treatment hypnotherapy was used, and it yielded remarkably detailed and similar stories from both Barney and Betty. Essentially they had been hypnotically kidnapped, taken aboard a UFO, submitted to two-hour physicals, and released with posthypnotic suggestions to forget the entire incident. The evidence is rather strong that this is what the Hills, even in their subconscious, believe happened to them. And it is of particular importance that after the "posthypnotic block" was removed, both of the Hills ceased having their psychological problems.

The Hills' description of the aliens was similar to descriptions provided in other cases, but this particular type of alien appears to be in the minority. The most commonly described alien is about three and one-half feet tall, has a round head (helmet?), arms reaching to or below his knees, and is wearing a silvery space suit or coveralls. Other aliens appear to be essentially the same as Earthmen, while still others have particularly wide (wrap-around) eyes and mouths with very thin lips. And there is a rare group reported as about four feet tall, weight of around 35 pounds, and covered with thick hair or fur (clothing?). Members of this last group are described as being extremely strong.

If such beings are visiting Earth, two questions arise: 1) why haven't there been accidents which have revealed their presence, and 2) why haven't they attempted to contact us officially? The answer to the first question may exist partially in Sergeant Lonnie Zamora's experience, and may exist partially in the Tunguska meteor discussed in Chapter XXIX.

In that chapter it was suggested that the Tunguska meteor was actually a comet which exploded in the atmosphere, the ice melted and the dust spread out. Hence, no debris! However, it has also been suggested that the Tunguska meteor was

actually an alien spacecraft that entered the atmosphere too rapidly, suffered mechanical failure, and lost its power supply and/or weapons in a nuclear explosion. While that hypothesis may seem farfetched, samples of tree rings from around the world reveal that, immediately after the Tunguska meteor explosion, the level of radioactivity in the world rose sharply for a short period of time. It is difficult to find a natural explanation for that increase in radioactivity, although the suggestion has been advanced that enough of the meteor's great kinetic energy was converted into heat (by atmospheric friction) that a fusion reaction occurred.

This still leaves us with no answer to the second question: why no contact? That question is very easy to answer in any of several ways: 1) we may be the object of intensive sociological and psychological study. In such studies you usually avoid disturbing the test subjects' environment; 2) you do not "contact" a colony of ants, and humans may seem that way to any aliens (variation; a zoo is fun to visit, but you don't "contact" the lizards); 3) such contact may have already taken place secretly; and 4) such contact may have already taken place on a different plane of awareness and we are not yet sensitive to communications on such a plane. These are just a few of the reasons. You may add to the list as you desire.

FOOTNOTES BY G.C:

- *1) It is quite impossible to identify this individual described as "of the University of Peking".
- "Tschi" is not identifiable as a correct Chinese name.
- *2) This statement is patently complete rubbish; nothing historical is known so far back.

(Third & final part of article will be in next issue.)■

VENUS ON VIDEO! -SOME STRANGE EVENTS OVER ENGLAND IN 1988. © By Gordon Creighton.

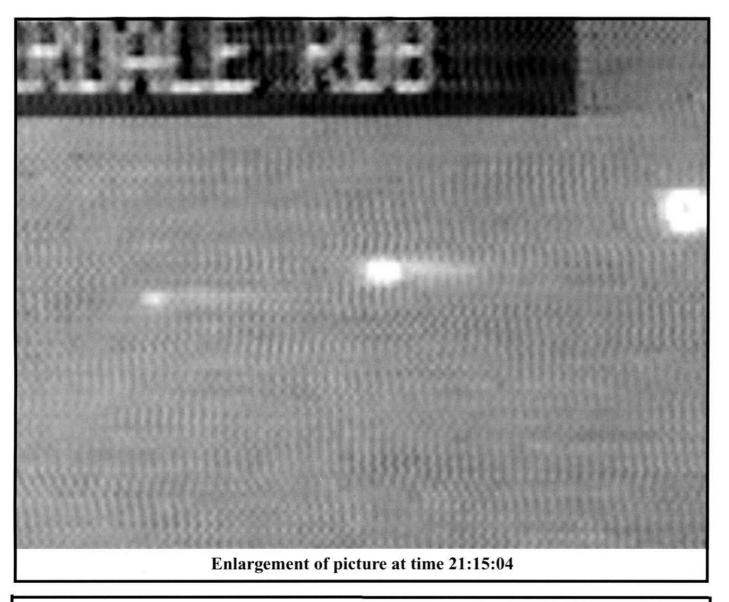
s FSR readers will all surely be aware, we have large quantities of material, gathered over many years past, and not only in English but in several other languages, all of which requires to be examined and evaluated and — if found useful — published. This backlog remains chiefly untended for the very simple reasons that (a) we lack the necessary page-space for publishing, and (b) that there is nobody to do the job.

Unfortunately FSR's tiny staff includes no

many-armed Shivas or Buddhas.

The case described below, and dating from nine years ago, is typical. I offer no apologies for not having issued it earlier. I have had it in mind all along since 1988, but it needed a lot of preparation and consequently it repeatedly got 'elbowed out' by other items. There was also the additional problem that a video is involved, and I had always been hoping that I would finally find someone who could advise me about certain features of it. EDITOR.

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PHASE I: THE RICKMANSWORTH STORY (Friday, March 4, 1988)

On Thursday March 10, 1988, the *Watford & West Herts Review* carried the following remarkable item about happenings of the previous week:-

FLYING RIDDLE: REPORTS OF A UFO SIGHTING OVER RICKMANSWORTH JAMMED POLICE SWITCHBOARDS ON FRIDAY

The 999 callers were told of a collection of mysterious lights in the night sky. But the evidence of the UFOs, caught on a M25 motorway observation video, is to remain stashed away on a tape in Police records and is not being released.

Chief Inspector Chris Partridge of Herts Police, who has seen the taped encounter, said the sighting occurred between 9.00 p.m. and 9.40 p.m.

"There were several bright lights seen in the sky which we have not been able to explain, having spoken to air traffic controllers in the area, who could not establish what they were", he said. "Two lights were moving and two others were stationary. We had a Police car in the area and we trained a camera into the sky. But the tapes will stay in our records. We have made every effort to find out what it was, but haven't come up with anything, and it didn't cause any difficulties in the area".

I wrote a couple of letters to the newspaper about the case, one of which they printed on April 7.

In the meantime however, on March 17, the same newspaper had published the following letter from a woman living at Carpenders Park, Watford, about something that she had seen on that very same day on which the big spherical UFOs (the Police confirmed that there were six of them) had been over the area, namely March 4:-

Watford and West Herts Review, March 17, 88 'I SAW FLYING SAUCER'

A Carpenders Park woman has given a graphic account of her sighting of a UFO hovering above her street.

Daphne Knapp, 54, of St. George's Drive, saw the 20-metre long object on the same evening that a group of mysterious lights, reported in last week's *Review*, were caught on a Police video over Rickmansworth. Said Mrs. Knapp: "I went to my front door around 9.40 p.m. and saw this shining green object coming down towards me just in front of the houses (all bungalows) and just above the level of their rooftops. It was flat-bottomed with two red lights on the rear end, that were not flashing like an aircraft's lights. I have never seen anything like it, and wish I had had a film in my camera."

She said the unidentified craft emitted a humming sound and was travelling slowly. "I have never believed what others have said about UFOs, but after seeing *that* I'm convinced."

Police have refused to release photographs from the video of the sighting over Rickmansworth on March 4.

Gordon Creighton, Rickmansworth-based editor of the *Flying Saucer Review* magazine, said the filmed sighting was one of many of its kind. "The Police and the Government have a policy of not releasing details of their sightings".

Accompanied by Brian Drummond of Croxley Green, a long-standing reader and supporter of FSR, I called upon Mrs. Daphne Knapp the next day. We walked with her the length of her road, St. George's Drive, as she showed us how the boat-shaped craft had sailed over, parallel with the gables of the low bungalow house-fronts, just a few feet above all the front-gardens, all the way along the road, and she made a sketch of it for us. We found her a sprightly, intelligent lady, on the staff of the nearby yards of British Rail. Her account was one of the most convincing that I have ever heard.

On the following day after the appearance of Mrs. Knapp's report in the *Watford and West Herts Review*, a more important and "senior" rival local weekly paper, namely the *Watford Observer* (which, as we know very well over the years, has always done its very best to denigrate and stifle all reports of UFO sightings) had an item (March 18, 1988) under big headlines, "NO E.T. — NO COMMENT", and informing readers that:-

"Rumours of a UFO sighting above the M25 are just pie in the sky". The article went on to say that the conclusion of the *Watford Observer's* experts was — you've guessed it! — *that it was the planet Venus*.

But the paper also said that:-

At the Crime Prevention Office in Welwyn Garden City the Police spokesman said the video which had captured the light was still being kept tightly under wraps.

And an official spokesman still refused to be drawn on the origins of the controversial sighting.

"We are still very open-minded about it all. As far as we are concerned, there is no logical explanation", he said.

Five days later, (March 23, 1988) the Observer's weekly free issue (Watford Weekly Observer) neatly wound the whole story up and disposed of it:-

UFO DOWN TO VENUS

Experts have scotched fears about a round white light spotted above Rickmansworth. Passers-by thought the light was a UFO but experts say there is no cause for alarm, the light was simply a planet — probably Venus.

[Note the very important point that, by adroit manoeuvring, we are now down from "several lights" (terribly dangerous!) to the nice comfortable and safe term "one light". G.C.]

On March 26 and May 9 I wrote to the Editor of the *Watford Observer* giving the facts of the case and protesting at his biased reporting. I was able to do this because by April 9 I had already had the opportunity to see and examine the Police video for myself as well as their main records of the affair. Needless to say my letters to the paper were unanswered and my protest ignored. (An "interesting" report could be compiled on the general policy of this newspaper towards us and "our subject" over the years. It might indeed prove difficult to find a provincial newspaper in Britain that has a more "impeccable record" in this respect for obeying instructions.)

A recent case, at the end of 1993 and early in January 1994, is highly instructive. A local resident, a professional lady in the medical field, and her fiancé (a doctor) and her mother, all saw, and observed at considerable length, a large craft (also spherical) hanging stationary above the NATO Headquarters at Northwood, close by Rickmansworth, on the evening of December 28, 1993. She made two attempts to induce the paper to publish her account, but in vain.

On the other hand, the newspaper subsequently published — and with alacrity — the story of a local couple who saw one of Mr. Richard Branson's famous little airships ("lightships") flying over Rickmansworth and felt sure that they had seen a "UFO".

One can indeed perceive that there might well be folk in Whitehall, and also "elsewhere", who are quite grateful to Mr. Branson for "confusing the issue" so adroitly, for we have had many telephone calls from the London area in the winter of 1995/6 about the "UFOs shaped like airships" that they had been observing!).

PHASE II: THE GATWICK STORY (Friday, March 4, 1988)

In the meantime, other events, some of them probably known to the Hertfordshire Police if not to the valiant chaps at the *Watford Observer*, had been occurring on that very same evening, and not many miles away, capable of supplying much egg for certain faces. Because a tremendous "thing" had been hanging in the sky for four hours, near Gatwick Airport in Surrey (south of London), one of Britain's largest air terminals, and had then slowly moved away towards ... wait for it! ... WATFORD!

On March 14 and 16 respectively, FSR readers David Tilt of Seaford, East Sussex, and D.J. Haskins of Coulsden, Surrey, had sent me photostats of the following press report as recorded on half of the front page of the weekly newspaper SURREY MIRROR (REIGATE & REDHILL EDITION) of Thursday March 10, 1988: See page 18.

III CONCLUSIONS

The video and the other material (textual) which I have been able to study at great length, over a considerable period of time, show clearly that there were at least three large white spheres present simultaneously, either totally stationary or moving about, sometimes very slowly indeed and sometimes extremely fast, in the night sky over Rickmansworth, which lies slightly to the north-west of London. The video also shows clearly that in fact a total of six such large white spheres make an appearance during the total period covered by the camera. But two of them come into the picture briefly and then withdraw from it in the direction from which they had come. These last two might therefore have been one and the same craft, so it is possible that the total number of spheres involved might have been only four, and not six (which is the figure given in some of the Police documentation). Anyway, you can bet your boots that the whole affair makes Venus a very fine candidate. In nearly fifty years of Ufology I have seen her entrusted with many a splendid role to play, but this one seems the best of all yet!

If we have the space available, I propose to return to this story at a later date and give more details of the confidential papers relating to it which I have read. In the meantime I reproduce here some stills from the famous video showing certain "things" that, quite clearly, SIMPLY *HAD* TO BE VENUS BECAUSE THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AT GATWICK AND HEATHROW AIRPORTS, TWO OF THE GREATEST AIRPORTS IN THE WORLD, CLAIM TO BE TOTALLY UNABLE TO TELL US *WHAT ELSE* THEY MIGHT HAVE

BEEN!

With regard to the question of UFO sightings over and around airports, we have for years past been receiving vague stories. By now such visits to our airports must be pretty well daily occurrences for the traffic controllers.

FINAL NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR (Sept. 1997)

So here at last is my report, complete with "stills" of the things seen over Rickmansworth!

The key-witness who gave the "Gatwick Story" to the *Surrey Mirror* was Mr Joe Clarke, at that date residing at 35 West Street, Reigate, and then aged 35. He was described as "a caretaker at East Surrey College's School of Art."

The writer of the Sunday Mirror's front-page report, under the banner headlines "MYSTERY IN THE SKY: UFO SIGHTING CONFIRMED BY GATWICK RADAR", was named in the paper as Christine Milne.

The paper informed me recently (August 1997) that Christine Milne left them years ago, and they have no idea of where she is now.

As for Mr Joe Clarke, when I contacted the School of Art of Surrey College a few years ago, they said he no longer worked for them, but confirmed that he had done so, and they promised to pass on a letter to him from me!

Owing to our heavy work load I have had to drop this case for a while. Then, on May 21st of this year, I finally sent such a letter to Mr Clarke c/o the Principal of the East Surrey College at Redhill.

Three months later (August 21,1997) the principal of the college replied to me, stating that they were most sorry to say that, after an extensive search of their files, they now had to tell me that they "can find no trace of Mr Joe Clarke ever having been employed by East Surrey College".

I think therefore that this proves that all access to Mr Joe Clarke has been efficiently blocked off, on receipt of special instructions, and that there is no point in my wasting my time and energy on finding Mr Clarke. (If we ever did find him we would probably hear him saying that he never gave any such story to the Surrey Mirror, and never in his life saw anthing big in the sky over Gatwick. G.C.

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We are overwhelmed by all the letters and cards from readers and friends of FSR.

Thank you for your massive expression of support. G.C.■

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UFO SIGHTING CONFIRMED BY GATWICK RADAR MYSTERY IN THE SKY

A STRANGE UFO for. hung ominously over the Reigate area for four hours on Friday evening.

Two very bright white lights shone out from the unknown object which a Reigate man estimated to be nearly 200 feet across.

stationery over the Buckland area, the craft slowly moved away to the north west.

The UFO could also be seen by people in Redhill and Dorking, and New Scotland Yard had had reports of sightings from there, hanging as far away as Watford somewhere and Wimbledon.

And Gatwick Airport radar controllers said relative in Dorking who something showed on their radar screens which and his father and sister

"It was so strange", said Mr Joe Clarke, aged 35, from West Street, Reigate. "It was an ominous presence because it was something that should not have been there."

The night-time drama began at 6pm when Mr After hovering almost Clarke's wife and daughter told him they could see two parallel bright lights approaching in the sky from the west.

> He didn't take much notice, but when he went into the garden an hour later the lights were still over Buckland.

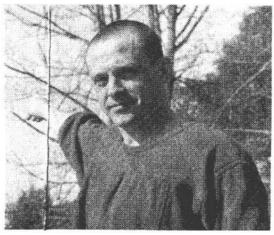
He telephoned a could also see the lights, they could not account in Redhill spotted them **By Christine** Milne

From the distance between the lights, and by taking bearings from various objects in the landscape, Mr Clarke reckoned the UFO was between 100 to 200 feet wide, and about 2000 feet up in the sky.

At 8.20 pm Mr Clarke, a caretaker at East Surrey College's School of Art, rang Reigate police station to report the sighting.

Three police officers Heathrow turned up and asked: "Where are the little green men, then?"

"But their attitude changed when I took them into the garden and



Mr Clarke points to the spot where he saw the UFO.

showed them the lights," said Mr Clarke.

Checks by police with Airport revealed that people in Watford and Wimbledon had reported the UFO sighting to New Scotland Yard.

They also contacted Box Hill.

Gatwick, and were told: "Yes, there's something strange on the screen we can't account for."

Mr Clarke and his family watched the object for another hour before it started to move slowly away into the wind over

Thanks to FSR reader, D.J. Haskins of Coulsdon, Surrey for sending us this report on 14/3/1988.

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(Translation from Spanish G.C.)

[We are much obliged again to Sr. Jorge Martín for this extraordinary report, which comes from Issue No. 3 of his excellent journal, Evidencia OVNI. What on earth are we to make of it all? I don't think it will pay to be too "trusting"! EDITOR FSR]

INTRODUCTION

ome time ago I was contacted by a Señor Iván Rivera Morales, resident in Peñuelas Municipality (Southern part of Puerto Rico

Island). What he had to tell me was an astonishing account of healing by aliens.

SICKNESS

In 1980 he was living in Ponce (close to Peñuelas and also in the south-central part of the Island) and was strong and healthy and was a serving officer in the Puertorican Police Force. But then suddenly he fell desperately ill. He was rapidly dying of a disease that at first no doctors could even identify.