

READERS' REPORTS

A new report from the 1967 wave

This interesting case came to *Flying Saucer Review* and *FSR Case Histories* following articles which have appeared in the juvenile magazine *Countdown*. The author of the report, Mrs. Bullock, was greatly relieved to engage in serious correspondence on the topic with Assistant Editor Eileen Buckle, who persuaded her to submit the report.

Dear Sir,—You can appreciate our reluctance to say anything about our sighting, for we had no idea that people existed who would take us seriously.

It happened because we were living on a lonely farm, and my young daughter was interested in the stars, while her Dad used to watch the skies for a "Sputnik" which used to pass overhead at about that time from approximately South-West to North-East.

Our address at that time was Metherall Moor Farm, Beaworthy, which lies halfway between Okehampton and Holsworthy on the B3218 road.

On October 22, 1967, at approximately 7.00 p.m., we had finished the evening milking and my late husband was washing up the units while I was "mucking out" the shippen.

My husband called to me to come outside, and when I did so he told me to look across the Moor towards Brentor in the south. When I asked him what I was supposed to look for he said, "Just look."

I did, and for a while could not see what he was referring to. Then I spotted something in the sky and could hardly believe my eyes. I started to speak, but he stopped me and told me to remember carefully what I thought I could see. This I did.

When we returned to the house, he asked me to write down what I had seen, and he did the same—this was so that we could not "talk" each other into an imaginary sighting.

When we compared notes they were identical. It was the usual cigar-shaped figure with oval-shaped lights moving around it—I saw four, my husband five.

This sighting went on for about three minutes for me, and then the lights went towards the mother ship (?) when the whole lot vanished. One minute they were there, and then they were gone.

There was no prompting on either side, nor were either of us looking for UFOs. We had not even been discussing the matter, and therefore had not seen something by wishing to do so.

We were naturally excited and I suggested we should notify someone. My husband decided against this, for he said no one would believe us.

That was the end of the matter till two days later, when the story broke on the wireless of the two policemen who had chased a "light" somewhere near Hatherleigh—this road is very near to our farm.

I again asked if we should back up their stories, but my husband said it would be hopeless, for no one would believe us or the two men—and they did not. If I remember correctly, the powers that be put forth all sorts of explanations but would not accept the truth.

For my part, I should like those two policemen to know that we believed them, for whether others believe me or not makes no difference, I *know* what we saw that evening.

It was a long time ago, and I have put down all I can remember. May I thank you all for the interest you have shown.

Mrs. Lenore Colleen Bullock,
South Zeal, Okehampton, Devon.

Conical UFO at Stafford

Dear Sir,—The following notes put on record a UFO sighting disclosed to me by the principal witness. It has not been published anywhere prior to this. Perhaps you may wish to publish it in case it ties in with any other recent sighting reports.

Mr. H. Macefield, his wife, and son, Michael, aged 12 years, live at 14 Aldershaw Close, Park Side, Stafford. Mr. Macefield is about 40, and served 22 years in the Royal Air Force. They are somewhat reserved people, and I noted while visiting them at their home that they have no television set. The boy has a weekly juvenile paper which features the I.T.V. production "UFO", and his father said that the object they saw was "quite like the flying saucer in the comic, but more pointed at the top."

Father and son were sitting in their back garden, facing north, at 9.30 p.m. on August 4, 1971. The location is just off the A34 to the east side at the Red Hill roundabout junction of the A34 with the feeder to the M6 at Cresswell Viaduct. They were "plane-spotting", and had binoculars with them.

A faint, high-pitched whine made Macefield Senior look around and up. In a wide gap between clouds, at an estimated 30,000ft. or over, almost dead overhead but on a line slightly south of west, moving slowly south-west and climbing gently, a very bright silvery-white cone was seen and

at once picked up with binoculars. The circular bottom was clearly seen as an ellipse, the apex being uppermost and slanted in the direction of flight. Mr. Macefield said the apparent size of the object would compare with a 6in. disc held at arm's length!

Passing the binoculars to his son, Macefield said, "Look there, one of your flying saucers!" . . . Michael Macefield says that the object as he looked at it was as described by his father, but the boy insists that he saw a line of three circles delineated across the bottom on a diameter.

To sum up, Mr. Macefield said that although he had always been open-minded about UFOs, now he is convinced that something strange is "up there". He said that the outer part of the bottom of the object gave the appearance of revolving at very high speed but that the inner part of the bottom seemed fixed and steady.

Wilfred Daniels,
134 Weston Road, Stafford.

A UFO's Vanishing Trick

Dear Sir,—I am writing to you about a most odd sighting I have experienced today (April 19, 1971). I got the impression "it" appeared and *disappeared* for my benefit. It appeared at 9.00 p.m., directly in front of my lounge window in a small gap between two low bungalows, so I couldn't help but notice it. I saw the pinpoint of light through some poplar trees, moving slowly north. I went outside, but a bungalow had obscured it. The object appeared very near, so I quickly got on my scooter and toured the area—no trace.

I went back home and was putting my scooter away in the garage when I saw the *same* object again, in the *same* place. I called my mother who saw it. This time I viewed it through a telescope ($\times 25$ magnification) and saw two lights (on the left, pale green, on the right pale yellow) which appeared as though one were on each tip of a "wing". The object moved slowly south-west and this time became obscured behind the other bungalow. I again quickly motored to a high spot on a railway bridge, but again "it" had vanished into thin air.

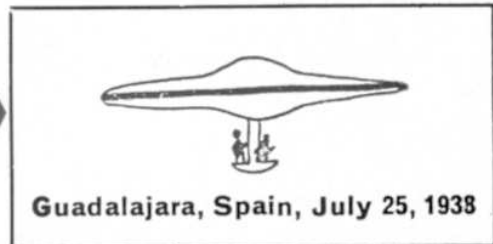
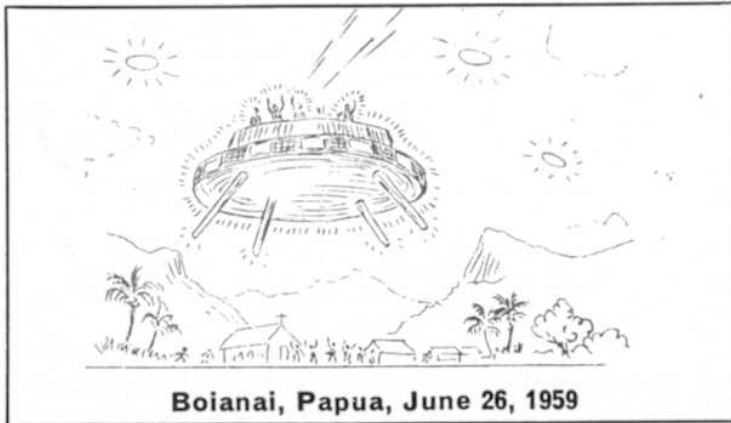
The total time from the first sighting to final disappearance was 30 minutes (from 9.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.). The duration of the first sighting was 5 minutes (at 9.00 p.m.) and of the second sighting 4 minutes (at 9.25 p.m.). It appeared over the east of Copmanthorpe, near the site, I feel, of a Knights Templar monastery. I was not able to see the object clearly as the light was fading.

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