

THE LITTLE "ELECTRIC" MAN

An uncanny report from near Albany, Ohio, which also involves a Spectral Shape and a UFO

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This account is condensed from a lengthy transcript of a taped interview of the witnesses, and Mr. Eberhart's report on subsequent sightings in the area.

THE principal witness of the following, rather unusual UFO case was Mary Geddis, aged 21, who was living with a friend, Joe Ben-Israel, in a house trailer near Albany at the time. She stated that she was a business woman, about to open a store, and that she was wearing glasses when she had her experience (she always wears them). Her friend was working for a Masters degree in the School of Communications, College of Radio and TV, at Ohio University in Athens. Neither of the two had been drinking that evening.

On October 16, 1973, at 7.30 p.m., Mary Geddis was returning home from an evening class. The first thing she noticed when she pulled into the driveway was a tall "thing" of ghost-like appearance, about 1000 feet away, standing or floating about 50 feet from the ground. It was like "a person with a close-fitting sheet draped over," and was about four feet tall and thin. A head and body shape could be distinguished, but the body was straight, without any limbs. She watched it for a few seconds, and then, on looking out of the open window on the passenger side of the car, towards the road, she saw a bright white light. It appeared to be "jotting around..."

"It was like it was looking. It would look here and then it would look over here, over here — like that. But then when it came over here it came straight, like I drew it. When it saw me it kind of wanted to see what I was all about...it was just like it was staring at me, and it kept coming closer and closer, then hovering and coming closer...and I got scared and kind of turned away and tried not to pay any attention to it, and it moved back.

"It went away back over the field...it went directly to the side and then directly back. It went behind a telephone pole that blocked off some of its lights, and from there it just went back across the field, away from me. Then it faded a little and then it was gone." At closest approach, the light came within 200 feet of Miss Geddis. The ghost-like object was seen only for a few seconds, but the second object was sighted over a period of three to four minutes. She estimated its diameter as 20 feet, and it was only 25-30 feet from the ground when seen at closest proximity.

When she got out of the car, Mary Geddis says she had a weird feeling of a "presence," as if something were near, invisible. In fact she was scared of walking over to the trailer. She was still standing by the car when Joe Ben-Israel returned later. While they were preparing supper, their neighbours, Chuck and

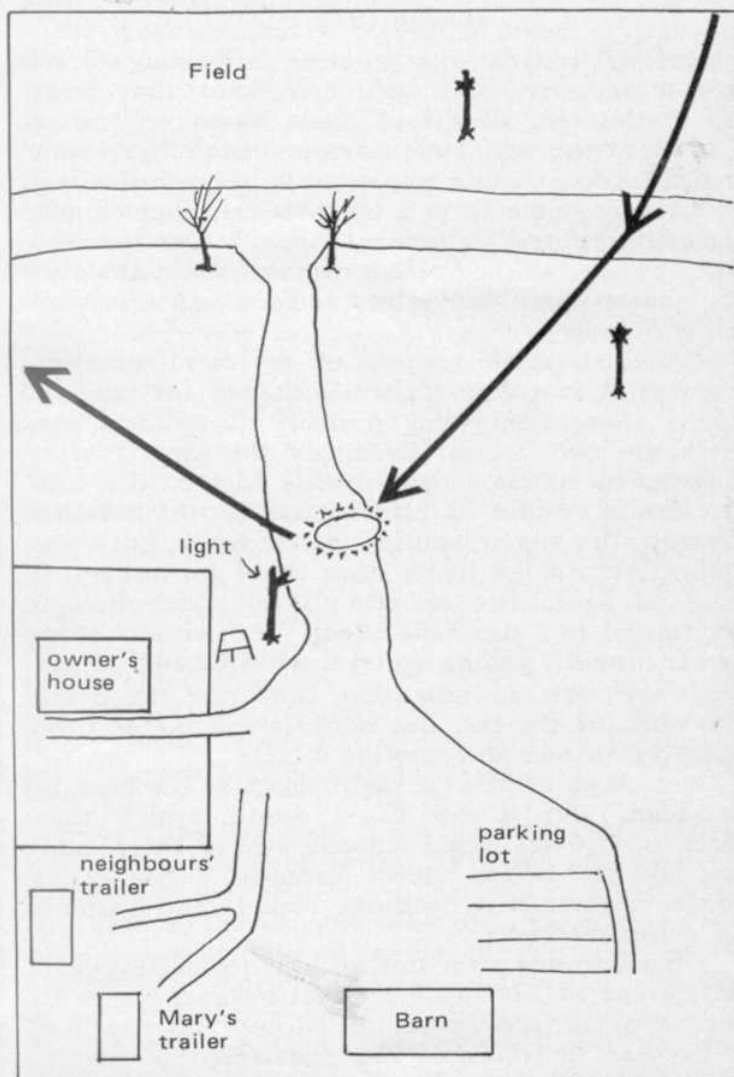


Diagram of the sighting area, based on a rough sketch map by Mary Geddis

Rhonda, came home and said they had seen something strange in the sky. Joe went outside to talk with the neighbours, leaving the trailer door open. Just then, what Mary called a little "aqua-ish" thing looked around the corner of the door.

The "energy form"

"It was like the electric man they have on the Co-op signs. It just looked at me. It didn't try to say anything to me. It just stared for a few seconds, probably ten seconds...It sort of had a face. It had what looked like spiky things at the top and sides of



Driveway, water tank and lighted pole behind which UFO passed



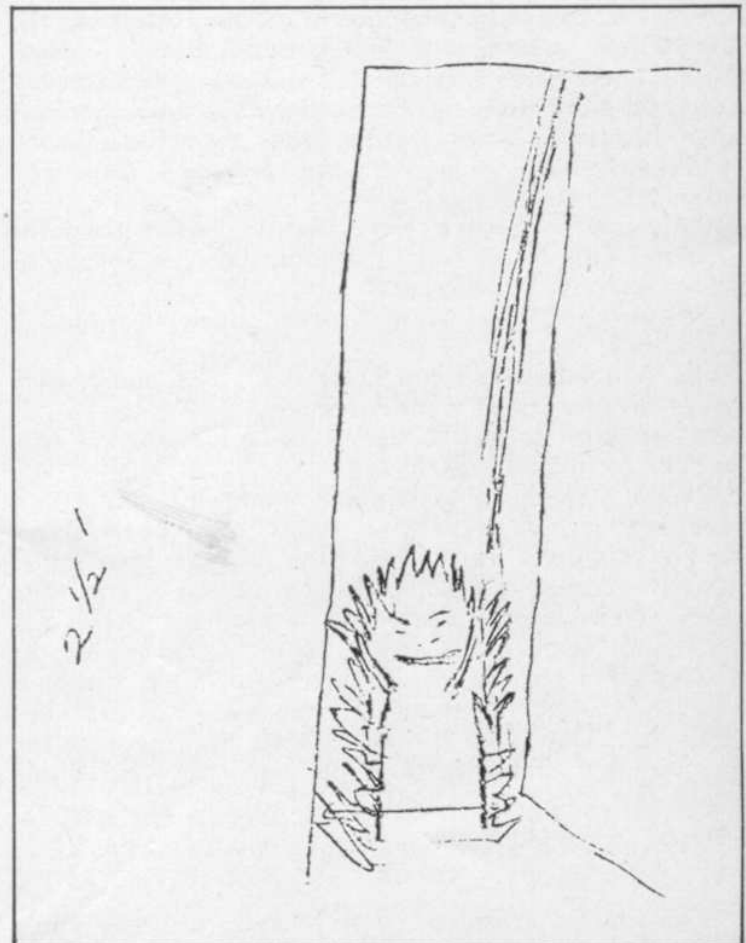
Mary Geddis pointing to spot where object hovered (she is seen standing where her car was parked)

the head." The creature was about two and a half feet tall, with stumpy arms, but no legs were distinguished..." "You couldn't see through it, but I felt I could almost see through it if I looked at it more." Mary later described him as an "energy form."

"He had eyes and mouth. I'm not sure about the nose, but I think he had a nose, because he didn't look that strange to me in his face — except for the spikes and the colour." (She picked a blue-green on a colour chart.) "This looks like a monster, the way I've drawn it. But it didn't look like a monster, it looked like a friendly little thing. Only it had these spikes all over it. It didn't try to hurt me or anything. It was just looking, like it was peeking around the corner at first, and then it was just kind of standing there looking at me. It didn't move clear in front of the door. It must have had a hand at or behind the door...I got the distinct impression that he wasn't sure about whether he should be there or not. He was kind of timid...Its eyes didn't blink. Nothing moved. It just kind of disappeared back behind the door. I went after it and looked behind the door and didn't see anything any more. It was gone."

Mary Geddis was asked if she had received any psychic impressions, and what she thought when she saw the creature. What did she think it was?

"I don't know. I was just shocked that it was there. It just looked at me and I didn't think about it very much until afterwards. Then I went outside and said, 'Ohh! Something looked at me!' But I didn't feel anything while it was looking at me. It just looked at me like it was seeing what I was. And I was just looking at it the same way, seeing what it was."



The witness's drawing of the second creature

Afterwards she thought about the white "creature" and the UFO she had seen. She thought also about the other UFOs that were seen that night — things hovering, but never coming close, although in the distance they could be seen coming down to earth.

"I thought at first it might be some kind of philanthropic society from outer space, to bring some sense of civilisation here. But then the more I thought about it...the reason I got scared was, that I realised that these people would be super in comparison to us and I didn't think that they'd probably be helping people so much as they'd probably need some kind of power source. And they really seemed to scare the cows, and it was the time of the beef shortage, and we were talking about how they were coming down to get the cows."

UFO sightings continue

The sky was clear during the evening that Mary Geddis had her strange experiences. Joe Ben-Israel related what he saw that night.

"We saw in a couple of places in the sky objects that didn't seem to make any noise. They were close enough so that if they were planes, you could hear them. They seemed to be going at a faster rate than planes usually travel (but not faster than jet planes)."

"Did you see more than one object in the sky at a time?"

"Not in the same spot, but in different parts of the sky. There aren't any jets around here, I don't think...There were intermittent red and green flashes, although they weren't consecutive — they weren't equal intervals. They would flash, then flash-flash."

"About how high off the ground? Can you estimate?"

"Around here they were slightly higher than the horizon. This is on top of a mountain...it would be approximately 30 degrees."

"Could you say these objects were less than a mile away?"

"If you compared the same light as a plane, they would be just about a mile, I guess."

"And how long did you have these objects this particular time in sight?"

"Well [Giving a particular example] as it was travelling across the sky it must have been about five or six minutes. And then at one particular point it stopped — stopped in the middle — and then it just went back again. And it stopped there and went back again to its original spot. And then it sort of flashed a bit. It got brighter and then dimmer. And then sort of changed between blue and red colouring. That was the same kind of object as the one we saw standing there in one spot and doing this."

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The couple claimed to have seen unusual lights many times subsequent to that first night, though generally they were rather distant and small in size. In fact throughout the week following Mary's

experiences a number of UFOs were reported in the Athens area, according to the local newspaper, *The Post*, of October 22. The week ended with the inevitable anticlimax in the form of a hoax UFO constructed of two kite sticks bearing birthday candles, covered with a plastic bag. This floated through the air and then crashed into trees lining a street, causing a small fire. Nevertheless, such a hoax could not account for the sighting made by several Athens policemen the night after the Geddis sighting.

What the police officers saw

At 12.55 a.m., Patrolman B.S— and Detective T.S— observed a white light hovering over the old airport on State Street. Patrolman L.G—* joined them and observed it through 7 x 50 binoculars. The UFO hovered over East Hill to the south-west, then slowly headed south. The object was positioned vertically and shaped like a cone or a "flame." It was brighter than anything else in the sky. The object drifted south and disappeared behind some hills at 1.05 a.m.

Patrolman B—, on Stimson Avenue, saw a UFO through binoculars. He said at 1.05 a.m. another object appeared above him, brighter than any star. The other patrolmen saw it from their position also. The object was cylinder-shaped and had a round ball at one end. This was higher than the first UFO! It seemed to turn, and bright lights blinked on and off from it. At 1.20 a.m. it moved north and then stopped again. The police resumed patrolling, but kept watching it. The sky clouded over at 1.40 a.m. and they lost sight of it.

Patrolman G— said in the police report: "Ordinarily we could pass the sightings of these objects off as airplanes or balloons, but not after seeing them with binoculars. I have a slight night blindness problem, but to the best of my knowledge, Ptl. S—, Ptl. B— and T— S— all have 20/20 vision."

The police have requested that none of the witnesses' names be mentioned, but details of the sighting and mention of the Athens police in general is permitted.

* The only patrolman interviewed by M. Eberhart—ED.

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THE MYSTERIOUS "UMMO" AFFAIR-PART 2

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Translated from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton

THAT the mysterious "UMMO" Affair is part and parcel of the UFO scene will have been quite clear to those who read Part 1 of this article. Many readers will be familiar with the strange affair of the San Jose de Valderas UFO photographs which were the subject of a detailed report in the issue of *Flying Saucer Review* for September-October 1969, based on the book *Un Caso Perfecto* which I wrote in collaboration with Rafael Farriols.

The first part of this article was concluded with the opening paragraphs of an "UMMO" communication. This part is devoted to a further instalment of the "messages."

Who are we? From whence do we come?

"At 04 hours 17 minutes 03 seconds GMT on the terrestrial day of March 28, 1950, an OAWOLEA UEWA OEM (lenticular-shaped space-ship) established contact for the first time in History with the lithosphere of EARTH.

"The landing took place in a particular area of the Department des Basses Alpes (France), at a place some 8000 metres distant from the town of La Javie.

"Six of my brethren led by OEOE 95, son of OEOE 91, and including two YIEE (women), remained behind on this 'OYAA' (planet) as the first expeditionary 'INAYUYISAA' from UMMO.

"The process of adaptation, which included the assimilation of the language, the securing of information pertaining to customs, social conduct, working habits, culture...is very difficult to synthesize in a few paragraphs.

"We come from a solidified heavenly body whose external geological features are somewhat different from those of EARTH. The specific name by which we designate our own 'OYAA' can be orthographically transcribed into Spanish as: UMMO (closed U:).

"Its morphology can be likened to an ellipsoid of revolution the radii of which are:

Maximum, $R = 7251,608,10^3$ m

Minimum, $r = 7016,091,10^3$ m

"The global mass is: $m = 9'36.10^{24}$ Kg.

Inclination to the normal in the plane of the ecliptic: $18^\circ 39' 56'' 3'''$ (it undergoes a periodic variation of 19'8 sexagesimal seconds of arc). Note that we are using units familiar to the technicians of EARTH.

"Gravitational acceleration (measured in AINNAOXOO): $g = 11'9$ metres/sec² Axial rotation: 30' 92 hours (we measure in UIW. 30' 92 h = 600 UIW equals 1 XII).

"The phoneme XII is a homophonous word which expresses the duration of the 'UMMO day' as 'cycle,' 'revolution,' 'unitary rotation,' etc.

"The geological structure of UMMO presents certain very pronounced differences from EARTH.

"It is possible to distinguish nine XOODIUMMO DUU OII (this term might be translated as 'interconnected strata') presenting very typified geo-physical features. The discontinuity between these strata is not abrupt, and there are transitional layers of varying thickness.

"Figure 1 shows a sectional view of our OYAA (planet), indicating the thicknesses of the various XOODIUMMO. The chemical composition of these strata is very varied. Thus the core (XOODIUMMO UO), with a mean density of 16.22 grammes/cm² (EARTH units) has the following elements which are familiar to you:

Cobalt	88.3%
Nickel	6.8%
Iron	2.6%
Vanadium	1.2%
Manganese	0.7%

"The next layer outwards, the XOODIUMMO IAAS, on the other hand presents a notably different composition:

Iron	52.00%
Cobalt	33.5%
Nickel	12.00%
Manganese	2.1 %
Metallic silicates	0.3 %

"The two abovementioned layers, subjected to vast pressure, are surrounded by two more, the XOODIUMMO IEN and the XOODIUMMO IEBOO, which are in a semi-fluid state with a great abundance of titanium oxides, ferrous silicates, and various compounds of aluminium and magnesium.

"One of the most important of these spheroid layers is No.6 (i.e. the fifth cover to UMMO's core). which has a thickness of approximately 28.8 KOAE (251 Km.) Possessing great diamond-bearing beds, it presents an alveolar structure in which there still remain enormous IOIXOINOYAA (geological concavities) wherein, preserved from the great pressures undergone by the adjacent zones, there are vast quantities of solid, liquid, and gaseous organic substances, especially methane, propane, and oxygen. The chief volcanic activity as you would term it occurs in the OAKEDEEI which throw up great fiery columns of these gases towards the surface strata.

"The last of the layers, namely the XOODIUMMO OANA and the XOODIUMMO OANMAA, underwent in remote times orogenic processes of a very intense metamorphic character. However erosion has modified the structure of the more pronounced of the faults and foldings and as a result the continental orography now shows little accidentation.