MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

The UFO Entities and the Jinns

Dear Mr Creighton, — Thank you for your letter.

I will be greatly honoured to cooperate with you at any level, and, although a person in my position may have the right to be afraid of local ridicule, I still have the courage to introduce this thorny subject of the UFOs in various ways among my fellow-countrymen of Iraq.

I have been elected recently to be a member of the Advisory Board of a new Iraqi scientific magazine called U'LOOM (Sciences), and although the main line of interest of this quarterly is academic sciences and related subjects, it so happened that the Editor turned out to be extraordinarily concerned with Parapsychology! And he agreed to let me have access to their files. (These belong to the directory of censorship which publishes U'LOOM, so thay may contain lots of UFO reports!)

Regarding the explanation of the verse from the Holy Qur'an which you quoted on page 8 of FSR Vol. 28, No. 6, I could not find in any of my reference sources a better explanation for the UFOs than yours. They all speak of some sort of "smokeless fire: a pure flame which penetrates even the orifices of the skin, and which kills!"

(See, for example: AL-MOR-AGHI'S EXPLANATION, by Ahmed M. Al-Moraghi, Cairo, 1946.)

If you want my opinion, I think these "things" either consist of, or utilize, some kind of energy yet unknown to us, probably of unthinkable power and devastating impact, which needs a certain time-space-recipient setting of unknown combination to be demonstrable.

A useful example which reminds me of this fact, every day, is seeing the patients in our Radiology Department who, after being injected with radioactive tracers, wait for their turn to be scanned accordingly. To our naked

eyes, they look exactly like all other ordinary people, but, once they pass in front of a Gamma camera, their startling shadows appear on the T.V. monitor: ghostly, luminescent, dancing flames! And I always wonder: is it possible that a future Mme. Curie will guide mankind to that secret combination?

I have recently come across two interesting UFO reports from our part of the world. The first, as I advised you in my previous letter of December 3, 1983, came from our national newspaper, Ath-Thawra of Wednesday, November 30, 1983. I enclose herewith the Arabic newsclipping, together with my translation:

Ras-El-Khaima, United Arab Emirates. November 29 (Gulf News Agency and Iraqi News Agency).

An unidentified flying object emitting powerful beams of orange light towards the ground was seen in the skies over Ras-El-Khaima in the United Arab Emirates.

Eyewitnesses said that the UFO. which appeared at about 11.30 the previous night and remained until 1.30 a.m. today, was emitting two beams of light which, alternately, lasted for about half a minute and then faded away, only to reappear once more.

The eyewitness said that the UFO remained stationary throughout the two-hour period. It was seen by hundreds of people before vanishing at about 1.30 a.m.

The second sighting happened recently over the Iraqi city of Babil, which surrounds the ruins of ancient Babylon (100 km. from Baghdad). Four eyewitnesses, located at different points, all saw a luminous disc which remained for a short while in the sky and then vanished at tremendous speed.

This sighting occurred only one day after the incident of the fire-ball which penetrated a Russian airliner, and was reported world-wide. The

semi-official explanation of this Babil case was of course linked with the fireball case.

The Editor of U'LOOM asked me to write a preliminary article for him about UFOs. I did so, and it will be published next June. I hope to be able to send you a copy of the article, together with any further details about the sighting at Babil.

I look forward to hearing from you again in the near future and shall be grateful if you can ensure the regular flow of my FSR issues. With all best wishes, Faithfully yours, Dr. Adil Mosa Al-Nahhas, M.B. Ch.B. (Baghdad), M.Sc. (London),

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March 22, 1984

Missing Photographic Evidence in Australia

Dear Sir, — With reference to your recent article (FSR Vol. 29, No. 1) on missing photographic evidence in Australia, please let me tell you that very great care indeed should be taken in this country as to where you send UFO photos for development.

Never send them to -----'s, as the place is riddled with A.S.I.O. agents, who will see that you never get them back again.

I shall in due course send you evidence of this.

Yours sincerely, John Bainbridge, 48 Church Street, Leeton 2705, New South Wales. Australia. February 28, 1984