

A PHILIPPINES UFO WAVE

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LIKE the mysteries of the missing Australian pilot and the dancing lights of Kaikoura still remained unexplained, the age-long phenomenon that has baffled the residents of this tiny planet suddenly manifested itself over the serene lush green islands of the Philippines in April 1979. And while it seems that UFOs may be interested in atomic power plants and nuclear reactors, the quiet sugar producing islands also suddenly came under scrutiny.

Over 100 people, including policemen, saw a UFO before dawn on April 19 in Talisay, Negros Occidental Province, situated 390 miles south of Manila. The object was flying low at a height of 250 to 300 feet and heading from South to North, and some at first took it to be an

airplane. Then it started to sparkle in a spectral show of colours, blue, green, yellow, red and many others.

In Midsalip, residents of the Zamboanga Del Sur Province were reported to have watched in awe as undetermined numbers of UFOs in flight formations flew low over Mount Sugar Loaf. Quite often the mysterious objects disappeared as suddenly as they had appeared.

A few days earlier the activity had been focussed over two central Philippines towns, dazzled residents and drew the attention of the military. The Director of the Philippines Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration played it cool and came to no conclusion over the rash of sightings.

Meanwhile, back in Talisay, motorists at first saw one UFO hovering over the sugar mill. At 4.20 a.m. the policemen came out of their headquarters and saw it too. Eyewitnesses described how they saw a flame at the "belly" of the object, which then changed position to the sides. Later the disc-shaped object began pulsating in various colours and releasing identical, but smaller, UFOs which formed into a V-formation and flew off at high speed towards Mt. Silay, led by the "mothership." A landing was later reported somewhere in the Carapale Valley.

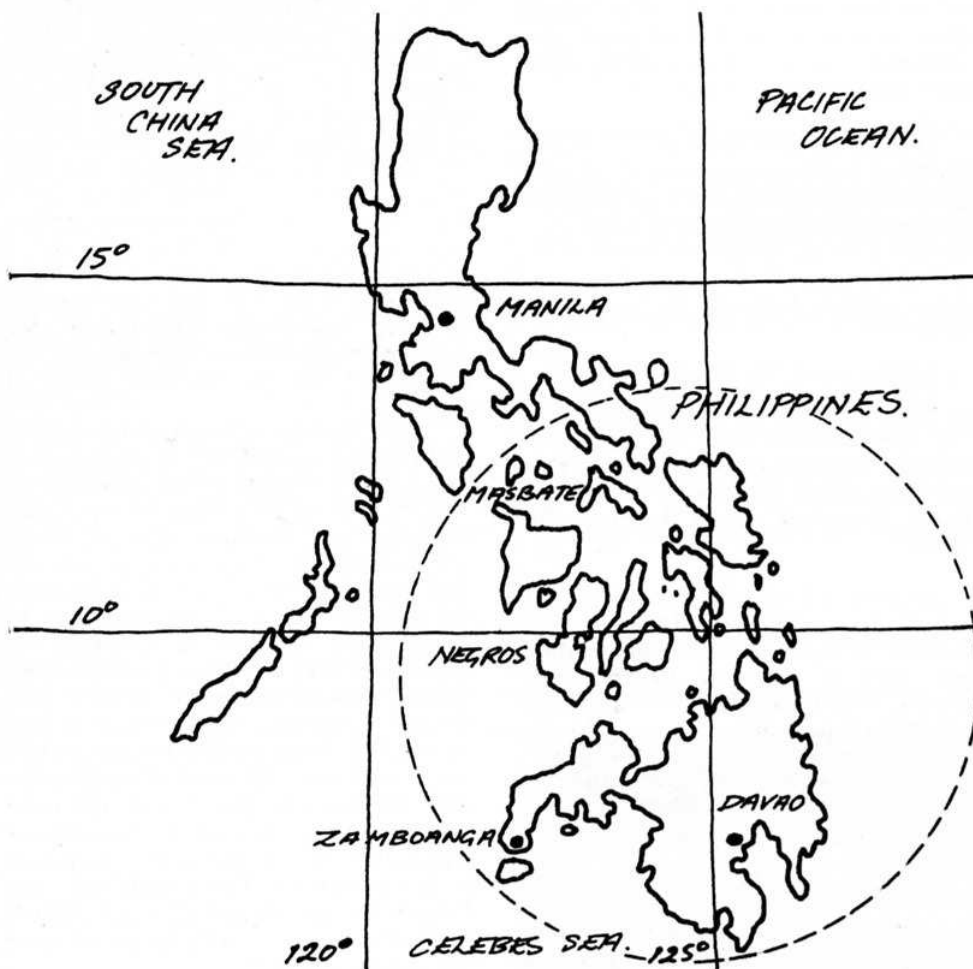
At about the same time as the Talisay incident, UFOs were also sighted over the provincial capital of Bacolod and the nearby towns.

In May near the village of Upper Baracatan an American scientist and 600 Filipinos sighted a round object like a big balloon emitting flashes of light over the nation's highest peak. The object remained in the area for about 20 minutes and the scientist was able to observe with binoculars the unusual bright star-like object. He said he could see objects moving inside the "craft" as if pictures of the surroundings were being taken. The object had two appendages directly below it, one of which produced strobe-like effects. The UFO then landed in an open space behind a cluster of trees which action sent the frightened villagers running into their huts.

Comments

As in most other South East Asian countries the population is largely unaware of the phenomenon of Unidentified Flying Objects. For those who have heard about it, most of them believe it is a manifestation of the devil. Others think it is an invention of the West.

With many reports coming in from wide areas of Central and Southern Philippines, the objective reality of the Phenomenon once again exposed itself. The normal peaceful way of life of the residents, and their lack of concern with the technological achievements of the



West, or with ETH and space travel, is suddenly being challenged by baffling and mysterious manifestations for which even these illiterate peoples seek a logical explanation.

In the eyes of the Filipino percipients the Phenomenon is indeed a real one. In ufology it will be just another wave to be documented.

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