

A NEW SOUTH AMERICAN "WAVE"

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THE astonishing reports from Chascomús and Córdoba—both towns in Argentina—are strong meat indeed. But they are only the "peak" features of a truly extraordinary situation now developing, which looks likely to surpass both in quantity of reports and in general weirdness, the "bumper" South American year of 1965. I give below in outline the principal reports that have recently come to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW from its Argentine representative, Señor Oscar A. Galíndez of Córdoba, from Señor Guillermo J. Gainza Paz in Buenos Aires, from Mr. Nigel Rimes in São Paulo, from Senhor Jáder U. Pereira in Pôrto Alegre, and from Dr. Walter Buhler in Rio de Janeiro. To all these gentlemen we express our hearty thanks for the mass of newspaper reports received from them.

1. Punta Arenas, near Magellan Strait, in the far southern part of Chile, June 4, 1968. (As usual the "wave" starts in Tierra del Fuego—close to Antarctica—and moves north.)

At 9.17 p.m. on June 4, two veteran pilots of Argentine Air Lines, and many of their 18 passengers, saw a shining reddish cylinder flying at an estimated height of from 1,800 to 2,000 metres—roughly twice the height of their own aircraft. The UFO was in sight for five minutes and, on landing at the Chilean airport of Chavunco a little later, they learnt that it had been seen from there and had also been photographed. In a press interview (*La Razón*, Buenos Aires, June 8) the senior pilot, Comandante Humberto Raúl Guardabassi, refused, as did his co-pilot, to budge from the view that they had seen a UFO. Guardabassi spoke of his absolute belief in the events now occurring, including the Chascomús teleportation, and concluded: "powerful interests are opposed to the divulging of the facts."

2. Buenos Aires, Argentina. *La Razón* of June 4 and the *Correio do Povo* (published in Pôrto Alegre, Southern Brazil) of June 11, gave details of an extraordinary recent happening to the well-known Argentine painter and sculptor Benjamin Solari Parravicini. This gentleman claimed that some time after midnight (precise date not given) he was walking home from the theatre in Buenos Aires, a copy of the pro-

gramme in his hand. The night was foggy, he tells us, and in view of the "fog" or "mist" mentioned in teleportation cases we should take careful note of this point. The streets hereabouts were deserted.

Arriving at the corner of Avenida Belgrano and Avenida 9 de Julio, Parravicini was suddenly confronted by what he took at first to be a madman, a fair-skinned Nordic type of man, "whose eyes were so light in colour that it looked as though he were blind." This individual detained him and addressed him in an unintelligible guttural language, but his manner was "kindly and even gentle." Looking upwards, on this man's instructions, Parravicini then beheld through the "fog", and at a distance of only about 50 metres, close to the tower building of the Argentine Ministry of Public Works, an extraordinary aerial ship, with no lights.

Parravicini was overcome by dizziness, and when he recovered he found himself along with three other individuals inside the machine, which was in flight. One of these people, very handsome, was questioning him in a language which was unintelligible to him and yet his mind understood, or seemed to understand, the thoughts of the alien being. In other words, as Parravicini said, it was a case of direct telepathic communication.

The alien told him not to be alarmed; they would merely take him for one trip around the Earth and would then put him down again at the precise spot where they had taken him aboard. A few minutes later, Parravicini found himself observing surface features of what he recognised as Japan, and then France, and then Chile. And when he had returned, as he said, from this "dream", he found himself back on the corner of Avenida Belgrano and Avenida 9 de Julio—and there on the pavement nearby was his theatre programme which had fallen from his hand before the experience... Parravicini, for many years director of the Art Gallery owned by the Banco Municipal, concluded by saying that the alien beings had now contacted him several times. He said they told him that they were watching and patrolling our planet to see that no catastrophe befalls it.

Commenting upon this case, in a lengthy interview in *La Razón* (June 4),

Professor Alejandro Erú, a member of the faculty of Humanities at the University of La Plata and secretary of the Argentine College of Parapsychology, told this paper that Parravicini's case was only one of a number of "contact" and "teleportation" cases that the College has on its files. Professor Erú mentioned specifically the cases of the Argentine businessman who was instantly teleported from Bahía Blanca to Salta in 1959 (see my article *Teleportations* in FSR, March/April 1965) and of the Brazilian Professor, João de Freitas Guimarães (see THE HUMANOID, Latin American case 19, and FSR for November/December 1957 and September/October 1961).

3. Colón, Uruguay. According to *La Razón*, Buenos Aires, of June 15, four people at Colón near Montevideo saw two saucers fly over on the evening of June 14, travelling very fast and headed towards the east.

4. Buenos Aires, and vicinity, June 15. According to a France-Presse report in the Brazilian *Correio do Povo* (Pôrto Alegre) of June 20, the passage of a UFO near Buenos Aires recently had caused marked disturbance of the Earth's magnetic field. Radios, clocks and other domestic electrical equipment were stopped, and the needles of compasses were reversed.

Residents of the Buenos Aires suburbs of Boulogny and San Martín said that they saw a saucer land during the night of June 15-16. A railway worker named Juan Carlos Barros said that the passage of the UFO caused the roof of his house to collapse. According to eye-witness reports received by several police stations, the manoeuvres of the saucer "were accompanied by a continuous noise of thunder and by a strange smell and a strange light."

5. El Choro, Bolivia, May 29, June 16, June 19. *La Nación* (Buenos Aires) of June 28 published a Reuter report of the 27th from Oruro in Bolivia. It stated that Bolivian Police authorities had revealed that unidentified flying objects had recently been seen on three occasions in the vicinity of El Choro, a town in the Departamento de Oruro (some 200 km. south of La Paz).

The sightings were on May 29, June

16 and June 19, and all at late hours of the night, said Germán Rocha, Chief of the Provincial Police, who was himself a witness, along with Police Major Nicéforo León. In their own particular sighting, they were amazed to behold a round object, with a most vivid blue light, which object landed and left behind it a strange and powerful odour. The surrounding grass and shrubs were burnt by it.

The report relating to June 19 said that, at a place called Cabrería, near Choro, a settler named Rómulo Velasco, aged 25, saw a bright object land and from it there emerged a strange "tall slim being" who tried to approach him, but Velasco fainted.

6. Catamarca, Argentina. According to the *Correio do Povo* (Pôrto Alegre, Brazil) of June 22, the pilot of a light aeroplane (his name was Jorge Scassa) was at a height of about 200 metres or so, at a place some 25 miles from Catamarca (in the Andes, north-west of Córdoba) on June 18, when he saw what he at first took to be a "grey cloud", but which he soon saw was a dish-shaped object in rapid flight. He mentioned that it was not rotating. He called the Catamarca airport, but they did not answer. He then sent out a general message, which was picked up by an aircraft of Argentine Air Lines, which in turn notified the control towers at Córdoba and Catamarca. The personnel of the tower at Córdoba later confirmed that they had lost contact with Scassa's plane.

7. Correio do Povo of June 22 also reported that, on the same night, i.e. June 18, an Argentine taxidriver was driving along with three passengers when suddenly the engine stopped and he was unable to re-start it. Then he and the passengers noticed a strange object hanging stationary beside the road and at a small distance above the ground. Then the object rose into the sky and vanished. Various telephone calls to police during the same night mentioned an unknown object seen flying over the region. (The paper does not quote the name of the area in Argentina.)

8. Miramar. According to the same paper, a chauffeur at Miramar (450 km. due south of Buenos Aires, and near Mar del Plata) was cycling home one night recently when he found himself confronted by a mysterious object stationed right on the road. The chauffeur, named Oscar Vivas, aged 24, said it was elliptical in shape and very large. The upper portion of it was rotating rapidly, and the object was only about half a metre from the ground. From the lower part there came, "as though supporting it", a vivid beam of light.

On receiving this report from Vivas, "a man of excellent reputation who does not drink", the police went to the spot and found that the soil was scorched.

9. Correio do Povo of July 3 reported that at 9.40 a.m. on June 25, Senhor Edson Elpo, manager of the Radional installations at Florianópolis on the island of Santa Catarina off the coast of southern Brazil, with one of his workmen, watched a UFO for 40 minutes. The object, circular and domed, arrived from the south, flying very slowly. Above the island it turned west and headed inland. Both observers, with their long experience of observing aircraft, felt that its apparent size was "comparable with that of a Boeing aircraft flying at 3,000 metres."

On June 27, again at 9.40 a.m., the two men saw two more objects, flying side by side and coming over from the east, very fast. Their colour was "dull leaden." The two UFOs changed course again in precisely the same area over Santa Catarina Island, and vanished towards the north after being in sight for only four minutes.

Similar objects were again seen, at the same time on the following day, June 28, by the same two observers and by many other people.

10. Rosario and vicinity, Argentina. According to the Buenos Aires paper *La Crónica* (July 4) flying saucer reports were now daily affairs in Rosario, and the witnesses, usually serious steady sort of folk, unlikely to be avid for publicity.

At 10.45 a.m. on June 25, José Juan Racoski, an employee of the Carmal Chemical Plant at San Lorenzo, near Rosario, was leaning on a rail at the plant, above the gorge of the River Paraná, when suddenly something unknown dazzled and paralysed him. He was found by workmates unconscious, grasping a torch in his left hand. Coming to his senses half an hour later, he shouted in terror: "I can't see a thing!" His eyes were in fact bulging and badly swollen and his skin had turned red. It took him three days to recover. Speaking of his experience, he said: "It was a flying saucer that bedazzled me. Then I lost consciousness."

Covering the case in greater detail, the Buenos Aires *La Razón* (also of July 4), mentions that the Carmal Chemical Works are situated in Bouchard, a suburb of San Lorenzo, and at a distance of 1 km. from National Highway No. 1. The account continues: "It was at about 10.45 a.m., when the plant's electrician Jorge Ribles noticed that the engines driving the fermentation machinery and the grinding mills were at a standstill and the whole surroundings were lit up with

an intense reddish light. He checked, but could find no mechanical faults or damage in the electrical machinery.

"Another employee, José Juan Racoski, aged 52, who lives in Calle Fray Luis Beltrán and has worked at the Carmal Chemical Plant for many years, had a strange experience. He states that he was leaning on a rail checking the level of a vat, when suddenly he was enveloped in a vivid light that dazzled and paralysed him. His strength ebbed away and he fell unconscious. Fellow workers ran to his aid and it was a while before he recovered consciousness, and when he did so, it was to find that for some time he was without the power of sight. His mates say moreover that his body turned a reddish colour and his eyes were mis-shapen and seemed to be about to leap from their sockets.

"It was three days before Racoski could move his paralysed left arm. He continued however to suffer from extreme nervousness and severe pains all over the body as though he had been badly beaten with a cudgel.

"Nobody can explain this strange affair. Racoski is considered a decent, serious fellow, not given to believing in phenomena of this sort. He is a man of vigorous build and constitution, and not a man easy to affect.

"It is reported that personnel at the Duperial Factory and at the Petroquímica Plant (situated in Bella Vista, a suburb of San Martín) as well as residents of the nearby district of Ricardone, have also seen flying saucers."

11. Santa Fé, Argentina, June 27. *La Nación* (Buenos Aires) of June 28 reported that at 6.50 a.m. on the previous day, a worker named Luis Gulicovich was engaged in loading cases on to a truck in front of his place of employment, a soft drinks plant on Calle Ayacucho in Santa Fé (north of Rosario). Looking up suddenly, he beheld an object, shaped like a silver dish and emitting flashes of red flame around its rim. It was at some distance, apparently level with the top of the local LT 3 radio transmitting tower, and was moving towards Alvear. In fear and astonishment he called his workmates and four of them also saw it. All five witnesses told the press that they thought the object definitely far bigger than an aeroplane, and described it as an inverted hollow silver plate, flying very slowly at first, and then accelerating and vanishing at great speed. It had a bright light that flashed intermittently.

12. Laguna Paiva, N.E. of Santa Fé, Argentina, June 23. According to the Buenos Aires *La Nación* (June 28) two young women students, Beatriz

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Fernández and Eldá Paredes, were visiting a friend in the suburb of Villa Rosario, at Laguna Paiva, when they heard a humming noise and, looking towards the west at an elevation angle of 45 degrees, they saw a strange object flying slowly on a North-South course. It was shaped like a spinning-top with a flattened base, and flashes of light were coming from the under part of it. On the upper part, which was rotating, there were beams of light directed downwards towards the ground. The object was visible for about one minute before accelerating sharply and vanishing.

13. Mar del Plata, Argentina, June 28. According to *La Razón* of July 2, an eminent lawyer of Mar del Plata, his wife, herself a professor, his daughter, and various other people, all saw a UFO stationary over an open piece of terrain near their home at El Sosniago, 15 km. from Mar del Plata, on June 28. Arriving at the house, the lawyer, Dr. Marcelo Anibal Betnaza, found the whole family observing the object. Getting out his binoculars he saw that it was shaped "like a mushroom or a spinning-top." Stationary, not far from the ground, it was emitting flashes of light that changed colour constantly. From the cupola came a steady vivid green light, while from below it was emitting red and yellow

flashes that were constantly changing.

After a while, the saucer began to climb, halted when observed at an angle of approximately 25 degrees, then dropped again abruptly. It also performed wobbling movements and other movements which, as the lawyer said, "would be regarded as signs of intelligent control."

Dr. Betnaza and his family had driven in their car to a point estimated to be about 1,000 metres from the "craft", and thought it prudent to observe from there without approaching more closely. His wife, professor of Geography at an important local college, had seen the same type of

craft, behaving in the same manner, the previous day, and the paper adds that a man named Raúl Frías of Miramar had recently seen precisely the same type of object too.

14. Córdoba, Argentina. According to the *Correio do Povo* (Pôrto Alegre, southern Brazil) for July 3, quoting an Agence France-Presse report of July 2 from Buenos Aires, some children at Córdoba recently saw two "Martians" emerge from a flying saucer.

The children, aged 12, 11 and 10 respectively, said the beings came out of an egg-shaped craft, wore luminous

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clothing, and "were holding hands, just like two newly married people." After walking around their machine a few times, the "Martians" got in again and the craft flew away at a terrific speed.

The children told their parents. The latter believed them sufficiently to inform the police authorities, who at once launched an investigation.

15. Province of Corrientes, Argentina, June 29. The Buenos Aires daily *La Crónica* of July 4 reported that on the night of June 29, three men named Eduardo Sánchez Aguilar, Pablo Pastor Ortega and Damián Vega, were driving in a car along National Highway No. 5 in the district of San Luis del Palmar in Corrientes Province (north of Buenos Aires), when they saw a circular flattened object that emitted an intensely bright orange light. At one moment the object seemed to approach dangerously close to them, so they turned out their lights. As the UFO passed near, the car was shaken by a most powerful vibration and the gears went into reverse.

16. Ricardone, suburb of Rosario, Argentina, July 1. According to the Buenos Aires daily *La Razón* of July 4, the district of Rosario and neighbouring areas of Ricardone and San Lorenzo were all agog with stories of flying saucers, apparitions of weird and strange beings, "and even incomprehensible phenomena that have caused fear and commotion . . . Although no official reports have been lodged with the police, the general talk among the public indicates that in these past few days many folk have seen luminous objects flying through the skies above San Lorenzo, and have also seen extraterrestrial beings."

The paper goes on to describe how, at 4 a.m. on July 1, a 17-year-old youth named Raúl Salcedo was returning home from a dance in Ricardone when, just before reaching his home, he met two strange beings at the corner where Calle Hipólito Yrigoyen crosses Calle San Juan. The beings were almost three metres high. The youth "felt himself drawn towards them by the powerful magnetism irradiated by them, which wellnigh immobilised him."

Finally, he managed to break loose from his difficult situation and fled in terror. Just before reaching home he ran into his father and some friends at a spot two blocks further on, but was too frightened to stop and rushed on home past them.

17. San Lorenzo, near Rosario, Argentina, July 2. According to the Buenos Aires dailies *La Crónica* and *La Razón* of July 4, a married woman named Señora Eva de Perea of 1127 Avenida

San Martín, San Lorenzo, saw a flying saucer moving at moderate speed across the sky. It was emitting red flashes and flying on an inclined plane as if about to land, with an unsteady wobble. She called her husband and daughters and a neighbour, Señor Victorio Canopreso, and they all saw it.

18. Salta, Argentina, July 2. *La Crónica* (Buenos Aires) for July 4 carried a report from Salta about a strange phenomenon seen by no fewer than fifteen people in the Córico district, near a mountain known as the "Peak of February 20." After much animated discussion, many residents of Salta had decided that it was all too far-fetched to be true when they were jolted by yet another fantastic report. It seems that, at 8.15 on July 2, near the Sporting Club in Salta, a boy named Sola suddenly saw the same bright object that the others had seen, above the same peak. At the same time the boy beheld, "at only a few metres distance from him, a strange being about 2.10m. in height, hanging suspended in the air, his body emitting a strange luminosity."

This being suddenly spun round like a top, his body remaining otherwise quite motionless. Then he began to rise into the air, and finally vanished above the Peak of February 20. Young Sola stood there dumbfounded, unable to believe his eyes, and then headed for the nearest police station hoping to find somebody there who would believe him.

Meanwhile fresh reports had reached the Salta police from people who said they had seen either craft or strange beings. In one case the witnesses—three of them—were themselves policemen, who had seen a UFO over the district of El Portezuelo which is on the outskirts of Salta, on the road to Tucumán. Meanwhile, the people of Salta are watching the Andean peaks more closely than ever.

NOW, THE REMARKABLE AFFAIR OF OSCAR IRIART . . .

19. Sierra Chica, near Olavarría, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 2. The Buenos Aires daily *La Razón* reported in its issue for July 4 one of the most fantastic cases of all. The farmer Heriberto Antonio Iriart, aged 51, runs a farm of some 72 hectares near the town of Sierra Chica.

Shortly before 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, his 15-year-old son Oscar Heriberto Iriart was out riding his

horse. When in the vicinity of a wire fence, he noticed two individuals who were making signs urging him to approach.

Oscar, a bright lad, considered intelligent and serious by his teachers, has already taken a diploma in Accountancy.

Thinking the two men might be bird-hunters, he rode over to them. He found that they were more or less about his own height (1 m. 70 cm.), with white hair, short, or very little of it, and wearing shirts or clothing of a red colour. "Apart from the constant unblinking way in which they gazed fixedly at me with their deep-set eyes, they might have been just any ordinary men such as we see every day here in Sierra Chica," the boy told the press.

Apart, too, from one other odd thing. **Their legs were semi-transparent.** The boy noticed that he could see through to the grass behind them.

The following dialogue ensued:

Visitor: "You are going to know the world!"

Boy: "Yes, of course—when I have money enough."

Visitor: "No. We will take you. We cannot take you now, as we have a big load . . ."

The men showed him a machine standing in the muddy drainage ditch between the wire fence and the road. The boy described it as elliptical in shape, with three landing legs, "one of them behind the other two," the diameter of the whole thing being about 2 metres and its height about 60 cm. The length of the legs was about 50 cm. The machine was of a silvery colour and had landed near a culvert in the ditch.

After this exchange of conversation, in what the boy thought was Spanish, since he understood them perfectly (though of course telepathy is a possible alternative), one of the two men put a hand into his clothing and extracted what appeared to be an ordinary envelope. This he handed to the boy, saying it was a message for him. He told the boy to dip it into a nearby puddle of water. Oscar, who by now had lost his initial nervousness, went to the puddle and did so, plunging the envelope and both hands into it. When he withdrew them, he found to his great astonishment that hands and envelope were entirely dry.

He now noticed that the envelope contained a message. Written in a crude hand resembling that of a small child that has not yet even commenced primary school, it read, in Spanish: "You are going to know the world. F. Saucer." (Uste va a conocer el Mundo. P. Volador.) The spelling was not even correct, for the final *d* was missing from the word *usted* (you).

They then climbed on to the

machine, lifted the top and got in, and so soon as it was closed the machine took off vertically at great speed, with flashes of light, and almost instantaneously it was just a tiny spot in the sky and then was gone.

Feeling "as though he had been asleep", Oscar now ran over to his horse. But fear was now to begin flooding into him. For the horse was paralysed, and could not move, and so was his dog. It was some few minutes before the animals could move freely again. Then he mounted and fled in utter terror towards the house, distant no more than half a mile. Some people who saw this ride thought he must have taken leave of his senses, so wild did both rider and steed appear.

The family were profoundly disturbed by the strange bulging and disoriented condition of the boy's eyes, which looked, as one of the papers said, "as though he really were just emerging from a hypnotic state or as though he had been terrified by the vision he had seen."

Accompanied by neighbours, the family ran to the spot where Oscar said the machine had stood and there, to their great astonishment (for the envelope and the message had struck nobody as convincing) they found three holes, each some 12 cm. deep, and forming a perfect isosceles triangle, the base side measuring 2 metres and the other two sides 1.58 metres each. So perfect were the measurements of the sides and the angles that anybody wishing to fake the story would have had quite a task with stakes and string and setsquare to get such exact results.

In the afternoon, after military personnel from the Garrison at Olavarría had called to take away soil samples for analysis, the boy's father went to report to Sergeant Raúl Coronel, the police official in charge at Sierra Chica. Regarding the story as too ridiculous for words, the latter refused to take any notice or to initiate any official action—an attitude

that was soon to change sharply, as we shall see.

At the Sierra Chica Social Club that evening, there was much celebration over a recent football triumph over local rivals, but inevitably the story of Oscar Iriart was soon a subject of vigorous argument too. And among the leading local personalities at the Club who would not hear of flying saucers, there were of course our friend Sergeant Raúl Coronel of the Police, and a group of fellow-sceptics. These were the butcher Carlos Marinángeli, his brother José Luis, an administrative official in the local convict colony, Hugo Rodríguez, a mechanic, and Walter Vaccaro.

At about 11.15 p.m. these five bold and convivial sceptics set out for the landing site, Police-Sergeant Raúl Coronel being careful to take with him a powerful electric torch. Arrived at the site, they quickly concluded that the holes were faked, and they were busily cracking snide jokes about flying saucers when suddenly butcher Marinángeli yelled in alarm: "Look out! A light is coming in our direction!"

Zigzagging very slowly towards them across the meadow, at a height of only a few metres from the ground, was this luminous something, and it was headed right for where they stood, the spot where allegedly a flying saucer had landed almost exactly 12 hours before. In panic the five bold sceptics threw themselves to the ground. As the UFO passed over them Police-Sergeant Raúl Coronel drew his regulation revolver and was about to shoot, but the butcher Marinángeli prudently and firmly restrained him. The UFO continued its zigzagging course across the field, and then, gathering speed, it climbed straight up and was gone.

Sergeant Raúl Coronel and Butcher Marinángeli and their friends, all of whom were convinced a few minutes before that all this talk of flying saucers "was just a load of nonsense due to seeing too many queer things

on TV", were now miraculously converted into the most enthusiastic of UFO buffs. Questioned by his Police superiors at Azul and by reporters, Sergeant Coronel and his friends could only murmur repeatedly: "Sí, sí, Señores! The flying saucers **do** exist!"

Sergeant Coronel was transferred, for his pains, to Azul, where his superiors gave him a wiggling for having made statements to the press about UFOs without having submitted any official report on the case to them first. As *La Razón* puts it: "Sergeant Coronel's fervent affirmation, as of now, that **UFOs do exist**, constitutes a ground for some perplexity on the part of his superiors, for he has always been noted for his seriousness and his sense of responsibility."

In the meantime, the fair, blue-eyed lad Oscar Heriberto Iriart sticks to his story, and his mother, Doña Cesaria Donatti de Iriart, cries, between sobs: "He has been threatened, you understand! Those horrible men have said they will come back to get him!" The highly respected Creole family of the Iriarts pass their days in perplexity, and the whole surrounding district of Olavarría and Sierra Chica is in an uproar. Further night-vigils by newspapermen and local stalwarts, supported by copious barbecues and powerful alcoholic draughts against the "night air", have failed to draw the UFO back to the spot. The Police continue to investigate and to take the case seriously, although everyone is puzzled by the crudely written "message" and the perfectly ordinary terrestrial envelope and notepaper.

Oscar Iriart remains firmly convinced of the reality of his experience and will not budge from his story. Enquiries have revealed that he does not read science-fiction, and has never displayed the slightest interest whatsoever in anything to do with "Flying Saucers." He prefers tinkering with the engine of one of his father's old cars.

Decline In UFO Sightings Predicted by a Reader

UFO activity is at a low ebb this year according to an article in the *New York Times* by Walter Sullivan. The Air Force (Project Blue Book) and NICAP (the largest civilian UFO group) are given as authorities for that statement.

I predict that UFO sightings will remain at a relatively low level in the future, and that we shall never again see the great flaps which characterised 1947, 1952 and those of recent years. However, people have been seeing things in the sky since time immemorial and there will always be a few sightings – the usual hoaxes, misidentification of conventional objects, as well as plasma-UFOs.

My prediction is based on extensive research which I have been conducting over the years. Accordingly, I am not inclined to reveal the facts behind my prediction. At any rate, I believe I am one of the first to call attention to the turn in UFO sighting reports.

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