

experience. It was then that he discovered the time (05.30). Since his conscious memory accounts for no more than about four minutes, or so, there does appear a quite distinct time lapse of ten minutes. Regression hypnosis is now to be conducted.

We have found no reason to disbelieve the witness when he claims no interest in UFOs, although since the investigation he has developed a strong interest (by no means an unusual happening). His house displayed no indication of UFO literature, and indeed he seemed more fond of music than of reading matter.

We now come to the intriguing confirmation, although it is not a confirmation in the strictest of senses.

At 04.50 (25 minutes before PC Davies had his experience) four police officers (three men and a woman) were on patrol in a car which was on a hillside above Halifax. This is about eight miles to the east of Todmorden. They were engaged in a search for some stolen property. Suddenly they saw a brilliant ball of light approach across the hills. It seemed to swoop down towards the car and streak overhead silently. It came so low and close that the officers admit that they instinctively ducked! The light was finally observed streaking away across moorland, keeping low, and heading in the direction of Todmorden. They reported the incident immediately to their local base. The call was logged and recorded as having been received at 04.53. Now, there is a twenty five minute time discrepancy here, but the correlation is remarkably close and it must be recalled that PC Davies first saw the object already in position and

hovering. Traffic on that road at such a time on a winter morning would be very light, and it is not inconceivable that nothing else could have passed that way in a twenty minute period leading up to the arrival of the police car.

But that is not the end of it, for at just after 05.45 (15 minutes after PC Davies had returned to the station to report the encounter) there was a call from a school caretaker, a man in his sixties, who was opening a school and about to start its boilers. The school is on a hill just above Todmorden, looking down towards the location where PC Davies had his experience. This man claims that at 05.45 he saw a ball of white light, tinged with blue, streak into the sky and move away very fast. It seemed to have risen from the ground. The man was asked to come into the station to report what he had seen. He did so, and was there at the same time as PC Davies was being interviewed by his superiors about the fantastic events that he claimed had befallen him.

It is unlikely that we would have discovered this information but for the assistance of Norman Collinson (recently promoted to Detective Superintendent), and the legal aid of Harry Harris. It may prove that we shall be thanking them for uncovering one of the most important events ever to occur in Britain, yet one which has not even made a whisper in the press. Just how many other classic cases remain undiscovered? Incredible things could be going on in our midst and we might never find out about them. A sobering thought.

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## GRUESOME CREATURE ON ROAD IN SPAIN

*Gordon Creighton*

WE are indebted to one of our Spanish readers (whose handwriting on the envelope I regret I do not recognise) for sending an extract from the Spanish magazine *Hola*, No. 1891, dated November 22, 1980, which contains an article about a woman who was travelling in her car, with her son, along the road from Pozohondo to Nava de Abajo (Province of Albacete) when they allegedly encountered a gruesome looking creature.

There had been a new outburst of UFO reports in the Albacete area. Two crews of National Police patrol cars had had sightings, and a week later there was again sightings, over Chinchilla in the same area, and very near to the Air Force base at Los Llanos. The precise focus is a piece of terrain owned by the Spanish Army and used by them for military manoeuvres.

The witnesses in the latest of these sightings over Chinchilla were a Sr. Antonio M. Sánchez and a married couple (not named). They observed, at about 7.30 p.m. one evening, two circular objects, one of which they estimated to be about 4 metres wide, on the top of the Sierra de Chinchilla. About an hour later, Gustavo Martínez López, police constable (*alguacil*) at Nava de Abajo, saw a luminous object half the apparent size of the full moon, flying at great speed in the direction of Albacete. He said it looked like a flying car headlight, and was far too fast to be an aircraft.

Only a few hours after that, on the highway from Pozohondo to Nava de Abajo, came the astonishing experience reported by the woman. Her name is given only as Doña A.M.M., but the magazine has a very

clear photograph of her, and also a photograph of the village constable.

The lady's story is given as follows:-

"It was at about half past three, or four o'clock, in the morning, and my son and I were returning after having taken one of his friends home. When we had got to a spot about two kilometres from Nava de Abajo, we saw what at first seemed to me to be a person standing in the middle of the road...

"Still trembling and displaying signs of severe fright, despite the fact that several days had elapsed since she had the experience, Doña A.M.M., who insisted that the reporter should not divulge her name, went on to describe what, judging by her account, the reporter could only conclude to be a humanoid of some sort. She was in such a nervous and disturbed condition that it was only after a very long chat with her that the reporter was able to extract from her the details of an experience that she seems unlikely to forget for a long time to come.

"I continue with her story.

"We had just come out of a dip in the road, and there was this person, stationary at first. The first thought I had was that there had been an accident. I remarked to my son that it was very unwise to stand there like that in the middle of the road, where a car could hit him. As we got closer and closer to him, the man did not move, so my son flashed the headlights several times to warn him in case he had not seen us coming. He still stood there, and as we came up to him we had to swerve sharply to miss him."

Q: 'Were you then able to get a close view of him?'

A: 'Yes. I was terrified (at this point the lady's features portrayed her terror, and she had difficulty in continuing.) His appearance had already struck me as a bit strange, and indeed I had remarked to my son that I felt doubtful whether it was a man at all. Just as we were on the point of hitting him and forced to swerve, I was able to see that there was nothing human about him. We passed very close by him — I would say no more than a metre from him at the most — and what I saw, well, I myself find it hard to believe.'

Q: 'Well, what was he like?'

A: 'Tall — quite tall — maybe around 1 m.80 to 1 m.82. He was enveloped in something like an overall, beige-coloured, covering the whole body, including his head. I don't know if he had feet, or whether they were enveloped in it. But he gave the impression of not having any. As for his head, it was shapeless, without eyes, or mouth, or anything. He was horrible, and I was seized by immense panic...'

Q: 'Didn't he make any movement as you were approaching?'

A: 'Yes, he did move. He moved as it were about three paces or so back, in a strange fashion, as though without bending his legs; he gave the impression that his

legs were rigid, or as though he had no knees, or no legs, or as though each leg ended as the ankle. It put me in mind momentarily of those mechanical dolls.'

Q: 'What was the rest of his body like?'

A: 'He had no left arm, and no hands...My son said he must have been a madman or a leper, covering himself up so as not to be recognised. After he had moved back three paces or so, just as we were about to hit him and so had to swerve, and he was just standing there, motionless, he was terrifying... that shapeless head and nothing else, no eyes or mouth or anything, I don't like even having to recall it.'

Q: 'What did you do next?'

A: 'Just as he moved back, my son stepped on the accelerator, and neither of us said a word till we got to Albacete. Once we were home we told my husband, and only then were we able to calm down a little.'

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"As for the son of Señora A.M.M., he is doing his military service at present. He was on home leave in Albacete at the time of the experience. He wants nothing to do with the whole business. He too was questioned:-

Q: 'Did you never think at any moment of asking for help from anybody, or of reporting the matter to anyone?'

A: 'We were too scared even to look back. We were utterly terrified, and our only thought was to get home as soon as possible.'

Q: 'Do you believe that it could have been an extra-terrestrial?'

A: 'I can't say. I know nothing whatever of such matters. I don't even have any idea about whether the extraterrestrials exist.'

Q: 'But there has been talk in recent days of people having seen UFOs in Albacete. Did you know anything about that?'

A: 'Now look — I don't know what UFOs are. All I can tell you is that what I saw was horrible.'

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The article concludes with speculation as to whether what these two witnesses saw could perhaps have been a creature from one of the UFOs seen by Antonio M. Sánchez on the Sierra de Chinchilla. According to the account given by Sánchez, they were discs of the apparent size of a semaphore lantern. To start with, he saw two of them. After remaining stationary in the air for four or five minutes, all the while emitting beams of vivid orange light, they shot downwards at a staggering speed and vanished behind the range. Half an hour later two more appeared, precisely like the first two, and performed precisely the same manoeuvres, before coming down

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# HUMANOIDS AT SOUTH MIDDLETON — Part 2

*David F. Webb*

**A report from Massachusetts, U.S.A., based on investigations by the author, and Raymond E. Fowler, conducted in 1978. Some of the witnesses have requested to remain anonymous, a wish that has been respected.**

**D**OUGLAS GOULD was the first to see a white-helmeted figure. One day in mid-November 1977, about dusk, he was playing outside near a small shed just north-east of his house. On the ground he was burning toy plastic cars, which released black smoke. He heard footfalls nearby, as if someone was walking on leaves, or in snow (snow may have been on the ground). Doug looked towards the direction of the sound and saw an all-white being walking "stiff as a board." The being went behind the shed, whereupon Doug ran into the house telling his father to go out and look. Tom did so and saw the being standing in back of a car in the yard. He approached the figure, reached out to put his hand on the being's shoulder and, when his hand was about three inches away, the being vanished in front of his eyes! Tom was so shaken by the incident that he did not admit seeing the being to his family until three days later. "I really thought I was seeing things," he said. The being was 4½ ft. tall; it wore a white suit with a "battleship grey" helmet and hands, bare or with gloves. The helmet was square-like with two eye holes and sat on broad shoulders. The hand had a mitten-like appearance. No feet were noticed. Tom believes he saw this same being several times later.

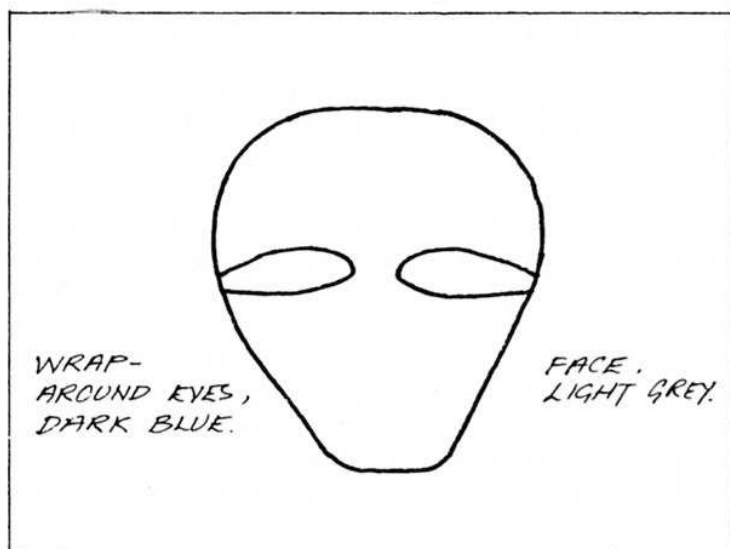
We can speculate that the humanoid may have been attracted by the acrid, black smoke and flames from the burning toys. An unexpected approach, and what may have been interpreted as a threatening gesture by Tom, could have coerced the being into vanishing, an act with ample precedent in CE III lore.

In the first part I reviewed Tom's sightings of the helmeted figure(s) in December and January, and the UFO sightings of January 9-12, 1978. Chronologically the next occurrences were on two separate dates in February 1978 at the Campbell home. Poltergeist-type activity had occurred in both homes during this period, and included locked doors being opened and locks broken. Knives had been placed in door jams in the Campbell home to prevent their opening. One night while all were present in one room, several of the doors were pushed, dislodging the knives. Nothing was seen. Another time a relative heard a sound like a swarm of bees; it grew very loud (although no one else heard it at this point) and he nearly collapsed in a chair before it went away.

A series of incidents the weekend of April 8/9

finally triggered Mrs. Gould's second phone call to investigator Ray Fowler. On Saturday night about 9 p.m. Nancy Gould was sitting on her bed listening to music. She looked up and saw a silhouetted form through the door, which was opened less than an inch. The form had a normal shape, was about 5 ft. 7 in. tall and appeared to be wearing an unzipped jacket. The door moved slightly as if a draught had developed. Thinking it was her father trying to frighten her, she resumed her sewing, then looked up again. The figure was still there. She bolted for the door, swung it open and saw a form moving away rapidly. She searched the nearby rooms then went into the living room where her mother and father were watching TV. No one else was in the house.

The next day, Sunday, April 9, Doug, Allan and their cousins, saw several white figures several times at close range. In the late morning Doug and a cousin were riding his minibike near the ruined pig house. They had a fleeting glimpse of two large white heads viewed through low brush about 30-35 ft away. Only the heads were visible in an attitude that suggested the beings were crouching behind brush. Their faces were light grey with large, wrap-around dark blue eyes. Their heads were of normal size with no hair. Little movement was noticed. The pair were frightened and quickly left the area.



**Sighting of April 9, 1978. Based on sketch by the witness, Douglas Gould**