long. The grass in the area is wild, with an average height of 15 cms. The tree plantations vary in height, although without doubt the highest and thickest are those to the right of where Bob was just prior to entering the clearing.

Bob had no strange feelings, and noticed nothing unusual about the dog before the encounter. On seeing the object he says he was mesmerized by its totally alien appearance. The dome was perfectly hemispherical, with an estimated height of 2.75 metres and diameter 5.4 metres. It was positioned on a large protruding flange of approximate height 1.20 metres. This flange was slanting outwards towards the ground. It appeared to protrude a distance of perhaps 0.66 metres from the dome.

The rods, on which the "blades" or "propellers" were evenly spaced, were along the upper surface of the flange about 0.7 metres apart. Each "rod" and "blade" were of equal size, estimated at 0.8 metres for the "rods" and a length of 0.4 metres for the "blades." Mr. Taylor could not make out the shape of the rods, but estimated their width as about 4 cms. The blades looked flat, with a width similar to that of the rods. The suggestion of "propellers" does not mean they were used as such since no movement was noted.

The "portholes" were positioned evenly around the upper dome at a height from the flange surface of approximately 0.5 metres. Each had a diameter of about 45 cms.

The lower dome was not clearly visible as the percipient's line of vision was towards the flange area. No clear description could thus be recalled.

For the same reason the point where the two spheres emanated is unknown, although Bob suggested they may have approached from behind the object, or from under the lower dome. The indications from the indentations said to have been left by the spheres were that either

assumption could have been correct.

Both spheres were identical in size, about 76 cms diameter, with six equidistant "spikes" of length 45 cms. Bob used the more commonly accepted "2½ feet by 1½ feet" to explain these two measurements. He was uncertain of the thickness or shape of the "spikes" due to the short time they were observed. However, he was able to state that the circumference was somewhat greater at the ends (see fig. 3), but he could not say whether the ends were solid or otherwise nor what shape they were.

Movement was effected by a single spike being in contact with the ground at any one time. The sphere moved horizontally about an imaginary horizontal axis at right angles to the path of travel. Only four of the six spikes (forming 360 degrees) were utilised in this mode of travel, the fifth and sixth remained unused and protruded horizontally. These two never made contact with the ground.

Bob Taylor said the only sound he heard during the whole of the encounter, apart from the *swooshing* as he regained consciousness, was that of the "spikes" thudding into the ground as they hurtled towards him. This suggests some considerable weight was involved.

The sensation felt when the "spikes" tugged the percipient's trousers will be considered when studying the forensic analysis, but purely from Bob's account it would seem to suggest a type of grip, or sucking device, on the ends of the spikes, although no such device was actually observed. Bob said he could not recall the "spikes" actually touching either of his legs. He stated that after the "tugging" he felt the "spikes" pulling him forward, which may account for his unnatural position on regaining consciousness. The indications suggest he was dragged forwards, towards the object, whilst in either an upright position or prone.

The "taste", or "smell in the mouth" as he put it, began as the spheres were about to topple on to his sides. This seemingly caused him to lose consciousness. The "taste" was described as a "very heavy odour" that was overpowering and choking. It was still present after the experience, and persisted, to a lesser degree, until the early evening. Comparisons to other cases will be made later, but one immediately recalls the Cisco Grove "nightmare" of September 1964, where the witness, a Mr. S, repeatedly lost consciousness after a robot-like entity emitted a "white smoke or gas" that made him light headed. Like Bob Taylor, Mr. S would awake feeling "sick and retching."⁽¹⁾

The duration of the consciously recalled encounter was estimated at about 62 seconds. How long the percipient was unconscious we cannot tell, although he himself feels that it was only a matter of minutes at the outside.

Mr. Taylor was wearing a watch at the time of the encounter, but it has exhibited no defects, and he has had no problems with it since November 9, 1979.

The mark on the chin is interesting, since he has no recall of the "spikes" touching him anywhere other than on the trousers. Although the mark was similar to the one on his leg, it is possible that it was caused as Bob hit the hard frosty ground. This scrape disappeared three days after the experience, whereas the mark on his left hip was still visible on the occasion of our visit. This mark was a superficial scratch about 3 cms in length. Alongside it were two small circular scabs 1 cm apart. Photographs were taken of this area of Bob's anatomy.

Media coverage

While relaxing during their Friday lunchbreak the newsdesk of *The Livingston Post* received a call from an unknown person at the LDC forestry commission regarding Bob Taylor's experience. They did not take this seriously. The same person repeated the call during the late afternoon, and this time they acted. Ian Dow spoke to Mr. Drummond on the Saturday morning, but of course Bob was already away for the weekend.

The *Scottish Evening News* at Edinburgh was notified of the incident on the Friday evening, and had two journalists at the site the next morning. They interviewed Mr. Drummond and an article appeared in that evening's edition. From this extensive piece there stemmed the initial national coverage, resulting in five national newspapers speaking to Mr. Drummond during the Saturday for articles the next day.

One newspaper and one television station contacted the local investigator in the area, a Mr. Stuart Campbell of the BUFORA Edinburgh branch, who stated that the phenomenon encountered by Bob Taylor was possibly ball lightning.

As already mentioned, news of the incident reached the authors from UFOIN on the Monday, and contact was made with Mr. Drummond on the Tuesday morning.

LDC and police developments

Throughout the Saturday morning various members of the LDC visited the site, including Mr. Fred Brownleigh, the Forestry Commission photographer. He obtained a complete series of both black and white and colour pictures of the marks. Attempts to obtain copies of these have thus far been thwarted by the fact that the police have them.

On the Sunday morning Bob Taylor's daughter Anne, who had not gone away for the weekend, was visited by the police. They took all the clothes Bob had been wearing at the time of the incident. They said these were for forensic analysis.

Fortunately the first snow of the winter had fallen in Scotland on the Sunday afternoon, covering the whole area with a six-inch white sheet. Mr. Taylor's fame was spreading, and during the period between Sunday and the time we arrived, it was obvious that many people had visited the spot. As luck would have it the covering of snow had helped to preserve the traces.

The sighting location

The position of the encounter is just north of the Scottish new town of Livingston, West Lothian. Deer Hill is situated some 4 kms from Livingston centre, and at its peak reaches a height of 192.20 metres. The geological strata in the area consist of mainly igneous rock caused by volcanic disturbance many millions of years ago, and shale, a sedimentary rock. Evidently shale mines in Livingston were the only local industry up until the 1960s, when it was decided to enlarge the town and make it a new industrial complex and satellite area of Edinburgh.

Numerous enquiries were made in an attempt to establish if any folklore, mystical, or UFO type events had been associated with Deer Hill or Livingston in the past.

In FSR Volume 24, No. 5, Paul Murray describes the encounter of a low level object with a "searchlight" that was an intensely bright white and appeared to be "scanning the ground." This was just before the turning off the M8 motorway into Livingston. Figure 1 shows that this was less than 2 kms from where Bob encountered his object, and it is thus most interesting.

Another strange tale we came across involved the overnight disappearance of a young girl a couple of years ago. It would seem that she suddenly disappeared under strange circumstances one harsh wintry evening, and that a large party (including Bob Taylor) spent all night vainly searching for her, only to find her dry and warm under the trees a few hundred metres from where Bob claimed to have had his experience. Her only explanation was that she had "followed the sheep." Interesting, and perhaps relevant?

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In the next part details of the on-site investigation, police involvement, and forensic investigation will be presented.

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RETRIEVALS OF THE THIRD KIND — Part 3

A Case Study of Alleged UFOs and Occupants in Military Custody

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IN the second part of this paper we learned of testimony to the effect that at least one of the retrieved alien bodies seemed to be female, and that there were accounts of rough treatment by service personnel of a witness of a crashing object, and of a "borrowed" photograph purported to show a dead humanoid who was said to have "put up a fight." There were also death-bed confessions by two people who claimed to have seen the refrigerated bodies of small aliens at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Furthermore there was the emergence of a new source of information about the once-controversial Aztec, New Mexico, story, and we closed with an account of an alleged secret visit by President Eisenhower (supposedly playing golf in Florida) to Wright-Patterson AFB, and of his stern reaction on seeing retrieved alien craft and dead crew members.

ABSTRACT XVIII: Recovery of unusual metallic fragments of remarkable strength

On April 7, 1978, Steve Tom, NBC radio newsman, Chicago, and I were linked up by telephone for an interview with a former Air Force Intelligence Officer, Major J. M., residing in Houma, Louisiana.

Major J. M., I learned, shared some common ground with me. He had also served in the 5th Air Force in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, and had been in several combat areas such as Leyte, Phillipine Islands, where I had been assigned.

The purpose of our call was to obtain at first hand, an account of the major's role in the retrieval of an alleged crashed UFO northwest of Roswell, New Mexico, in the summer of 1947.

The debris of an apparent metallic aerial device, or craft, that had exploded in the air, or crashed, was first located by a sheep rancher who found fragments of metal and other materials on his 8000 acre property. When he informed the Air Force base in Roswell of his discovery, Major J. M. and aides were dispatched to the area for investigation. There Major J. M. found many metal fragments and what appeared to be "parchment" strewn over a one-mile-square area. "The metal fragments," said the Major, "varied in size up to six inches in length, but were of the thickness of tin foil. The fragments were unusual," he continued, "because they were of great strength. They could not be bent or broken, no matter what pressure we applied by hand."

The area was thoroughly checked, he said, but no fresh impact depressions in the sand were found. The area was not radioactive. The fragments, he added, were transported by a military carry-all to the air base in Roswell and from that point he was instructed by General Ramey to deliver the "hardware" to Fort Worth, to be forwarded to Wright-Patterson Field for analysis.

When the press learned of this retrieval operation, and wanted a story, Major J. M. stated, "To get the off my back I told them we were recovering a downed weather balloon."

When the major was asked for his opinion as to the identification of the fragments he was certain they were not from a balloon, aircraft or rocket. He said that, because of his technical background, he was certain that the metal and "parchment" were not a part of any military aerial device known at that time.

Comment

The retrieval of "unusual" fragments in secrecy suggests they were part of an unknown aerial device or craft. Manned, or not, the major did not know. If there were entities aboard no evidence was found. Had there been any bodies aboard they would have been destroyed in what appeared to have been an aerial explosion.

It is significant to note in this instance, the year 1947, which was the year of the first great wave of UFO reports. Also the area of this retrieval was in the path of some of the "green fire-ball phenomena" observed from 1947 to 1948.

ABSTRACT XIX: Crashing object said to have been tracked on radar: occupants badly burned

Following my lecture on April 6, 1978, before the Cincinnati Chapter of World Wings Association — a gathering of 50 or more pilots — I was approached by a highly reputable member of the Association who knew of "a person at work" who, in turn, knew about crashed UFOs and occupants. I promptly got in touch.

On April 18, 1978, I talked with former Air Force Sergeant M.S. of the 97th Bomber Wing. He was prepared to relate the data from a high intelligence source relative to the retrieval of an alien craft and humanoid occupants maintained at Wright-Patterson AFB. He also related a sobering story about a landing on an air force base, also from the same high source.

M.S., while serving at Wright-Patterson in 1977, made close acquaintance with a Major General whose last name begins with the letter "T", and who was assigned to Wright-Patterson for top security work in the Logistics Command. His rank and the nature of his work entitled him to an airplane at his disposal at all times.

The General's daughter, (name known to me) and M.S. were seriously lovelorn, and on that basis were frequently together. This allowed M.S. to be the guest at the General's home, where he and the General had private chats. Both being endowed with the highest security ratings, they discussed UFOs.

From General "T", my informant related, details were disclosed concerning a UFO that had crashed in the southwest region of the United States in 1957. At that time, General "T" was Lt. Colonel "T". According to the General, radar had confirmed that an alien craft had crossed the skies over the United States at great speed. It was tracked to the point of its crash. The area, as in most cases, was "roped off" and the National Guard summoned (with dogs) for maximum security.

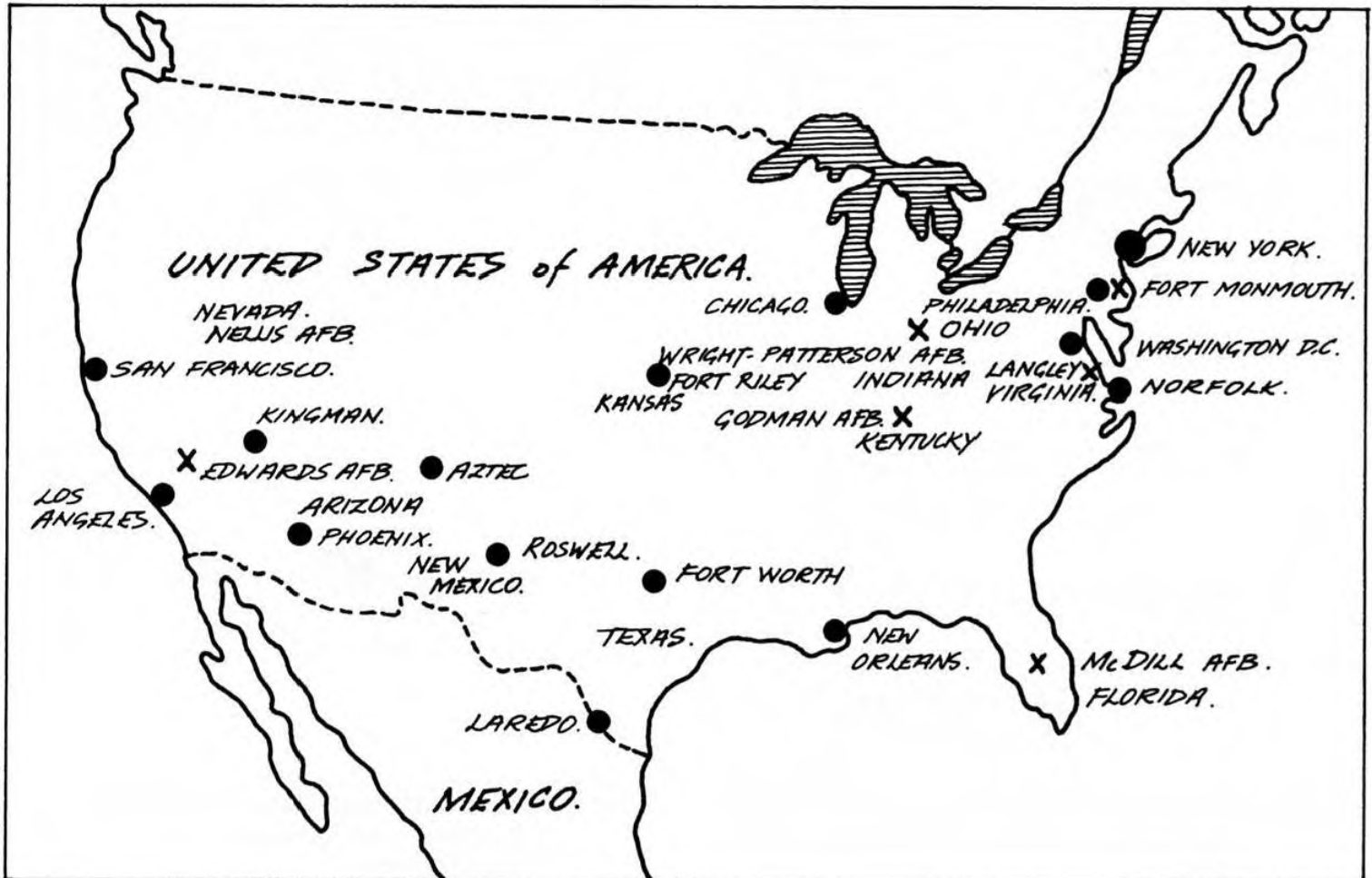
From the damaged craft, four humanoid bodies were recovered with great difficulty because of the inability to penetrate the craft's metal structure. The deceased bodies were found badly burned, some parts so severely that certain features were indistinguishable. However, the suits they wore — appearing silver — were not damaged by the obviously intense heat endured inside the craft. Said the General: "The suits were fused to the flesh."

M. S. said that, according to the General, the four bodies, approximately 5 feet in height, were sent to Wright-Patterson AFB, where General "T" had seen

them in a deep freeze morgue, kept at approximately 120 degrees below zero for preservation. The only other anatomical features described by General "T" were the heads of the aliens which, by human standards, were larger proportionately than the bodies. Facial features had been obliterated by the heat.

The craft? The General related that scientists assigned to the task of dismantling it ran into difficulty. To get inside they concentrated in an area where a fissure or crack had resulted, probably from impact. Shipment to Wright-Patterson, said the General, was by rail, properly camouflaged and classified as "rockets", and using two military rocket conveyance cars.

On another occasion, M.S., while a guest of General "T" at his home, and while they were alone, was shown a Top Secret document concerning a landed UFO. The incident had occurred at Nellis AFB, Nevada, in 1968, and M.S. expressed disbelief when he read the report. Stamped TOP SECRET, it read, in part: Large UFO hovered over Nellis AFB for three days. Three small alien craft were observed separating (or being ejected) from parent craft. One landed on the air base grounds. Sent to greet the landed craft was a Colonel escorted by a security detachment properly armed. There was no mention of any attempt to assault the craft. While waiting for a sign of intent, a humanoid was observed to disembark from the craft. He was described as "short and stocky." Then a beam of light was directed at the Colonel. The Colonel was instantly paralyzed, according to the report. Orders then came from the officer next in command for his troops of the security detachment to fire, but their weapons were mysteriously jammed. The Colonel was recovered and



hospitalized. The only recall by the Colonel, as M.S. remembers from the report, was that he could rationalize the event only in terms of mathematics, as though an attempt at communications was conducted in this manner. The UFO was observed to retreat to its parent craft which then departed.

Comment

I made a check on General "T" at Wright-Patterson. They had no entry on his secret assignment there. However, a check at another air base through the Accounting and Finance Section, confirmed his existence. No address was released on grounds of the Privacy Act, but M.S. knew where the General was to make his residence after retirement.

Making a further check on the authenticity of the General, and on his knowledge of secret UFO reports, I checked with another Intelligence source and obtained additional corroborative information concerning the Nellis AFB incident.

ABSTRACT XX: Tough line by a General at the site of a landed UFO

"Your book, *Situation Red, The UFO Siege*, really did it," said A.K. calling me from California on June 19, 1978. "It convinced me that I should tell my story to you about a UFO that landed, or maybe crashed, at Fort Riley, Kansas."

Needless to say, I was eager to hear A.K.'s story. He, of course, asked to keep his name confidential because he recalled a warning from a general who was at the scene of the landing, that he would have his "expletives" shot off if he talked.

The incident occurred on a crisp, cold night in November, 1964. At 2.00 a.m., A.K., a PFC on guard duty at the Motor Pool, and three other army personnel of the 1st Division on regular guard duty, were summoned

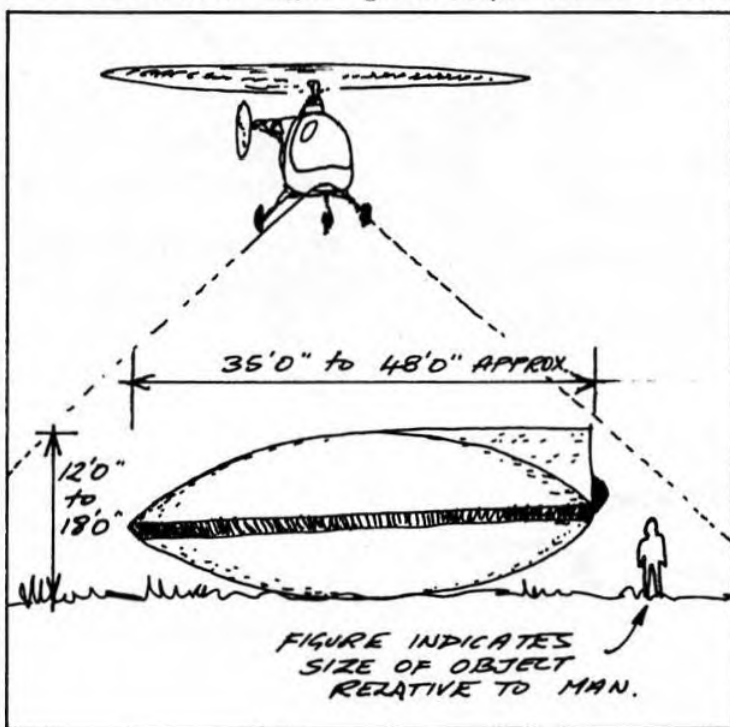


Figure 1: Front view of object under helicopter's lights at Fort Riley, Kansas, November 1964.

by the officer of the day, Lieut. H., to join him by vehicle to a remote area on the base described as a training area in Camp Forsythe, which is part of the Fort Riley complex. On departure for the area he was issued an extraclip for his M14 rifle.

"I was scared," admitted A.K. "In fact, I'm trembling right now as I'm telling you this." I told A.K. that I was aware of a number of UFO landings and crashes on or near military installations and that he could trust me to keep his name confidential.

After driving a good distance, Lieut. H. parked his vehicle alongside the road. He, A.K., and the other guards were ordered to hike about a half mile across an open flat field. Ahead of him A.K. could see the searchlight beam from a Huey helicopter playing down on the field. It was focussed on a large round object resting on the ground. PFC A.K. and his comrades stood shocked. He remembers he shouted, "God Damn" a flying saucer!"

Already on the scene were about 10 army personnel of various ranks, including a Major General. Promptly, A.K. was asked for his ID and given a direct order by the General to patrol the grounded craft by circling around it and to "shoot anyone if they tried to force their way to the craft." At the same time PFC A.K. was sharply admonished to keep the incident secret said A.K.: "When I was in the Army, and a General told you something, you obeyed!"

The lone Huey chopper flew continuously overhead while certain personnel on hand checked the object with instruments, and maintained communication by field radio with headphones. Nearby a 5-ton truck was parked with lights off. On two occasions, according to A.K., the Huey chopper flew over parts of the field as though looking for other evidence. When the Huey was away, a "deathly quiet" prevailed. "It was eerie!" said A.K.

On several occasions during his 2½ hours of guard

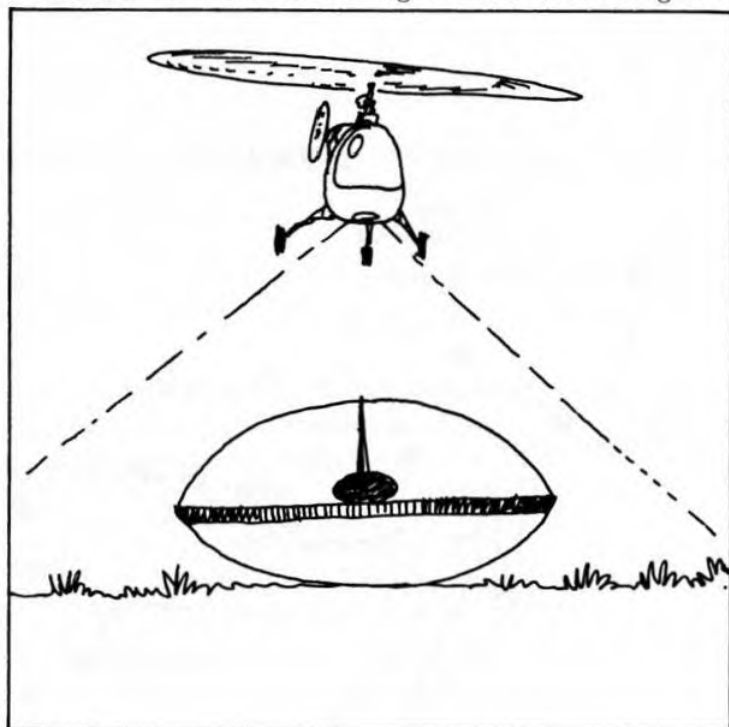


Figure 2: Same object as seen from viewing point 90° removed from first position.

duty, said A.K., he got close to the metallic craft. "The air was much warmer when I got close," he added.

The grounded UFO, which had impacted into the soil and stood at a tilt, was approximately 35 to 48 feet in diameter and 12 to 18 feet in height. It was perfectly round, shaped like a hamburger bun. In the middle, or at the equator, of its smooth aluminium-like surface, was a black band made up of squares, each jutting out about 10 inches. A.K. could not determine if the squares were windows, or what purpose they served. The only protruding part on the UFO, said A.K., was a fin-like device, and beneath it an aperture which may have been an exhaust unit.

The UFO was not lighted, and A.K. sensed no vibrations from its power system and smelled no odours. "It was dead," he said. Asked about recovery of occupants from the craft, he replied, "Sorry to disappoint you, but I was not aware of any life inside the craft, or if any bodies were taken out of it later."

"The next morning," said A.K., "I had a headache, but this was probably caused by the excitement and fatigue." He went on to say that he heard from other sources on the Army base that UFOs were sighted in the area prior to the landing. He recalls no details.

A.K., on my request, sent me two drawings of the grounded UFO showing rear and front views. The drawings also show the Huey helicopter hovering over the UFO (See figures 1 and 2).

Comment

A.K. was unable to determine if the UFO had crashed or landed, but from his observation of the craft for 2½ hours, he believed that it had probably malfunctioned and was immobilized. He was unable to learn more details about the incident from the local military base, and was too frightened by the General's threats to bring the matter up. With the presence of a helicopter and a large truck, it is my belief that the craft was hauled away in secrecy and with it, perhaps, the occupants.

I checked further with an Intelligence source who was "aware" of the incident.

Since my phone conversation with A.K. I have received a tape from him recording his experience, and a signed letter. The tape was available for public hearing during the MUFON Symposium.

ABSTRACT XXI: Notes on the UFO retrieval organisation

On June 29, 1978, my son-in-law Jeffrey Sparks, Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts at St. Leo's College, Dade City, Florida, informed me that he had talked with a person who had witnessed the alien humanoids at Wright-Patterson AFB in 1966. According to my son-in-law, his contact holds a responsible position in a financial capacity with a private firm in Tampa, and had formerly served in Military Intelligence. He gave me the person's name, and where he could be reached.

On July 5, 1978, I talked with Mr. J.K. at length concerning his functions in military Intelligence; what he had observed at Wright-Patterson AFB, and many other aspects of crashed alien craft. He also referred to the computer bank, or "dump file" which contains secret information about UFOs dating back to 1948.

J.K. who served in Nike Missile Air Intelligence (ADCAP), gave me the following data:—

1. He observed nine deceased alien bodies preserved in deep freeze conditions under well-lighted, thick glass enclosures. The bodies were short in stature, about four feet in height. They appeared, under the lighting, to have a grey skin tone. The research area, where the bodies were preserved, was under heavy guard, inside and out. **He was told while viewing the subjects that 30 bodies were held in preservation at that time at the air base.**

2. He did not himself see alien craft stored at Wright-Patterson, but was told that such craft were on the base. He was also told that an alien craft was held at Langley AFB, and another at McDill AFB in Florida.

3. He knew of three key areas in the 1960's where certain secret UFO operations were conducted other than at Wright-Patterson AFB. Bases cited were Langley, Avon Bombing Range — a part of the McDill AFB complex near Sebring, Florida, and at Seymour-Johnson, a Navy Training Center in Norfolk, Virginia.

4. At certain military bases, highly trained mobilized units were in a constant "ready" state for dispatch to any area in the U.S.A. to recover downed or crashed UFOs.

5. During the Vietnam crisis, during J.K.'s tenure of service (1966-68) five crashes of UFOs occurred in the Tri-State area of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. There was one known incident of retrieval of three alien bodies. During this latter incident there occurred an alleged shooting with the alien forces by our military units. This was triggered by the uncertainty of the aliens' intent. Hostility was presumed, said J.K. Neither the location nor the time of these incidents were disclosed.

6. Said J.K.: "Since 1948, secret information concerning UFO activity involving the U.S. military has been contained in a computer center at Wright-Patterson. At this base a master file, written in computer language, is maintained with duplicate support backup files secreted at other military installations." Said J.K.: "Get the complete 'file dump,' both the master and the support backup files, and you've got all the hidden UFO data."

Comment

Obviously, the UFO files available to the public at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., do not reveal the hard facts regarding UFO military cases. With regard to J.K.'s disclosure regarding military units subject to dispatch to UFO retrieval areas, I have been aware from other military sources that special forces have been maintained for emergency situations such as UFO retrievals, or other conditions, including riots, etc. These special forces, known as "Blue Berets," can operate secretly and effectively by using "diversionary tactics" to prevent public interference. Such diversions include the creation of power blackouts.

ABSTRACT XXII: Biological data relating to retrieved alien bodies

This abstract concerns limited biological data, on alien humanoids which, according to reliable informants, are held in cryogenic preservation at Wright-Patterson AFB, and at certain medical institutions in the USA where special examinations were conducted. Because this information treats a sensitive area within the framework

of secrecy, names of the medical centers, and the identity of the informants will be withheld.

Data mentioned in several of the previous abstracts have been correlated to establish only a general anatomical configuration of the alien beings. Needless to say, the general features of the alien are akin to Earth's *Homo Sapiens*; that is to say, the alien has a head, torso, arms, hands, and it is bipedal. There, the likeness ends. From anonymous medical and military sources the following composite or general data were obtained:—

1. The approximate height of the alien humanoid is 3½ to 4½ feet. One source approximated 5 feet.

2. The head, by human standards, is large when compared with the size of the torso and limbs. (See figure 3).

3. The facial features show a pair of eyes described variously as large, sunken or deep set; far apart, or distended more than human; slightly slanted, appearing "Oriental" or "Mongoloid."

4. No ear lobes or flesh extending beyond apertures on each side of the head.

5. Nose is vague. Aperture or nares are indicated with slight protuberance. One, or two, nares have been mentioned.

6. Mouth indicated as a small "slit" or fissure. In some instances, no mouth described. Mouth appears not to function as a means for communication or as orifice for food ingestion.

7. Neck, described as being thin; in some instances, not being visible because of the garment in that section of body.

8. Hair. Some observers describe the humanoids as hairless, some say that the pate shows a slight fuzz. Bodies are described as hairless.

9. Torso. "Small and thin" fits the general description. In many instances the body was observed wearing a garment. From medical authorities: no comment. No abdominal navel indicated.



Figure 3: Alien humanoid head, drawn by L. Stringfield and based on witness descriptions.

10. Arms are described as long and thin and reaching down to the knees.

11. Hands: Four fingers, no thumb. Two fingers longer than others. Some observers have seen finger nails while others said no nails. A webbed effect between fingers was noted by three authoritative observers (See figure 4).

12. No description available of legs or feet.

13. Skin description is *not* green, thank you! It is grey, according to most observers. Some claim beige, tan, brown, tannish or pinkish grey, and one said it looked almost "bluish grey" under deep freeze lights. In one instance, the bodies were charred to a dark brown.

14. Teeth unknown. No data from dental authorities.

15. Reproductive organs. This biological region is "sensitive" or, to qualify a point, "secret." One observer claims no male or female organs were identified. No phallus, no womb. In my non-professional judgement, the absence of sexual organs suggests that some of the aliens, and perhaps all, do not reproduce as does *Homo Sapiens* or, that some of the bodies studied are produced perhaps by a system of cloning, or other unknown means.

16. In some incidents of retrieval, the humanoids appear to be "formed out of a mould," or sharing identical biological characteristics.

17. Brain capacity. Unknown.

18. Blood. Liquid is prevalent, but not blood as we know it.

19. Sustenance for existence. No food or water intake is known. No food found on craft in one known retrieval. No alimentary canal or rectal area described.

20. Humanoid types. Unknown. Descriptive variations of anatomy may be no more diverse than those known among Earth *Homo Sapiens*. Other alien types, reportedly varying in range from human to more grotesque configurations are unknown to me. Speculatively, if these types exist, they may have their origins in other solar sys-

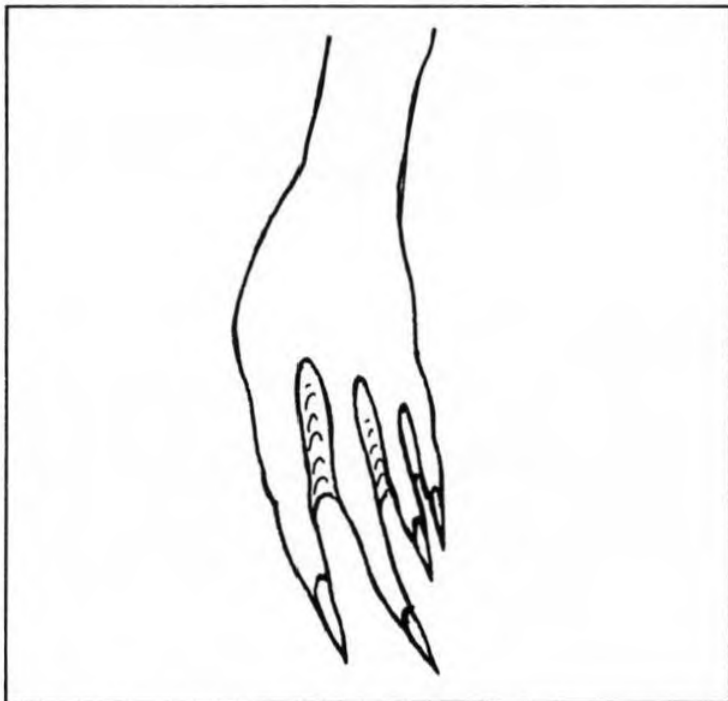


Figure 4: Alien humanoid hand, drawn by L. Stringfield and based on witness descriptions.

tems or have roots on different planets within one solar system.

21. I know of the names of two major medical centres in the Eastern United States where continuing specialized intensive research is conducted on deceased alien bodies. Other hospitals, where research reportedly has been conducted, are in Indiana, Illinois, Texas, Southeastern and Western USA.

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SUMMARY

It is beyond the scope of this paper to deal with all the stories and rumours of stories — each alleging the occurrence of a UFO crash, with or without occupants, and its subsequent hush-hush military retrieval — which find their way to me.

As of July 20, 1978, for the record, I am aware of more than 50 sources who bear information relative to the subject of retrievals or storage of alien craft, and/or the deceased alien humanoids recovered from the craft. From this number I have selected 22 of these sources whose testimony is reviewed in this paper. Most others lack sufficient data and a few have “dried up,” so to speak, out of fear of military reprisal or public ridicule.

Stories of long ago and as recently as 1977 clearly show that the USA is not the only territory in the world where UFOs and crews err in their tactical mission and crash to their doom.

On foreign soil we have a number of reported crashes. One allegedly occurred on the island of Spitzbergen in 1952 with the craft said to have been recovered secretly by Norwegian military authorities.

Another report of a UFO crash and retrieval, was contained in a special dispatch from the late columnist Dorothy Kilgallon (datelined May 23, 1955, London, England, INS) as follows: “British scientists and airmen, after examining the wreckage of one mysterious flying ship, are convinced that these strange aerial objects are flying saucers from another planet. The source of my information is a British official of Cabinet rank. He told me: ‘We believe, on the basis of our inquiries thus far, that the saucers were staffed by small men — probably under four feet. It’s frightening, but there’s no denying that flying saucers are from another planet.’ This official quoted scientists as saying a flying ship of this type could not have been constructed on Earth. The British government, I learned, is withholding an official report on the flying saucer examination at this time, possibly because it does not want to frighten the public.”

Still other foreign reports in the past and of recent times tell of objects falling to Earth looking like fireballs, of objects exploding on impact. Many crashes have conventional explanations, but others do not, such as the circular craft that allegedly crashed in Nauta, Peru on November 11, 1975. This object, according to Robert Barry, measured 12’ 8” in diameter, and featured a strange metallic coating. Other reported crashes have occurred in Australia, May, 1976, in Mexico, August, 1977, and in Bolivia, May, 1978. One report of a UFO crash, with recovered humanoid occupants, stands out above the others. Occurring in 1953, a hundred miles outside of Johannesburg, South Africa, the incident prompted investigation by a US Air Force General. Larry Moyers, MUFON State Director of Ohio, uncovered the

case; I recently had it confirmed from an Intelligence source.

Perhaps the most significant of the reported foreign UFO crashes are those in the Communist World. My informant, Robert Barry, has learned from a reliable Intelligence source that Red China has two “downed” UFOs, one of which landed in water without occupants; and that there were two, possibly three crashes and retrievals in Russia.

In the USA, reports of UFO crash and retrievals continue through the 1970’s.

One recent incident, for example, not yet substantiated, came to light from reliable sources not to be named at this time as our search for data continues. This incident, allegedly occurring in the Spring of 1977 in a rural area of Southwestern Ohio, involves a landed craft, perhaps disabled, and a number of its occupants who engaged a military unit dispatched to the scene. Whatever happened during this Encounter of The Third Kind, the sketchy data we have thus far, suggests violence. Reportedly, eleven members of the US military detachment were either injured or killed. There was no word of alien casualties. The story is traceable through a handful of qualified researchers, then it stops at a dead end. Out of reach is a medical specialist who was supposedly called in by the military authorities to perform his expertise.

In the fall of 1977, I was approached by a Cincinnati researcher and told that he had learned from a source who worked at Wright-Patterson AFB that in the spring of 1977 military personnel had carried into a certain area on the base, several litters with alien bodies from an undisclosed location.

Perhaps in time, new data may turn up to give credence to one or both of these possibly connected stories. Indeed, a pitched land battle between US military and alien forces seems more like fantasy, but if true, then it would be reasonable to assume that the secrecy lid would come down hard on it! The effects from such a disclosure would certainly create more than a “cultural shock.”

Still another factor that has raised some questions concerns the geographical location of UFO crashes. In the USA, especially in the 1950’s, they have mainly occurred in the Western or Southwestern desert regions, where military experimental installations abound. Logically, one may ask, is the flying saucer a super secret US weapon? But the negative answers are overwhelming. As pointed out earlier, UFO crashes have occurred on foreign soil beyond the range of the US experimental aircraft. And, as known to all research, UFOs have repeatedly reconnoitered US and foreign military installations and other sensitive areas where they sometimes act in a menacing manner.

On the premise that humanoid aliens have been preserved in deep freeze conditions at Wright-Patterson AFB and at several medical centers for research, I believe it is safe to postulate that these entities associated with the UFO are physical and are not an apparition from another dimension. My point here is not to derogate the theory of extradimensional entities, for there is much evidence to suggest that it, too, plays a part in the UFO mystery. It is beyond the scope of this paper to rationalize each and every kind of alien intruder during a live encounter. That subject belongs to my colleague, Ted Bloecher, who has made a scholarly study of that phase of research.

In summary, the information treated in this paper, while it may seem provocative to the media and to the average researcher, admittedly does not constitute the final proof that UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin. But, indeed, if my data from reliable and diverse sources are received with an objective and unbiased mind, then the extra-terrestrial hypothesis surely is strengthened.

It seems that, no matter how much some of us may want to disbelieve the data presented in the foregoing abstracts, it will be difficult to explain away the correlative physical similarities of the recovered humanoids.

Despite my long experience in UFO research, I must admit that I feel a sense of human uneasiness as vital data continues to reach me from responsible sources. As the pieces of the puzzle suddenly fall into place for me, each a corroborative clue, I realize — like a smack in the face — that our giant Intelligence community, both military and covert agencies, have — with very good reason — been sitting atop a real Pandora's Box.

I am not condoning the attitudes of our Intelligence forces, with their harsh and tricky actions, or their methods of suppressing the hidden facts for so many years, but I can now appreciate the problem they may have had in trying to find a reasonable way out of a real dilemma, to relate all the sobering data to a benighted world public. How, for instance, would the public react to a sudden official disclosure of even the scantiest details about the humanoids which I have released in this paper? And, the humanoid factor is just a small segment in the overall sobering UFO data.

And, there is still another sensitive aspect to consider:

The intent of the UFOs! It is my belief that our Intelligence community does not know the intent of the UFOs. For our government to suddenly make a major pronouncement releasing only the known data could pose some serious new risks for our society. In my opinion, to release part of the UFO story, while being unable to define the UFO's intent, could create an even greater concern in the unpredictable public mind.

Perhaps the human mind is ready to hear the truth. Our minds have survived in many hot wars, and a long cold war with the threat of nuclear destruction, plus all the social upheavals of the '60s and '70s. I believe we are ready for the truth.

Who are these other mortals whose imperfect craft have crashed onto the alien soil of Earth? From what other star system do they come where evolutionary life is not too different from our Earth's? Is there a missing link in our primaeval past, or lost in our archeological wonders, which may reveal a human kinship between us and them? I do not profess to know what secrets are locked away, nor the final answer to the UFO mystery, nor do I know what other great secrets may be hidden with the retrieved craft and deceased aliens.

Perhaps President Jimmy Carter knows these secrets, or some of them. Thus, my plea, here and now, is addressed to the President of the United States to give serious consideration to the testimony I have recorded in this paper. With his conscience as his guide, I trust that the President of the United States will tell this great nation, and the world, the truth about the greatest story of our time.

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PROJECTION OF HUMANOID IMAGES

The Holographic Explanation for the Physical Diversity of Encountered 'Aliens'

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WHILE studying the vast literature that deals with alleged encounters with 'aliens,' one cannot help but notice that literally dozens of physically different beings have been reported. This is, in fact, one of the main reasons why a wary eye is traditionally cast over this whole genre of the UFO problem, despite the existence of alarming evidence to support many of the claimants' stories.

Careful scrutiny of a large number of these reports, in books, magazines and news-sheets, and simultaneous studies in physics, have led me to devise a theory that makes the diversity of the entities a great deal easier to accept.

Though it was originally devised to explain a small number of encounters, it was soon found that by applying this theory one could explain many other, previously baffling, phenomena that are related to these cases.

To illustrate the theory I have selected some recorded cases which, because the choice is so vast, are taken largely from two books. These are *The Mothman Prophecies* by John A. Keel and *The Dyfed Enigma* by F. W. Holiday and Randall J. Pugh. Both books deal extensively with encounters of this kind.

The following account is from *The Mothman Prophecies* and concerns three American servicemen in Vietnam:—

"All of a sudden we all three looked out there into the sky and we saw this figure coming towards us . . . we saw what looked like wings . . . after it got close we could see it was a woman . . . she was black . . . but she glowed. She glowed in the night, a kind of greenish cast to her."

It was while viewing an exhibition of laser-beam holography in London's Royal Academy that I stopped before a perfect, life-size three-dimensional picture of the *Star Wars* robots, R2-D2 and C3-PO. The words from the above passage leapt into my mind. The parallels were so obvious that I gazed for a minute, almost stunned. The two robots were visually real, yet fantastic in appearance; they looked quite solid and metallic, the only thing that made their appearance slightly 'unreal' was the green glow that surrounded them, due to the green Argon laser that produced the image.

The Dyfed Enigma gives this account of a completely different 'alien,' but there is a linking factor:—

" . . . there was actually a man in a silver suit standing there. Well more of a monster, you could call it. It had a glow around the suit a glow round the edge of him."

The glow is mentioned in numerous cases, including

This article presents interesting speculations on the nature of the oft-reported humanoid images. Holographic images can, after all, be made by man, so it is reasonable to think that other possible alien intelligences could do likewise. The idea that some of the entities, or creatures, are projections of some kind or another, has been with us for a long time; there was speculation on that score, for example, in *The Humanoids* (first published in 1966), while the retreat to their craft of the entities at Valensole in 1965 was described in one report to have been by way of "bubbling" up beams of light. Again, holographic images have been "wondered about" by occasional writers, but this is the first organised study on the topic that has reached *Flying Saucer Review*.

However, the big question remains unsolved: who, or what, controls the projection of images?

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some of the classics of close encounter lore, though lengthy accounts are usually the only ones that mention a detail which, on the face of it, does not seem very significant. Perhaps it is more significant than we assume.

Before going further it is necessary to explain some of the characteristics of holography at its present state in our world.

We now have the capability to project, into open space, a *visually* solid object. All that is needed is a beam (not necessarily a laser), and the transparent plate which 'contains' the image, and which need not be as large as the image produced. The recording of the image does require a laser, as this is the purest form of light available, and its production is relatively simple, even by human scientists. Depending on the method of recording and reproduction, two types of image can be created, those that can be seen by looking into the plate—virtual images, and those that appear in the air in front of the plate—real images. It is the latter that we are interested in. At present we cannot produce colour images, but researchers predict that this will be possible very soon.

Russian scientists have already produced the world's first 'holographic movie.' It is therefore easy to see that if we are dealing with aliens, who are sufficiently ahead of us to have developed the neat mode of transport that confuses us so much, there is a good chance that holography is an everyday thing in their lives, and has been for a long time, and that they can manipulate it as we manipulate photography.

Here now is a list of various close encounter-related phenomena, explained in terms of this holographic theory.

1 . Humanoids are variously described as having either a white glow or a coloured glow

It was noticed that the beings with coloured glows were either black (e.g. the 'batwoman' case just mentioned) or metallic (e.g. the 'Hopkinsville Robots' — said to have been accompanied by a yellowish glow). These were probably laser-projected one-colour holograms. This variety is particularly good if a high degree of illumination is required. One can speculate that in these two cases the 'projectionists' were some distance away, so they needed this method to produce good images. (Another point of the Hopkinsville case was that repeated gun shots only 'bounced off' the robots, leaving not the slightest mark. Perhaps if the unfortunate Suttons had thrown something more substantial, they would have noticed it *passing through* the 'robots,' leaving no mark whatsoever, not bouncing off, as they assumed the bullets could only be doing.)

Those beings reported as having a white glow were often more than one colour. This is exactly what we should expect. A coloured hologram can only be projected with a white beam. Our own scientists are at present experimenting with the white light of Krypton lasers and plates heavily coated with photographic emulsions.

In the Dyfed case previously mentioned, the humanoid was observed directly outside a window, from the inside. A strong beam of white light from above would produce such an image, and the source would have been completely out of sight (the beam of light projecting the image must be spread, so it would not be visible, as a normal laser beam).

2 . Humanoids are frequently observed as 'gliding' across the ground, rather than walking

Once again this is exactly what we should expect. Obviously more complex apparatus is required to produce moving images, but it is very simple to move the image in its entirety, while the 'being' itself does not move any part of its body. The effect produced would be that of the humanoid gliding. What is significant about the number of the 'gliding' reports is that the being itself remains in a fixed stance; this is what we should expect if the alien is a simple static image, of the sort we have developed.

3 . Humanoids are usually completely silent

Obviously if the alien is merely a picture, it will make no sound. Though we can speculate that if an effective deception is to be created, as would be the intention, some sounds should be supplied (and also odours) to complete the picture of a solid being.

This being said, we would expect the sound to be vague, one that could be heard, but its origin not detected. In this way a humanoid would appear to make a noise that in fact originated from some other point. An observer, hearing a strange sound and simultaneously seeing an extraordinary being would at once connect the two. What sort of sound would we expect? Well, a buzz, hum or whistle would be ideal . . . and this is exactly what is reported. (The unusual smells that are so often reported

during these sightings would serve exactly the same purpose.)

4 . Many cases have been recorded of beings that were partially invisible

A recent case of this sort was documented in *The Dyfed Enigma*. A truck driver and passenger, on a road near Carmarthen, observed two silver suited entities at the roadside. They were around seven feet tall, stood quite still, but appeared to have no legs.* In a similar case, also mentioned in the same book, a witness stated definitely that she saw grass through the area where the entity's legs should have been. In both cases the creatures 'stood' in long grass; conveniently enough cases of this sort nearly always occur in heavily-foliaged areas.**

Consider what would happen if the projecting beam were partially obscured: of course part of the image would disappear. This obscuring of part of the beam might be done intentionally to add to the strangeness of an encounter. I find that the way this previously completely baffling phenomenon is so readily explained in terms of holography, is one of the greatest points in favour of the theory.

5 . Humanoids have been observed to vanish and reappear

Arthur Shuttlewood documents a typical case of this sort in *The Flying Saucers*:—

“. . . to his vision, the trio of transparent giants made a perfect pyramid or triangle before him . . . Neil shone his hand-torch at one of the figures. Immediately the giant disintegrated — vanished — only to reappear at another spot nearer the watcher.”

What happens if the beam is switched off? Obviously the image — the alien — vanishes. If the plate is slightly moved, and then reilluminated, the being will reappear at a different position. There have also been cases of beings appearing suddenly in roads even being noiselessly 'struck' by cars. The shocked driver always stops the car, goes back, and finds nothing. On the surface of it, this appears to be a cruel practical joke, or a test of the sort a human scientist might do on a laboratory rat.

6 . Entities have been observed 'standing' high above the ground, in mid air

In 1977 in Pembrokeshire, a sixty-four year old man reported seeing a "Man in a silver boiler suit" suspended in a free-fall parachutist position in the sky above his home. A glowing object was stationary in the sky a little further away.

In 1966 a school teacher in Ohio reported seeing a glistening metal disc accompanied by a silver-suited entity who was 'standing' in mid-air, some distance away from the stationary craft.

Creating encounters like this would be a simple matter: as long as the projecting beam remains unobstructed, the image can be formed literally anywhere.

7 . One of the widest reported physiological after-effects of encounters not involving actual physical contact, is 'klieg conjunctivitis'

This is a swelling and irritation that affects the area around the eyes, rather like having grains of sand in ones'

eyes but not being able to remove them. A known cause of klieg conjunctivitis is over exposure of the eyes to short-wavelength or ultra-violet light. If the projecting beam is composed of a wide band of different wavelengths of light (as might be expected if a colour image was required), it is possible that ultra-violet light might also be included. Ultra-violet is invisible to human eyes and cannot be detached if the source is not seen. A very similar condition is caused by exposure of the eyes to the light of a welding torch for several minutes. If high intensity light of this sort were used to illuminate the hologram then temporary eye damage might indeed result.

John Keel reports one such case in *The Mothman Prophecies* — the victim, one Connie Carpenter, saw the “mothman” while driving home past a golf course one night. The glowing red eyes of the creature attracted her attention in particular. Soon after the encounter Connie Carpenter’s eyes became reddened, watery and swollen shut.

Other phenomena readily explained by this theory are the facts that tracks or traces are seldom found when these encounters are investigated — a ‘light picture’ would leave no tracks — and that scorch marks *are* occasionally found. We have no way of knowing which types of intensities of beams the ‘aliens’ might use. (We have beams that will burn through steel plate in a fraction of a second, though of course, these are not used for holography). ‘They’ might use a powerful beam of light to produce an image on the ground from high in the air. If this was done the image would be particularly bright, and evidence of exposure to heat found afterwards. The glowing men encountered at Dyfed had exactly these characteristics, a rose bush adjacent to the window at which the creature appeared being scorched, and paint apparently blistered on the sill and walls around the window.

As a good example of a case which involves many of the phenomena which have been explained, take the case of the Flatwoods Monster, which few books dealing with ‘alien encounters’ fail to mention.

It is one of those encounters which are so fantastic that they are put down to fertile imagination.

On September 12, 1952, a glowing object was seen by a group of children as it landed in a wood, on a hilltop at Flatwoods, West Virginia. The children alerted their mother, Mrs. Kathleen May, and, together with a national guardsman, Gene Lemon, they all set out to investigate.

It was dark, and Lemon illuminated their way through the brush with a torch. Suddenly they encountered the thing that later became known as the Flatwoods Monster. The group were seized with terror and, naturally, fled. But in the short period of time they observed the thing the following points were noticed and later agreed upon by the witnesses:

(i) It was truly a monster, immense in stature, with a blood-red face, greenish eyes and ‘terrible claws.’

(ii) It was accompanied by a sickening, sulphurous odour.

(iii) It was silent.

(iv) In the words of the witnesses — “It didn’t really walk, it just moved. It moved evenly. It didn’t jump.”

(v) Only a head, arms and body were observed, the witnesses didn’t notice any legs.

In this case it appears that the being was projected from the craft that had been seen earlier, and was seen by the witnesses at the same time as they encountered the monster. This time it was on the ground and some distance away from the creature they took to be its pilot. Thick brush meant that the beam was obscured below waist height, rendering the legs ‘invisible.’ The image was moved by ‘panning’ the projecting beam; pungent gas was emitted to enhance the encounter. Possibly, the projection was employed to keep people away from the (maybe unpowered) craft which was, at that time, in a particularly vulnerable position. Perhaps the creators of the craft were reluctant to employ a defence system that might do physical harm to the fragile subjects of their observations.

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From the study of the vast UFO literature, we know that the creators of these objects (should they exist) are highly advanced in light technology. It is certain that their expertise in the field of holography is at a comparable stage of development to our expertise in photography. It is also certain that they can manipulate light in ways which we, as yet, do not understand. They can project straight laser-like beams and terminate them in air, at any required length; they illuminate their craft in a way which is totally unknown to us, but which suggests self-luminosity, an effect which we cannot produce without using heat, or electricity to ionise gases; they have immersed human victims in immensely powerful light, apparently as a means of examining them in detail, without making physical contact; they have allegedly used it for *instantaneously* inducing a trance-like state in human-beings, *against the will* of the person involved (our hypnotists require a sort of mental cooperation in order to induce a trance); recently we’ve had a report of an ‘alien’ making holes in the ground with some sort of hand-torch; the list could go on for pages.

I am reasonably certain that a large number of the ‘humanoid’ cases, especially the ones involving more monster-like beings, can be explained in terms of holography. We must assume that the remaining, more manlike beings, the ones that *do* leave boot-prints, pass on ludicrous messages to ‘contactees,’ and harass UFO investigators, are also the ones that throw the switches.

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Notes

* Readers of FSR will recall that this case was reported in detail by the late F. W. Holiday in FSR Vol. 24, No. 1 (published June 1978) under the title “Did Humanoids kill these men?” — EDITOR

** Some readers will also remember the remarkable affair of Oscar Iriart of Sierra Chica, Olavarria, Argentina who encountered entities with semi-transparent legs; a case which also included a bizarre message, a UFO and paralysis. See “A new South American Wave” by Gordon Creighton in FSR Vol. 14, No. 5 (Sept.-Oct. 1968) — EDITOR

A TERRIBLE NIGHT IN SPAIN

J. Mateos Nogales, et al

This is a report of an investigation conducted by the author, together with M. Filpo Cabana, G. Andreu de los Santos and A. Moya Cerpa on behalf of Centro de Estudios Interplanetarios (C.E.I.) of Barcelona, and published in *Stendek* Vol.8, 35, March 1979. We are grateful to the Editor and Consultative Committee of C.E.I. for permission to reprint this interesting material. Translation from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton.

GERENA is a town in the Province of Sevilla, and one where UFO sightings are quite frequent, though why this should be so we have of course no idea.* Maybe the town has some special attraction for them; maybe it is some sort of hypothetical obligatory point via which those objects, the UFOs — or whatever they are — have to pass. or maybe again, as one of our good friends has suggested, they are drawn to the place by the activities of the ufological groups and field investigation groups in the region? Who knows? Anyway, whatever the reason, very many Gerena people have seen UFOs, ranging from the most “normal” of sightings right through to the most incredible sorts.

Gerena lies 30 kms. north-west of Seville, at Latitude 37° 30 N. and Longitude 6° 10 W. The Sevilla-Extremadura-Madrid National Highway passes at a distance of some five kilometres to the east of the town.

The events which we are about to describe occurred at a spot lying in the direction of the highway and at about 3½ kilometres from Gerena, very near to a farm called *El Esparragal*. The area comprises mostly cultivated crops, and is fairly flat, with a few low hills around it. The eyewitnesses were working at the time in a field of cotton.

First reports

We first heard about this case five years after it had happened. But that is of no importance. As somebody has remarked — and very pertinently — “We ufologists aren’t journalists,” and a case can be of the highest possible interest quite regardless of the date when it occurred.

As has happened with most of the cases that we have investigated, it was J. Mateos Nogales who learnt first of this incident, and contacted one of the witnesses and fixed an interview with him for Saturday, September 9, 1978. However, for reasons beyond our control we were not able to be there at the time and place agreed upon, so our witness went with his wife to the cinema. We had to wait a couple of hours after that before we could have a chat with him, but we think the effort was well worth the wait. When we were comfortably settled down with the witness we made a tape recording of the whole interview concerning his extraordinary experience.

After playing the whole interview over, we decided against following our usual course of publishing the witness’s words exactly as recorded, owing to the large number of regionalisms and colloquialisms in the speech

of our peasants in this part of Spain, which would have made the account difficult to understand for people in other parts of the country. We decided therefore to edit the story and put it in the third person, naturally keeping strictly to the statements made.

The eyewitnesses

The eyewitnesses in this case totalled seven in all. Of these, we were able to find only one, Don Antonio Fernández González, now a family man in his thirties, but a bachelor at the time of the occurrence. According to him, the other people who were with him on the night in question were: David González Cadaval, Francisco Barrera, Antonio Palomo (since deceased), all three from Gerena. Of the remaining three, he remembers the names of only two, one being Francisco and the other Ventura, from the neighbouring districts of Las Pajanosas and Guillena. Our colleague Joaquín Mateos knows the three eyewitnesses from Gerena very well personally, and assures us that they are reliable individuals and completely deserving of trust.

The Sighting

It happened on a Saturday in the middle of August of 1973, at between 3.30 a.m. and 4.00 a.m. The event has remained well engraved in the memory of Antonio Fernández González. And in our opinion it is not surprising that this should be so.

The seven men were engaged in watering the cotton crop, using sprays. There were also seven others engaged on the work with them, but these other seven were elsewhere on the farm at the time.

They were working in pairs, on a twelve-hour shift, from 8.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m. They had been out in the field and had given the first spraying, starting at 8.00 p.m. and ending at 10.00 p.m. Then, at 2.00 a.m., they set out once more from the farm to give the cotton plants their second watering, which would last until 4.00 a.m. Finally, at 8.00 a.m., they would go over the whole field once more to check the sprays and see that none of them were blocked up, and that would end their twelve-hour stint.

When the happening took place it was possibly just a little after 3.30 a.m. during the Saturday night in question, and our eyewitness, together with David González, was moving along a row of sprays, extending



The scene in the cotton field, from the cover of the Spanish magazine *Stendek*.

over a distance of some 300 metres or so, adjusting and directing the direction of the jets. Each of them carried a powerful electric torch (4 batteries) producing a long strong beam of light. While one was doing the adjusting of the irrigation jets the other would hold the torch for him, and so they went on, taking it in turns.

As Sr. Antonio Fernández González was stepping along between the rows of cotton plants on the upper part of the field, he saw a white light coming down the side of a low hill in the far distance. He stopped and observed this light very carefully. Thirty paces from him (thirty paces being the distance between one row of irrigation sprays and the next) were Francisco Barrera and David González. He asked them if they had noticed "that thing," and they replied that yes, they had, and that maybe it was the lights of one of the cars of a party of hunters coming into the area.

But our man thought it was "too much light" to be from a car.

They carried on working, and continued to watch the light. The sooner they finished the job, the more time they would have for resting a bit before the final inspection at 8.00 a.m. Meanwhile the light was coming nearer, and they were starting to get worried: "It gives me the creeps!" remarked one of them.

Our man sat down on the water pipeline, and all of them carried on trying to find some satisfactory explanation for the light. "It's coming much closer," said one, "and it's not a car, nor is it a 'plane. It is higher than a car would be, and an aeroplane wouldn't be so low."

They were all worried. One man a bit further away from the rest of the party, shouted: "It's one of those flying saucers that people are talking about!"

"Yes — that's it", said Antonio Fernández. "That's it. A flying saucer! Can't you see it is"

The light was drawing steadily nearer, moving very close to the ground, blindingly bright if you tried to look at it. Our witness, knowing not a thing about "flying

saucers" or such matters, threw himself down full length in the mud between the rows of cotton, and his mates hastened to do likewise.

And the weird object passed right over them, flying very close to the ground.

It is hard to give the chronological sequence for all that our witness told us, as it came out piece-meal, with elements from the start and the middle and the end of the experience all mixed up. The terror experienced at the time, and the passage of five years since, have tended to blur things, but we have tried here to give the over-all gist of his statements.

The sky was completely clear and full of stars and lit by the waning Moon. The UFO came from the North-West, flew around and to and fro above the eyewitnesses, and moved off towards Las Pajanosas in the north-east, but then returned and passed over the terrified farm-workers once more.

The UFO, when seen from a distance, had the shape of an eye, or of a plate upside down, but seen from below it was completely round, as they were able to see as it passed just a few metres above their heads.

Sr. Fernández told us that when it was overhead he did not dare look straight up at it, and so he did not see the red lights on its underside which were seen by David González who was lying buried in mud not far from him.

When the UFO was moving away they shouted to Antonio Palomo, who was some distance away from them, to ask if he was all right, because the UFO had stopped for a few minutes right above the place where he was, but there was no reply from him. Palomo was also buried deeply in the mire and unable to hear anything, as his appearance clearly showed when the others beheld him.

David González, who was the boldest, raised his head when the UFO was right over them, to see whether he could observe any people or any windows, but our witness told him to stop this, as otherwise "he would get his head snipped off." There was nothing to be heard from all the rest of the party. Every man of them was flat out in the mire formed from the soil of the field and the irrigation streams.

Each time the UFO moved away from them, they all got up and switched on their torches and began working again, as they were anxious to get the job of tending the jet-sprayers finished as quickly as possible in order to take a rest-break, and they carried on therefore like this until the UFO was once more back over their heads. *This happened a total of four or five times altogether, and the duration of the whole sighting was about twenty minutes.*

The witnesses noticed that, each time when they got to their feet after the UFO had moved away, there was a sort of white mist remaining there, so thick that they could not even see the stars in the sky. The mist quickly dispersed, but appeared again after every return visit by the UFO.

They noticed no peculiar odour of any sort (the cotton plants had of course as a normal routine been sprayed with insecticides) not did they notice any heat or any change of temperature.

The UFO made quite a loud noise — at least equal to that of a jet aircraft, but more drawn out. The brightness of the object was enormous. It lit up the whole field, and at one point David made the remark: "We ought to take advantage of the light to do the rest of the sprayers!"

The final pass that the UFO made over them was

fantastically low. So low in fact that one of the men felt sure it was going to flatten another who was a bit further on. The height of the cotton plants was about 60 cms, and the UFO grazed their tops as it went over.

When we asked how big the UFO was, Sr. Fernández said: "Its circumference was as big as a bull-ring. It was tremendous, I can't say precisely how big — but enormous."

According to our own investigations, it seems that the diameter of the UFO was about 35 metres or so — something that would indeed seem to have no limits when it is just a few centimetres above the top of your head!

The UFO halted briefly over a fence near where Antonio Palomo and one of the men from Las Pajanosas were working.

As the UFO moved away from them, Sr. Fernández could see, amid the dazzling glow from it, that the object was either metallic, or that it possessed something metallic.

When the UFO finally vanished, he was lying hidden in the cotton. When he got up again it was no longer to be seen, so he was unable to say in which direction it had gone.

Apart from the tremendous scare that it gave them at the time, the witnesses do not appear to have felt any secondary effects worthy of recording.

When they arrived back at the farm they awoke the whole household there to tell them about their experience. They were in such a state, encrusted with mud, that they had to take a dip in a water tank with their clothes still on.

The other party of seven workers, who were on another part of the farm, had observed nothing abnormal that night.

Said Sr. Fernández: "I worked at that farm for five or six years, but never had any further experiences of this sort. If I saw anything again and if it was afar off, I wouldn't be scared. But I don't want to have a close-up view like *that* again!"

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Some time later, when David González was returning home on his motor-bicycle after a visit to his girl friend, he had another experience with a big unidentified object which settled down right in the middle of the road and barred the way. He left the motor-bicycle beside the road and dashed back to his girl friend's house, and it seems that she too was able to observe the departure of the object when it took off. This latter case (which was mentioned to us by Don Antonio Fernández González in the course of his statement) was already known to us.

Translator's Note

*It is indeed a fact that a remarkable number of UFO reports come from Gerena, Sevilla, and those areas of Andalucía. For example, a brief look back through FSR for the past few years yields the following, all from that part of Spain:—

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THE GREAT UFO ENIGMA

Some thoughts on interesting points made in a new book

Charles Bowen

IT is always an agreeable experience to read a new book on a side of the UFO phenomenon which has been carefully investigated and researched. Such a book is **The Dyfed Enigma**, by **Randall Jones Pugh** and **F. W. Holiday**,* which was inspired by the mass of UFO and humanoid incidents which were reported in the south western corner of Wales during 1977.

Very much in the book's favour is the fact that its authors each lived and worked in the area for a great part of their lives, Pugh as a veterinary surgeon, and Holiday as a writer and a regular columnist with *The Western Mail*. They knew the country and the people very well, and the idea of chronicling and commenting on the remarkable series of events, came to them early on in the wave. That much I gathered from correspondence with them, and the occasional telephone conversation; I knew too, thanks to the valuable contributions made by each of them to *Flying Saucer Review*, that with Holiday's skilful and fluent professionalism, and Pugh's easy style, we could expect a well-written book, which is just what it turned out to be. We are lucky that the arrival on the West Wales scene of paperback writers did not pressure them into trying to force the pace. Unhappily, however, poor Ted Holiday did not live to see the book published; he died on February 23, 1979.

Some of the book's recorded events have already been dealt with in FSR but now, in *The Dyfed Enigma*, they appear usually with enhanced detail, and often with new details. Furthermore they can now be appreciated in the true context as part of the on-going phenomenon in the region. Nevertheless there are also many cases which will be new to FSR readers, like the report of a "space ship" seen, at 3.00 a.m. one morning, hovering just above a window of a house in Milford Town, while a small humanoid figure stood on the window sill. There was also the unnerving double encounter of a lady driving home from Carmarthen to Ferryside on the River Towy, who was greeted in a most unaccustomed manner by her three dogs, one of which went on to suffer strange (psychological?) effects. Again, there was the case of a humanoid figure seen close to a sewage works at Herbrandston. There are many more besides these to whet the reader's appetite.

Study of, and speculation about the recorded phenomena is to be found in two chapters. The first of these, No. 6, is entitled "The ley correlation." To my way of thinking the leys shown in the example maps are largely unconvincing 2-point lines, and on that basis the locations of UFO sightings could be said to be correlated with almost any straight line (= the shortest distance between two points) connecting ancient works, tumuli, knapps, standing stones and various antiquities, anywhere in the country.

The other chapter is No. 8, "Is there a 'Goblin Universe'?" After making a valid point — based on reported reactions to the phenomena — that there is "something apparently objective and external . . ." the authors state that there is no evidence that the extraordinary (UFO) activity comes from outer space "even though this is a view widely popular among cultists." Further on we find that "according to folklore such (*objective and external*) activity was not associated with space and the stars; but rather with supra-dimensions of being which are today conveniently categorised as 'the paranormal'." Again: "The notion that UFOs are 'visiting' the earth on some explorative venture strikes us as simplistic in the extreme. If such assumption is made, the evasive nature of UFO-human contacts seems entirely illogical."

The authors pursue their interesting argument through several pages and suggest eventually that there *is* a "Goblin Universe," and that all instances of the phenomenon could be a result of the tricks played by elemental beings on human observers, appearing throughout the decades, indeed throughout the centuries. And, as John Keel has written before, the frames of reference in which the manifestations are witnessed, have always kept just ahead of the state of knowledge and technology existing at the time of the manifestation.

Naturally there will be many — and not only "cultists" — who will challenge this argument. For instance, it could be said that it is equally hard to believe that there is any evidence that the extraordinary UFO activity is manipulated by elemental beings despite the fact that (*p.143*) "work over the last thirty years by parapsychologists in various countries into such phenomena as telepathy and precognition gives ground for supposing that . . . a supra-dimension, or dimensions, may indeed exist." Over the years contributors to FSR have pondered the existence of parallel universes and the possibility that they could be the source of the enigmatic UFO visitants. Nevertheless we have not lost sight of the fact that work over the last thirty years by astronomers in various countries gives ground for supposing that a plurality of star systems with life-bearing planets may indeed exist. Should but one of these have developed a civilisation of some sort, with a technology well in advance of ours (and therefore, in Arthur C. Clarke's words, like magic to us) it could, provided it had located us, monitor our earth's development either directly, or perhaps by long-distance orbiting probe, and use all manner of techniques, even illogical to us, should it be studying human reactions.

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Such an alien observer could have a vested interest in what goes on down here, in our ecology, in the progressive pollution and subsequent deterioration of our environment, in our systematic destruction, with defoliants and the bulldozer, of our sources of oxygen, and in this he/it would be no different from the elemental "ufonauts" postulated by Pugh and Holiday. Indeed any extraterrestrial alien in earth's vicinity could be just as deeply interested as elementals in the chance of us all ending up with a bang.

There being no proof that either of these possibilities is the correct one — and the generally derided illogicalities

of the "contactees" and their messages are rarely considered as proof — then we are faced with the perennial UFO enigma, uneasily aware that there is still no knowledge regarding the stimulus that triggers the manifestations of the phenomenon, and that everything remains a matter of speculation. Accordingly we feel it better to keep all options open for, after all, it has been suggested that there could well be more than one stimulus with, perhaps, one mimicking the other!

The Dyfed Enigma is an excellent and thought-provoking book and, possessing great value in its recorded detail as well, is highly recommended.

FSR BOOKSHELF — 2

New UFO books reviewed by . . .

Janet & Colin Bord

PROBABLY one of the most remarkable books so far published that deals with a UFO abduction case is **The Andreasson Affair** by **Raymond E. Fowler** (Prentice-Hall, USA, hardback, \$8.95; if UK readers cannot obtain this through their usual supplier of UFO books, they should contact International Book Distributors Ltd., 66 Wood Lane End, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP2 4RG). It is noteworthy for the thoroughness with which the team of American investigators conducted the hypnotic regression sessions, the detailed information they elicited from Betty Andreasson during the sessions, and her sketches of what she saw during her incredible experience.

It all started in January 1967 when three UFO entities came into her home one night and persuaded her to board a UFO which was hovering outside in the yard. She was away for several hours, during which time she was conducted through various sections of the UFO, suffered a sometimes painful physical examination including the insertion of long needles into her nose and navel, and was taken on a trip to an undefined 'place' where she received a symbolic vision of a phoenix and an audible message from 'God' saying 'I have chosen you.' When she was later returned to her home the entities left with her a blue book containing symbols 'of initiation' which she was encouraged to study, until it disappeared after a few days. Of special interest is that during one of the hypnotic sessions one of the entities seemed to take Betty over and was in direct communication with the investigators.

For eight years Betty Andreasson shared her secret with only her eldest daughter Becky, who was a partial witness to her mother's abduction. Then Betty wrote to Dr. Hynek at CUFOS from where her letter eventually found its way to the MUFON investigators in Massachusetts, the state in which the events took place. Fourteen hypnotic regression and debriefing sessions were conducted from April to July 1977 and since then the investigators have continued to maintain contact with Mrs. Andreasson.

Both the author and the MUFON investigative team appear to have done a thorough job and maintained a

sane balance as the incredible events were relived. Part of the value of this book is that it is not 'retold,' but consists principally of transcripts from the tapes of the sessions, interspersed with some comment by the author. There is a section of photographs of the people involved, including several of Quazgaa, the entities' leader, but unfortunately these are only of a model. And there are many competent sketches by Betty Andreasson which give an added dimension to the whole account.

The overall impression given is that the material within this admirable report reinforces the trend of similar cases. CE3s are neither accidental nor haphazard, and it must be increasingly difficult for advocates of the ETH to maintain that such reports are of interplanetary explorers simply gathering biological data.

Two other searchers for the illusive truth are Henry Gris and William Dick, staff journalists on the *National Enquirer* in the USA. Their brief was to travel in the USSR and report the latest parapsychological research, or as much of it as they were allowed to see. The results are published in **The New Soviet Psychic Discoveries** (Souvenir Press hardback, £5.50) which has over 300 pages and with an informal non-technical approach covers topics from telepathy and telekinesis to Kirlian research and dermo-optical perception. In between they managed an interview with Professor Felix Zigel, a leading Russian UFO researcher, from which it appears that the UFO situation is not so very different there than it is in the West. When asked if there had been any cases of UFO landings, with crews or humanoids seen, he replied that 'Reports of this nature have not reached me to date.' From other scientists they heard of tektites, the search for signals from space, the Tunguska (Tungusky) 'meteorite' (which Professor Aleksei Zolotov said was a compact nuclear device) and the Abominable Snowman of the Caucasus. A useful compendium on some of the recent thinking in Russian scientific circles, this book has an index and a photo section and is good value at £5.50.

The indefatigable Arthur Shuttlewood continues to document the UFO saga as it manifests in and around his home town of Warminster. 1979 saw the publication of two more of his books, **UFO Magic in Motion** (Sphere paperback, £1.10) and **More UFOs Over Warminster** (Arthur Barker hardback, £5.50). Like his earlier books they are a collection of local LITS and views and news from visitors and correspondents, leavened with the author's own space philosophy.

At first glance **The UFO Guidebook** by **Norman J. Briazack** and **Simon Mennick** (New English Library hardback, £4.95) looks like a good idea. An alphabetical compilation of ideas, personalities and terms relating to ufology could be of great value. But closer examination of this idiosyncratic hotchpotch shows it to be virtually useless if not misleading. There is an inaccurate entry for 'Magonia,' but none at all for Jacques Vallée, nor is he mentioned in the bibliography. Dr. Hynek has no entry in the bibliography either. His alphabetical entry gives no indication that he is a professional astronomer, no biographical information, no details of his writings and no mention of his Center for UFO Studies. FSR rates an entry, but not Charles Bowen. Obscure concepts such as 'Man,' 'Science,' 'Superstition' and 'Consciousness' are dealt with at length. The authors have also made up their own words which they presumably hope will be adopted by ufologists. 'Nebecism,' for instance, has two-page entry and apparently means the same as 'Ancient astronauts,' which has a four-line entry but contains no reference to 'nebecism.' 'Aconin' is 'Another Conscious Intelligence,' and 'Befap' means *Being From Another Planet.* Ufologists and 'Naphologists' (usually known as Fortean) will find little of value here.

Encounters with Aliens (Charter House Publishers, USA, paperback; distributed in UK by Springwood Books, £1.95) is a reprint of a 1968 collection of a dozen science-fiction short stories all with a UFO theme. We found the preface by editor **George W. Earley** and the introduction by **Ivan T. Sanderson**, in which they discuss the antipathy which sci-fi buffs have always displayed towards ufology, to be rather more interesting than the stories themselves. This book is probably only of interest to those who are fascinated by both ufology and science-fiction.

For how long can authors continue to present ufology's past in the guise of original work? It's true that there are always newcomers who want to know what has happened in the past, though for them the original works of the '50s and '60s are available through libraries, secondhand copies and occasional reprints. **Johannes von Buttlar's** book **The UFO Phenomenon** was first published in West Germany in 1978 and is now published in English by Sidgwick & Jackson at £6.95, and although the jacket blurb promises that previously unpublished records of the CIA and KGB are revealed and show that these organisations are concerned with the UFO phenomenon, in fact the author tells us nothing that any well-informed ufologist would not already have read, as this book appears to be derived from well-known published sources. Starting with Kenneth Arnold's 1947 sighting, the names have a familiar sound as we read of Mantell, Oskar Linke, Maurice Masse, Villas Boas, Revd. Gill, Socorro, Pascagoula and Travis Walton. Interspersed are the author's accounts of what Projects Sign, Grudge, Blue Book and the Condon Committee were up to at the time. Buttlar seems to have drawn heavily on various FSR publications, on the writings of Ruppelt, Keyhoe and David Jacobs, and to have modelled his style on Keyhoe's tones of impending doom. Although this book contains little that is new, the tyro could find that it gives a readily available historical overview. Though it is limited to the ETH concept, it presents a dated viewpoint when compared to *The Andreasson Affair*, reviewed above, or something similar. There is a useful bibliography and index. No illustrations, but inside the back cover is a folded 16" x 23" black and white poster of the UFO photographed by the 1965 Gemini VII crew.

A welcome annual publication is the **MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings**. The 1979 Symposium, held during July in California, covered a wide range of UFO topics including James M. McCampbell on 'Forbidden Frontier — Communication with Ufonauts,' 'A Review of Selected Sightings from Aircraft — 1973 to 1978' by Richard F. Haines, 'The Legion of the Bewildered Silent and Related Topics' by J. Allen Hynek and 'The Case for the Extraterrestrial Origin of Flying Saucers' by Stanton T. Friedman. Eleven papers were presented, and all are printed in full in the Proceedings (available from the Mutual UFO Network, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas 78155, USA, \$8 in USA, \$9 in US funds for all other countries).



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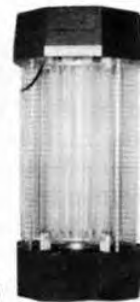


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THE WINGED BEINGS OF BLUESTONE WALK

The original account of Mrs. Jean Hingley's January 1979 experience at Rowley Regis.

Eileen Morris

THIS is a report of Mrs. Jean Hingley's experience which was alleged to have happened in January 1979. I have met her and her husband a number of times; I have been to see them, and they have been to my house. I am convinced Mrs. Hingley is telling the truth, and she is anxious that the account is exactly as she remembers the event. She has read this version that I have prepared from my notes and is satisfied that it is accurate. I have typed out the main part of the story, but I suggest that any in-depth investigation could reveal more facts.

Mr. Hingley came to the Midlands from Kent, and he and his wife are honest, hard-working people. What the strange beings were I suppose we may never know, although they do seem to me to have been like elves. In all my reading on the subject of UFOs and all kinds of encounters I have never before come across any beings with lovely "rainbow wings."

A necessarily brief version of the story appeared in public for the first time in *The Dudley Herald* of January 12, 1979.

Jean Hingley's story.

ON the morning of January 4, 1979, a cold dark morning with snow on the ground, I had the strangest experience of my whole life.

I live in a small council house in Bluestone Walk, Rowley Regis, near Birmingham. The house is one of a number on a small estate surrounded by waste land and quarries. We are near Hailstone quarry and our road is named after the Bluestone Quarry. We, my husband Cyril and myself, have lived here for nine years. We have an Alsatian dog, Hobo, who is two and a half years old.

I work at a factory making sound proofing for cars and my husband is employed at a Cement Works.

The house has a small front garden and a small lawn at the back about seventeen feet by eleven feet. There is a carport at the end of the lawn and a shed. A door opens to a road at the back of the house.

At seven o'clock on January 4th my husband was going to work by car and I stood at the back door to wave him off. Hobo, our Alsatian dog, was by my side.

When my husband had gone I saw a light in the garden and thought, "Cyril has left the light on in the car port." I went down the garden to the car port but saw that the light was switched off.

As we turned to go back to the house I saw an orange light over the garden which gradually turned white. It lit the whole garden.

We went into the back door of the house. Suddenly with

MRS. HINGLEY'S account of the unusual experience which befell her was taken down in shorthand notes and carefully transcribed by our contributor in March 1979. I feel that the report is so freshly and easily written by Mrs. Morris — it needed very little editing — that it stands in its own right as an excellent introduction to the case. I gather that a UFOIN report is being prepared, and this should no doubt be available to researchers in the usual way in due course.

EDITOR

a sound like Zee. . .zee. . .zee. . . three "beings" floated past me through the open door. They glowed with a brilliant light and seemed to float about a foot above the floor. As they floated past me into the lounge I saw that they had wonderful wings. I was so terrified that I grabbed the steel sink in the kitchen. I couldn't speak. I was frozen.

I looked at Hobo. He seemed to "hobble" to his drinking bowl, swaying from side to side. His hair was sticking out all over like a hedgehog's. Yet usually Hobo is afraid of nothing. He seemed as though he was drugged. He just flopped down and lay on the floor, stiff, with his eyes open.

I felt as though all the blood in my body had drained out through my toes. I was paralysed. My mouth was wide open. I couldn't move or speak.

After a while the fear seemed to leave me. I felt as if I were lifted up. I wondered what was happening to me. I felt as if I were a different person; as though I was in Heaven although I was still at home. I seemed to float into the lounge. I held the door but my feet didn't touch the ground. The doors were wide open and it was a bitterly cold morning but I felt warm. All the downstairs lights were on as it was dark outside.

I could hear the little artificial Christmas tree shaking but the light was so brilliant that I had to cover my eyes. The three "creatures" seemed to read my mind. It was like a light or an X-ray penetrating my mind.

When I took my hands from my eyes I could see. They seemed to have turned down the light that surrounded them. There was a glow round their heads. I could see them clearly. They were shaking and tugging at the little Christmas Tree. There they were — three little slim "men" in silvery-green tunics and silver waistcoats with silver buttons or press studs. They were about three feet six inches to four feet high, all alike. Their pointed hands and feet were covered in the same silvery-green, and they had pointed caps on their heads of the same colour and



Based on a rough sketch by Mrs. Hingley: one of the three "visitors" who were all alike.

with something like a lamp on top. They had transparent "fish bowl" helmets over their heads which rested on their shoulders. There were no eyebrows or ears to be seen.

Their faces were waxy white, corpse like, and they had "black diamond" eyes. I don't know much about precious stones but that is how I would describe them. I didn't notice their noses. Their mouths were very thin.

Their wings were wonderful, large, oval-shaped and glowing with rainbow colours - red, violet, gold, blue, green — but more beautiful than our earthly colours. The wings were covered in dots like "Braille" dots. I thought of "Joseph's coat of many colours." Our colours seemed like "chemical" colours compared to them.

They were floating round the lounge touching everything — the Christmas cards, the clock, the radio and all the furniture.

At last I could speak. I said: "Three of you and one of me. What are you going to do? What do you want with me?"

Each of them put their hands to their chests. They pressed their chests with their pointed hands and seemed to manipulate the buttons. A "bleep" sound came from each "being's" chest then the voice came from the chest. The mouths never moved. They all spoke together: "We shall not harm you."

"Where have you come from?" I asked, and they said: "We come from the sky."

They started to shake the little Christmas tree again and

the little fairy fell from the top. I still seemed paralysed. I couldn't move to pick it up.

I said: "We put up a tree at Christmas because we believe Jesus was born then." They said, "We know all about Jesus."

They were looking at the Sunday papers on the table. There was an Honours list on the front page. I said, "Those people have been made lords." They said: "There is only one Lord."

They looked at a picture of the Queen, and I said, "You should go to the Queen or go to see a real lady." I wondered why they came to me as I am just a working woman. they said, "You are a lady."

We have a large lounge with a corner unit couch. They sat on the couch and bounced like children. I said: "Be careful of my furniture," and they stopped.

When I spoke sharply they put the light up, so I thought I had better be friendly with them. They were only small but they seemed to have power in their bodies that might have harmed me.

My eyes still felt sore from the bright light but I felt happy with them. They looked at me with friendly eyes, I thought. I said: "I can't call you 'creature' so I shall call you 'gentlemen.' I started to say, "Nice to see you! Nice." They replied: "Nice."

When they floated about the room their wings fluttered gently — there was no sound. When they moved through the open door to the hall they folded their wings behind their backs like pleated fans. They circled in the hall then floated upstairs. The doors to the upstairs rooms were closed and they floated down again.

They picked up the tapes for the tape recorder and looked at the packets of cigarettes on the sideboard. There were bottles of whisky and sherry on the sideboard as it was not long after Christmas. I asked: "Do you want a drink?" They said "Water" three times. I went to the kitchen and fetched four glass of water. I put them on a metal tray. I thought I would bring one for myself as well — to show that it wasn't poisoned — and to drink with them to keep them company. As I came near them with the metal tray I could hardly hold it. The tray seemed to be magnetised towards them. I put the tray down on the table and each of them picked up a glass when I lifted mine. They seemed about to lift their masks but when they saw me watching they put the "power light" on. I didn't actually see them drink but when they put the glasses back on the tray the water had gone.

They said: "We have been to Australia, New Zealand and America. We come down here to try to talk to people but they don't seem to be interested."

"Shall I tell people on earth about it?" I asked, and they replied "Yes."

They said: "We have been here before," and "We shall come again." Another thing they said was, "Everyone will go to Heaven. There are beautiful colours there."

They seemed to put a light on me to draw out the words that they wanted to hear. I was stuttering with nervousness. I was talking about politics and women going to work and said "It's a man's world." They seemed interested and excited as though they were listening and understanding. I told them I had not been to chapel for a year or two as chapels had pop groups and guitarists these days and I didn't like that kind of service.

"There is no need to worship in synagogues," they

said. I didn't know that word until my husband told me later that it was the name of the Jewish place of worship. I said: "The bible is hard to understand," and they seemed to know what I meant.

I told them that I had looked after foster children for seven years and at one time I had looked after thirteen stray dogs. The neighbours' children used to come with me to take them for walks.

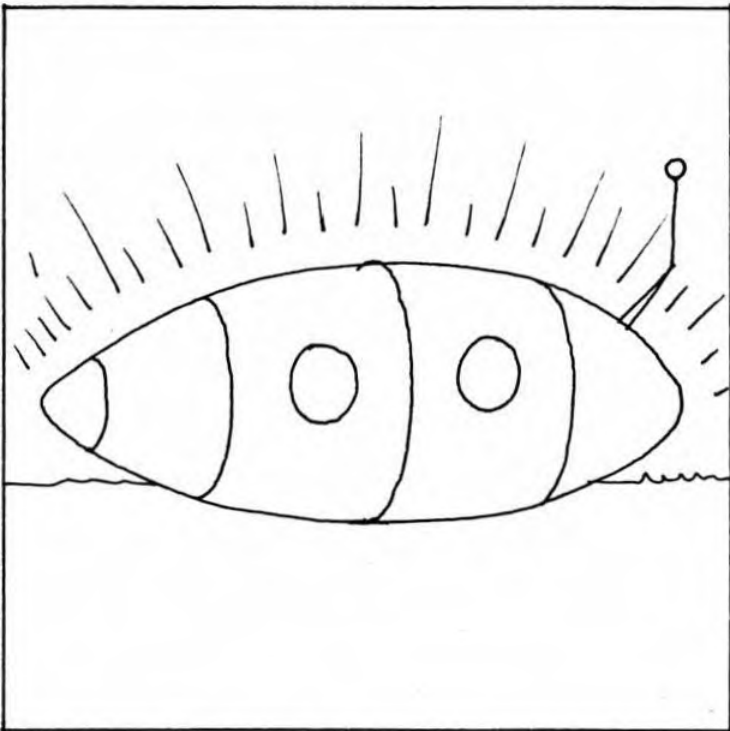
Then I went to fetch a plate of mince pies for them. I put six on a plate and told them to help themselves. They each lifted a mince pie from the plate as though their hands were magnetic. I saw that they were looking at the cigarettes again. "I'll show you how people smoke those," I said. I struck a match and lit a cigarette. They leapt back as though they were frightened and began to float towards the back door. I stubbed out the cigarette and called out "Come back! Come back!" I still seemed to be floating as I followed them and as they went through the back door I saw an orange coloured glowing "thing" in the back garden — a "space ship." It must have been eight to ten feet long and about four feet high. It had round windows or portholes. It seemed to be covered with a kind of shining plastic. I couldn't see through the portholes. There was something like a "scorpion tail" at the back with a kind of "wheel" on top.

They still held a mince pie each as they went towards the "space ship" and entered it. They flashed the lights twice as though to say "Goodbye." Then they took off over the fence and away across the open ground towards Oldbury. The sky was still dark, with no stars, and there was snow on the ground.

Hobo came to life then and wandered around the garden as though he was looking for them.

There was a deep impression on the back garden where the "space ship" had settled.

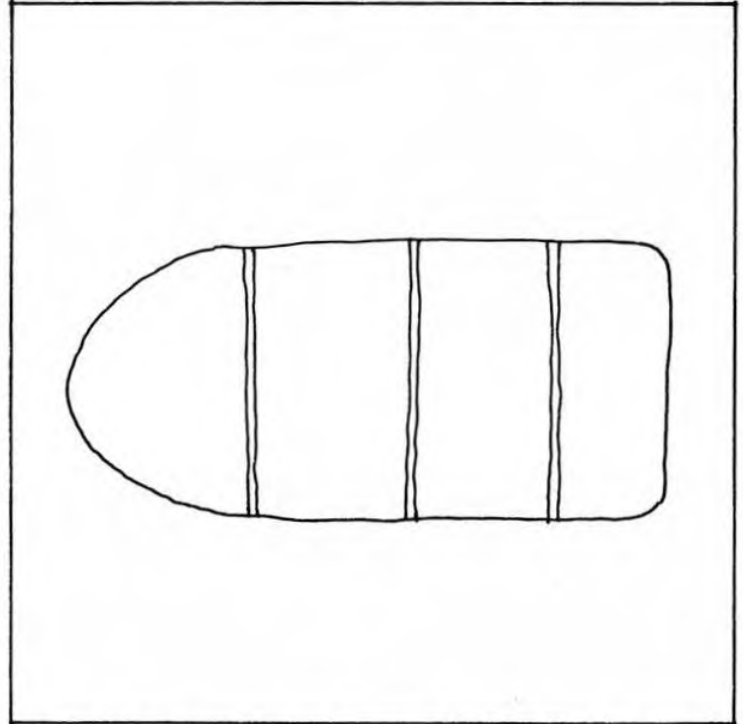
I felt warm and happy although it was such a cold morning. I felt "good," as though I had been blessed.



Rough sketch of the orange coloured "space craft".

When I went into the house and looked around I realised that the clock and the radio had stopped. I spoke to my next door neighbour and she said: "You should ring the police." I rang the Oldbury police and they said they would come.

I rang my husband but he couldn't leave his job. I said to him: "I have had visitors with wings." He said: "What do you mean? Birds?" I was shaking and crying. I said, "No. Men with wings." He laughed and said: "Why don't you go and have your hair done and tell the girls about it." I did that later on, and they were very kind.



Mark left on ground in garden, about 8 ft. long by 4 ft. across.

The police came from West Bromwich Police Station. They looked around and said: "You look pale as though you have had a shock." They couldn't do much — they couldn't take finger prints. They went away and came back later. They rang UFO Investigation Service in Birmingham. The people came and measured the impression on the ground in the back garden. It was eight feet by four feet. They also took soil samples for analysis. I haven't heard the results yet.

I have had a lot of nice letters from people who were interested after reading reports in the papers. Some people sent tapes to be returned to them with my own story.

The West Bromwich College of Technology — Television Production Course students have made a film

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of me telling my story. It was to be filmed at the Technical College on March 19, 1979.

My eyes were sore for about a week and I had to wear dark glasses. I have had to have some weeks away from work as I haven't felt well and the doctor advised me to have a rest. My jaws ached after staring with my mouth open with shock when I first saw the "beings."

I have never read books about UFOs. I only read the papers. I don't look at a lot of television, but like the *Crossroads* programmes and *Coronation Street*, and love stories.

Some people have made jokes about me, but people who know me believe me as they know I am truthful.

Some people have written to say that they think the visitors were elves or beings from the Fairy Kingdom, or even robots, but I don't know what to think. I know I shall never forget them if I live to be a hundred.

A few days later we tried the "tapes" that had been handled by the "beings." They were so distorted that

they were ruined. Before January the 4th they were quite normal.

Note

These are some of the people who will confirm that they went to the house and heard Mrs. Hingley's story:—

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[The report has also been investigated by Martin Keatman on behalf of UFOIN — EDITOR]

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

The "Black Monk" and other matters

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Allow me to express my deep gratitude to you for sending me your splendid journal. I enjoyed reading about recent UFO-cases happening in various parts of the world.

I should like to comment on the letter by A. B. Sidle published in FSR, 25/2 and concerning the observation of a flying humanoid by E. E. Loznaya (FSR, 24/4). Of course I have read the tale "Black Monk" by A. P. Chekhov but I do not believe the coincidence of the stories is very close. The "monk" had his face; the humanoid did not have one. It resembles some other similar observations (see, for example, FSR Special No. 4, p.53) which Mrs. Loznaya undoubtedly had not the possibility of getting acquainted with. Moreover after publishing this report in *Tekhnika-Molodyozhi*, 1976, No. 11, I have received several readers' letters containing similar information. I am planning to publish these reports in a future issue of "TM".

Incidentally I do not think there is (or was), in our country, a legend about the "black monk," for A. P. Chekhov had a dream about such a "monk" and later he used it for the tale.

Naturally the possibility of the fraud on the witness' part is not fully excluded — as in any report about humanoids, UFOs etc. However, when investigating this research field an investigator is

forced, to my mind, to share an important principle — "the principle of confidence." We may not trust or distrust the witnesses (for it is impossible to verify each report). Should we not assume that the report is a true one, and look where this assumption leads?

On the one hand, almost each separate UFO — or humanoid — sighting may be explained by an "unusual combination of usual causes." But the phenomenon as a whole? On the other hand, there is at present no hypothesis explaining the phenomenon more or less completely. Even the ET concept explains a separate sighting rather than the full complex of the sightings. From this point of view I note with interest the evolution of such an eminent ufologist as Dr. J. Vallée from *Anatomy of a Phenomenon* to *The Invisible College* (unfortunately I have not had the chance to read his two most recent books — *The Edge of Reality* and *Messengers of Deception*). The UFO-phenomenon may be "real" or "imaginative" but its influence on our civilisation is quite real.

When publishing the letter by Mrs. E. E. Loznaya in *Tekhnika-Molodyozhi* I had the intention only to demonstrate that there is in the UFO-phenomenon a sub-phenomenon: not flying objects in general, not flying saucers, but flying "men" or flying humanoids. The readers of FSR can also read about such observations in FSR, 19/2, p.29 and FSR

Case Histories, Suppl. 10, pp.14-16.

I am very glad of this opportunity to wish you personally, and your colleagues and readers a happy and successful 1980!

Sincerely yours,
Vladimir V. Rubstov,
Kharkov,
USSR.
20 December, 1979.

The "Dapple Gray Lane" experience

(The following is an extract from a letter on unrelated matters).

Dear Mr. Bowen, — . . . Here is something that may prove of value, if nobody else has pointed it out yet. It concerns the story told by "John Hodges" as related in FSR Vol. 25, No. 3. I thought there was something familiar about the alleged truth about the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and indeed there is. The idea that air dropped bombs do not work and that those two cities were flattened by earthquake, the "atomic effects" (blinding flash and radio activity) being produced by the USAF, appears as the plot to a novel called *The Jesus Factor* (Mayflower paperback 1972). The latter, as far as I am aware, is complete fiction.

I do not intend to suggest that "John Hodges" fabricated his story; just that the required information exists elsewhere and that it may have been dredged up from an unconscious source by the

experience he underwent. However, if he did not read that book we have a very interesting situation, to say the least.

Yours sincerely,

M. H. Martin,

London SE9.

11 November, 1979

That Michael Bentine let-down (one expects it from P. Moore)

Dear Sir, — I'd like to say a few things about BBC T.V.'s *Sky at Night* programme. I didn't see this myself but several people in my department as work came up to me and said "Did you see the programme etc., it was such a farce." Even people who don't take a very serious interest in the UFO subject felt that the attitude of Michael Bentine and Patrick Moore was childish and deliberately misleading. Perhaps other FSR readers have become used to the way the government and the media nearly always take the line that "... 2% of UFO sightings cannot be explained" — as if they can calm people into complacency by means of statistics — because I myself have come to expect this now. It's a pity that the general public are led to believe that Patrick Moore is an expert and it's an even greater pity that Moore has succumbed to selling himself to the Blankety-Blank entertainment world.

Still, if my co-workers, who aren't even very interested in UFOs, can see through him, and it makes them wonder if there's a cover-up, then perhaps this silly sort of mickey-take is going to do the opposite of what it was intended to do.

Yours faithfully,

Denise Langman,

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12 December, 1979.

Dr. Condon was not entirely wrong

Dear Mr. Bowen, — We all know that the Condon Report has been harshly criticized by ufologists ever since its publication in January 1969.

Virtually unknown, however, is the fact the late Dr. Edward U. Condon grasped the *paraphysical* (or *metaphysical*) nature of the UFO phenomenon, which takes ufology out of the realm of science and places it in that of philosophy. Hence his famous conclusion that enraged ufologists: "Further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby."

In fact, the overwhelming majority of scientists still refuse to deal with the UFO problem. But I don't blame them for this

negative attitude. After all, they are right in not wasting their precious time in ufological research (sterile for them). For *ufology is not within the province of science but that of philosophy, especially of metaphysics and ontology*. The well-known English science writer Arthur C. Clarke has also suggested that the answers to the UFO enigma are in the realm of *paraphysics*.

It is therefore up to the new generation of philosophers — clear-headed, objective and *free from all religious dogmas and taboos* — to tackle the UFO mystery. As a matter of fact, religious faith constitutes a major obstacle to the comprehension of the paraphysical phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

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Switzerland.

4 January, 1980.

That UFO "missile"

Dear Sir, — I am writing about the article "UFO 'missile' Scare" in Vol. 25, No. 1. According to the author, the witness said that she was driving at 3 a.m. when she noticed a "star" following her car. After 2-3 minutes this object, changing shape constantly, passed over the car and hit the ground with a thud, bounced and vanished. After stopping the car the witness said she could see another shape (apparently this was a UFO that had emitted the "missile"). She also felt a mild tingling sensation while the "missile" was overhead.

I believe that this case holds several factors of psychic phenomena. I will list them here: 1, The "missile" changed shape many times; 2, It was apparently travelling in a straight line for up to three minutes without gravity pulling it down until that period was up. This means that either the "missile" was not solid, it was emitted with a tremendous force to keep it in the air that long, or it was self-propelled; 3, After hitting the ground the "missile" vanished, which no physical object could do; 4, No markings were left on the ground — thus the "missile" could not have been solid, because the tremendous force (either from the UFO or the "missile" itself) needed to propel it for three minutes would have surely made it hit the ground with enough force to create a depression.

My opinion on this case is that the "missile" (and UFO) might be psychic phenomena, and the case needs further thought on that line.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin R. Berry,

48 Hope Street,

Shirley, Christchurch,

New Zealand.

6 November, 1979.

Soft soap?

Dear Sir, — In the 1979-80 number of "Pears Cyclopaedia" (No. 88) — see pp. L45, J21 ('Flying Saucers') — there appear such remarks on UFOs as would surely bear out the worst estimates that have been made of those official media in general stances regarding this question.

I quote from that of the L45 column:—

"... It is now believed that when not hallucinations, meteorological or cosmic-ray balloons, they are nothing more than atmospheric phenomena like mirages or mock suns caused by unusual atmospheric conditions. Described by Dr. Menzel, astrophysics professor at Harvard University, 'as real as rainbows are real, and no more dangerous.' It has been suggested that the study of some of the people who report the sighting of UFOs would be more rewarding than the investigation of what they saw!..."

I quote very briefly now from J21 column:

"... As long as empty churches testify to the (if perhaps but temporary) loss of contact between citizens and orthodox religions then one can expect such offbeat ideas as the cults surrounding flying saucers, and the science-fiction-like cult of scientology to expand, flourish..."

Sirs, I am yours, etc.,

Capt. G. A. Miles (Ret.),

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Liss Forest,

Hants GU33 7DD.

22 January, 1980

[Fortunately we have never needed to consult "Pears Cyclopaedia" (Pears being specialists in all kinds of soap) as an authority on UFO reports, and our views on cultist activities around the fringe of the subject have been stated clearly enough — EDITOR]

Illusions, or hallucinations?

Dear Sir,—Hilary Evans (Vol. 25, No. 4) with his wonted perceptiveness and clarity of exposition has put his finger on the right spot in stressing Vieroudy's "paradoxical duality." UFOs are indeed "autonomous entities"; but are they also "illusions"? Personally, I should prefer to talk of "hallucinations" in this context, for the following reason.

Illusions are false perceptions of physical stimuli. They are exceedingly common in this subject (A. Hendry, *The UFO Handbook*, Doubleday 1979), though apparently not so in *Psychical Research* (*Proc. of the S.P.R.*, Vol. X, Part XXVI, p.100). They apply to the IFOs rather than to UFOs properly so called. To illustrate my point, when I impatiently wait for a no.16 bus in the Kilburn High Road, that "illusionary" and evasive object turns out to be a 616. I am consequently in error, and there the matter rests as far as bus-spotting is concerned. (Illusions of "flying objects"

are, it is true, psychologically more revealing.) A hallucinatory no.16 bus is a different kettle of fish with which I can claim no personal acquaintance: it could be either an apparition or a UFO, depending on the observer's predilection or other psychological factors.

M. Cassirer

(Formerly Chairman,
Physical Phenomena
Committee, S.P.R.)

Critics who speak from a background of ignorance

Dear Sir,—Having only now succeeded in getting round to reading Mr. D. Durand's letter "A Matter of Paranoia" (FSR Vol. 24, No. 4) I must confess that, like your correspondent, I am becoming more than a little irritated with the type of critic who suggests that "some scientists and researchers concerned with UFOs are paranoid in their attitudes," when not infrequently that self-same critic would be utterly unable to distinguish an L.S.D. hallucination and a case of *folie à deux* psychosis.

The fact that I am able to refer to them myself is simply because I am in the process of reading a quite excellent book on the subject entitled *UFO Phenomena and the Behavioral Scientist*, edited by Dr. Richard F. Haines, and published by the Scarecrow Press Inc., Metuchen, New Jersey, U.S.A.

The relevancy of the "paranoid" accusation lies, I feel, in Chapter 6, in an article by Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz, in which he contends that "... the media have attributed UFO events to hallucinations, illusions and delusions. **But these statements were not made by psychiatrists.**" (My emphasis — R.J.P.)

In other words, if you wish to criticise, be very sure that you know all about the subject you are endeavouring to criticise.

Yours sincerely,

R. Jones Pugh, M.R.C.V.S.,

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St. Brides View,
Roch,
Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire.
March 7, 1980.

Another cat flap analogy

Dear Mr. Bowen — In your review of the book *UFOs: a British Viewpoint*, you ask "Do some people have the special attributes needed to see UFOs?" And in my opinion, the answer, probably, is *yes*.

Consider our pet cat. Only once in several years has he shown any interest in the television set. The other night, baboons were shown sitting on a rock, howling. The noise awoke the cat, who jumped off the settee and, with tail wagging, slowly approached the TV. To my surprise he ignored the TV completely, sprang through the legs of the stand, and attacked the bookcase behind the set.

If our cat could express his thoughts to other cats, the conversations would be interesting. Other cats may have identified the source of the howling, but how to explain this to our cat? To describe a box with bright lights and moving figures would be both beyond the power of cats both to describe or to understand. A human seeing a UFO in any location, on the ground or in the air, has difficulty in describing what he or she has seen. So, many of the peculiar effects and experiences that have been recorded may come from our inability to comprehend what we actually do see. People may see the same type of UFOs, but their individual brains may interpret the object in a way peculiar to that particular person. Our cat would say the howling came from the bookcase, other cats would quote whatever their home had behind the TV, whilst perhaps a few, very few, would quote the brightly coloured box.

On the same theme, what do the goldfish in our garden pond make of my hand when it appears over the pond to drop food into it. My hand is beyond their comprehension, let alone the rest of my body.

I look forward to FSR very much.

Yours truly,

J. Clamp

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February 21, 1980.

The Scully controversy

Dear Mr. Bowen,—I have just received and read the latest FSR, Vol. 25, No. 4, and found the articles by Mr. Stringfield and Mr. Creighton very interesting.

In the book *Flying Saucers Farewell* George Adamski wrote the following:

"In *Behind The Flying Saucers* Frank Scully mentioned that in the first crashed spacecraft examined by our scientists some twelve to fifteen years ago, all measurements were found to be divisible by nine. Thus he gave the first clue to Cosmic mathematics used in construction of the spacecraft.

"Although one of the first books written on this subject of spacecraft, and bitterly denied by the opposition who feared the acceptance of such facts even in those days, this book stands as one that has never been disproved. Of the hundreds of books written regarding space visitors and their ships, this remains one of the comparatively few authentic treatments of the subject."

That was 20 years ago, now in 1980 we have Mr. Stringfield and Mr. Creighton suggesting that the Scully exposure may have been contrived, and that there might now be a mad rush to get Scully's book. Well it is a pity that we didn't take more notice of Frank Scully's book in the

first place and also what George Adamski had to say about it.

Over the years there has been a lot of talk about cover-ups and official secrecy etc.

We have had the USAF cover-ups, the Condon whitewash, official de-bunking by various governmental bodies. May I suggest that soon we will become aware of another cover-up, and it will be known as the great NASA cover-up!

I agree with Mr. Stringfield, it will be a great shock for human-kind on this planet when the truth finally is out — even to most UFO researchers!

Sincerely,

C. Poole,

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Offerton,
Stockport,
Cheshire, SK2 5NT.
February 21, 1980.

Retrieval difficulties

Dear Sir,—I find "Retrievals of the Third Kind" (FSR Vol. 25, No. 4) an interesting article, but here are a few points to ponder:

Abstract 1: Did the USA get permission from the Mexican government to retrieve the UFO? If, yes, can this be checked with the Mexicans? Was the UFO cut-up or dismantled for transportation? In either case it must have taken considerable time, whereas the article indicates otherwise.

Abstract 2: Again, was the 50ft. diameter UFO cut-up to put on to *one* lo-boy?

The points I am trying to make are: (a) why cut-up an alien craft if you want to fly it? (Would they be able to put it together again?) (b) If it is dismantled (a process that must take a very long time considering it has not been done before) where do they start, what dangers are there from the power plant etc? Every part would have to be labelled and catalogued (do "they" use real nuts and bolts?).

Finally, these craft have been in the hangers for a long time and yet the USA appears not to have any new metals or power systems after nearly 30 years. I would have thought that no expense would have been spared to get a UFO into the air, or space.

Yours sincerely,

John Ledner,

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Ringwood,
Hants.
March 5, 1980.

What the "Retrievals" could mean — if true

Dear Sirs, — The "Retrievals" articles in FSR Vol. 25 No. 4 by Messrs Creighton and Stringfield are very intriguing, and if the subject matter were to prove factual, the implications would

be more far-reaching, and enormous, than most ufologists have so far supposed.

If the authorities have, as suggested, retrieved not merely pieces of UFO hardware, but complete UFOs along with dead crewmen (and possibly survivors of a UFO crash-landing?), then the whole UFO cover-up takes on far more sinister and alarming proportions. It means that for about 30 years the U.S. and probably other governments have been in full possession of all the facts and concrete evidence necessary to identify UFOs, but it also means contact must certainly have been made with these aliens (the retrieved craft presumably had some kind of communications system, some of which must have worked or been repairable). It also means scientists have had three decades to study the design and mechanics of the retrieved UFOs, and so the government agencies concerned must have developed a UFO-type propulsion system of their own years ago.

This would mean the whole NASA and Soviet space programmes must be seen as a complete fraud — a joint Soviet-American charade to hoodwink the public, and the truth would come pretty close to the allegations made in the TV play "Alternative 3" which was put on as a straight documentary a few years ago, then denounced as a hoax: government agencies must have been secretly in contact with and visiting civilisations on other planets for about 20-odd years. This would mean many of the UFOs seen in recent years would be of Earth-origin, and there must be some hideous secret conspiracy too terrible to reveal to the world at large.

Now I find all this extremely hard to believe, but I do not see how one can avoid these implications if we accept the "Retrievals" as factual. In view of this, and of the flimsy nature of the evidence, I feel we must be very cautious and realise that such retrieval reports may well be grossly exaggerated if not complete fabrications. That the various governments have pieces of charred, twisted metal from crashed UFOs I have no doubt, but that they have complete craft with occupants I find very hard to swallow. If they had, hard evidence would surely have come out by now. The financial incentive for some individual in the Military or Intelligence services to secretly photograph a saucer or dead crewman and sell the picture and story to the press would be irresistible. Unless, that is, those in charge of the conspiracy of silence are so completely powerful and so utterly ruthless that no-one can defy them and survive.

Yours faithfully,
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February 18, 1980.

More on Retrievals, and a note on Dyfed

Dear Sir, — I was interested to read "Retrievals of the Third Kind," as I am reading a book called *Wheels within Wheels and Points Beyond* by Willard L. Wannall. It is a fascinating book and in Chapter 9, entitled "Flying Saucers and Military Life" the author describes how he met a civilian employee of the Army. He had formerly held a position with the American Air Force, and had been present at the site in New Mexico where several Flying Saucers had crashed due to a magnetic fault in that area, which served to rob the craft of their means of magnetic propulsion. This civilian stated that efforts to break the objects into smaller parts were unsuccessful and it was necessary to transport them intact to a certain installation nearly 2000 miles distant! The bodies were taken to a special laboratory engaged in medical research.

After reading *The Uninvited* by Clive Harold I wrote to Mr. Coombes as I know the area. He kindly phoned me and although he and his family have moved from the farm, they still see the UFOs but are not frightened any more! I also enjoyed Peter Paget's *The Welsh Triangle*.

May I say how much I enjoy reading FSR.

Yours sincerely,
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February 18, 1980.

Mysterious sizes at arm's length

Dear Mr. Bowen,—In a recent issue of FSR, a contributor made the following statement: "Apparent size was that of a ten pence piece at arm's length . . ." I recall in an earlier issue, another British writer described the apparent size of an object by comparing it with the size of another denomination of British coin. I also remember an American writer referring to a UFO's apparent size by stating that it looked to be as big as a nickel, a five-cent piece.

Now, I know how big a nickel is (21.2mm), but I wouldn't know a ten pence piece if one jumped up and bit me. The chances are that most British readers can say the same thing about any given type of American coin.

It would be helpful if contributors would keep in mind that FSR is an international journal, and that terms and comparisons which make perfect sense to them may be meaningless to readers in other countries.

Sincerely,
J. M. Buehring,
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Houston, Tex. 77024.
March 11, 1980.

[Contributors take note! For the benefit of American and other overseas readers I will record that the approximate sizes (no way can I get down to 21.2mm!) are as follows: 10 pence — 28mm; 5p — 23mm; 2p — 26mm; 1p — 20mm; while the near useless ½p is 17mm — ED.]

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEXT ISSUE OF FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. . .

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Basin-like object over Hupei and other reports

A report from Hong Kong, repeated in *The Sunday Standard*, Bombay, of September 23, 1979, quoted the *Kwong Ming* daily of (presumably) September 21 as follows:—

"A Peking newspaper has belatedly reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects over China, China's domestic news agency reports.

"The report, quoting yesterday's issue of *Kwong Ming* daily, said the first sighting was reported by a high school student over Hupei Province in Central China one evening in 1977.

"The report, seen in Hong Kong today, said the student reported the sighting to anthropologist Yuen Zhanxin who was working in the province.

"Mr. Yuen, according to the report, told the daily that the student and other witnesses described the object as a basin-size round object, beaming with yellow and white lights and moving slowly in a circular route. He said the witnesses said the object remained in view for about one minute.

"The report said sightings of UFO had also been reported 'collectively' by troops in Hopei province in north China and inner Mongolia.

"It did not mention the dates but described the object over Hopei as a 'moon-like ball surrounded by fog-like gases.'

"The report said the object 'spurting jets of gases rose high in the sky for a few seconds. It rose higher spurting jets of gases again and disappeared after a few seconds.' — AP."

[*Encouraging evidence that UFOs are also being reported in China — and corroboration, in a small way, of what a contact once conveyed to us, that the country was "running alive with them"* — EDITOR]

Credit: **Jal N. D. Tata** of Colaba, Bombay, India.

Spain

Madrid object

The following item is taken from the London national newspaper *Daily Telegraph* of November 29, 1979:—

"Hundreds of people in Madrid yesterday watched an unidentified flying object hovering high for several hours. Two late night radio shows devoted

almost their entire programmes to the mystery object.

"The Spanish Air Force has begun an investigation into the phenomenon. Earlier this month an experienced airline captain made an emergency landing at Valencia after his Caravelle was followed by two UFOs."

(The story of the *Caravelle* appeared in the last issue of FSR.)

Credit: **John M. Lade** and others.

Poland

Three reports

The following brief reports are taken from an article entitled "Kronika UFO" which appeared in the Polish weekly *Fakty* 79 dated August 8, 1979. The article took the form of a summary of items which had appeared in the Polish press during the first six months of 1979, and we have extracted the items which relate to reports in Poland itself (the remaining cases itemised were from South American countries):—

"During the day, for a period of two minutes a red luminous trail which split up into two was observed in the area of Kwidzynia. With great speed one half of the trail flew upwards, whilst the other went sideways. There were three witnesses. (*Kurier Polski* dated January 6, 1979)."

"Between 7.30 a.m. and 8.00 a.m. a luminous object travelling from East to West appeared over Szczecin. The object suddenly changed direction southwards and disappeared. There was one witness. (*Kurier Szczecinski* dated January 28, 1979)."

"At about 7.15 p.m. a spherical object was observed between Dubieck and Sliwnica. It illuminated the surrounding area with a pulsating bright light. Another object was also observed flying from the direction of Bachórcza at a height of 25 metres, and it seemed to extinguish itself over the head of the witnesses. There were many witnesses of these events. (*Zycie Przemysla* dated February 18, 1979)."

[*Small items in all conscience, but indicative of the fact that reports are being made regularly in*

Poland. We are hoping to obtain more, in greater detail — EDITOR]

Credit: **H. Kubala** of Huddersfield who, with Mrs. Kubala kindly provided the translation.

France

Comment on the Cergy Pontoise CEIII

We hope to bring our readers further full details of the Cergy-Pontoise abduction story in the next issue of FSR (although we know that some French researchers are far from happy about the case — now that M. Fontaine has returned to the realms of ordinary mortals). The following comments appeared in the third editorial of the *Daily Telegraph* of November 29, 1979,—

"Every UFO fanatic knows that flying saucers come in waves. A fortnight ago a reputed hard-nut Capt. Tejada, was forced to land his Caravelle jet in a hurry after being 'buzzed' by a saucer. Subsequently there have been 'sightings' in Glasgow, Kuwait and Sweden, some by others also of unimpeachable seriousness of mind. Three days ago a Frenchman, M. Franck Fontaine, disappeared into thin air — or so two of his friends aver. The three of them were minding their own business at 4 a.m., as is a Frenchman's wont, when a bright light descended from the heavens. In the ensuing melee the unfortunate M. Fontaine was somehow spirited away by the saucer. He has not been heard of since.

"Now our own inclination, taking into account the vastness of the universe, is somewhat in favour of the existence of some flying saucers. Sceptics may view this incident differently. One of them, our French television critic, points out that a programme on UFOs was televised the evening before M. Fontaine rose so dramatically into the stratosphere. It could be that he is — was, perhaps — an unduly impressionable man. The French, remember, are romantic as well as rational. Some are not prepared to let the matter rest. Reason must have its day. For our own part, we do not for a moment believe that we are having our legs pulled. We should be very surprised to learn that M. Fontaine is enjoying himself on the French Riviera. Much more likely, he is cruising on the limits of the known universe."

A PHILIPPINES UFO WAVE

Ahmad Jamaludin

As well as being a reader of FSR our contributor is MUFON representative for West Malaysia.

LIKE the mysteries of the missing Australian pilot and the dancing lights of Kaikoura still remained unexplained, the age-long phenomenon that has baffled the residents of this tiny planet suddenly manifested itself over the serene lush green islands of the Philippines in April 1979. And while it seems that UFOs may be interested in atomic power plants and nuclear reactors, the quiet sugar producing islands also suddenly came under scrutiny.

Over 100 people, including policemen, saw a UFO before dawn on April 19 in Talisay, Negros Occidental Province, situated 390 miles south of Manila. The object was flying low at a height of 250 to 300 feet and heading from South to North, and some at first took it to be an

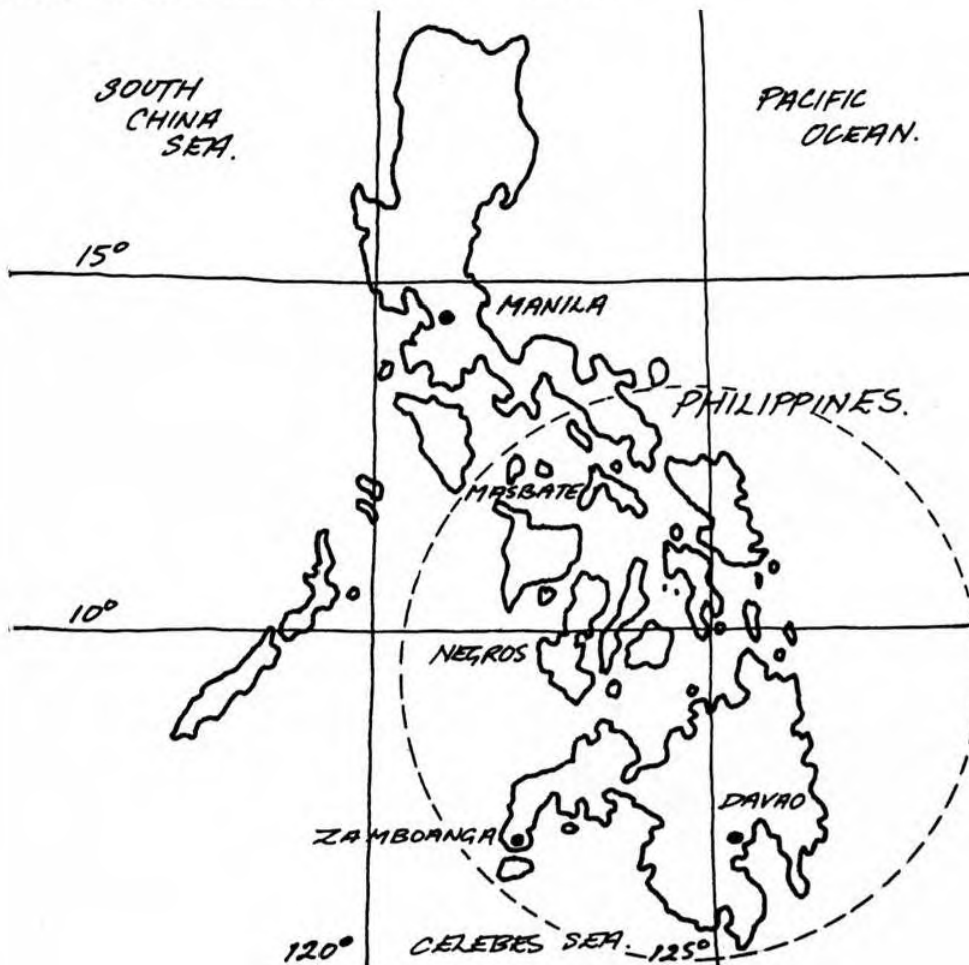
airplane. Then it started to sparkle in a spectral show of colours, blue, green, yellow, red and many others.

In Midsalip, residents of the Zamboanga Del Sur Province were reported to have watched in awe as undetermined numbers of UFOs in flight formations flew low over Mount Sugar Loaf. Quite often the mysterious objects disappeared as suddenly as they had appeared.

A few days earlier the activity had been focussed over two central Philippines towns, dazzled residents and drew the attention of the military. The Director of the Philippines Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration played it cool and came to no conclusion over the rash of sightings.

Meanwhile, back in Talisay, motorists at first saw one UFO hovering over the sugar mill. At 4.20 a.m. the policemen came out of their headquarters and saw it too. Eyewitnesses described how they saw a flame at the "belly" of the object, which then changed position to the sides. Later the disc-shaped object began pulsating in various colours and releasing identical, but smaller, UFOs which formed into a V-formation and flew off at high speed towards Mt. Silay, led by the "mothership." A landing was later reported somewhere in the Carapale Valley.

At about the same time as the Talisay incident, UFOs were also sighted over the provincial capital of Bacolod and the nearby towns.



In May near the village of Upper Baracatan an American scientist and 600 Filipinos sighted a round object like a big balloon emitting flashes of light over the nation's highest peak. The object remained in the area for about 20 minutes and the scientist was able to observe with binoculars the unusual bright star-like object. He said he could see objects moving inside the "craft" as if pictures of the surroundings were being taken. The object had two appendages directly below it, one of which produced strobe-like effects. The UFO then landed in an open space behind a cluster of trees which action sent the frightened villagers running into their huts.

Comments

As in most other South East Asian countries the population is largely unaware of the phenomenon of Unidentified Flying Objects. For those who have heard about it, most of them believe it is a manifestation of the devil. Others think it is an invention of the West.

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