



"Aside from being a lousy pilot, Colonel, he looks a bit queer to me, and I don't think he is going to get us a win at Ladbrokes!"

(The artist is our transatlantic contributor, Richard Snyder).

MAIL BAG

Correspondents are asked to keep their letters short and give full name and address (not necessarily for publication). It is not always possible for the Editor to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Appreciated in Australia too

Dear Sir, — I had intended to write to Charles Bowen, before the onset of his illness, simply to congratulate him, and all concerned with the issuing of Flying Saucer Review, for their remarkable achievements in ensuring the continuation and continued high quality of this valuable publication. Thank you all for what you have done to keep FSR's flag flying. From afar I have the greatest respect and affection for Charles Bowen, and am deeply sorry to hear of his continued ill-health and I join with others from around the world, I am sure, in wishing him a speedy recovery.

The arrival of FSR in the post is always an EVENT, guaranteed to interrupt anything and everything until it has been read, cover to cover.

I noted with great satisfaction the letter from a New Zealand reader, Mrs. Phyllis Hall (Vol. 30, No. 4) and applaud her sentiments. In renewing my subscription to FSR, I too take pleasure in including a donation of \$20 to help expenses along. I would like to be able to give more and/or to produce a few more subscribers, but perhaps this may encourage others to follow suit and help keep a unique and important publication alive. Many thanks to all at FSR for the years of pleasure and mental stimulation. I wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,
(Miss) Nancy Wilson,
25 Brady Road,
Lesmurdie, 6076,
Western Australia,
June 4, 1985

Practical support and a very kind thought, and kind words indeed. This letter is being passed on to Charles Bowen. As regards the very useful donations from Miss Wilson and Mrs Hall, I take this opportunity to mention that there have also been some others recently, but as the Editor does not have the Accounts, since these are handled by our Secretary, I am unable to mention names at this moment. — EDITOR.

From a Norwegian Reader

Dear Sir, — Your Editorial, "Our Time Is Short" (Volume 30, No. 5), where a rather pessimistic view of the future concludes with your statement that if you "have laboured to good purpose" you will have been "well rewarded indeed", is my reason for this personal letter. As a subscriber to FSR from the very beginning, I would like to express my gratitude for the "labour with good purpose" you and your predecessors have been doing these thirty years.

My interest in flying saucers dates from the very early fifties, when I read Donald Keyhoe's *"The Flying Saucers Are Real"*, and it has, with ups and downs, lasted all the time since. I have never seen a UFO (except a dubious sighting) but I have an extended reading with FSR as a regular and very, very welcome source of information and inspiration. I have, of course, saved all the numbers. I am proud to say that I have even contributed to your journal with a *"Report From Norway"* (Vol. 9, No. 1) which, I am sure, meant more to me than to FSR. But it gave me a feeling of participation, albeit a humble one.

My hope of seeing a solution of the UFO-riddle has weakened considerably with the passing years. Now, as I am past the three scores and ten, I have a definite feeling that my time is short also in that connection. But we have to accept living with the knowledge that you can't know everything. Besides, perhaps we would not like the truth if we found it!

All the same, my curiosity is still alive. Curiosity, we are told, killed the cat, but cats are not humans (T. S. Eliot's excepted of course). And neither cats nor humans can kill the curiosity.

Again, many thanks for FSR and my sincere wishes for its future.

Yours sincerely,
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 Olav Tryggvasons gt. 30,
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 Norway
 August 2, 1985

What a letter! And what English! (And I haven't even started on Norwegian yet. BUT... I already have my eye on it "for the next time round...") — EDITOR.

"Laika" and UFO 'Dognapping' Reports

Dear Sir, — With regard to your Footnote No. 6 to the *Soria Abduction, Part II*, I can confirm, as a former official observer* for the B.I.S. (British Interplanetary Society), that in fact the first Soviet *Sputnik* was launched on October 4th, 1957.

"Laika" (a Husky bitch) was included in the research laboratory payload of *Sputnik 2*, launched on November 3, 1957 (full details of these launchings were published in the B.I.S. Journal, *Spaceflight*, Vol. 1, No. 6, January 1958). The world media

would have announced the spectacular news of course at the time. In fact it was suggested (*Daily Telegraph*) that it must be a hoax by the Russians because of the reported weight — 1,120 lbs.

Of course, whether or not the residents of Dante or Everittstown would have had the chance to learn about this, and about the presence of the dog "Laika" in the capsule, by November 6 is debatable, but in any case it does not invalidate other 'dognapping' reports.

Yours sincerely,
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 June 6, 1985

* References:

1. *Founder, Midlands Moonwatch Team (B.I.S.) — International Geophysical Year Award, 1960.*
2. *J. D. Llewellyn: UFO & Artificial Earth Satellites, in FSR (1960).*
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4. *Founder of Stratford-upon-Avon UFO Group (1960). — Investigator. London UFO Research Organization (1960). Group Member. BUFORA (1964).*

Russian UFO Reports

Dear Editor, — In FSR Vol. 30, No. 4, just received, you have an article *"The Russians Again"*.

American papers recently carried a story* that Soviet pilots said a UFO had escorted their plane, and also that the Russians had reopened their UFO investigations (closed in 1967?) with the appointment of former cosmonaut Pavel Popovich to head the commission.

A Russian study of its UFO problem, entitled *"Observations of Anomalous Atmospheric Phenomena in the USSR: A Statistical Analysis"* (issued as NASA Technical Memorandum No. 75665) was published in 1980 and is available from CUFOS for \$5.00. Russian UFOs are most often reported by multiple eyewitnesses from the scientific community, with 25% reported by scientists (7.5% astronomers), 17.5% engineers, and 11% pilots.

For the most part, UFOs reported in the USSR are similar to those reported throughout the USA. Some examples:-

1. August 31, 1961. Several cars were stalled on a highway 30 miles from Moscow when a UFO hovered on top of an overpass for a few minutes. The cars could not start again until the UFO left the area.
2. January 1967. A UFO landed at Volongonsk, leaving behind a 30-metre wide ring on the ground, yielding indications that the UFO had weighed at least 30 tons.
3. September 19, 1967. At Volgograd a UFO hovered and manoeuvred around an airliner, flight 404, witnessed by frightened crewmen and passengers.
4. March 27, 1983. Air traffic controllers at the Gor'kiy Airport reported a steel-grey "cigar-shaped UFO" about the size of an airliner, but without wings or tail-fin. It flew at 3,000 ft. at a speed of up to 125 miles per hour, and was visible on Soviet radar for 40 minutes.

In 1983 the Chinese started their initial UFO investigations, while in 1985 the American UFO investigations have gone underground with more secrecy than ever, so the increased Russian interest in UFOs, official and unofficial, was expected by American investigators.

Contrary to the fatuous claims put out by highly visible sceptics in the U.S.A., American Ufologists are not "anti-American" or "Communist" just because they oppose the Government's policies on the UFO enigma! We — like our British counterparts — only want the facts behind the increasing UFO encounters world-wide. FSR has continued to keep us well informed over the past three decades and more. Keep up the good work!

Yours sincerely,
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 U.S.A.
 July 13, 1985

**We have since published the full text of the Russian report in question (see FSR Vol. 30, No. 5) and we have assembled a good deal of other alleged material from Soviet sources, but have not attempted to compile an article about it yet as some of it is extremely "wild" and lacks confirmation. As regards the similarity of the UFO Problem there, since it is global, as everyone knows by now, it should be the same in Russia as in the USA. And it is.*

We do not believe that Russian investigations were "closed in 1967" (or

ever closed!), any more than they are now closed in the USA!

Statistical analyses and tables will afford no clues to the problem of UFOs. *You can study analyses and tables until you are blue in the face, and still know nothing. Man must look elsewhere, and neither his Science nor his Statistics will help him.* — EDITOR

NSA — The Key Body

Dear Sir, — The UFO Phenomenon is certainly systematic and at the same time most chaotic. A thorough reconnaissance stage now seems almost over, and the era of massive abductions and brainwashings has come. A mere collection of data will do little good, except gather an expanding database. I know people like Hynek and Corliss are doing this, but what will it all lead to? Of what real use can it be?

Reading CLEAR INTENT, I was amazed at the wealth of messages, documents and memoranda that the U.S. Government has released!

However, the key to all information retrieval is that giant vacuum-cleaner of Intelligence data, the National Security Agency (NSA).

NSA will not divulge any dramatic data, because the very nature of the organization, and its special status, and protection under Presidential Executive Order, creates an entity answerable to no one. However, I certainly wish Fawcett, Greenwood, and others the very best of luck!

Unquestionably the British General Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham (GCHQ) and affiliated other government and military bodies served as the definitive examples for the U.S. Government in setting up NSA after WWII. The American improvements on the British model have been simply in technology — satellites, aircraft, new techniques in coding, etc. (You have already mentioned the book *The Puzzle Palace*, of which I wrote in a previous letter).

NSA is indeed the most active collector of info. about UFOs, along with other Intelligence material of all kinds.

Thank you for your time. The staff of FSR and all the supporting people outside are doing a fine job. When I show your magazine to friends, they are amazed that such a fine quality UFO publication exists. Unfortunately, however, few if any are inter-

ested in subscribing. The news media have ignored the subject of UFOs for so many years now, that public knowledge and public interest are at a nadir. Yours sincerely,

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(Name and address supplied)
Arizona, U.S.A.
June 30, 1985

A Letter from John Keel

Dear G.C., — I enclose the text of an article* which I published in UFO REPORTS during its last days. I doubt if many people saw it.

It is about censorship and all that, and may fit in with your current policies. I have added a postscript to it, to bring it up to date.

As you have undoubtedly heard by now, Dr. Hynek did move to Arizona, but he has denied the newspaper article that claimed he had finally found a big backer. Perhaps he has written directly to you about it?

You are doing a great job, despite all the problems and handicaps existing today. Last year I circulated a letter urging people to subscribe to FSR, and several publications have reprinted it. I hope it brought you a few subs . . . if not hundreds and hundreds.

Wishing you all the best,

Yours,
John Keel,
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USA.
June 29, 1985

**We are delighted to have this very important article on The UFO Contactee, and are publishing it.*

As regards Dr. Hynek, we do not appear to have received any notification from him on the point, but will make a search through our files to see whether we missed something. — EDITOR

The "UFO Lull"

Dear Editor, — UFO "flaps" are a thing of the past. My educated guess, all things considered, is that, sometime shortly after spring of 1982, and unbeknown to all but a handful in Intelligence circles, a momentous event, scenario, or transaction occurred. The result of this event has been the near-complete restriction of overt sightings of any significance around the world and/or reports of same.

Along with this situation we have seen a total lack of interest and reduction of any publications, newsreels, and research data. In fact, even the "ridicule factor" has disappeared . . . along with the Phenomenon as a whole. It has become extinct.

If I'm correct, we few diehard researchers will be left to ponder and study *old* cases for a long time to come!

Sincerely,
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July 8, 1985

Such a sudden cessation of the Phenomenon may well occur one day soon, and it would not surprise me. But surely it is too early for us to be sure of that yet. There have been lulls and troughs before. Just recently, in fact, we have received reports of aircraft encountering UFOs over China and over Argentina, and of no less than 28 UFO sighting reports in the last few days of August over Italy, so maybe this lull is now ending? We have also had eight cases this summer of the usual great patterns of "rings" in the cornfields of Wiltshire and Hampshire, and we shall publish a summary about these in due course. — EDITOR

A Statement of Faith in Troubled Times

Dear Gordon Creighton, — My wife and I hope that your publication will continue in full force — we appreciate and enjoy each issue so much.

We agree with you that this is certainly an extraordinary time to be living in. We firmly believe, however, that there is a Divine Principle in complete control of all being, and that there will be progress and salvation for mankind.

Warmest best wishes,
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