

B.H.: What kind of car do you have?

S.S.C.: A black Volvo.

B.H.: Did you see if the instrument panel was lit?

S.S.C.: I have no idea about that.

B.H.: Did you notice any heat in the car or anything else unusual?

S.S.C.: No, only a sense of discomfort. A kind of atmospheric pressure.

B.H.: About the black object—you said it was square. Do you mean like a box?

S.S.C.: I think it was flat like a sheet of paper. I didn't see its dimensions because it was like seeing the sheet from the same side all the time. I don't think it was square in the proper meaning of the word.

B.H.: You mentioned that the object had a "tail". Can you describe it?

S.S.C.: The contours of the lower angle were blurred and it was the effect of that that made it look like a tail. It was not luminous, but as black as the rest of the object.

Herr Ceder also mentioned that he and a friend drove to the place the next day to look for skid marks . . .

"I really put my foot down sharply on the brakes so there must have been skid marks on the asphalt," he said, but to his great surprise there were none to be

seen. It should also be mentioned that Herr Ceder stated that the whole observation took about five minutes.

Other witnesses

On the same day at about 5.30 p.m. Herr Ceder's neighbour had observed a light grey object for about one minute before it disappeared into the clouds. Unfortunately the two women, one of whom contacted Herr Ceder, have not been located.

Sources

1. Telephone interviews on September 25 and October 8 with Herr Ceder.

2. GICOFF's questionnaire and personal description received from the witness, dated September 30, 1971.

A note about northern lights

† The northern lights are a common natural phenomenon to be seen in the night skies of polar regions. They occur in connection with sun spots, the phenomenon depending on charged particles from the sun, drawn by the earth's magnetic field to the polar belt, colliding with the outer atmospheric layer. The resulting lights are usually seen in the form of an undulating "drapery" of varying colours over the sky, giving the appearance of beams of light that shine to earth with ill-defined contours.

Gnomery down on the farm

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I HAVE received an interesting confidential report about happenings on a farm less than a hundred miles from London. I shall visit the place shortly, but in the meantime here are some of the quite "classic" features that have been recorded at intervals over the past eighteen years:

1. Farm workers and villagers have reported, on several occasions, that they have observed "gnomes" in broad daylight, in the fields.

2. Two women of the village frequently "saw gnomes dancing on the kitchen table." They described the creatures as being about one-third of the normal human size.

3. The owner of the local farm has frequently complained that tractors (petrol-driven) and other farm machines (all also petrol-driven) constantly break down in certain specific spots.

4. He also complains that there are areas in the fields where nothing will grow.

5. During a visit by investigators in 1966, one of the party had a nasty experience, being overcome with nausea and violent trembling. The investigator had to be carried back to the car. The same investigator was also

aware of a "strong vibration" or "powerful throbbing" in the air, which caused the person's body to sway rapidly backwards and forwards. The "beating in the air" or "throbbing" was described as "suggestive of invisible wings."

6. Cars of visitors have also stalled mysteriously and one investigator, visiting the farm alone on his bicycle, was unaccountably caused to have a nasty skid which precipitated him into a ditch.

The area in question has been under human inhabitation since Roman times. There is a long-standing local tradition about *fairies*. A former vicar once tried to make a scientific investigation, but failed to achieve any progress owing to the reticence of the villagers, who feared that the "fairies" might go away if too much prying went on.

Much of the tract of ground affected seems to be old river-bottom land, reclaimed during the last 20-25 years. There seem to have been rumours of "fairy people" associated with the site at least as far back as the time of the reclamation. This reclaimed field seems to be the centre of the zone in which crops will not grow, machines break down or engines fail mysteriously, and other strange mishaps occur.