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One of the most puzzling and most important features about the recent cases of animal mutilation at Orocovis, Naranjito, Barranquitas, Comerío, Morovis, Manati, and elsewhere on the Island is the fact that, according to a goodly number of reliable witnesses, strange creatures of *humanoid type or features* were seen! What then are these?

[Jorge Martín's point is that in these cases what are being seen *are not* the already notorious "*chupacabras*." but things that, though certainly not "human", do look a lot more like *humans* than the "*chupacabras*" do! And this seems to be possibly something quite new in Puerto Rico? They are described as "grey", but I am quite **certain** they are not the Little Greys in abduction reports. -G.C.]

"SOMETHING FAST."

The first creature reported at Orocovis was a humanoid entity, seen by a policeman of that town when he was investigating the killing of sheep on the property of Sr. Enrique Barretto in the Saltos Cabra district. As he and another man, in a patrol car, were passing through the area, this officer (who prefers to remain anonymous, but his name is in our records) caught sight of a "thing" standing there in the darkness. He at once told his companion to pull up, and he got out to investigate.

"That thing", as he put it, had a humanoid form, head,

arms, legs etc., and was no taller than about 3ft to 4 ft. and of a "yellowish-orange colour". He could make out no particular features of it owing to the darkness and the speed with which it vanished into the bushes. **As he attempted to follow it, the policeman at once felt a violent headache and a sensation of stomach sickness, and he had to call to his companion to help him.**

"SOMETHING UP A TREE."

Subsequently, on Sunday, March 20, 1995, Police Officer Jaime Torres saw, at about 6.00 am, another similar creature as he was obeying a call of nature. (It was on the property of a Sr. Elisamuel Hernández - the same property on which the sheep belonging to Enrique Barretto were killed).

Officer Torres explained to us that he had gone to that area on Saturday, March 25, to try to ascertain what was going on, because he had heard of further UFO sightings, in that district, by his brothers and also by neighbours. So he had decided to spend a night on watch there. (See photo of Torres in Fig. 1.)

As stated, it was about 6.00am, and he saw a creature clutching on to the branch of a nearby tree. He described it as having a large head, devoid of hair or fur, with "oriental-type" elongated eyes and a tiny mouth and pointed chin. It had long thin arms with only four fingers



Fig. 1: Eyewitness Jaime Torres (Puerto Rico Police)



on the hands - which ended in claws - and little feet with the same number of toes, but a bit smaller and thicker than the fingers. (See sketch by Torres in Fig. 2.)

He said he also noted that the creature's skin seemed to be of various shades, including dark grey, (on the face), and brown, yellow, and purple (on its back and on its right side). **He said that at one moment the creature made an extraordinary gesture, moving its head from side to side. [We shall see this feature mentioned in other cases below. G.C.]**

Then it uttered a hissing sound [we shall hear of this again too.G.C.], and simultaneously the eyewitness felt himself beginning to fall asleep or into a swoon, but he managed to overcome the feeling. Simultaneously, the creature jumped from the tree, fell backwards, and vanished, while Torres himself also took to his heels.

Later he contacted the journalist Arnaldo García of Radio Cumbre in Orocovis (García is also the local correspondent for the Radio Station WKAQ which reports the news) and gave him all these details.

SEEN AGAIN.

At about 5.00pm. on March 28,1995, while my wife and I (Jorge Martín), along with reporters from the newspaper *El Diario*, were in that area ourselves, investigating the killings of the sheep, another local resident, a neighbour of Sr. Barretto, saw the same creature, or one similar. This man (pseudonym "Sr. José Vegas") was himself actually watching us, through binoculars, when he spotted it - *and it was watching us too!* (We learned this from another local resident to whom

"José Vegas" had told it all in confidence.)

When we ourselves questioned "José Vegas", he was at first unwilling to talk, out of fear of being laughed at, but when he perceived that our interest was *serious*, he told it all to us, and what he had seen was in every respect identical with what Jaime Torres, the policeman, had previously described. Here is "José Vegas's" description:

"The creature was of a dark grey colour, with smooth skin, no hair, and a little round head with a darker shading to the face, and its legs shorter and plumper than the arms. Its height about 4ft. It is true that I saw it from a distance, but that's about the size I think it was. That's all I could see of it. It was half way along a branch. *And it was watching both of you!*

"It had long thin fingers, and toes the same. I just saw it for a few moments, and then it moved rapidly and was out of sight. I put down my binoculars and felt very nervous and pensive, and I spent a disturbed night. I felt something queer going on inside myself. That thing made me really ill.

"Until I saw it, I had been one of the folk who laughed at all this sort of stuff. I thought it was all just made-up talk. Now I *know* those things do exist, and are there, and if I can I'll go and hunt it, for I know where it sits in the trees."

José Vegas went on to repeat and to emphasise that "that thing" had been watching us both very attentively from its position up in the tree.

IT WAS CROUCHING.

The next eyewitnesses of the creature were Sr. Victor Rodriguez and his wife Margarita, of Saltos Colí. They were the owners of a bull killed in one of the attacks.

At about 10.25 pm on March 30, 1995 Doña Margarita was in her patio, watering plants, when she noticed, at a distance of some 75 feet or so, a creature about 3ft high walking along. She said it was a thing like a boy, a little boy, with a big round head. it was quite thin, with long arms, and seemed to have big dark eyes.

However, she went on, "I'm not quite sure about the eyes, owing to the darkness. Its skin colour was grey, and it was just emerging from the bushes. I was scared, and tried to drop the hosepipe so as to run and call my husband, but I couldn't move. ***And something in my mind was telling me to go on looking at that thing - that I wasn't to take my eyes off it!***

"Then the thing turned and walked away (on two legs, just like a human) and up the hill on our property. Then, when it had gone, I was able to move again, and I began to cry and ran and told my husband..."

Don Víctor calmed her down, and then both went back to the spot, this time armed with a machete and a torch. He said: "When she was calmer, we went out there, *and we saw it again!* It was watching a bull. The bull was nervous.... The thing was about 3ft high, and about the size of a boy, as she had said. And when we shone the torch on it, it too shone, its skin seemed to sparkle in the light. I have had goats attacked in that area, also bulls, and calves. I don't know whether it was at that moment just planning to attack the bull, but it was there just behind the bull, crouched..."

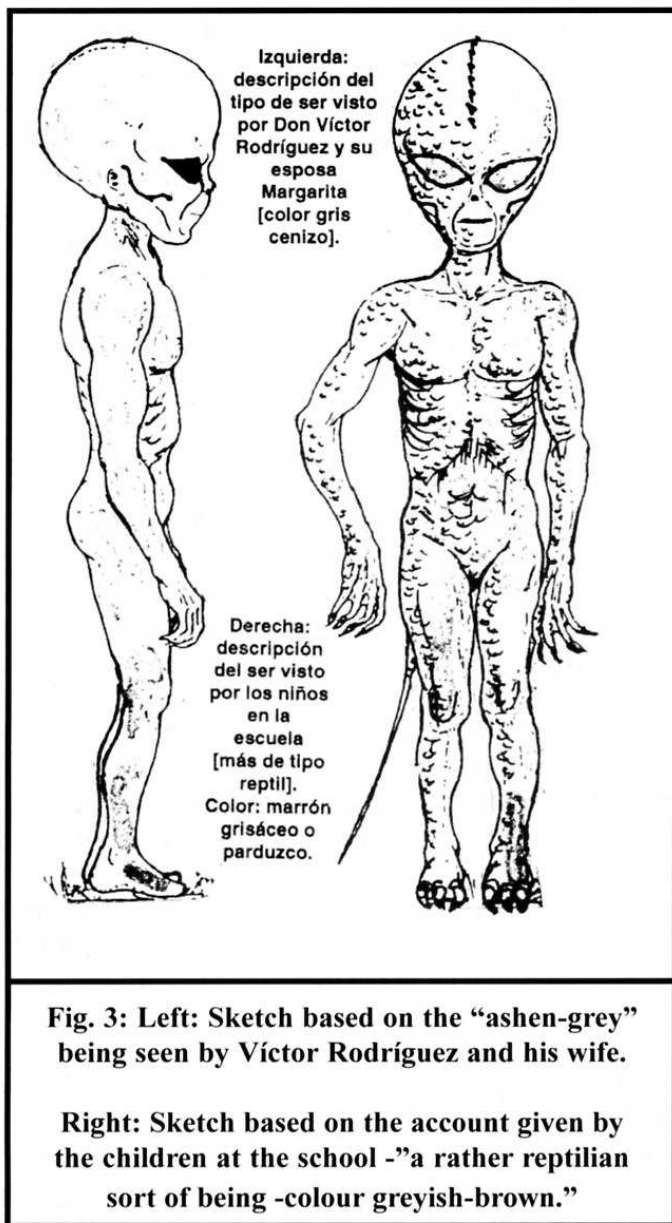


Fig. 3: Left: Sketch based on the “ashen-grey” being seen by Víctor Rodríguez and his wife.

Right: Sketch based on the account given by the children at the school - “a rather reptilian sort of being -colour greyish-brown.”

“The thing is very quick. As we were approaching, it had its back half turned to us and it was behind a tree, and I shone my torch on it. Then Margaret found she couldn’t stand it any more, and she began screaming, and the thing took off so fast and was gone.

“After that, we went along to the shop that’s near the entrance to our farm, and all the folk who were there came out and helped us to round up the cattle in case they might be due for an attack.”

And Doña Margarita added: “Never, never, had we seen such a creature as that!”

We showed Sr. and Sra. Rodríguez various illustrations and pictures of humanoids that we have published in this Review, and both of them agreed that what they had seen was basically similar to a picture of one of the humanoid beings called the “Greys”. (See Fig. 3) [N.B. These may be grey in colour, but they are not what we call the Little Greys. -G.C.]

During our talk with Don Víctor he told us that on previous occasions they have also seen strange balls of light over their property, *and also big luminous objects stationary in the air* over the Pellejas region, with lots of smaller luminous objects emerging from them and disappearing in all directions at great speed, after which the large luminous objects would rise up higher into the

sky and also vanish.

AN ALARMING EXPERIENCE DURING AN OUTING.

At about 6.00pm on Sunday, April 2, 1995, a group of 15 people, adults and young folk, were on an outing, on the slopes of a hill located on the property of a Señor Fin Colón, when they had an encounter with one of the creatures.

The younger ones of the party were playing around with a ball, and a lady named Señora Ana Torres, along with another woman, was seated on the ground, when they both noticed something near a tree. Looking more closely, they could see that it was about 3 ft high and humanoid in appearance. Scared, they shouted to their husbands and the young folk, all of whom now also saw the creature. And then a number of very disturbing things occurred. One of the men, Sr. Román Colón, gave us this account:

“It was a grey thing, about 3ft high. At first we couldn’t see it very clearly - just a grey form behind the tree. **Then it stuck its head out from behind the tree, and we heard a sort of hissing sound. In my opinion it was just mocking us.**

“The boys’ ball had fallen over in that direction, and when they went over there to look for it they found themselves face to face with the thing. It was small and thin and grey. One of the boys, José Angel Cruz, got hold of a stick, and wanted to hit it, **but found that he couldn’t move.** Then two of the other boys saw it, and shouted: *‘Jump! It’s right there beside you!’* But he couldn’t see it. All that he was able to see was a white light that blinded him. Then the thing made off through the trees, and we all dashed over to the boys.

“My wife and I and our daughters and neighbours on the party took the boy to a hospital and before long he had come round again all right. Then we went to the Police Headquarters, and afterwards at about 9.00pm, with a number of policemen, we went back to the place and the thing was still there! We could see the shrubbery moving as it went along! We got right up close, and we managed to see it.”

Here are Sr. Colón’s detailed answers to our questions:

“Its eyes were like cones, luminous, very, very white. The eyes tapering towards the sides. It was a dark grey in colour, and sort of hunched, but moving to and fro sideways. **But it wasn’t walking - rather... sort of floating. The to-and-fro movement was like floating.** As it dashed away we kept seeing it momentarily and then momentarily it was hidden among the bushes and trees. **And at times it made a queer noise, like a sort of rapid whispering.” (hiss?)**

When we showed Sr. Colón our illustrations of various alleged humanoid creatures, as we had done with Sr. Víctor Rodríguez, he too said that what they had seen **most** resembled the so-called “Greys” associated with UFO cases, **though he said that it had certain reptilian features too, and its eyes were luminous, and different.** (See the two sketches.)

Still extremely nervous, Sr. Colón wanted one of the other policemen to lend him his pistol, so that he could shoot at it, but the policeman said that they must not shoot,

and that their job was to catch it alive if possible, and that a search of the area would be made the next day.

One of the police officers, named Cruz, tried to go down into the area where the creature still was, but he at once developed a violent headache and a strange ill feeling, and so abandoned the idea.

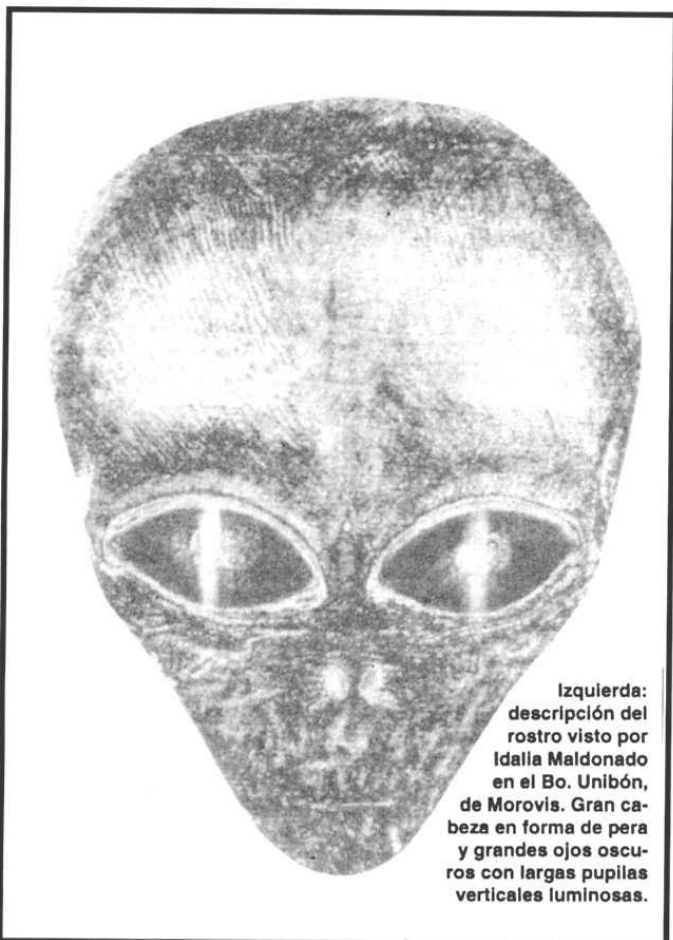
While we ourselves were searching that area along with the witnesses, we saw and photographed a series of very strange footprints which seemed to have big claws. (The photo in EVIDENCIA OVNI is too poor for us to reproduce it with any success. G.C.)

Sr. Colón said to us: "I was wrong. I had thought that what people had been seeing and what had been killing the animals really *was* what folk said it was: *dogs, or snakes. But what I saw is nothing from this world of ours. Now I fully believe it all. It's real! That thing is so fast..... it's something unbelievable. It moves at a tremendous speed!*". The others all confirmed this.

A HUMANOID JOKER.

On Monday April 3, 1995 a young fellow whom we will call "Adrián" (real name withheld at his request but on our files) living at Saltos Cabra, was driving along Highway 155 from Orocovis to Coamo, when, to his astonishment, he encountered a similar creature, stationary in the middle of the road.

Shaken and scared, he stepped on the accelerator to get past it quickly, but to his even greater amazement the grey creature very rapidly ran right around the car twice.



Izquierda:
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rostro visto por
Idalia Maldonado
en el Bo. Unibón,
de Morovis. Gran ca-
beza en forma de pera
y grandes ojos oscu-
ros con largas pupilas
verticales luminosas.

Fig. 4: Artist's impression of the face seen by Idalia Maldonado gazing through the window at her as she fed her baby. "Large pear-shaped head and big eyes with large, luminous, vertical pupils."

Adrián once more pressed down hard on his accelerator, and thought he had probably run over the creature. But, in his rear mirror, he saw that it was still standing there in the middle of the road. Then he saw it dash off towards the hills and out of sight. He arrived home a very shaken man.

"AN UGLY THING."

During the morning of that same day, Monday April 3, a number of children about six years of age, in the elementary school lying below the hillside where the large party of people had just had their alarming episode, and not very far from the local hospital, also had a sight of the creature.

We learned about this from the mother and the aunt (names withheld at their request) of one of the children. These ladies telephoned to our office giving details. We were able to talk with the child in question (a boy) at that same time.

He was still very nervous, but we were much impressed by the certainty with which he spoke, and we arranged to come and see him in his house a few days later, in the La Vega sector of Orocovis. When we did so, we asked the boy to describe what he had seen and make a sketch of it for us, which he did. He said it was "an ugly thing".

We showed him, as usual, our collection of illustrations and drawings of creatures, and he was most emphatic in pointing out **one particular "reptilian" type of "Grey"** which, he claimed, was what he and the other children had seen. (See sketch in Fig. 3.)

He said that he and his friends had been out in the playground, and saw the creature standing near a bush and gazing very attentively at the cars passing by on the road. *And he said it was moving its head from side to side rapidly. They were terrified and fled. Returning some minutes later, they found that the creature was no longer there.*

"A HORRIBLE FACE."

At about 9.00 pm on Wednesday, April 5, 1995, a young couple from the Coamo district were getting out of their car in front of the girl's home, when they heard the rustling sound of footsteps in the fallen leaves on the other side of the road, and they saw this creature.

The young man was so upset by the experience that he completely refused to talk to us about it. However we learned, from his family and from others close to him, that he had seen "a horrible face", with luminous eyes, rather similar, it seems, to what Sr. Ramón Colón and the others of his large party had seen up on the hillside on April 2nd.

(From what the family and his friends told us, the young fellow's unwillingness to be interviewed by us was mainly due to his fear of the sort of campaign of mockery that certain folk love to instigate among the public.)

We learned that his main symptoms for some time afterwards were fits of trembling and massive bouts of sweating. Whether this was simply the result of shock, or, alternatively, whether it was due to anything actually done to him by the entity, remains of course unknown.

“AN ALMOST HYPNOTIC GAZE.”

Another eyewitness, a girl living in the same district, near Coamo, saw one of the creatures at about 10.00 pm. during that same night of April 5, 1995.

This girl, named Doneris, aged 16, was looking out from a window on the second storey of her house, **and suddenly felt a powerful impulse to gaze towards one particular spot on the other side of the road**, just below a thicket of bamboo. Doing so, she was horrified to see a “thing” with dark-coloured skin, round head, and big ‘cone-like’ eyes. (The same description as given by Señor Colón and his family party).

She said its eyes were luminous, of a bright yellowish-white hue, and “almost hypnotic”. The thing was crouched beneath the bamboo, *and it too was gazing fixedly AT HER. And “something” which she said she was unable to describe was impelling her to keep her own gaze fixed on the creature. And it was moving its head from side to side - just as in the other cases described.*

Badly frightened, she called to her mother to come and see it, but the mother did not believe her. The creature then vanished, and the mother had a seriously scared daughter on her hands. According to what the mother told us, **the daughter subsequently suffered precisely the same symptoms as the young man in the last case namely bouts of trembling and intense sweating.**

MUTILATIONS AT MOROVIS.

Although few people knew about it, because the owner did not want the matter to be known to the public, 10 bulls were killed on a farm between Morovis and Orocovis, and in similar circumstances to those of the animals that were killed in Orocovis itself. This happened in the beginning of March, 1995.

Likewise there have also been some encounters by people of Morovis with the mystery creatures. One such case was early one day in April 1995, when a young woman named Idalia Maldonado, living in the Patrón de Unibón sector, saw one of the creatures looking attentively at her through her window as she was about to give her baby its feeding-bottle. As she described it to us:

“It was dark outside and when I went to the kitchen, I saw that thing standing outside the window. It had a round, rather big head. Due, as I say, to the darkness, I couldn’t see any mouth or eyes precisely, yet I was *aware*, as it were, of big dark almond-shaped eyes tapering away at the sides. *The pupils of the eyes were like cats’ pupils -vertical- AND THEY HAD A SORT OF GLEAM -A YELLOWSIH-GOLDEN COLOUR.* (See sketch in Fig. 4.)

“**For a few moments I was totally unable to move.** Then later, when I was able to react, I called to my mother to come and see it. And then the thing left.

“But what was most astonishing in all this is that the window was a good height from the ground, *and that creature looked small.* It certainly wasn’t tall. *And yet its head was at the level of my window. How did it manage to keep itself up there! Now - that really does intrigue me!”*

[The two concluding pages of this nine-page article I shall omit, as they are recapitulations of cases from the early Puerto Rico wave of mutilations in 1975, which I think we have now covered adequately-at least as regards all essential features. This last part also deals with the early cases in the USA (like that of Judy Doraty) which have already been covered at great length by Linda Moulton Howe and Dr. Leo Sprinkle and others, and are probably known to all our readers to some degree. G.C.]■

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Various kinds of “impossible animals”, chimerical creatures that might well have come out of some ancient mythical story, or be the result of the nightmares of a madman, have been appearing on this Island of Puerto Rico since March 1995. Contrary to what many folk may think, the matter is real, and has very serious implications which we will analyze now in this article concerning a highly disquieting situation.

Where do these monsters come from? From our own world maybe? Or, more specifically, is our geographical territory perhaps being utilized in order to see whether non-terrestrial animal species can adapt to our environment? If so, what is the object? Read this. And form your own opinion. -J.M. *****

The situation at Orocovis and Naranjito and elsewhere took an unexpected turn when, to the humanoid creatures,

were added the alleged apparitions of strange and monstrous “birds”!

The first sighting of one of these mysterious winged things was at 10 pm. one night early in April 1995, when

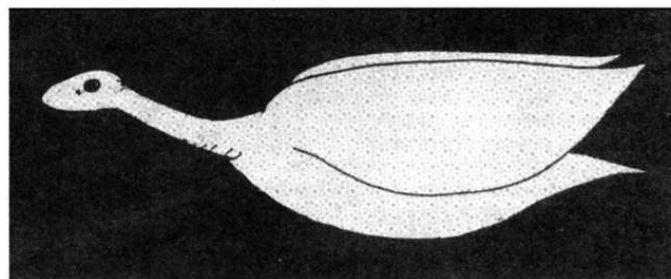


Fig. 1: Sketch by Orocovis policeman of the creature that he saw flying over the site of the animal mutilations at Saltos Cabra.



Fig. 2: The “montage” made to illustrate Sr. Reynaldo Ortega Cotto’s description of the monstrous “bird” seen perched on top of the roof of his house.

an officer of the Orocovis Police Station saw something like a large bird flying in the dark sky over the Saltos Cabra suburb of Orocovis.

The policeman informed us -in confidence- of what he had seen, and gave us a description and his sketch of it. (See Fig. 1.)

As you can see, it has some weird features - a long neck and what is more like an elongated snout than a beak, and wings that didn’t appear to have feathers but something more like the mobile appendages or false ‘wings’ of a manta ray-fish - a truly fantastic creature indeed. Nevertheless, the police officer assured us, he himself had seen it flying quietly through the sky over Orocovis at the end of March/ early April, 1995.

Subsequently, in the night of August 23, 1995, at about 2.00am, Señor Reynaldo Ortega Cotto, a long-time resident of the Feijóo area of Cedro Arriba, a suburb of Naranjito township, saw a monstrous bird standing on the tin roof of his house. He had gone out to have a look at a little goat kid that he had in his garden, for he had

just heard “ a loud noise like the flapping of wings”, and had noticed some pigeons, in evident terror, darting into holes under his eaves, seemingly trying to escape from something or other.

So, he rushed out, - for he knew that several neighbours had lost a lot of goats (over 55!) -all left mutilated and bloodless and with certain organs missing and removed through tiny clean-cut holes, with no bite marks and no scratches on the flesh or the fur. Another important detail was that the animals had all been in a well enclosed area, so that no dogs or predators could possibly have got in. So, as he told us, *what had attacked those animals must have come from above, and have been flying.* He felt his goat might be the next victim, so out he comes, and finds himself facing the weird creature there on his roof. It was some 3 ft. or 4ft. high, with wings and body like those of an eagle, with a thick black plumage, and a long thick neck. And it had great big “very penetrating eyes - like the eyes of an eagle”. But, instead of a beak, it had a sort of long snout, like that of a wolf.

When it saw him, it made a movement as though about to take off, and he was able to see that, below, it had feet like those of a kangaroo, but with feathers as far as half way down,

and, on its feet, claws like the claws of an eagle.

But - furthermore - it had some small “legs” or “arms” coming out from the upper part of its breast, with claws at their tips!

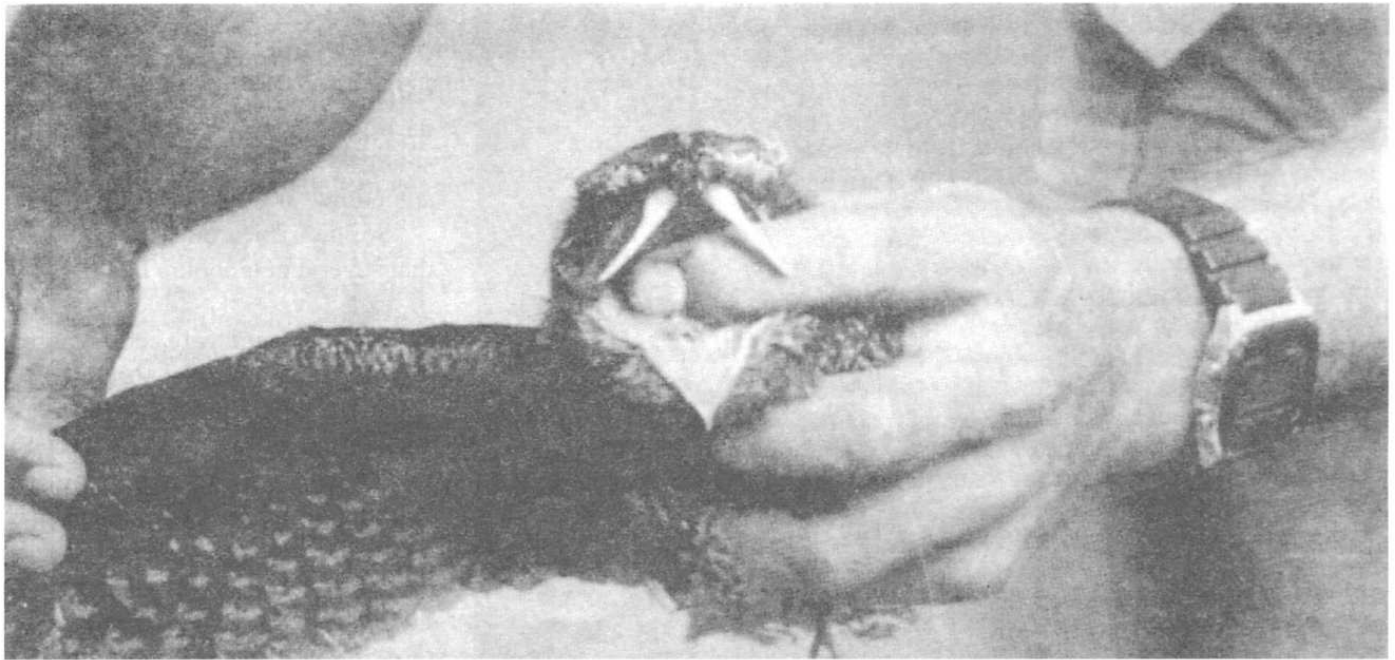
Seeing how utterly confident he was, and in view of his concern about the seriousness of what he had seen, we made a “reconstruction” or “montage” following his instructions. (See Fig. 2.)

ALSO SEEN EARLIER.

One night early in March of 1975, at 12.30 pm, Señora María Acevedo, in the town of Moca, heard what sounded like “a strange animal” on the tin roof of her house. It was walking about on the roof and pecking it from time to time. A bit later it took off with a powerful flapping of wings and a “terrible screech” - “accompanied by the sound of celestial music” (!!!!!).

The same thing happened some days later in the Cerro Gordo suburb of Moca, and a lady named Señora Felicita Vargas lodged a complaint with the Moca Police Headquarters.

Then, on March 25, 1975, Sr. Pellín Marero, of Rexville, Bayomón, reported to the press that he had seen “a condor or a great vulture, of a whitish colour,” flying over the area.



Figs. 3 and 4: Photos of the so-called “serpent-bird” of Gurabo, which was snatched out of the hands of Sra. María Ortiz, and has not been seen since.

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The next day, a workman named Juan Muñiz Feliciano was allegedly attacked at about 1-.00 pm by a “terrible creature, with lots of feathers, a thick, long neck much bigger than a goose’s neck, and weighing what must have been about 50 lbs.” Muñiz said he had been coming home along a path, in the La Sierra sector of Pueblo, a suburb of Moca, when he saw the giant bird and threw a couple of stones at it. At once the thing made for him, and he fled to the nearby house of some neighbours, Teddy Rosa and Gabriel Rodríguez, whom he told what had just happened to him.

Next, in August 1975, a “mysterious bird”, described as gigantic, with sharp claws, attacked 2 pheasants, 2 hens, and 5 chicks owned by Sr. Rosario de Jesús in the Cuatro Calles suburb of Ponce. Local residents also say they had seen a “huge bird” flying over the district. The wife of Sr. Rosario de Jesús said: “The creature made a very queer noise, and was huge”.

ALSO “YETIS” AND “BIGFEET”.

Although in the recent cases in Orocovis and elsewhere there has been no mention of such creatures as so-called Yeti or Bigfoot, there *were* reports of such creatures in previous years.

In the years 1979/80, there were numerous mutilations of cattle, rabbits, and chickens in the districts of La Sopera, Beatriz and Parcelas Los Muñiz, lying between the towns of Cidra and Cayey, - all of which were investigated by us.

While those mutilations were going on, many eyewitnesses told us that when they were finding all those animals mutilated and bloodless, they had seen mysterious bluish-white balls of light, of the size of a basketball, flying over their properties. And, along with the strange balls of light they had frequently seen hairy creatures of humanoid shape. These were of varying sizes, between 4ft up to 7 ft high. Moreover, wherever there were attacks, plantations of banana trees and another sort of trees (guineos) were totally destroyed and beaten down. What was beating them down was seeking the central stems of the plants and absorbing the nutritious liquid in them.

At the time, many residents of those areas mentioned had encounters with these hairy creatures, which they described as “like men, but completely covered by thick black or brown fur.” Moreover they said the eyes of these creatures showed a reddish glow in the darkness.

In one of the encounters, a well-known ex-editor of the newspaper *El Mundo*, living in La Sopera, fired his

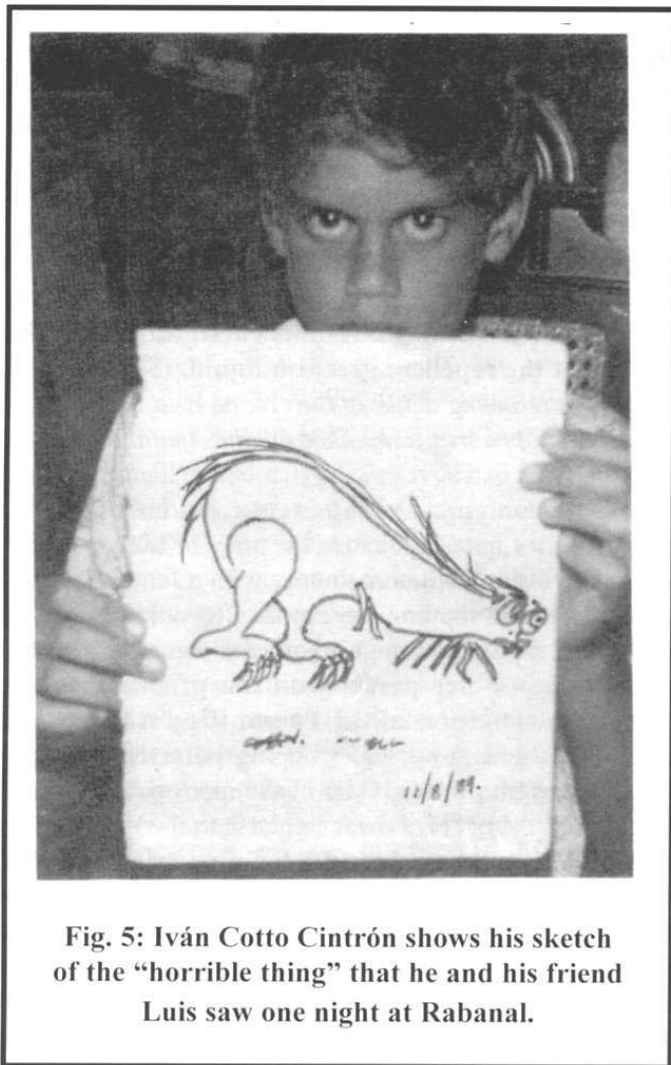


Fig. 5: Iván Cotto Cintrón shows his sketch of the "horrible thing" that he and his friend Luis saw one night at Rabanal.

revolver four times into one of the creatures, apparently without injuring it in the slightest.

In more recent days, the press - and especially the newspaper *El Vocero* - has again been mentioning cases of this sort, but giving the evasive critters the nickname of "*El come cogollos*" (which seems to mean "the heart-eater". -G.C.) Though such a name might evoke laughter from some folk, the matter is a very serious one and there is nothing funny about it.

Owing to lack of space it is impossible to mention here all the cases of this sort that have happened in this island of Puerto Rico, but we can tell you that in the recent years the majority of cases have been in the following municipal regions: Villalba, Aibonito, Caguas, San Lorenzo, Rio Piedras, Guaynabo, Trujillo Alto, Arecibo, Bayamón, Aguas Buenas, Rio Grande, Luquillo, Carolina - and others too.

Governmental Agencies such as the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources will say that they know nothing whatsoever about these situations, and that they do not investigate them, and that the statements made by us - *who do investigate them* - are false. However we will now produce for you below a document that we think will *prove the contrary!*

This document was supplied to us by a confidential source in that very same Government Department (i.e. of Natural Resources), and relates to the preliminary investigation of an actual similar case in which one of the Yeti type creatures was harrassing people living in the Los Alamos sector of Trujillo Alto and killing their

domestic fowls. And we investigated that case too.

The case was as follows:

Two families - one of them named Alamo - saw - on several occasions - a Yeti type creature trying to get into their houses. It was described as tall, walking and running erect, just like a man - and totally covered with dark fur. The eyewitnesses said it had "glowing bluish eyes".

Following upon the preliminary investigation, at which the guards (vigilantes) of the Natural Resources Department promised that they would return later to investigate more thoroughly the question of *what the animal was* that had been seen, THEY NEVER DID RETURN. NO EXPLANATION WAS EVER GIVEN TO THE PARTIES WHO HAD LODGED COMPLAINTS. INTERESTING - DON'T YOU THINK? AND IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW *WHY* - WOULDN'T IT!

Meanwhile, as we await an "official explanation" for what is going on from the Puerto Rico Natural Resources Department and from the other Governmental Agencies, let us continue with our own examination of certain important aspects of cases of this kind.

"SERPENT-BIRD" ?

In 1990, when mutilations and blood-drainings of cattle, rabbits, chickens, and guinea-fowl were occurring in the suburb of Ceiba Norte, lying between the towns of Juncos and Gurabo, another strange creature turned up - *a bird* - not a very big one - but *possessed of big white fangs!*

The weird critter was captured by the husband of a lady named Señora María Ortiz, of whom you will hear more later. The Ortizs lived in Las Parcelas Nuevas, and Señor Ortiz was out fishing one day, with some friends, on the river Jaguas, when he saw the "bird" *and managed to capture it alive.*

He and his wife kept it in a cage at their home for some days, and lots of people - including the local mayor (alcalde) of Gurabo, and officials of the Puerto Rico Central Government, and also lots of Police officials, all queued up to see the "winged beast" as folk were calling it.

The bird's fangs appeared to be retractable, emerging from orifices in the upper inner part of the mouth when the latter was fully open. (See Fig. 3.) Such a feature is **TOTALLY UNKNOWN IN BIRDS, BUT IT IS COMMON IN SOME SERPENTS.**

According to Señor Ortiz, the "serpent-bird", as the newspapers were calling it, (but which in reality allegedly belonged to the species of the so-called Puertorican *Guabairo*, a sort of small owl) fed solely on raw meat. The specimen captured seemed to be a young one and, with its almost featherless head, it had a decidedly "reptilian" appearance.

Thanks to the foresight of Señora Ortiz, photographs of the exotic creature were taken by a local photographer in Gurabo. Shortly afterwards, she took it, in the cage, to the office of the Mayor, *and there it was snatched out of her hands by some unidentified individuals who fled in a black van bearing a Puerto Rico Police number plate. Nothing more was ever heard of the bird!*

Other local residents whom we interviewed during our investigations affirmed that they had seen similar creatures. One of them was a Sr. Agustín Morales of Ceiba Norte, who told us that he had had one, but a bit larger than this one, in a cage for a time "while it was recovering from a wounded wing". It ate nothing but the raw fish that Morales gave it. He said he was "fascinated by that bird with fangs".

The authorities attempted to reduce the importance of the matter, saying (with little evidence of sound judgement, seeing that they had not deigned to investigate the case, just as they are not deigning at present over the situations in Orocovis) that the thing "was the result of fraud, two cocks' spurs having been stuck into the creature's beak with plastic glue."

Moreover, everyone who saw the incredible creature flatly rejected such an "explanation", and we ourselves - who investigated the case personally - (although it is true that we had never managed actually to see the creature, as it had been carried off by the mysterious individuals).

Nevertheless it is our opinion that the thing was real. For we interviewed lots of witnesses -including Policemen- and all confirmed that the bird with its enigmatic "fangs" was real. *

A "HORRIBLE THING" AT RABANAL.

Yet another "impossible creature" turned up one night in November 1989 in the Rabanal area, lying between the towns of Cidra and Aibonito.

During the night in question (precise date not known), the "thing" jumped out from bushes in front of children living in that area. Two boys, Iván Cotto Cintrón, and Luis (surname withheld by request) were playing together behind Iván's home. We interviewed Iván's mother, Gervaise Cintrón, who assured us that the children had come in "in a very hysterical, changed condition".

Iván, aged 12 at the time, refused at first to tell us what had occurred, as the mere memory of it, he said, made him very nervous and he was still having nightmares about it. But eventually he did tell us what had happened.

He said that he was playing with his friend behind the house and the "thing" had suddenly jumped out from behind the bushes and glared fixedly at them with its two great big eyes. The animal - or "thing" - was *ugly*, hairy, and had two great sharp fangs. It had no discernible nose or snout - "Just two holes".

Iván continued: "We moved, and that "thing" just stood looking at us, **and moved its head.** It scared us, and we ran to underneath a lamp there, and the "thing" did a jump, and landed right in front of us and when it was under the lamp-light it began to tremble very much and to make queer noises and writhe about as though in some sort of pain".

Then the "thing" started to foam at the mouth, and all over its breast. **At the front it had some long little fleshy tubes that were putting out the sort of green foamy liquid.** Then it made a queer noise and ran off and vanished into the bushes.

According to the boys, the "thing" was about 3ft in length, and its body was totally covered with dark brown

fur. It had a crest of hair running right down its back from the head almost to its feet. It stood on two strong legs like the legs of a rabbit or a kangaroo, and ending in powerful claws. It had no front legs, and its body was bigger in the lower part and narrower in the upper part.

They said its head was small in relation to the body, and that it had two huge "gaping eyes". Its mouth was like a broad flattened snout. **But the weirdest thing of all about the creature was the several tubular fleshy prolongations sticking out of its chest, through which it put out the repellent greenish liquid. (See Fig. 5.)**

One interesting detail of the creature, as Iván told us, was that it appeared to be photophobic - unable to stand light.

As we go to press with this issue, we learn from the news on TV Channel 4 that, in the night of May 11, 1993, there had been another encounter with a fantastic "great bird" similar to the one seen by Sr. Reynaldo Ortega in Naranjito. This time the eyewitnesses were a watchman and various other persons on the premises of the Operations Division of the Puerto Rico Authority on Aqueducts and Sewers at stopping-point No. 26½, in Santurce, right in the middle of the metropolitan area.

This mystery "bird" was larger than the one seen by Señor Ortega, being about 5ft high, so it is thought to have not been the same one.

Likewise, people living in the area of Las Croabas Beach, in the Fajardo region, at the eastern end of the Island, got in touch with our editorial office (CEDICOP) and informed us that since the early morning of May 11, 1995, people in that district had been hearing a powerful and spine-chilling roar, or howl, that seemed to come from "something flying over the district". The residents let it be known that they were very nervous about the situation.

GENETIC EXPERIMENTS.

Well now - if these creatures are real, and so far the facts seem to support this, then what are they, and where do they come from?

One confidential source of ours, a person holding a high post in the Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources, gave us important information some years ago that could furnish some clues in this respect.

According to this source - to whom we allocate a high level of credibility - *the Gurabo "serpent-bird" was snatched from Señora Ortiz by members of a special secret team or "task force" consisting of personnel from a Federal Agency of the USA and of specialized personnel from the Natural Resources Department itself.*

The special secret U.S. Federal team referred to had, he said, for some years past been investigating the apparitions of strange creatures in Puerto Rico, like this "serpent-bird", in order to find out where they were coming from or what was causing them, since they appeared to be the products of some genetic mutation or aberration of Nature or some type of sophisticated genetic experimentation.

According to this same source, the Federal USA personnel of this special team have a secret specialized laboratory somewhere on the Island, to which they take the specimens that they capture. (He said however

that the personnel of the Puerto Rico Natural Resources Department had no part in the investigations going on in the secret laboratory - only the Federals (i.e. U.S.A. personnel, were doing that!)

Via other channels we also learned that in the Corazón area, in Guayama, an animal had been caught that seemed to be a monstrous genetic mutation of what was once a big lizard or other reptile. (*The eyewitnesses were told that it was only a "caimán" i.e. an alligator. But they were also requested not to tell anybody about what they had seen!*).

And we also heard that in 1982, in the Forest of the Caribe National Park (i.e. in El Yunque) in the east of the Island, a small creature of the Yeti type had been captured by personnel from NASA. **All these specimens had been taken to the alleged secret laboratory for study. If this is so - and we have no reason for doubting it - then the United States authorities do know that something very important is happening here in Puerto Rico in connection with all this business!**

In fact it has come to the knowledge of the author of this article that a large proportion of the entire human resources of the U.S. Military and Intelligence communities specializing in the investigation of the UFO business have been transferred from the USA to the Island of Puerto Rico to work on what they call "THE HOTTEST SITUATION AT PRESENT IN

CONNECTION WITH 'E.T.' BUSINESS".

Contrary to what many folk may think, the principal centre of operations of this highly classified and highly secret personnel is *not* in the U.S. Naval Base at Roosevelt Roads (on the E. coast of the Island. G.C.), nor is it in any other military emplacement, but in some offices in the centre of Hato Rey. But this information, related as it would have to be to what we are here discussing in this article, will be dealt with at greater length in another issue of our Review in the near future. So please watch out for it!. J.M.

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For our original report on the "serpent-bird of Gurabo, see, in FSR 36/4 (1991), my translation of Magdalena del Amo-Freixedo's article of June 1991, CURRENT HAPPENINGS ON PUERTO RICO. In it can be found further details about how Señor Ortiz captured the "serpent-bird", and how it was snatched away from his wife!■

UFOS "AS BIG AS A BATTLESHIP" BY GORDON CREIGHTON.

If you glance through the bound volumes of Flying Saucer Review since Spring 1955 you will find that the phrase "as big as a battleship" has been employed a surprising number of times, and that in quite a lot of the cases the eyewitnesses, frequently numerous, were serving British personnel in the Radar and Observation branches of the Royal Air Force, who sent in to FSR private confidential reports of what they had seen -no names revealed.

An interesting recent case - and one which owing to the difficulty of getting everything of note into FSR we have not yet chronicled - was revealed early in June 1999 during a Space Symposium (!) at the R.A.F. Staff College, Cranwell.

Speaking there, a senior R.A.F. officer said that the latest Phased Army Radar at the former "Cold War Listening Post" at Fylingdales in North Yorkshire had been picking up some "very interesting mysterious craft". He said: "What we have seen are not weapons. They are *craft* of which we have no technical knowledge. We know their shapes, speeds, and heights, but cannot explain what they are."

This most spectacular case related to a machine spotted by Fylingdales and also by the Dutch Air Force, at 28,000 ft above the North Sea. Describing it as "the size of a battleship", he said that it had zigzagged

around at up to 24,000 m.p.h. for 15 minutes - "as if it wanted to be spotted".

Another tape display showed a group of 12 oval objects seemingly changing shape, to the amazement of the observers.

This most important big thing, at 28,000 ft over the North Sea, was seen on February 3, 1999, and reported by the pilot of a private charter flight from Linköping in Sweden to Luton in England. This chartered plane was a *Bae 146* jet, owned by Debonair Air Line, Luton. The pilot said he was some 58 miles off the coast of Denmark, when his cockpit was "immersed in an incandescent light".

According to a CAA spokesman, the pilot "saw an unidentified bright light below his aircraft. The area was illuminated for ten seconds." Pilots in three other aircraft reported seeing the UFO, *either moving at high speed or static. (!)* And the spokesman concluded: "As far as we are concerned, the matter is closed".

But the Civil Aviation Authority and the British Ministry of Defence both confirmed that they were aware of the alleged sighting, while both denying that they were investigating it. The CAA spokesman said: "This may sound silly - but it is a matter for the M.O.D." And the M.O.D. commented: "Our people have been looking for it but we are not investigating."