

"Abducted" man returns

Here is the text of an item which appeared, under the signature of Marceau Petit, in *France-Soir* on December 3, 1979 (translation from the French by Gordon Creighton),—

"He is back. He has 'descended' once more on to the Earth. Franck Fontaine, aged 19, the man who vanished at Cergy-Pontoise, was found again, on Monday morning, in the house of his friend Jean-Pierre Prévost, 25, living on the Boulevard de la Justice-Mauve in the northern sector of the new township of Cergy.

"He returned as mysteriously as he went.

"Says Jean-Pierre Prévost: 'At 4.30 this morning, there was a ring on the door-bell of my house. I opened the door, and Franck was standing there before me, in the doorway. Without speaking a word, I made him come in.'

"In his interview with the Gendarmes, Franck Fontaine has been quite unable to explain what happened to him. He says: 'I am totally disorientated as regards the past week. I was no longer here on Earth. When I awoke this morning, I found myself at the same spot where I had seen the UFO a week ago. But I had no

knowledge of where I had been.'

"Young Franck did not appear to be tired at all. His face showed no growth of beard. Quite to the contrary — **he looked thoroughly fresh and at ease. Perhaps a bit too much so for a lad who has just returned from a long journey.** He was still wearing the same clothes that he had on when he disappeared. His 'absence' is said to have lasted precisely one week, to the very hour. It was at 4.30 a.m. on November 26 that he vanished, and it was at 4.30 a.m. this Monday morning that he returned to Cergy-Pontoise. And on both occasions the authorities learned about it more than three hours later.

"So, altogether a thoroughly strange affair, which the Gendarmes are now going to attempt to clarify, for it looks very much like a hoax. But, for the moment, as even the investigating authorities admit, all the witnesses 'seem to be acting in good faith.'

"Jean-Pierre Prévost, and Salomon N'Diaye, Franck's two companions, have been interrogated several times and have never diverged from their initial declarations.

"They say: 'We had scarcely got out on to the road, to load up the car — we were going to the market at Gisors —

when we saw, all three of us, a long streak of opaque white light, with a *frayed* sort of effect at both ends and with whiter lights, like headlights, passing through it. These lights were coming down out of the sky at an oblique angle, over the power plant. We watched for three or four minutes, trying to make out what it could be. Then Franck shouted 'I'm going to have a look, I want to know what it is.'

"Jean-Pierre and Salomon went back into the house to look for a camera. When they returned to the spot, they found their car parked athwart the road and 200 metres further along.

"They said: '**It seemed to be bathed in a halo resembling a thick mist, and in the middle of the mist there were three or four small spheres moving about. Franck had disappeared.**'

"That was just a week ago. To the very day. Now that he's back, is Franck going to be able to explain his mysterious trip?

"Specialists from GEPAN, the study group specialising in paranormal phenomena, are expected to arrive at the Cergy-Pontoise Gendarmerie HQ."

Credit: Jonathan M. Caplan

FIGHTER PILOT'S SIGHTING OVER EGYPT

David Apps

Our contributor investigated this report for UFOIN on his introduction to the network. It was originally supplied to *Flying Saucer Review* by the *Daily Express* UFO Bureau. Data: September 11 1962 32° 30' N, 27° 30' E. (EGYPT) 16.00 European Time MED.

THE witness of this sighting was Capt. K. R., at present a captain in British Airways, but at the time an officer of the Royal Air Force. For obvious reasons, therefore, he has requested anonymity, although his name and address are on file at FSR.

His task that day was to lead a squadron of *Javelin* delta-wing fighters. These were travelling in four flights of four, with a fifteen minute interval between each flight. They were travelling from El Adem (Tobruk) in Libya, to Nicosia in Cyprus, on a training exercise. Speed was approximately Mach 0.8 (600 mph) and altitude 40,000 feet. The course was bearing 070 degrees.

Capt. K.R. had suffered a partial power loss. It was nothing serious, but for safety he had to descend to 32,000 feet. At this height he could watch the three other aircraft under his supervision as they travelled line abreast overhead leaving clear vapour trails. The sky was blue and cloudless.

Suddenly he caught sight of a bright white light which

was behind the three *Javelins* and travelling parallel with them. It was, however, moving much faster. He was able to see it in sharp focus against the vapour trails, and note that it was just a white light, the apparent size of a match head, which showed no sign of wings or other protruberances. It was, in fact, just like an aircraft at great height reflecting the sunlight. However, the speed (at least Mach 2, or greater) indicated to the Captain that if it were an aircraft then it was some extremely fast new vehicle under test.

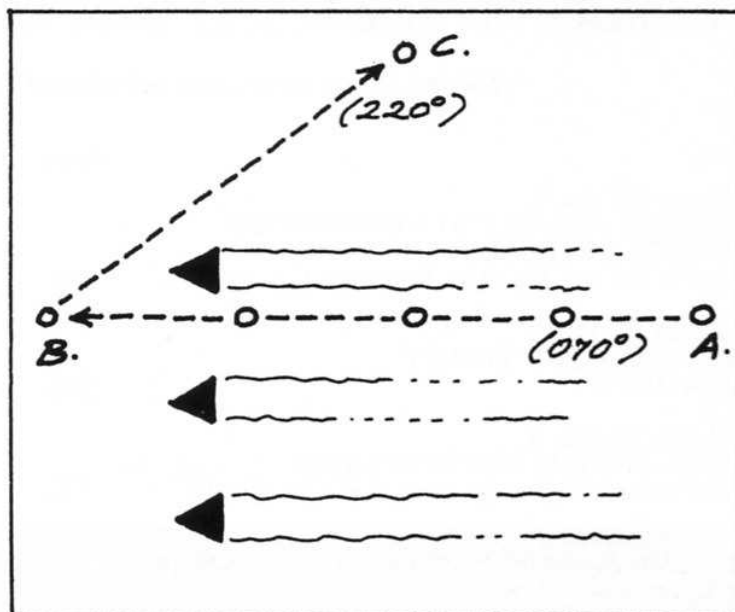
Capt. K.R. moved his head from side to side to rule out the possibility that he was only observing a reflection from an aircraft canopy. This movement proved to his satisfaction that he was watching a real object in the sky, and above the *Javelins*. He then noted that his navigator was watching the object as well.

The object continued on a parallel course until it had got in front of the *Javelins*. It then made an instantaneous stop, coupled with a similar instantaneous turn across 150

degrees, so that it was now moving on a bearing of 220 degrees and passing quickly out of sight to the rear of all the aircraft. The suddenness of these dramatic movements finally convinced both Air Force men that they were not watching any kind of conventional aircraft. Such motions were impossible in the context under which they were observed. He estimates that he was watching the mysterious object for about two minutes, before it was lost from view.

On landing he went to the crew room with the intention of reporting the incident. Before he had the opportunity of doing so his commanding officer came in. He had been leading the four *Javelins* immediately behind Capt. K.R. and, without knowing anything about his sighting, reported precisely the same incident. His navigator also had seen the object. RAF intelligence were then contacted and statements were taken from all four witnesses, but no further investigation ensued. The incident was apparently forgotten.

This is the only really strange thing that Capt. K.R. has seen in all his years of flying, and he is at a loss to provide an explanation. He is an impeccable witness, who even all these years after the sighting is able to recall the details with great precision.



The view as Capt. K. R. looked at the *Javelins*.
 Key: A. Object sighted.
 B. Object stops and makes 150° turn.
 C. Object last seen.

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