

June 13, 1973, that an enormous, mysterious monster has caught no less than eleven pet dogs in the town of Osasco and has sucked each one dry of blood. The municipal veterinarian, who examined the bodies of the dogs, said that there was not a drop of blood left in any of them, and that he had never seen anything like it in his whole career.

"In each case the throat of the dog had been torn out and the jugular vein exposed.

"Several people claim to have seen the 'vampire,' and describe it as a 'huge dark shape.'

"During the previous night, June 12/13, there were seven major fires in the city of São Paulo."

DID A UFO LAND IN THEIR FRONT GARDEN?

A new physical trace incident reported from South Africa

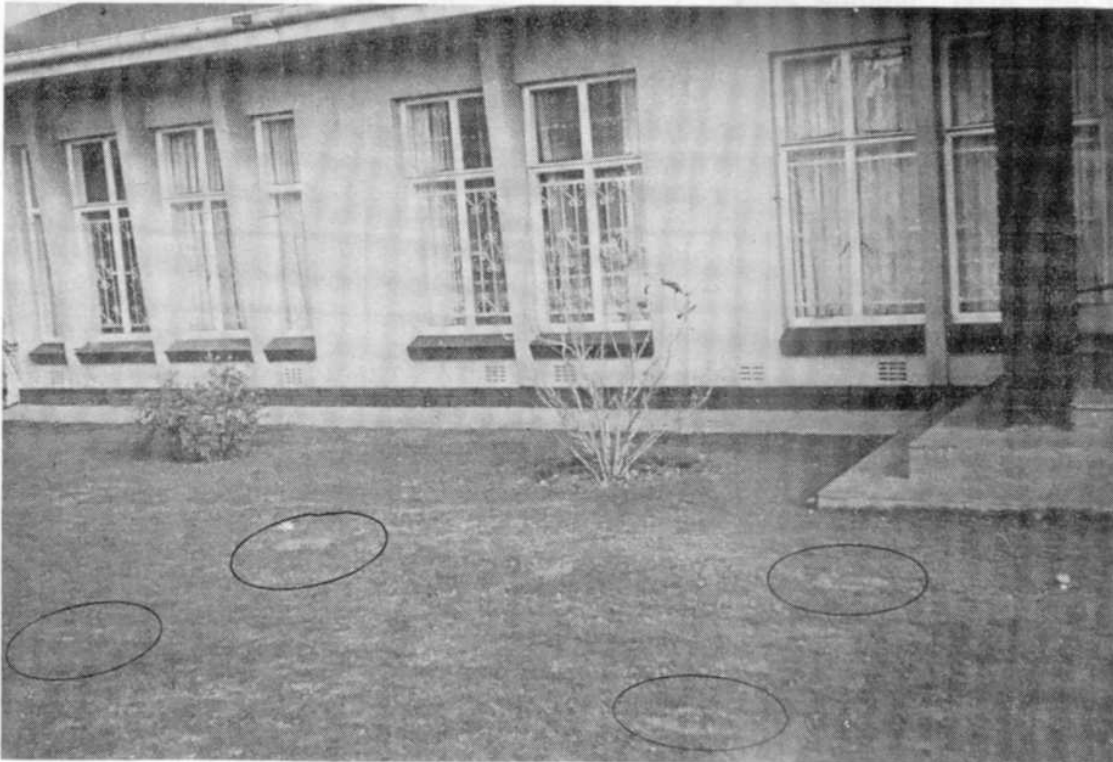
Ivan Clark

THIS is an interesting report of an incident which at first was explained away, not surprisingly, in the following terms: "...Oh, someone probably just parked their car on the Krugers' lawn." At first glance it did look as though this might be a reasonable explanation, but on closer examination it became clear that this was probably not the case.

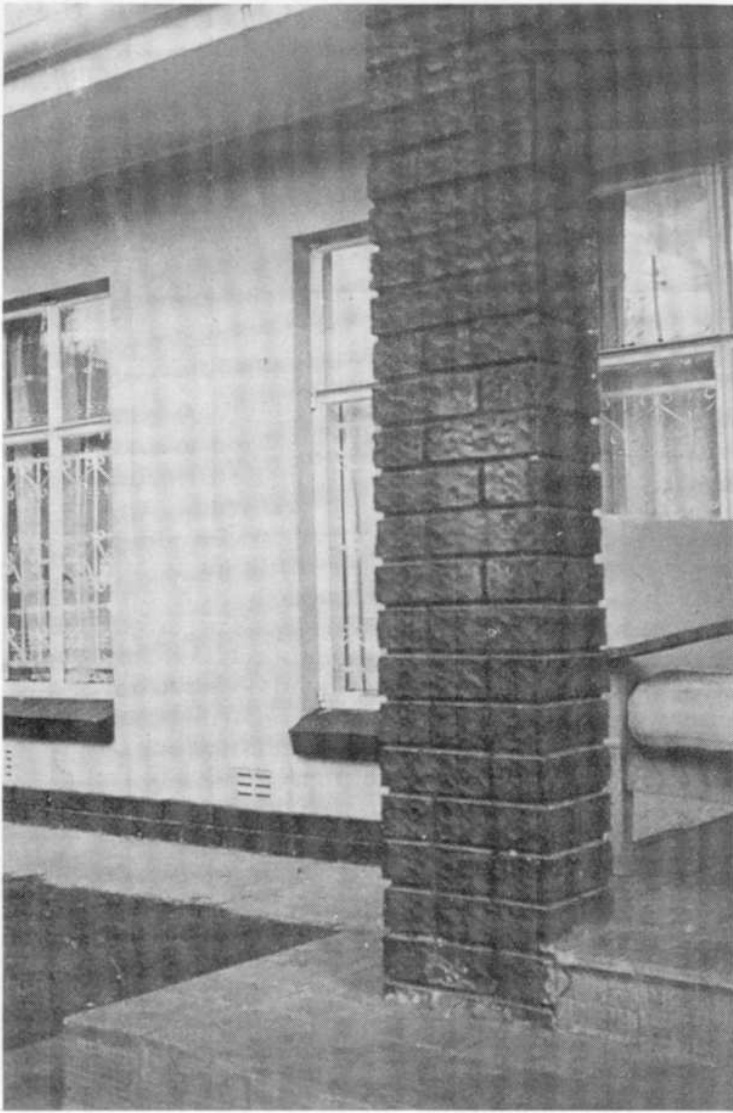
It all started on April 30, 1973, at about 3.30 a.m. in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Kruger, of Queenstown, Cape Province. These good people were awakened by excessive light in their bedroom. Mrs. Kruger woke first, and stated later that she had heard a noise like a jet aircraft in the distance. She paid no more attention to it, but both of them were aware that the room was lit up more than it usually is by the street lamp outside. Nevertheless it did not occur to either of them that anything unusual was happening outside.

It seems that after a while Mr. Kruger got up to make coffee for his wife and himself as they could not sleep. After drinking their coffee they were unable to sleep any more that night. The bedroom curtains are thick and heavy, and neither husband nor wife observed a light source outside; in fact they said they felt no inclination to look outside at all. Mr. Kruger states that the excess of light must have lasted for some ten minutes.

Next day, while watering the front lawn, Mrs. Kruger noticed four marks on the grass just outside their bedroom window; the grass was light brown. When I visited the house later, I took a good look at the grass and marks myself. I could see that the grass in the marks was "dead" but not burnt. The marks could be described as being of a squared oval shape, with dimensions about 23 cms. by 15 cms. Together they formed a rectangle 3 metres by 1.5

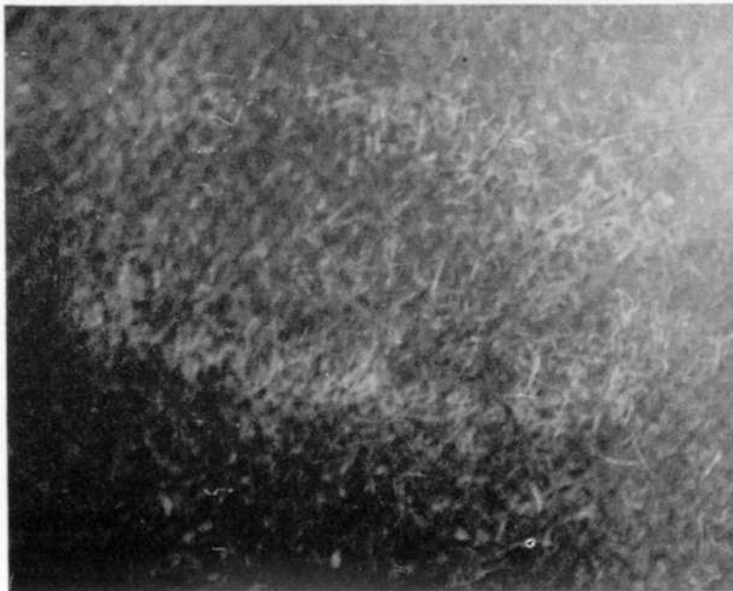


Photograph taken 20 days after the "landing" showing "pad marks," which are ringed to distinguish them from post marking, which occurred subsequently.



Above: Photograph taken 20 days after "landing", showing scorch mark on pillar.

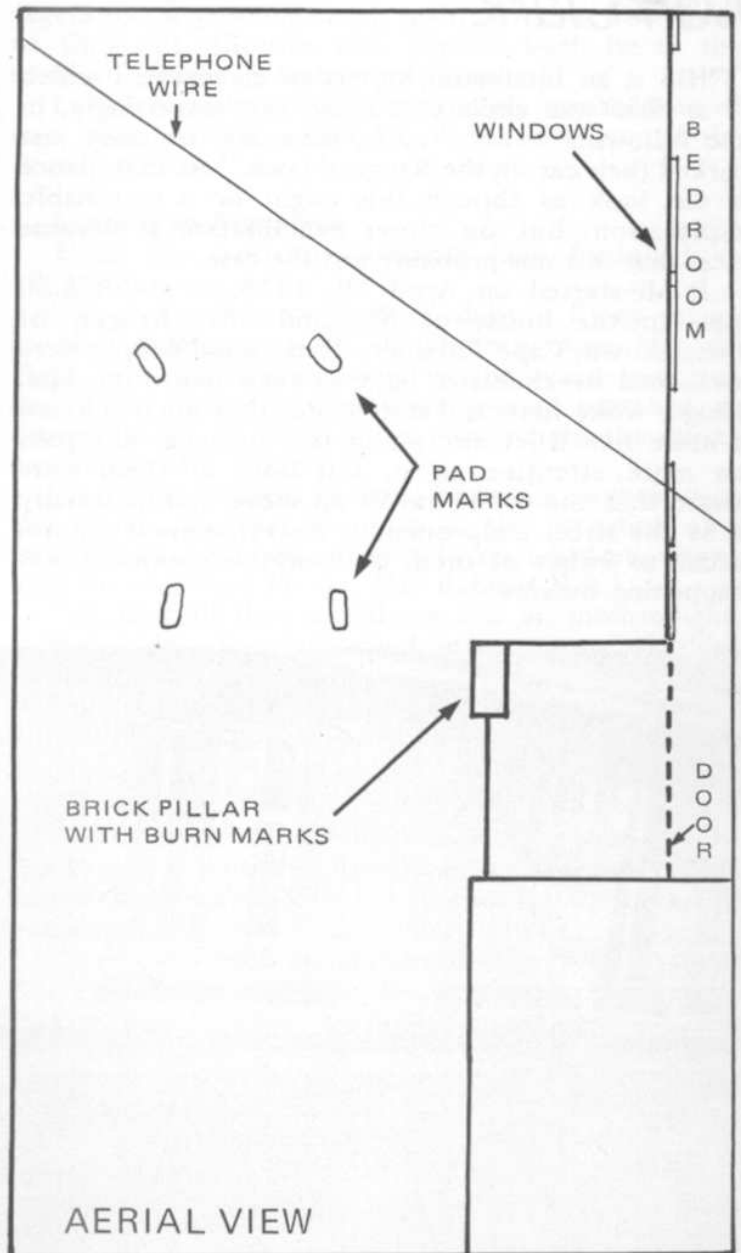
Below: Close-up of one of the marks on lawn, from photograph taken 12 days after "landing".



metres. Two of the marks (see sketch) are at an angle of between 40° and 45° with relation to the other two marks, and it so happens that they thus are pointing in the same direction as the telephone wire leading into the Krugers' house from the road.

The grass in the centre and on the outer rim of each mark was very green, as there had been no frost at Queenstown up to the time when I visited the site. However, my photograph, taken 20 days later, shows frost marks as well as "pad" marks.

It was not until 12 days after they were discovered that the local investigators — friends of mine — got to see the marks, which were very prominent. I was in England at the time, on leave, but I have learned since that my friend Mr. Dyke noticed a mark on a baked brick porch pillar close to the marks on the lawn. When this was pointed out to him, Mr. Kruger was very surprised and upset.



Above: Diagrammatic sketch showing relative positions of "pad marks", brick pillar and the Kruger house

It is definitely a high density burn mark, and has left a whitish ash on the bricks.

A fellow investigator, Mr. Gerber, exposed a gamma-ray tab, first to the marks on the lawn and, secondly, to the burn mark on the pillar. The colour of the paper changed from the normal yellow to a deep orange, indicating the presence of a certain degree of radiation. Unfortunately we do not know if the reading for radiation on the grass marks was greater than that on the pillar or vice-versa. They shouldn't have used the same tab paper for both areas, but unfortunately Mr. Gerber did not have other papers with him for re-loading the tab. However it does seem possible that there must have been considerable radiation present on April 30, for the reading was taken 12 days after the event.

My opinion is that the object may have used the porch pillar to repel itself away and clear of the Krugers' house. I checked the gardens far away up and down the street, and it appears that Mr. Kruger's lawn was the only spot with a reasonable amount of space on which an aerial object could possibly land, with the exception of the road, of course, but that would have been rather conspicuous, even at 3.30 a.m.

Mr. Kruger was upset by all the publicity that this affair was given, and shortly afterwards took his family away for a holiday. I tried to re-assure him with the suggestion that the object, if it was a UFO, had just picked his lawn at random, and really had nothing personal against him.

Who knows?

PUERTO RICO PLAGUED BY GAS AND TORCHLIGHT

Gordon Creighton

SEÑOR SALVADOR FREIXEDO has been good enough to send us a copy of the Puerto Rican illustrated magazine *Avance* for November 2, 1972, which contains a quite remarkable concentration of no less than four good articles¹ by Puerto Rican writers on the UFO Phenomenon in general and the recent "flap" in particular. One article, by Sr. Freixedo himself, is perhaps one of the finest concentrated summings-up that we have ever seen on the UFO Phenomenon, but it deals with that problem as a whole and as it contains no ideas with which FSR readers have not been made acquainted at some time or other I will not quote from it here. It is really not designed for the specialist reader but for the general public. For this deeply thoughtful ex-Jesuit, the parapsychological explanation is now the only one that really recommends itself, and he concludes his piece with the remarkable sentence used by Dr. James Macdonald when giving his evidence on UFOs before the Armed Services Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1968. We have printed this before, on the cover of FSR Special Issue No.2, *Beyond Condon*, but I will quote it again here because of its potentially enormous importance:—

"I now regard Hypothesis 7 [the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis,—G.C.] as the one most likely to prove correct. My scientific interests lead me to hedge that prediction just to the extent of suggesting that, if the UFOs are not of extramundane origin, then I suspect that they will prove to be something very much more bizarre, something of perhaps even greater scientific interest than extraterrestrial devices."²

Who knows to what extent that single statement may have been responsible for another courageous investigator's premature departure from the stage?

In the remainder of this article I will give a boil-down of all the recent cases that are included in the other three articles, which are all complementary to Salvador Freixedo's article *UFOs over the Caribbean*.³ Taken together they give what seems to be an excellent picture from which we can see that the Caribbean Islands are experiencing just the sort of phenomenon which we have been reporting from nearby South America and from all other parts of the world for years past. However, we have still probably not yet seen the real pay-out from Puerto Rico. This present digest of mine gives, for example, only two claimed landings and only one claimed encounter with entities. Salvador Freixedo's own article has one astounding entity encounter and an instantaneous cancer-healing, and mentions the discovery of many other "contactees."

In fact, in a letter written to me since his return to Puerto Rico last autumn, Sr. Freixedo says that there are a remarkable number of contactees now coming to light on that island. He speaks of *eight or nine cases* already known to him, and we await further reports from him about this extraordinary and probably crucial aspect of the UFO Phenomenon.

We are indebted also to the Editor of *Avance* and to Sr. Jose Bauer Garcia, Sr. Alfonso Martinez Taboas, and to the CEOVNI Group (Centro Estudios OVNI, Puerto Rico) for making this material available to us.

Puerto Rican Cases

The articles open with references to Puerto Rican sightings of around October 1 (though we know of course from Sr. Freixedo that the "flap" began at least around the start of August).

On the night of October 4, at Adjuntas, a small town in a rural area in the centre of the Island, according to the account given next day to the