

A NEW FSR CATALOGUE

The effects of UFOs on Animals, Birds, and smaller creatures Part 7

THE cases included in this section of our catalogue come from another of the major "flap" years. Prepared by Gordon Creighton, the list continues to grow, and by the time we reach the final section it will probably consist of more than 200 cases.

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103. Málaga, Spain. (January/February, 1966)

A creature 1 metre high, with a large head, fangs, and long hair, was seen to enter an empty and derelict house in the Calle Alta, where it vanished. Investigators discovered the curious fact that whereas the house had formerly swarmed with rats and also with cats preying on the rats, for some time past not a single rat or cat had been seen there.¹

FSR, March/April 1967, pp.31-32.

104. El Berrial, Venezuela. (January 16, 1966)

The peasant Antonio Grozco was riding on his donkey, when an object flew overhead. He dropped dead. His donkey apparently was unhurt.

FSR, November/December 1966, rear cover.

105. Tully, Queensland, Australia. (January, 1966)

According to the *Sun-Herald* of January 23, 1966, Mr. Albert Pennisi said his dog suddenly "went mad" and bounded off towards the lagoon where the Queensland "flying saucer nests" were found.

Report by Mrs. Judith Magee, FSR, March/April 1966, p. 28.

106. Eliot, Maine, USA. (Night of March 16, 1966)

A family observed a red ball of light, with an adjacent small red light that blinked in unison with a high-pitched "beeping sound". Dogs in the neighbourhood barked and howled while the UFO was present.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. III, No. 7 (March/April 1966), p. 3.

107. Attignéville, France. (1.30 p.m., March 26, 1966)

Shepherd Jean Voilquin saw a strange object—the "cross-country cogwheel"—running across the fields. His herd of sheep huddled together timidly as it went past them, while his two dogs took off in pursuit of it, but did not manage to catch up with it and it vanished into the next field.

Charles Bowen: *Cross-Country Cog Wheels*, in FSR, September/October 1966, p. 16.

108. Alto, Tennessee, USA. (Midnight, April 5-6, 1966)

Two men saw an object hovering above a swamp. They noticed also that cows, horses and dogs in the vicinity were all very disturbed.

Jacques Vallée: (From ATIC Files, U.S. Air Force.) Case No. 735 of *A Century Of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia* (Regnery, Chicago, edition).²

109. Yorktown, Iowa, USA. (2.10 a.m., April 23, 1966)

Farmer Ronald E. Johnson, living on Route No. 2, Yorktown, a few miles west of Clarinda, Iowa, was awakened by a loud roar. Getting up and looking southwards through his window, he saw a cigar-shaped object, about 60ft. long, landing in a field within 50ft. of his house. The roar ended

as it landed "on a series of 17 to 20 long legs." A vivid red light on the craft bathed the surroundings in a blood-red glow. After landing, the object emitted a series of loud, explosive, crackling noises at regular intervals, like gunshots, and the air was filled with an odour which the farmer recognised as resembling that of ozone. For twenty minutes he observed the object remaining stationary in his field, and he then returned to bed. Next morning, on inspecting the farm, he found that something had evidently greatly disturbed his cattle during the night, for they had all bolted to the far end of the pasture where, as he put, they "were still acting up considerably", and they refused to return to the farm that morning for feeding. At the spot where the object had landed he found a series of distinct impressions.

NICAP Special Report: *UFOs: A New Look* (1969), p. 22.

110. Tashkent, USSR. (About 4.20 a.m., April 26, 1966)

At the precise moment when many Americans were watching a meteor streaking across the evening sky towards the Atlantic, thousands of miles away in Tashkent (lying on the opposite side of the globe to the north-eastern United States, and with a nine-hour time difference from the American Atlantic seaboard) a blinding flash of light accompanied the great earthquake which struck the Tashkent Fault, killing a few people but leaving 200,000 homeless. The American "meteor" and the Russian "quake" coincided precisely, the time at Tashkent being 5.23 a.m.

About one hour previously however (i.e. at 4.20 a.m., Tashkent time) a schoolteacher living near the Tashkent Fault noticed that her dog began to howl. When the earthquake occurred, the dog rushed towards the door just before each of the many shocks that were felt.³

John Keel: *UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse*, pp. 146-147.

111. Near Sawtry, England. (5.00 a.m., April 28, 1966)

Two men from Lincoln, Peter Rushton and Derek Robinson, were sleeping in a parked van on a side-road. Rushton awoke suddenly at 5.00 a.m. with an acidic taste in his mouth and difficulty in breathing. He aroused his companion. They heard birds screeching in the trees all around them, and saw two large spherical orange objects the apparent size of a sixpenny-piece held at arm's length. The birds fell quiet again as soon as the objects had faded from view.

FSR, May/June 1967, p. 31.

112. Rebouillon, France. (3.45 a.m., July 17, 1966)

Returning home by car from Draguignan, René Pebre and two companions saw an oval, grey, metallic object, about five metres long, stationary at a low altitude some 300 metres from the road, and noticed that all the dogs in the neighbourhood were barking.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 781 of *A Century Of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia* (from GEPa Bulletin, September 1966).

113. Baltimore, USA. (Early on August 1, 1966)

Residents of the Country Ridge housing development were awakened in the early morning by barking dogs. At least two families saw a hovering egg-shaped object which had

flashing lights on the upper and lower sections and was making a loud whirring or whining noise.

NICAP Special Report, *UFOs: A New Look* (1969), p. 12.

114. Presque Isle and Erie Area, USA. (August 3, 1966)

A woman claimed that she saw a humanoid about 5½ft. high, dressed in yellow clothing and walking in the streets of Erie, Pa., at 5.30 a.m. She had been awakened by the barking of the local dogs, a pack of which were yapping at the creature's heels, but it ignored them.

John Keel: *New Landings & Creature Reports*, in FSR, November/December 1966, p. 8.

115. Heraldsburg, California, USA. (Early on August 20, 1966)

Otto Becker and his son and daughter-in-law awoke to find the whole house bathed in bright light from an object which they estimated to be as tall as a six-storey building and which was at tree-top level some 60 metres or so from the house. Their domestic animals were all greatly disturbed and the witnesses themselves suffered for several days from inflammation of the eyes.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 789 of *A Century Of Landings, in Lumières Dans La Nuit and Passport To Magonia*.

116. Jonesboro, Tennessee, USA. (Noon, October 12, 1966)

Mrs. Burnette S. Fox, Mrs. Jones, and various neighbours saw a number of flying silvery objects discharge "some substance in sheets" that broke into strands resembling spider-web. It was sticky, adhered to everything, and burned Mrs. Fox on one finger. All the witnesses became nauseated, and felt itching sensations, and everyone who entered their backyards during the period till the following Saturday (when it rained) also felt this itching. Mrs. Fox said that her dog would not leave the house until the rain came on the Saturday, and her cows also refused, until it had rained, to go into the field where the substance had fallen. She added that other farmers in the area had reported similar behaviour by their animals.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. III, No. 10 (October/November 1966), pp. 5-6.

117. Newton, Illinois, USA. (6.45 p.m., October 14, 1966)

An adolescent saw a bright light, and then observed a plate-shaped object hovering near the house. The object then moved away at high speed, causing a static effect on the telephone while the boy was calling his mother to try to describe the object to her. On returning home, she found the boy in a state of shock and the dog hiding in a corner.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 801 of *A Century Of Landings, in Lumières Dans La Nuit and Passport To Magonia* (personal communication).

118. Gallipolis, Ohio, USA. (Night of November 15, 1966)

According to the newspaper *Tribune* of November 18, 1966, Mr. Newell Patridge of Doddridge County had reported that on the night of November 15 his TV set started "acting like a generator", and his German shepherd dog "Bandit" "started carrying on something terrible". Patridge said he shone a flashlight into the field next to his house, and saw something there "like two red reflectors". The dog's hair stood straight up, and it ran out into the field. *It was never seen again.*

John Keel: *West Virginia's Enigmatic "Bird"*. In FSR, July/August 1968, pp. 7-14.

119. Cheshire, Ohio, USA. (4.45 a.m., November 17, 1966)

Mrs. Roy Grose was awakened by the barking of her dog, and arose to investigate. Looking through the kitchen window, she saw the Moon and also a bright circular object, the size of a small house, which seemed to have sections or compartments of blue and red windows. After zig-

zagging to and fro, the object vanished.

APRO Bulletin, November/December 1966.

120. Clifton Hampden, Berks, England. (8 p.m., November 18, 1966)

Just as she was shutting up her two Corgi dogs for the night, Mrs. Gillian Partlett saw a bright orange object hover above her for two minutes. The two dogs started whining, "making a dreadful noise".

FSR, January/February 1967, p. 32.

121. Gallipolis, Ohio, USA. (November 1966)

According to the newspaper *Times-Sentinel* of November 20, 1966, Mr. William Watson of George's Creek Road had found his German shepherd dog crushed to death in a field. Every bone in the dog's body was crushed. The knee-high grass around the animal was flattened in a perfect circle 20ft. in diameter. There was no sign that the dog had been attacked by any ordinary animal. No blood was in evidence.⁴

John Keel: *West Virginia's Enigmatic "Bird"*. In FSR, July/August 1968, pp. 7-14.

122. Haynesville, Louisiana, USA. (8.15 p.m., December 30, 1966)

An American nuclear physicist was driving southwards with his family. The weather was overcast and it was raining. At a point just before they reached Haynesville they saw, stationary in the forest, either just below the tree-tops or at ground level, a pulsating dome of light which alternated between a dim red and a bright orange. At one moment its luminosity suddenly became far brighter than the car's headlights, and awoke the scientist's two children who had been asleep on the back seats. The scientist (a professor of physics as well as a nuclear researcher) made some rapid calculations of the amount of energy represented by the light, and was so impressed that he returned to the area next day with a scintillometer, and was able to determine the position of the light as having been about one mile from his car at the nearest point.

Then, while walking in the forest, he noticed that for a considerable distance around the landing site, all animal life appeared to have utterly vanished. There were no squirrels, no birds, not even any insects, and as a keen hunter he was himself familiar with the abundant Louisiana fauna. Finally, on enquiring among local people who had also seen the light, he made the startling discovery that important losses of cattle had occurred that same night. He also detected traces of burns on the ground. He reported the matter to both the U.S. Air Force and the Condon Commission at the University of Colorado.

Jacques Vallée: *Passport To Magonia*, pp. 45 and 338.

123. West Virginia and Ohio, USA. (1966-1967)

According to John Keel, "dog disappearances and the mutilation of cows and horses are now common in West Virginia and Ohio. The police are baffled."

John Keel: *West Virginia's Enigmatic "Bird"*. In FSR, July/August 1968, pp. 7-14.

NOTES

¹ With this sort of case, in which no UFO is reported, we are faced with the possibility that it is some sort of "psychic" phenomenon. As I hope I have made clear, however, I feel that there is so much overlap between the two categories of phenomena that one of my main purposes in making this catalogue is to examine the possibility that UFOs and "psychic phenomena" may be of identical nature, or in some way related.

² The edition of *Passport to Magonia* referred to as a reference throughout this catalogue is the American one published by the Henry Regnery Co. of Chicago in which the list of landings is carried as an appendix.

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LIVING CREATURES, EARTHQUAKES AND UFOs

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SOME readers may wonder why I included the Tashkent item (No. 110) in Part VII of *A New FSR Catalogue*.

The fact that animals and birds and fish can detect the occurrence of earthquakes hours or even days beforehand is too well known to merit much discussion, hundreds of such cases being on record. There is a species of small ornamental fish in Indonesia which has such an unerring faculty for detecting the approach of 'quakes that it is now in high demand in Japan where people keep them in a tank or bowl in the home and watch them carefully from time to time. When an earthquake shock is coming these fish give clear warning by bunching together in the corner of the tank furthest from the future epicentre of the 'quake (and facing towards the epicentre), and thus provide an

excellent warning system.

I included a reference to this phenomenon of animal warnings about earthquakes in the Catalogue because there are still various mysterious factors. For example, we do not yet know the relationship—if any—between UFOs and earthquakes, but it is important to bear in mind that a good many investigators believe that there is such a relationship, and indeed *some investigators even think that UFOs "cause" earthquakes.*

What we do know is that there are numerous cases on record, as for example in the great Japanese 'quake of September 1, 1923, in which "lights" were seen overhead in the sky at the time of the shocks; in the severe Algerian 'quakes of September 9 and September 26, 1954; in the strong English earthquake which shook eleven

counties of the Midlands on February 11, 1957, and during which "tadpole-shaped UFOs" were reported as having been seen overhead in the sky. Similarly, there have been numerous reports of "UFOs" and "flying saucers" observed over or near the menacing San Andreas Fault in California since at least as far back as 1896.

The scientific explanation for these "lights in the sky" which accompany earthquakes is that they are *piezo-electrical phenomena*, and it is no doubt correct. But there obviously still remain some mysterious areas. It may, for example, turn out that in some cases the *piezo-electrical* explanation is entirely correct, while in other cases what has been seen may well have been a UFO which was engaged in observing an earthquake. (Or in producing one?)

World round-up

*of news and comment
about recent sightings*

ENGLAND

Rainham low-level saucer

The *Brentwood Argus* of August 20, 1970, told of an alleged near-landing—

"A flying saucer was seen at Rainham last week. In fact it almost landed, says Mr. Richard Jones, 20, of Burwood Gardens.

"Mr. Jones was driving in Rainham Road, with 19-year-old Pauline Routledge of Newlands Road, Billericay.

"Mr. Jones told police they stopped about 10.50 p.m. on Wednesday after they heard 'loud electrical noises.' He thought there was a fault with his car.

"He says the object, about 20 feet long and 10 feet wide, hovered only a little way above the ground for a few seconds before flying away towards Hornchurch. It was glowing red with four white lights along its underside.

"A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: 'We have absolutely no idea what this could have been. There were no other sightings reported. But if anyone did see it, we would welcome a letter stating the time and place of the sighting. This one is a mystery to

us, we have no idea what it might have been.'"

Speedy "magnesium flare" UFO

An item now from *Pulman's Weekly News* of November 3, 1970—

"A ball of white light that made a slight whistling sound as it shot across the sky over Sidmouth puzzled many early risers on Thursday. (October 29, 1970.)

"Local trawlermen were among those who said they had seen the strange 'thing' at 7.20 a.m. just as the sky was beginning to become light.

"Another witness was Mr. John Pratt, of 7, Church Street, who said he was near the Market Place when he saw the ball of light go whizzing across the sky and disappear behind Knowle.

"He described it as being like a magnesium flare. But he added, 'When a plane drops a magnesium flare, it either falls straight down to earth or floats down gently on a parachute. This thing was moving at a terrific speed across the sky. I watched it for about 20 seconds before it

vanished.'

"As it travelled through the air, it left behind a trail of vapour or white smoke about 1,000 feet up.

"'At first,' said Mr. Pratt, 'I hesitated to talk about it because people might think I had imagined it, but I have since met several others who saw it.'"

Credit: Mrs. Clare Branch of Honiton.

Unusual object over Cornwall

With the Huntington film (taken from the A1 road, near Newark—see FSR CASE HISTORIES Supplement 2 of December 1970) very much in mind, we were interested to read the following account which was published in *The West Briton and Royal Cornwall Gazette* of Thursday, November 26, 1970—

"An 'unidentified flying object' seen high over Redruth and Falmouth yesterday morning mystified keen-eyed workers and schoolchildren.

"Some of the staff of Tolgus CS School, Redruth, certainly saw the object, and 15-20 pupils saw it from