

UFOS AND HUMANOIDS IN NEIGHBOURING CUBA

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[So far as I can recall, these are the first UFO reports that I have ever seen from Cuba, where quite a large "Wave" seems to have been occurring since 1995 or thereabouts. G.C.]

PART I. THE UFO WAVE OF 1995.

1. On October 18, 1995, the official Cuba radio station, RADIO REBELDE, reported on a recent wave of UFO sightings and incidents over that Island. It had begun, it was officially stated, at 9.30 am on Sunday October 15, over the town of Torriente, in the south of Matanzas Province, very near to the famous Bahía de Cochinos (Bay of Pigs).

Adolfo Zaráte, a 74-year-old farmer, informed the Police (Seguridad de Estado), that when he was working in the fields near Kilometer 126 on the Autopista Nacional (National Motorway) a craft "shaped like a tortoise" (oval, convex) without wheels and bathed in a greenish light, came down out of the sky and landed about 60 m from him with a bluish electrical flame.

From behind some bushes where he was hiding, Zaráte watched two little men (*hombrecitos*), one of whom was inside the craft and the other one outside, leaning beside an open hatch. From their movements it seemed that they were talking, though he was unable to hear the voices. Zaráte said that they looked human, "just like himself", but that they were wearing "divers' suits, with little face-panels such as you see on gas-masks". He saw the one outside the craft gather up a quantity of *malanga* (some sort of local plant? G.C.) and take it inside the machine.

When the craft took off, Zaráte saw it produce a whitish smoke, and a very powerful blast of air came with it, and a blue flash, and the craft went straight up, vertically. At a height of about 4 m. or so it then became engulfed in a powerful glow and at once vanished at top speed into the clouds. He called the Police, who later confirmed that "little men" had been seen and the adjacent shrubs burnt by the craft. Rafael Acosta, Chief of Police at Torriente, (in the municipal region of Jagüey Grande), later stated that the craft had stood on two legs which left marks on the ground.

The case was taken seriously by the Cuban Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of the Exterior, and they both sent a team of specialists to investigate it.

Various audiovisual channels of the Cuban media reported and discussed the case, as also did the Press - notably the weekly publication *Trabajadores* (Workers).

[NOTE BY TRANSLATOR. This case seems to me in very many respects to resemble the famous French case of Monsieur Masse at Valensole, France, on July 1, 1965, as reported in FSR 11/5, 11/6.12/2.12/3, and, most especially, 14/1. G.C.]

2. On October 19, 1995, the official Cuban radio again announced that UFOs had been detected over the Island.

It is claimed that at 10 pm that night, at Puerto Padre, in the Province of Las Tunas, a lady (not named) said that she had seen an extremely brilliant UFO, and indeed for the second time, the first being a few days earlier. Various other folk saw it too. It was silent, moving up and down in the sky and also sideways, and then passed very low over Puerto Padre and vanished towards Holguín.

3. On the previous day, October 18, 1995, at the same time of the day (10 pm) at the town of Santi Spiritu, there were more sightings. At Majibacoa and Calixto García (Province of Holguín) night-watchmen observed a vivid light in the sky, flying and vanishing at vast speed. There were also reports at San Antonio de los Baños and at Florida (in the eastern Province of Camaguey).

4. On October 26, 1995, Matías Díaz, aged 74, the nightwatchman of a dairy at Florida, saw an object land at a distance of some 200 m. from him, vividly lighting up the entire area. He said it looked "like an orange cut in half" and bigger than a car. It came down slowly and silently but then shot straight up again and emitted a vast blast of air. Then, after reaching a height of 30 m. or so it vanished into the night-sky towards the north at a tremendous speed.

5. On November 24, 1995, according to a report on the Cuban National Radio's *News* programme, a courting couple at a place 461 kms. from Havana, the Capital, saw a UFO that passed over them heading towards Ciego de Avila. The lady, Georgina López Rodríguez, said it was at 4.30 am. and the UFO was heading from west to east. She said that it passed overhead and looked like the shape of a TV set "but more flattened in the middle", and was intensely, vividly bright.

6. In the early morning of October 30, 1995, three UFOs sowed astonishment and alarm in the eastern Province of Las Tunas. A guard at the local prison said they had red and blue flashing lights. The appearance of the UFOs created such an uproar in the town that some civilians and military people living near the prison thought the things were hostile planes and helicopters, and the local alarm-system was activated.

7. There was another sighting, on December 13, 1995, at Guara-Melena del Sur, between Matanzas and Pinar del Rio Provinces.

PART II. SOME CUBAN UFO REPORTS FROM BEFORE THE FIDEL CASTRO REVOLUTION.

The Puertorican/Dominican engineer SEBASTIÁN ROBIU LAMARCHE (well known to earlier FSR readers as our very first Consultant/Correspondent in Puerto Rico around the years 1976-1980) has recently

published a book, MANIFIESTO OVNI DE PUERTO RICO, SANTO DOMINGO Y CUBA (UFO REPORT FOR PUERTO RICO, SANTO DOMINGO AND CUBA), and in it he has given a list of all the Cuban UFO sightings that he could find for the period prior to Fidel Castro's revolution (1959). This list was based, it seems, on the archives of Dr. Sergio Cervera, a Cuban ufologist residing in Miami, U.S.A., who is the founder of CIFA (The Commission for the Investigation of Aerial Phenomena).

8. According to one of Dr. Sergio Cervera's reports for the pre-revolutionary period, a lady named Sra. Arcadia Alvarez said that her father, Dr. M-T-, who was at the time a Captain in the Cuban Navy, was travelling at around midnight along the highway from Guines to Havana at a date in 1930 when he saw on the road ahead of him, shown up by his headlights, "a little man about 3ft. high". *Thinking it must be some lost child, the doctor pulled up to investigate. He approached the "child" and attempted to pick it up but was unable to raise it at all, for it seemed to weigh like lead.* "Shaken, he went back to his car and drove on. Later, in 1951, this "Dr. M.T." was an eyewitness of the landing of a brilliantly shining object near a bridge at Cojimar.

9. The year 1947 saw a number of important sightings. Between February and March, during a meteor shower, Sra Mercedes Vila saw a strange flying object at about 9.00pm one night. She said it was "of a light brown colour, and shaped like a cigar, and had wings like those of a butterfly." It came down and hovered for three or four minutes, after which it did a 90-degree turn and vanished. Its flight was from east to south and she said it appeared to be *solid*. It had no lights, and was visible to her only thanks to the lights from the Capital, Havana.

10. According to information supplied by Dr. Francisco Jover Jiménez, a historian in the town of Remedios, the authorities at the local town hall (ayuntamiento) once requested him to carry out a medical examination of a young woman from the suburb of Dolores. The girl in question, intensely nervous, was speaking of something that had recently happened to her. According to her story, it seems she was washing clothes when she saw a very big brilliantly shining thing approaching her. This light, she said, came from an apparatus "*shaped like two big dishes joined rim to rim*" It landed silently and from it emerged a man of normal height - almost six ft. or so - in a very white and very shining garb and with a sort of searchlight (*reflector*) on his forehead. He approached her, waving his hands, and, pointing down to the ground, asked "*Terra ? Terra?*" ("*Earth ? Earth ?*")

At that point, she said, she had fallen to the ground in a swoon, and knew nothing more until she came round again, by which time she found that the strange being and his craft had vanished.

11. In another case, Sr. Fernando Medigutía, a lawyer at the time in the employment of the Compañía Cubana de Aviación (Cuban Aviation Company) was a passenger in a *Douglas DC-3* aircraft that took off at 8.00 pm. one day from the Rancho Boyeros (later re-named José Martí Airport), and when the plane was over the city of Matanzas, he, and all the crew, and also the passengers,

saw an intensely green light reflected off the port-side wing of the aircraft. He arose from his seat and went forward to the flight-deck, and found the pilot, Captain Sigfredo de los Reyes, and his two assistants, all intensely excited. The Captain told him that the plane had just suffered a strange shock and they had seen "an intensely green spherical light" heading straight for them. For a second it had seemed that a collision was inevitable, but the thing had veered away to the port-side (left) and vanished at great speed.

Just after the pilot had told him this, there came a radio message from the pilot of another machine of the Cuban Aviation Company that had just taken off from the Camaguey Airport and was over the city of Ciego de Avila. The message warned them to be alert for a "green light" that had just passed his own plane and was now heading in their direction.

12. Some days later, another aircraft of the Cuban Aviation Co., piloted by Captain Alvarez Buillas, had another encounter with an intense green light over the sea. When he landed at the airport at Antilla (Province of Oriente) he was able to view it with a theodolite. The green light soon moved off and vanished at an incredible speed.

13. In 1952 a Señor Servando de la Cruz reported from his small native town, Candonga, in Oriente Province, that at about 9.00 pm one night he saw an intensely vivid light stationary in the sky and then suddenly start to zigzag. Some 50 eyewitnesses saw it, over a period of one hour.

14. In 1953 a Señor Waldo Martínez Arbona, a former lieutenant in the Cuban Navy, said that he was travelling by jeep one night, along with other people, towards the Topes de Collantes Hospital at Trinidad, and as they came around one of the many bends in the road their engine died and their lights also went out. Then a brilliant great green light passed over them, and landed some 200 m. distant. After two minutes or so the thing's light began to die down and finally went out. At the end of that time the jeep's engine came on again, and they continued on their way. The party, greatly excited at what they had seen, returned there next day and found a burnt circle some 15-20 m. wide at the spot where the green light had come down.

15. At about 7.30 one morning in 1957 the passengers on a small vessel travelling from Castillo de Jagua to Pasa Caballos saw an enormous extremely bright flying object zigzagging about rapidly in the sky and subsequently vanishing towards the sea.

16. At 11.00 am one day in 1957, a prominent Cuban, Sr.J-M-, manager of a principal power plant, with a colleague, were flying in his *Piper Cub* plane at an altitude of 3,000 ft. when, some 1,500 ft. or so below them, over Cienguita, they saw an enormous silver-coloured craft as big as a *Constellation*. They descended to have a closer look at it but it immediately took off and vanished at a tremendous speed.

17. In 1959 a Sr. Pablo Rodríguez said he had been fishing at 8.00 am, one morning off the coast at Havana with a friend when they saw the sea close to their boat "bubbling", and suddenly there shot up out of it an

enormous silver disc which then hovered in the air for a few seconds before vanishing up into the sky at a staggering speed. Later they saw, passing close to their boat at a depth of some meters below the surface, "some mysterious black-clad figures like underwater fishermen".

18. Also in 1959, the UFO researcher Sergio Cervera (already mentioned above as the compiler of a list of early Cuban sightings) observed "a very bright silvery light, turning later to reddish-orange", which gradually appeared to diminish in size and then plunged into the sea. This happened at about 8.00 pm one night, and he observed it from the mole of Havana Port. Some days later he again saw what appeared to be the same thing and he photographed it with his Argus C-3 camera, and he had the film developed in the laboratory of the newspaper *Prensa Libre*. But the newspaper never published it. This completes our series of cases from Cuba for the period prior to Fidel Castro. In our next issue of EVIDENCIA OVNI (i.e. No. 11) we will give a further series of the more important Cuban cases that occurred

after the Fidel Castro take-over. J.M.

FURTHER NOTE BY EDITOR JORGE MARTÍN.

With regard to this new UFO Wave over Cuba in 1995, it is important to note that this is the very first time that the present Cuban Government (of Fidel Castro) has ever admitted publicly the existence of UFOs (via their official media such as *Radio Rebelde* and other channels).

Quite apart from that, Cuban ufologists who are living in exile in Florida, U.S.A., such as the very well known Dr. Virgilio Sánchez Ocejo (founder of the Miami UFO Center), have recently revealed that people coming out of Cuba lately have given important testimony regarding what seems to be a very big UFO Wave currently still occurring over Cuba.

[* As for the concluding statement that there would be a further report on Cuban cases, be it noted that so far (up to and including Evidencia Ovni No. 19) no such continuation of this series has appeared. G.C.]■

A SMALL ALIEN BEING SEEN IN PUERTO RICO

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At about 8.00 p.m. on November 30, 1979, at a beach resort called Playa El Combate, on the S.W. coast of the island of Puerto Rico and in the Municipal Region of Cabo Rojo, Señor Radamés Torres and his wife were sitting watching television when, looking suddenly out to sea, the wife drew her husband's attention to a very strange and brilliant great light, little smaller in size than the apparent size of a Full Moon and rather like a powerful electric lamp, which seemed to be hanging at a height of 100 ft or so above the sea and at an estimated distance of maybe 900 ft or so from their house.

After they had watched it for about 15 minutes it began to grow fainter and finally "went out". Then it returned for a while, with beams of various hues, and there seemed to be around it a sort of cloud of smoke or mist.

Sr. Torres said: "We went on watching it for about 20 minutes or so, and then it went down towards the sea. On reaching it, there seemed to be a sort of flare-up and then it again went out, like a lighthouse beam. In our opinion it was a UFO. Lots of them are seen around here. My wife suggested that we join hands and try to concentrate our thoughts on attracting it towards us!"

After a while of that, however, Torres tired of it and returned to watching the television for 15 minutes or so. Then, glancing out to sea again, he saw that the light was very bright and now shining into the house

so strongly that in fact the wife had to cover her eyes.

Torres ran out to take a closer look, and now perceived what seemed to be a *platform floating on the sea and approaching*, and the powerful light was on it. Small and whitish, the platform seemed to have this powerful ball of light at its rear and standing on what looked like a supportive luminous shaft (see artist's imaginative sketch). By now the platform seemed to be no more than 130 or 140 ft away.

And standing on the platform was a "small man", apparently about 4ft high, wearing tight-fitting silvery-white garb covering the entire body and a big helmet and a visor-area, seemingly of glass, in front of the face. No details of facial features were visible, though

