

AN ABDUCTION IN SWEDEN?

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GIGANTIC luminous objects with light-beams, cigar-shaped vehicles, radiation symptoms in witnesses, disturbances on TV and radio reception — these are a few samples of what was reported during the great UFO Wave over Vallentuna, Sweden, in 1974.

Over a period of several months, hundreds of UFO reports came from a concentrated area near Markim, Orkesta, and Lindholmen in Vallentuna, which is situated about 20 kms. to the north of the city of Stockholm. Most often it was big, luminous bodies of light that came flying over the treetops.

Cars paced

“It was so horrible, I wish it had never happened. I got the impression that we were checked out by someone — like a big torch that swept the area.”

This is how Hillevi Andersson from Orkesta described her experience of March 24, 1974.¹ On this Sunday afternoon she tries, several times, to call her parents at Malmshagen on the phone. But no signals come through. The line is broken. Therefore, with her children Cecilia, Elisabeth and Robert, she goes by car to her parents. It is about 19.00 hours. Near Lindholmen they catch sight of a big light hovering at an altitude of about one-hundred meters. It disappears behind some trees.

As they arrive, Hillevi's parents, Svea and Hilldor Andersson, report that there have been disturbances on their TV during the evening. While Hillevi and her children prepare to continue their journey — to visit Hillevi's brother Hilding — Svea Anderson observes a vivid light outside the house. By now the children are thoroughly frightened and want to go back home.

Hillevi and her children go to Hilding Andersson at Skratbacken. And then he escorts them back to their home, by following them in his own car. On the road to Orkesta an object passes over the road, in front of Hilding's car but behind Hillevi's. Hilding sounds his horn, but Hillevi and her party in the front car do not notice this. Later, they all spot a luminous object towards the village of Orkesta. They stop the cars at a crossroads to observe.

At a distance of about 400 meters a big luminous object hovers in the air, possibly at ten meters from the ground. A smaller object, shaped like a hemisphere and of an orange hue, is hovering near a barn without any motion. Two airplanes pass by at low altitude.

The party drive on from the area. The children are worried and frightened. The objects follow Hillevi's car — one on each side. The big object directs beams

of light on to the car. Hilding can see, from the other car, that this object is bell-shaped with small hemispheres beneath.

Distressed by the incident, they arrive home at Orkesta at about nine p.m. As after-effects, the children have headaches and stomach-pains. Hillevi has kidney pains for several days after the sighting.

Official non-interest

Quite many witnesses saw the luminous objects on this eventful Sunday evening, and there were many reports of malfunctioning telephones and TV sets.

The UFO “flap” attracted much media attention. FOA (the Research Institute of National Defence) and the local Home Guard was called in. Professor Stig Lundquist of the Thunder Research Institute at Husbyborg thought that it could have been “Northern Lights”, or electrical arcs from malfunctioning power-lines.²

Dr Tage Eriksson of the FOA said that his Institute had no resources for investigations. He believed that what they had seen might have been helicopters or some kind of natural phenomenon.³

The person who showed the greatest interest was Hardy Brosström, Deputy-Chief of the local Home Guard. He got several reports from witnesses whom he considered reliable. These reports were compiled and sent to the Military Area Staff in Strängnäs, to the Defence Staff, and to the FOA.

Hillevi Andersson was not satisfied with the Defence Forces' treatment of, and explanation for, the incidents.

“I won't give up. I want this cleared up,” she said.

The abduction

About two days before the Hillevi Andersson sighting, there was another incident that has become the most well-known of the Vallentuna reports. This is one of the rare Swedish cases of abduction.

At five minutes past midnight on Saturday, March 23, 1974, Mr Harald Andersson (a *nom de plume*) comes out from the Parish House at Markim to catch a breath of air. But instead of going back into the house, he starts to stroll off. Some interior power forces him to go home, but along a route that he never uses.

It is as if an inner voice urges him to follow the forest road. The night is clear and cold. Just after passing a small cottage, he sees two rune-stones by the side of the road. On the opposite side of the road there is a bare hillock.

Suddenly a blinding light comes from the left side of the road. The light grows stronger. It is coming at high speed, and Harald Andersson is obliged to throw himself by the side of the road in order not to be caught in the strong light.

After that, Harald Andersson has no further recollection, until he finds himself standing in front of the door to his house in Lindholmen. As his wife opens the door, she is shocked. Harald is holding a handkerchief to his forehead. He is bleeding from a deep wound, and his right cheek is burned.

What had really happened to Harald Andersson that night? Had he fallen on a stone and lost consciousness and then, half-conscious, managed to wander home? But what about the interior voice, and the mysterious light?

Hypnosis

Sten Lindgren of the *Arbetsgruppen for UFO-Identifying (UFO-Identification Group, Stockholm)*, who heard of the case, contacted Dr Ture Arvidsson, a well-known hypnosis therapist at the Danderyd Hospital. Harald Andersson was duly hypnotized twice, on April 1 and May 20, 1974. Sten Lindgren, Robert Larson (a publisher), and I attended both sessions.

What Harald Andersson said during the hypnosis was astonishing. This is a direct transcript from the tape-recording:—

Dr. Ture Arvidsson (TA): — Now we will move in time to that Friday evening, when you had been to that entertainment, and you were going home. You were going along the road, and now you are going to tell us what happens.

Harald Andersson (HA): — I'm coming to a crossroads.

TA: — Yes, you are coming to a crossroads.

HA: — I'm being forced to the right.

TA: — Is it dark?

HA: — Yes, it's dark and clear and cold. No . . . no!

TA: — What's happening?

HA: — Light, light!

TA: — Is it a strong light?

Yes, I'm blinded. There is no light such as this. I can't describe it . . . I throw myself in the snow. I'm lifted straight up, trying to free myself. I can't, I'm stuck.

TA: — What happens then?

HA: — (cries out in agony)

TA: — Was it terrible? Now be calm.

HA: — They take me, they take me (cries).

TA: — Who are they? Now, take it easy, just easy, just easy. Is it terrible? Do they look like humans?

HA: — No, they don't. They are transparent.

TA: — How many are they?

HA: — Four.

(Harald's emotional reactions during this part of the session were very strong. He was screaming, kick-

ing, and weeping so much that the hypnotist almost had to sit on him to keep him on the couch. It was a shaking and bewildering experience to witness these sessions. No-one could doubt that the incident was genuine.

Harald said that he had thrown himself into the ditch to avoid the strong light. He never reached the ground, however, but was sucked up into the craft. The entities were rather tall, 180-190 cms., and robust. On one occasion he claimed that they looked like Indians. They had eyes, noses and mouths, but he saw neither ears nor hair, probably because they seemed to have some kind of hood on).

Fight with the entities

(There was like a shimmering light around the creatures. Apparently they communicated via some kind of melodic tones. When one of the entities came towards Harald, holding an instrument, there was a fight.) From the May 20 hypnosis session:—

TA: — How did you get this wound on your forehead?

HA: — Hurt, I was hurt.

TA: — How did it happen?

HA: — I defended myself. They were going to pierce me.

TA: — Were they going to pierce you?

HA: — They put an instrument . . .

TA: — What did it look like?

HA: — I'm not allowed to say that, no.

TA: — Have they threatened you in some way?

HA: — No, no.

(When one of the creatures came up to Harald holding the instrument, he defended himself. He pulled down one of them, who was helped by the others. After that incident, the device was put against Harald's forehead. This created an intense and burning pain. It is difficult to judge whether the pain was caused by the wound in his forehead or by the burnt spot on his cheek.

Harald was requested by them to keep silent about what had happened. On several occasions, during both hypnosis sessions, he says: "I'm not allowed to tell you." It seems as if the entities had planted some psychic block in his mind. They also forbade him to seek medical help.

Finally, they said: "See you again", and brought him to the doorstep of his villa. There he regained consciousness, and his wife found him standing on the doorstep.)

After-effects

From Dr Ture Arvidsson's diagnosis we learned that Harald had never had an epileptic attack or anything similar.

In the discussion after the first session of hypnosis, Robert Larson asked: "How do you as an experienced

hypnotist evaluate what Harald has said?"
 TA: — To me it is completely inexplicable.
 RA: — Is it the truth that comes through on occasions like this?
 TA: — Yes, one usually tells the truth during hypnosis.

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One researcher who has studied Harald Andersson is Arne Groth. He found some strange gifts in the witness after the experience:—⁴

Harald Andersson now has a general increase in certain psychical sensitivities. When he was preparing some electrostencils at his work, they became completely black, which never happened when a workmate took over. This indicates that there were very strong electrical fields around Harald for some time. Before the incident he had been long-sighted, needing eyeglasses. Now he has discovered that he has no need for them.

Further investigations showed that Harald Andersson had become very sensitive to various kinds of radiation. If one held a rock-crystal over the wound in his forehead, he experienced a tingling or "sucking" in his head. He could detect a rock-crystal at a distance of several hundred meters, if it was big enough.

After the incident, Harald also had premonitions when a UFO was in the vicinity. He felt as if it were a "suction"; almost as though he was "taking off from

the ground", and he could also sense from what direction the UFOs were to arrive. "They are inside of us", he said on one occasion.

Nevertheless, Harald Andersson still has no idea what happened to him, even though he theorizes on Space creatures:—

"I don't know. I can't judge. I don't know what it was. It couldn't have been human beings... they are not humans", he declared after the first hypnosis session.

Today Harald Andersson lives a normal family life in Vallentuna. He still has his sensitivity to certain forces, but he wants no publicity. His wife does not want him to talk about UFOs.

The Andersson case is unique in that it is the only well documented case of an abduction in Sweden. It still lacks an explanation, as do similar cases in other parts of the world.

SOURCE NOTES

- (1) *Dagens Nyheter*, Stockholm, April 5, 1974. Also: *Project URD*, transcription of taped interviews from Vallentuna.
- (2) *Norrtejlje Tidning*, April 5, 1974.
- (3) *Norrtejlje Tidning*, April 3, 1974; *Aftonbladet*, April 4, 1974.
- (4) Transcription of tape from an interview in the radio programme "Nya Dimensioner" ("New Dimensions"), October 1981.

THE "STEEL AIRSHIP" AT BOIS-DE-CHAMP (APRIL 1954)

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(Translation from French)

This extremely interesting report is published in the latest issue of our fine French contemporary (*Lumières Dans La Nuit*, No. 275/276, May-June 1987) and we proffer here our usual credit and thanks to Monsieur R. Veillith, Monsieur F. Lagarde, and to their Editorial Committee. Our thanks too to the author, Monsieur Joël Mesnard, who is by no means unknown to our readers, as they will remember several of his extraordinarily interesting reports that have appeared in past issues of FSR, including, in particular, the Algerian case of "The Tranquilizing Visitation at Bouahmama" (FSR 19/3, 1973.) — EDITOR

READERS of *Lumières Dans La Nuit* will already know something of this case, which was reported briefly in François Dioliz's *Catalogue of Vosges Sightings in 1954* (on page 44 of *LDLN* 261/262). However, I had an opportunity to go over the case again and interview the chief witness, Monsieur Roger Mougeolle, in February 1976.

The episode in question occurred on an afternoon towards the end of April 1954 (the year of France's

