

- <sup>13</sup> Both MIB witnesses and "silent contactees" have told me of their experiences with old cars that looked new inside and out and even had a "new car smell".
- <sup>14</sup> The note as described by Connie and Keith may have been very similar in handwriting to the note shoved under the door of Tad Jones, in Dunbar, W. Va., around that same period. (FSR, May/June 1967, p. 5.)
- <sup>15</sup> For a brief round-up of sightings in New Haven, W. Va., see NICAP's *UFO Investigator*, May/June 1967, p. 6.
- <sup>16</sup> Charleston, W. Va. *Daily Mail*, November 19, 1966; Athens, O. *Messenger* November 18, 1966.
- <sup>17</sup> On March 28, 1959, three teenaged boys near Charles Mill Lake outside of Mansfield, Ohio, reported that a giant 7ft. figure rose up off the ground and frightened them. They said it had no arms but had green eyes. Strange tracks were found at the site. *National Observer*, June 22, 1964.
- <sup>18</sup> See *The Little Man of Gaffney* by John Keel. FSR, March/April 1968.
- <sup>19</sup> Comment: Usually witnesses say it sounds as if a big metal pan has been dropped somewhere in the house. I have heard both the footsteps on the roof and the pan-dropping phenomenon during my travels and investigations. The sound of "a woman screaming" has also been frequently described to me. In some cases, the witnesses have said it "sounded like a dog being torn apart".
- <sup>20</sup> First UFO story appeared in Athens, O. *Messenger* December, 12, 1966.
- <sup>21</sup> *From My Ohio Valley Notebook* by John Keel. FSR May/June 1967, FSR July/August 1967.
- <sup>22</sup> See "Are the UFOs Using the Earth for a Garbage Dump", Dell's *Flying Saucers—UFO Reports* No. 4. Description of some of the factory sightings in the area.
- <sup>23</sup> Athens *Messenger* November 24, 1967: "At 3 a.m. a resident of the north end of Point Pleasant saw a UFO land in the area of the Ohio River junior high school. He called neighbours who witnessed the same thing. After a few minutes, the object rose slowly and went out of sight toward Henderson. Persons reported watching it for about 20 minutes." Schoolyard sightings have become commonplace in the past two years. See FSR, May/June 1967, p. 3, *The Vanishing Buildings*.
- <sup>24</sup> Officer Harmon is no longer on the Point Pleasant police force. At the time, this was given to me as "privileged information" and was not meant for publication.
- <sup>25</sup> As in note 21. Also FSR, July/August 1967, p. 32.

- <sup>26</sup> Time exposure was published in Huntington, W. Va. *Herald-Dispatch*, April 18, 1967. Many UFO reports appeared in the *Register* and *Messenger* in March/April 1967. Also many other newspapers in West Virginia and Ohio were carrying current reports in their areas.
- <sup>27</sup> In accordance with routine police procedure, reporters were asked to refrain from mentioning the cemetery damage while an investigation was being held. Police kept the cemetery under close nightly surveillance for several weeks. Strange lights were frequently seen there, rising straight up.
- <sup>28</sup> See *A New Approach to UFO Witnesses* by John Keel. FSR, May/June 1968.
- <sup>29</sup> Huntington, W. Va. *Herald-Dispatch*, December 28, 1966.
- <sup>30</sup> Athens, O. *Messenger*, July 26, 1967.
- <sup>31</sup> There have been numerous creature sightings around oil tanks and oil installations. See FSR November/December 1966, p. 8.
- <sup>32</sup> Gallipolis, O. *Tribune*, November 18, 1966. Newell Patridge of Doddridge county said his TV set started "acting like a generator" on the night of November 15, 1966, and his German shepherd dog, Bandit, "started carrying on something terrible". Patridge shined a flashlight into the field next to his house and saw something "like two red reflectors". The dog's hair stood straight up and it ran into the field. It was never seen again.
- <sup>33</sup> Gallipolis, O. *Times-Sentinel*, November 20, 1966. Wm. Watson of Georges Creek Road found his German shepherd dog crushed to death in a field. Every bone in the animal'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. During my travels I have examined a number of dogs and cows which have been mysteriously mutilated as if operated on by a sharp scalpel. In December of 1967 a cow was found outside of Gallipolis, O. and was cleanly cut in half "as if by a giant pair of scissors". The organs and blood had been removed from the lower half.
- <sup>34</sup> NANA article on animal mutilations by John Keel, November 1967.
- <sup>35</sup> "Privileged information" from local Sheriff. I did not have time to personally check into any of these cases.
- <sup>36</sup> Athens, O. *Messenger*, May 24, 1967.
- <sup>37</sup> This disaster was heavily covered by all news media, major radio and TV networks, and news magazines.

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# A TUBE OF LIGHT

By JOANNA HUGILL

Once again we are indebted to Mr. Peter Norris and other members of the Committee of the Victorian UFO Research Society of P.O. Box 43, Moorabbin 3189, Victoria, Australia, for sending along the transcript of a taped interview with the witness in this case. Mrs. Hugill's article was prepared from the transcript. The incident was briefly reported in the World Round-up column of the recent March/April issue of *Flying Saucer Review*, and calls to mind the Rio Pardo object discussed by Gordon Creighton in our July/August 1967 issue (p. 6).

BRILLIANT beams of white light directed towards the ground from UFOs have been reported from many parts of the globe, but from Australia comes an amazing story of a man who not only had his car stopped by a beam of light, but also found himself looking up and into it as if into a gleaming tube.

The witness of this curious happening, Mr. A. R. Spargo is an employer of a large labour force. As he did not wish to attract ridicule, his name was not given in reports published in Australia.

Mr. Spargo was interviewed and closely questioned about his strange experience by Dr. Paul Zeck, a psychiatrist in Perth. Both Mr. Spargo and Dr. Zeck are stated by our correspondent, to whom we are indebted for the transcript of the interview, to be men of high integrity.

Mr. Spargo, who is married with three children, is a wool classer and shearing contractor. One day at the end of October, 1967,\* he paid off a team of men at Kojonup in Western Australia, got into his car and set off for Boyup Brook to see another team of men.

Speeding along a quiet stretch of road at about 9.00 p.m. on a clear starlit night, some twelve miles from Boyup Brook, Mr. Spargo had a shock. His car stopped and all the electrical systems, including lights and radio, went dead.

The astonishing thing about the transition from driving at 65 m.p.h. and finding himself at a sudden standstill is that Mr. Spargo had no sense of deceleration. "For if you suddenly stop a car that's doing over sixty, it's like getting shot out of a sling shot," he told Dr. Zeck, "but I found I wasn't moving, yet had no sense of having stopped. All I knew was that I was the focus of a brilliant beam of light."

Mr. Spargo had stopped in undulating countryside, scattered with trees 60-70ft. high. He was aware that the beam focussed on him came from a mushroom shaped craft, 30ft. or more in diameter, hovering over the treetops at an estimated 100ft. from the ground.

"I could make out the shape of the ship," Mr Spargo told the psychiatrist, "and it was glowing with an iridescent light—I'd say the colour of bluish lightning best describes it. The tube came out of the bottom of the ship, at an angle of about 45 degrees to it."

Asked how close to him the tube came, Mr. Spargo replied:

"I seemed to be surrounded by it. It was 2 to 3ft. in diameter, and brilliant on the outside. Yet I could see up it, and there was no glare or anything inside the tube.

"It didn't worry my eyes at all. I got the impression that it was lighting up the inside of the car, but I didn't look round to see.

"I had the most extraordinary feeling that I was being observed through the tube. I couldn't see anyone—I could just make out the shape of the glowing craft.

"I felt *compelled* to look up the tube. But I didn't feel any fear, and I don't remember thinking of anything in particular. I just sat and looked up that tube of light.

"After about five minutes it was switched off—just like someone switching off an ordinary electric light. The colour of the craft seemed to darken, then it accelerated very swiftly and disappeared towards the west at terrific speed. It was gone within a second or two, but the country is undulating and it would soon be out of sight."

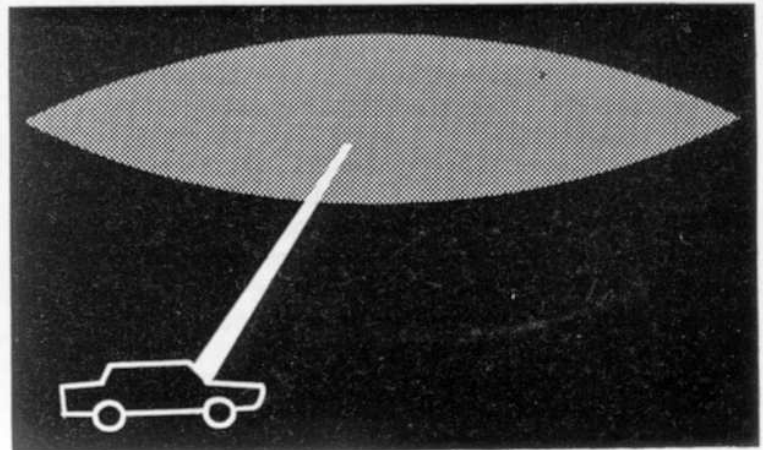
There was another surprise in store for Mr. Spargo.

He found himself once more speeding along the road. He had no recollection of starting up the car, any more than he could remember stopping it a few minutes earlier.

Now he made up his mind to stop, drew in to the side of the road, got out of the car and looked around. His only feeling was one of curiosity—he was quite without fear. There was nothing to be seen in the starry sky. Mr. Spargo re-entered the car and drove to Boyup Brook where he reported the incident to the local constable.

"I felt the authorities ought to know about it right away," he said, "but I asked them to keep my name out of it."

Asked whether he was aware of any noises about him while the car was stopped, Mr. Spargo said that he had





not heard a sound. On reflection, he found this rather strange. "You hear frogs, crickets and all sorts of sounds if you stop in the bush at night," he said. Dr. Zeck asked if he had heard his own heartbeats; Mr. Spargo said no.

He estimated that the whole episode must have lasted about five minutes. He wears an Omega Chronometer watch which is very reliable and keeps excellent time, but when he checked the time on arrival at Boyup Brook, he found it unaccountably five minutes slow. It seemed likely that the watch had stopped when the car stopped.

A report of this sighting appeared in *The West Australian* of November 1, 1967. A few days later, testing out reactions of local folk to the newspaper report, without letting them know that he was the

person concerned, Mr. Spargo asked the owners of a garage in Kojonup what they thought of the fellow who had seen the object in the sky a few nights earlier.

"My son saw it too," was the reply. "He was out working for a farmer that night."

The garage owner said that two local farmers in the Muradup district had also seen the object, and another young farmer and wool classer had seen an object in the sky. They had watched it for a while, but thought it was a satellite. These sightings were about the same time that Mr. Spargo had his strange experience.

#### NOTE

\* In the *West Australian* for November 1, 1967, the report told of the sighting "last night". This would have made the date of the incident October 31. However Mr. Spargo's sketch, made on the day of his interview with Dr. Zeck, bears the date "October 30", but it must be remembered that during his interview he stated that he had forgotten the precise date.

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## ANDEAN ENCOUNTER

Translation and presentation by Gordon Creighton from Bulletins No. 8 (July/August 1967) and No. 9 (October/December 1967) of the UFO Investigation Section (DIOVNI) of the Research Centre on Rocketry and Astronomy, Santiago, Chile.

THE SCENE of this alleged experience is right on the Chilean-Argentine frontier, among the snowy peaks of the Andes, at about Latitude 27 degrees South and Longitude 69 degrees West. Incahuasi and Las Tres Cruces are two of the great local peaks, both about 6,620 metres (more than 21,500ft.) high.

It is interesting to note that this region lies only a short distance to the south of the lofty Atacama desert region where, as so many Argentine UFO reports have suggested, alien beings are thought to have established bases.

This account is taken from Bulletins 8 and 9 issued by the Chilean UFO Investigation Group. Bulletins 4 and 7, which have not yet been received, also have material on this case, but it seems that the essential experience itself, as allegedly recovered under hypnosis, is all here.

### Introduction

The witness, Señor Manuel Muñoz Carvajal, aged 25, a chauffeur of the Regional Hospital La Serena, had apparently driven a party to a school high in the Andean Cordillera. He was badly affected by the altitude, and the incident is supposed to have occurred while he was being returned from a visit to a doctor at a station lower down the mountains.

After his "experience" Manuel was treated under hypnosis by Dr. Darwin Arriagada L. (The letter L after the name of the Doctor is quite correct. It is a South American custom.) Here follows the translation of the transcript of the recorded questioning . . .

### From Bulletin No. 8

Dr. Manuel, you will now tell me with complete exactness about that occasion on which you saw the "flying saucers". Tell me, what was the date?

M. It was June.

Dr. You told me one of your party was ill, didn't you? Who was it that was ill?

M. I was.

Dr. You were ill. Tell me . . . and then they took you to Incahuasi?

M. I spoke to Señor Leiva (*who stayed overnight in the school, up on top of the Cordillera crest.*) He authorised me to go to Desvío Norte, to see the doctor at Incahuasi. On the way back from Incahuasi, there was a dense thick mist. We got to Tres Cruces. We began to climb the steepest bit of the whole route. As we were arriving at the top and the mist was beginning to disperse, a ball of fire flew across the sky in front of us. It went from left to right, that is to say, from the mountains towards the ocean. Then one of our party said it was a shooting star. I said it couldn't be a shooting star because when they fall they disintegrate and this seemed to be propelled by a light and then it went out. We went on up and we reached a ridge, and then my companions said there was a truck coming down the road. I saw that it wasn't a truck. The noise from it was tremendous. We stopped. We stopped our van and we got out and walked forward. I had the wind up, as my nerves were bad, and being already affected, as I was, by mountain-sickness due to the altitude, it gave me quite a shock.

Dr. Yes? Tell me all you saw?

M. It was a big ball, like . . . at the distance it was, it looked like a paper balloon—one of those that they let off and that come down again. But when we stopped there and with our lights out, there was a very lovely Moon . . . it was shining brightly and began to blaze with light, and then I said to my companion that we ought to go back, for I was scared and I could see it wasn't a balloon. We were close to the ground and there was nowhere to turn round, so we went on. And