

# A NEW MEDICARE ?

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SEÑOR SEBASTIAN ROBIU LAMARCHE of Puerto Rico reported in October 1977 that he had four more cases under investigation in which the witnesses claimed to have observed small beings on the Island of Puerto Rico. (For the last case which he reported to us, see *Another Humanoid From Puerto Rico*, in Vol. 23, No. 6.

Sr. Lamarche has now sent me a clipping from the newspaper *El Vocero de Puerto Rico* (September 19, 1977) about a new case which is alleged to have happened at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, September 4, 1977, at Barrio Abra Centro, near Corozal.

The percipient, 74-year-old Luis Sandoval, a farmer, lives with his wife and son in a little house on the fertile slopes of a hill. His extraordinary experience left him very shaken, and a couple of weeks passed before he could pull himself together and go down into San Juan, the Capital, and there tell his story to someone on Channel 4 of the TV and Radio Station. At the same time, the reporter from the newspaper heard about him and, with a photographer, went off up the hill to interview him. The rest of this article is the reporter's story, which is as follows:—

"The old farmer, Luis Sandoval had plenty to tell me: 'It was about 3.30 p.m., and I was lying in my hammock. Then I felt an impulse to get up out of the hammock and come and sit over here. (He leads the reporter to the spot.) I was sitting here, just enjoying the view, and looking towards the north, when I heard a noise to my right ... a noise something like the fireworks rockets which people like to let off on Saints' Days and Holy Days. And what I saw — well, I couldn't believe my eyes ... it was like a flash of lightning, like a blue candle, long, like a cigar. I was stupefied, and I could hear the noise of it growing louder and louder as it approached me. The sound was just like the sound of one of these aeroplanes that we get passing overhead here, but far louder. And I just sat there pretty well without moving and watched this thing coming down from the top of the mountain until it passed me and then dropped down right beside me.

"I had no idea whether I was seeing right or not. But the flash had turned into a little dwarf man about three feet high. I just sat there, hardly daring to blink an eyelid, and this little dwarf chap came and stopped in front of me and, in a husky, deliberate sort of voice, told me to have courage. I saw he had something hanging from his neck, like the thing doctors use when they examine you. He bent down, and started to examine me. First my feet, then my knees, then my chest, back, ears, temples, and my head. He opened my mouth and looked at me carefully. When he had finished, he told me that he was an extraterrestrial and stepped back about two feet

from me and started looking about him. And this went on for about five minutes. And then he spoke to me again, and said "*How nice Puerto Rico is!*"

## The creature

"Then suddenly he stepped away again from me, about another two feet or so, and turned into a blue flame just as he had been before he appeared to me. Then, making the same noise as the first blue flame had done, he shot up into the air like a flash of lightning and away between the branches of an avocado pear tree and was gone.'

"When he had finished telling us about it, using the expressions of a typical Puerto Rico farmer, it was our turn to question him.

"I began my asking: 'Don Luis, what was this creature like, physically?'

"He replied: 'As I said before, he was about three feet tall and his ears were long and pointed. His face was round and ugly and his nose was not shaped like ours, because the nostrils were big, like you see on big apes.'\*

"Was he wearing any sort of clothing?'

"Yes, he had a sort of jacket and a little tie. His face was sort of muddy coloured and I had a good view of his hands.'

"Were you scared?' I asked.

"No, not a bit.'

"What was his mouth like?' I asked.

"He had a little mouth, and his lips were much bigger than ours.'

## The damaged tree

"We went with Don Luis to look at the avocado pear tree and we saw the branches of it which he said had been shrivelled and withered by it. And we were able to see for ourselves that there was one whole branch which looked as though it had been subjected to very great heat.

"Being interested myself in these kinds of phenomena, I tried to find all sorts of different angles from which to discuss the case, but I was unable to catch old Don Luis out in any contradictions. Despite his 74 years he was self-possessed and precise in his speech. He seemed very sincere to us, and, as his wife said to us later, what reason could he have for telling untruths?'

"This case comes as the culmination so far of a whole wave of sightings and of reports from people who say they have encountered the dwarves. To my mind there was no doubt whatsoever that a strange event had occurred up there on the hills at Barrio Abra. The first case reported in Puerto Rico of an 'extraterrestrial' carrying out a physical examination of a human! We do not know precisely what it was that happened, but of one thing we can assure you, and that is that old Don Luis Sandoval has had an experience that he will never forget."

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\* The Spanish word for a monkey or ape is *mono*. The text of the newspaper article actually says *moño*, and my dictionary tells me that this means a *tuft*, *top-knot*, or *chignon*. It seems to me therefore that what we have here is a misprint.—G.C.