

footprint different from anything that he had ever known. He described the marks for us, and also reproduced them in the soil for us. *The footprint looked like the mark of a cow's foot, with four big toes and long claws and, at the back, a spur cutting deeply into the soil.* [Precisely the foot of the chupacabra, as shown in Jorge Martín's sketch. G.C.] Batistella said: "I still have no idea what that track could have been made by. I won't say that it was of any animal existing in our world, but at the same time I can't prove anything, anyway".

"AN AQUATIC ANIMAL?"

In the case of the dead pigs, Batistella, together with the policeman Walmir Rodrigues Leandro and a journalist, made a search for possible tracks. The

policeman said that he could not totally discount the theory that the animal might be something "alien" to this world, but also said he felt more inclined to view the thing as "some aquatic animal," because, in so many cases, it had been seen to make a dash for a nearby stream or reservoir.

In his view, he said, the cases under discussion were not linked, being separated by distances of the order of 40 kms. or so and displaying - as he claimed - entirely different features. So, he concluded, the creatures involved are not all the same!

Regarding the case of the dog attacked on July 3, this policeman, Walmir Rodrigues Leandro, said: "I got the impression that the dog had been shot with a .22 rifle". (!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)■

"OPEN-HEART SURGERY" IN PUERTO RICO ? **© By JORGE MARTÍN, Editor EVIDENCIA OVNI,** **(Puerto Rico) AND FSR Consultant.**

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In a recent visit that my wife and I paid to Guayanilla, in the southern part of this Island, we were able to meet and interview a young woman, Myrna Rodríguez, who certainly has an amazing account to give of recent experiences with alien humanoid beings.

Here is her statement:-

"It was late at night on December 15, 1994, and it was for me the most marvellous, most beautiful experience that I have ever had in my whole life.

"I had been sleeping deeply when, at about 3.00 am., I awoke, startled, with the sensation that my body was being raised, was floating, off the bed, but I felt unable to move, I was rigid. Then I looked, and on either side of me I saw four persons - two on each side. But they weren't like our normal persons are. They were strange, only about three to four feet high. By then I was totally conscious, completely aware that I was not dreaming. It was something incredible. But it was happening to me.

"They were small beings, thin, with big, round, bald heads. Little ears, ending in points, big "Chinesey" drawn-out, oriental type eyes - dark eyes, with little furrows or marks under the eyes. Practically no nose to be seen, and fine, thin little slits of mouths. No facial features like ours.

"Their bodies were thin and skinny - their arms long, thin, with tiny hands and long fingers. I can't remember how many fingers they had. They looked so delicate and dainty - well, you could say they had the little bodies of kiddies five to six years old. But delicate, fragile. They were dressed in silvery semi-opaque little clothes - like a little silvery tunic.

"They floated me up, raised me up a bit above my bed, and kept me suspended there at their chest-level, and started working on my body. They examined me and touched my body all the way up from my stomach and waist up to my breast and my neck. They were looking at

something in me, and commenting on it among themselves. What the comments were, I don't know, because I couldn't hear. They were talking among themselves in a low whispering tone.

"When I was able to take a look at my chest, I saw that it was open. I had a big hole running from my stomach right up almost to my neck, and they were checking, investigating, something there. All four of them were peering in there, as though investigating or looking for something. I could see my heart pumping away, and my bones, and other things that I suppose were my stomach and other organs.

"The most incredible thing was that all this was happening, and I had my heart all open,..... and felt no pain at all. On the contrary, - I felt a really tremendous tranquility."

As we questioned her further, Myrna explained that, astonishingly enough, she had never felt the slightest fear, though she was initially surprised enough to see herself in that unwonted situation.

She said: "Fear itself I never felt. It didn't enter my head to leap in terror off my bed and run out. Already then I was feeling able to move a bit, but I felt that they weren't going to do me any harm, and that they were good beings. And so I decided to live through the experience.

"Never in my life had I ever experienced anything like that, and I thought that maybe I did indeed have something wrong with me, and that they were helping me. So, I said to myself: 'maybe it's for my own good'. And I kept quiet and still, and I enjoyed it. I wasn't doing that because they were controlling me in any way. I did it because I wanted to.... I could feel a sensation of peace, a happiness.... and that told me that they aren't evil beings."

A short while later, Myrna felt that she was again

losing the ability to move, and slowly her body began to descend onto her bed, with them watching her all the time. The descent was slow and smooth. Once back, lying in her bed, Myrna now felt she could react, and she began to move. As she did so, she perceived that the beings were no longer there in her room. They had mysteriously vanished.

At once she examined her breast and stomach, and found that her abdomen was closed, with no blood, no scarring whatever.

“I WAS PREPARED FOR IT!”

She said that probably one of the reasons why she had felt no fear whatsoever was that she had always regarded the existence of other beings, in other worlds, as “totally possible and natural”. She had been very familiar with such ideas right from infancy, because in fact her own mother had been enthusiastic about such matters and had even often discussed with her the idea that one might possibly meet such other beings oneself.

“*If these beings are here*”, Myrna continued, “*then it is for some important reason*”. And if there are a lot of us here who have already passed through these sort of

experiences then there must be a reason for it. I don’t think I’m alone. The beings who are coming are coming with good intentions.

“I believe that in the present world today there are so many evil conditions that we ourselves have created.... so much illness, etc., that we’re in a bad way. And I’ve always thought that we weren’t alone, that there are other beings, good beings, who want to help us... and this could be the case with the ones that I saw.

“Just think - Martín! Before this experience, I was feeling really ill. I was badly depressed. In fact I had just had a couple of days in bed in my room. I was really ill. I felt unwell, ill, in my innards, because I’ve got several ovarian cysts for which I need to be operated, and I now realize that, since this happened to me I don’t feel anything there anymore. On the contrary - I feel extremely well. Even my depression has gone.... Since that night I’ve been very motivated, very happy. I’m a different person!

“So I think that maybe they *did* do something to me or fixed something that was wrong in me. More than that -I’m now going to see my doctor and get myself examined and get him to tell me whether the cysts are better. Because I do suspect that they did something to them too.”■

BOOK REVIEW, BY EDITOR, FSR.

CE - 5: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FIFTH KIND: 242 Case-files exposing Human-Alien Interaction. **By Dr. Richard F. Haines, PhD, FSR Consultant.**

Dr. Haines is a retired NASA research scientist, and former Head of the Space Humans Factors Office at Ames Research Centre, and subsequently Senior Research Scientist at the Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science, where he conducted the latest “R and D” in multimedia telecommunications for NASA’s International Space Station.

Large book (softback, 23 cms x18 cms, 435 pages), with index and many illustrations and sketches. Published, 1999, by Sourcebooks Inc., Napierville, Illinois, U.S.A. Price \$24.95. ISBN 1-57071-427-4

So far as I am aware, no such a detailed study and analysis of cases of human-alien interaction has ever been attempted, so this new book, by this very distinguished U.S. researcher and great friend and supporter of FSR, is to be highly recommended. (FSR is quoted as a source for at least 68 of the 242 cases covered). G.C.■

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