



allegedly converted into an image of the Virgin del Carmen. This event is reported to have occurred at Isabela, in the home of Arturo Gonzáles and his wife. According to the report, Father Ignacio and Father Elias, priests of the local Catholic Church in the town, accepted the existence of the image as authentic.

5. What is above all evident from all this is that we are seeing what we might term *a new phase of activity by the UFO Phenomenon*. The UFO Phenomenon is now manifesting itself more openly; it is ceasing to be rural, and in many cases it is now a town phenomenon; there are more low-altitude sightings; there are three cases with physical marks left on the ground, one of these being the alleged incendiarism in an outside latrine. The UFO theme is the subject of frank and open discussion in the organs of the press. And, above all, it is now connected in the mind of the public with the killing of animals.

In conclusion, I must add that the work of compiling this Report has been made possible thanks to the co-operation received by me from:

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GIANT "CIGAR" CRAFT SEEN OVER THE USA (MAY 1995)

On the evening of May 25, 1995, a passenger plane of the America West Company took off from Tampa, S.W. Florida, bound for Nevada.

At about 22h30, when over the Texas/New Mexico border areas (i.e. roughly somewhere near the famous site of "Roswell"! G.C.) and flying at 39,000 ft., through a violent storm, the Captain and then later, also his Co-Pilot, noticed a row of eight lights on their starboard (right) side.

A series of powerful lightning flashes followed, and enabled the pilots to see that the lights were along the body of an immense dark cigar-shaped object which the Co-Pilot estimated as possibly being some 300 to 450 ft. in length, while the Captain thought it might have been even longer — as much as 500 ft.

The nearest Air Control post (at Albuquerque, N.M.) said they detected nothing there on their radascopes. However, a US Air Force pilot flying at 27,000 ft. radioed that he had seen the object on his port side, at a lower altitude, but gave no other details.

At 22hr45 one of the Albuquerque controllers contacted the North American Air Defence Command (NORAD), who confirmed that they themselves had picked up an unidentified radar echo from that same sector. The target observed by them was behaving strangely, successively halting for brief stops and then brusquely accelerating again. Its accelerations were computed at between 1,000 mph and 1,400 mph. A NORAD spokesman said the Captain had described it as "a pretty interesting thing out there — right out of the X-Files. I mean — it's definitely a UFO, or something like that".

MUFON's verdict was that the case "must be classified as a genuine unknown", and one of their experts, Walter N Webb, was stated to be making a thorough investigation of it.

SOURCES:-

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Co-Pilot's sketch

BOOK REVIEWS

IN THE BLOOD, GOD, GENES AND DESTINY

Steve Jones. Harper Collins, 1996. Hardback
ISBN 000 2555115 Price £20.00
By Eve

Professor Steve Jones addresses problems which preoccupy many of our discerning FSR readers: good and evil, crime, free will and original sin, although not of course extraterrestrial! His book is full of interesting information. Here are some examples:

The blood, it seems, carries no DNA and therefore no genes. The greatest data base we have for genetic information was built up by the Mormons, because they wanted to convert past generations to their faith!

The Jews have genes so rare that their movements can be traced across the world.

There is a full discussion of the genetics of melanin, and the politics of race, discussing new claims.

Prince Charles has a connection with William the Conqueror, but then, probably, so do you!

Mutations produce children with up to eight chromosomes with only a single Y which means their sex-life will be confused. I know of a Jack Russell terrier who had a complete set of both organs, a very muddled dog indeed.

As late as 1992 the Red Indian tribe of Pequots expanded their gambling business and began to spend their profits on helping poorer Indians. This set off millions of claims to Indian ancestry. Since they are all blood group O and have a small change in the mitochondria, this could be quite easy.

So how did I come to have a son with blood Group O?

BOOK REVIEW: OMAR FOWLER'S 'THE FLYING TRIANGLE'

By Paul Whitehead

Omar Fowler has gained a reputation for dogged and thoughtful research since he founded SIGAP (THE SURREY INVESTIGATION GROUP INTO AERIAL PHENOMENA) in 1967, and as a result has unearthed many unusual and fascinating UFO cases. Since moving to Derbyshire in 1990 and founding his new Phenomenon Research Association there, he has continued his work; little did he know that that area was to become the focus of a new and deepening mystery.

Flying Triangles were first observed over the eastern seaboard of the United States in 1983.* Then they made several dramatic appearances over Belgium in 1989-90. In 1991 and 1992 they were observed over Japan. Meanwhile, in 1990, they were seen over Russia,

and began re-appearing in the USA a little later.

Then reports began to reach UFO research groups in the UK that huge flying triangles were being reported over Britain. Specifically, sightings have become concentrated around Derbyshire.

What can the triangles be? In his 24 page report, entitled *The Flying Triangle Mystery*, Omar Fowler gives a history of the subject before detailing many cases local to Derbyshire, and several cases from other parts of the country.

After analysing witnesses' observations, Omar lists typical characteristics of these "craft". They can, for example, hover motionless and then accelerate away at hundreds of miles an hour within seconds. They may apparently observe an area and shine beams of light down to the ground. They can be silent, or emit a low hum or drone. They may appear immediately after a flash in the sky similar to "sheet" lightning. **They may not be what some people think they are — secret terrestrial military craft — says Omar.**

The craft can be huge; "gi-normous" is a typical comment. (A term much used by the younger generation in Britain today.)

For those who want to gain a greater insight into what Flying Triangles ("FTs") might be, or simply wish to read the many cases covered by Omar, his report is recommended reading.

Priced at £3.50, including p & p, for U.K. readers, the Report includes colour simulations of sightings.

For USA and elsewhere overseas, the price is £4.50, including cost of airmail.

Send cheque or money-order (made out to Phenomenon Research Association) to Omar Fowler, 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9HR, England.

Reports of UFOs — particularly of "FTs" — can also go to the same address.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

* I feel very certain that a survey of the earlier issues of FSR, which date from 1955, will turn up a few cases of big "FTs" seen long before 1983.

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