

CALLERY UFO AND OCCUPANTS

A new report from Pennsylvania

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THIS account gives details of a UFO, with "occupants", seen near Callery, about seven miles from the scene of the Butler humanoids case,¹ on April 14, 1971.

The witnesses are well-known to me. They are my wife's cousin, Marion, aged 28, and her fiance Dennis,² a serious young man, a gentleman in every sense, who lives in Evans City, a small country town between Callery and Butler, and about 37 miles from Pittsburgh, the largest city in South-West Pennsylvania.

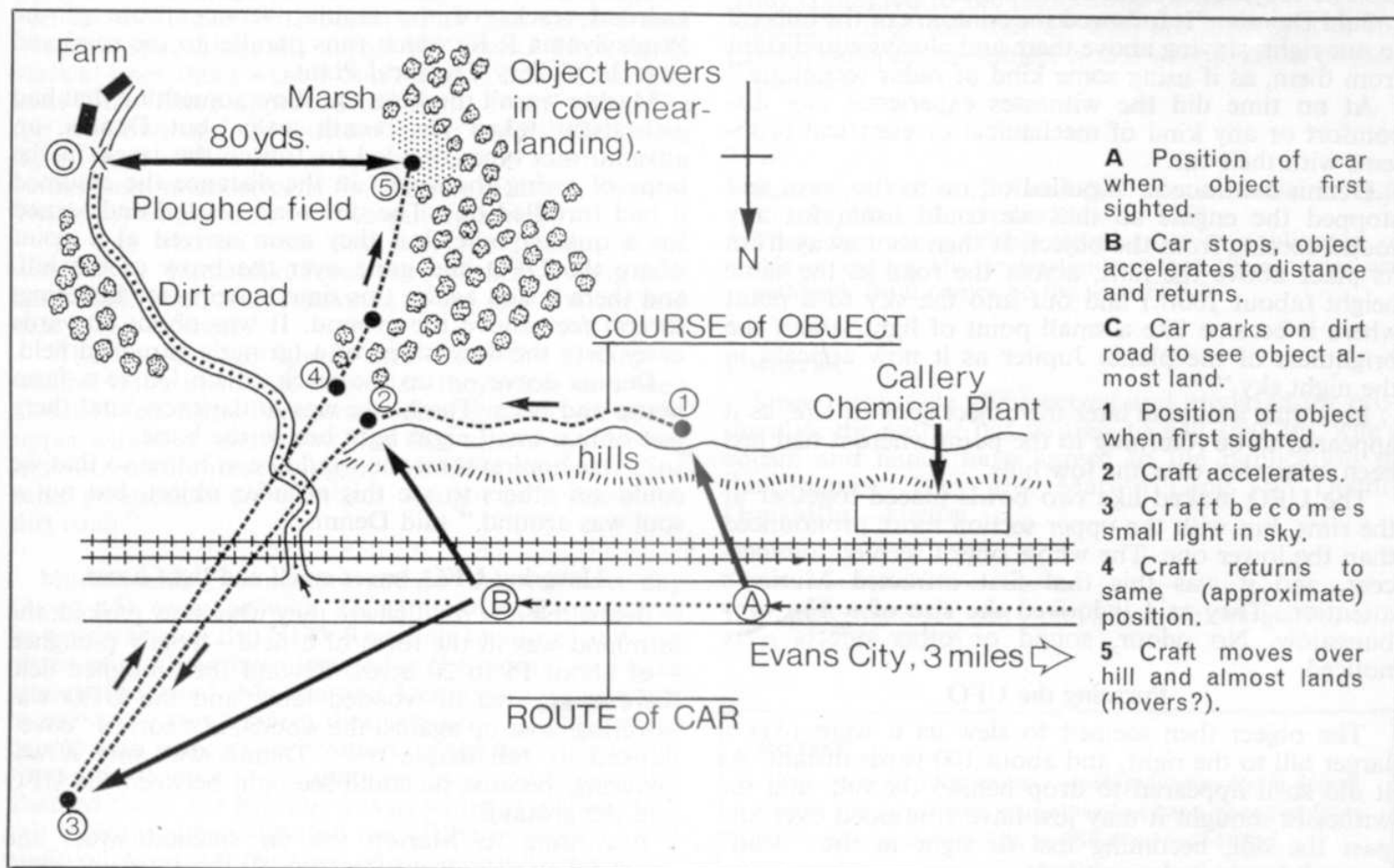
That night, when I heard of the affair, I immediately recorded their stories. We all went out to the site next day, and still shaken, they again related their accounts. These I have pieced together in a whole.

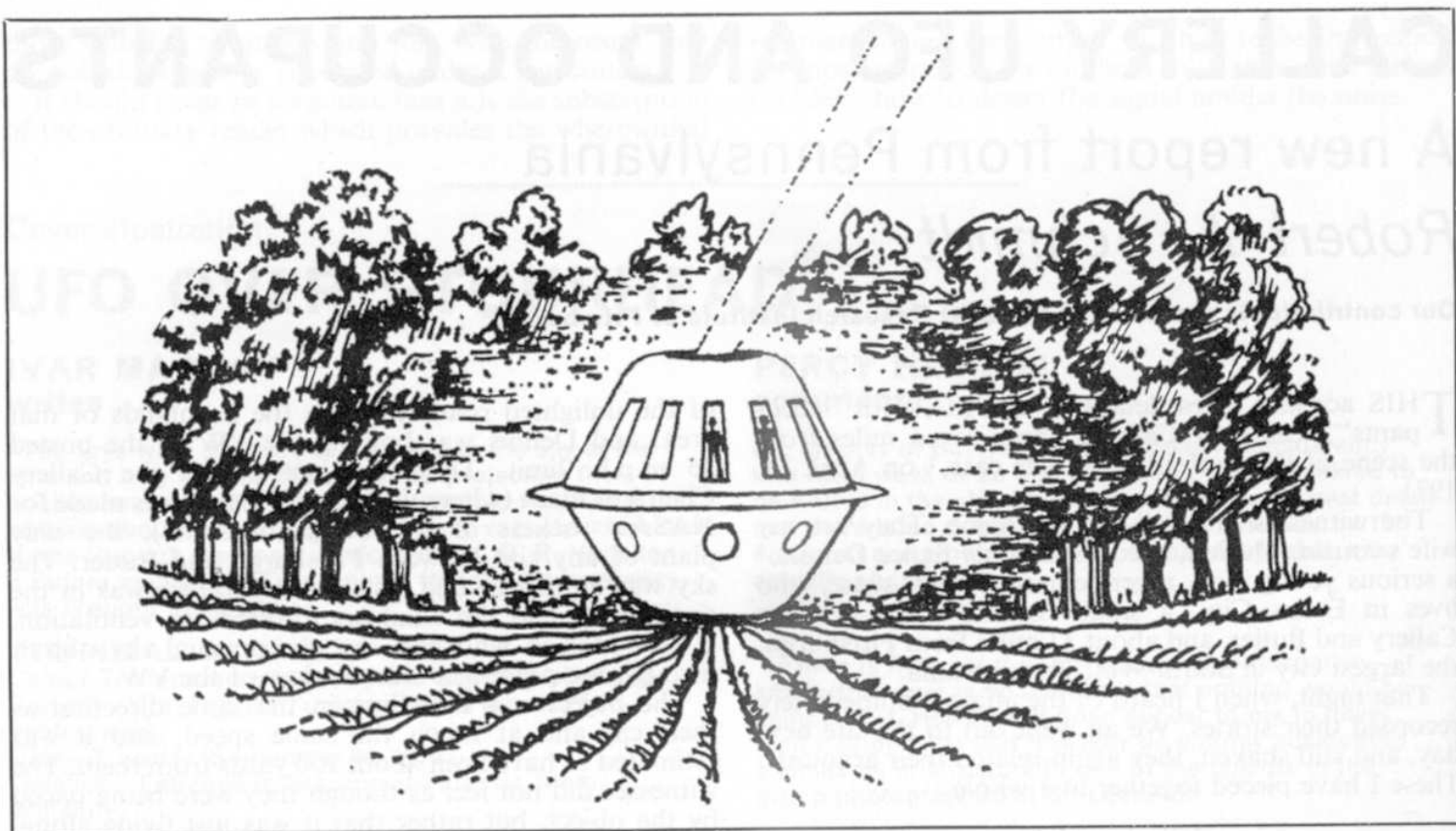
Initial sighting

The time was 8.00 p.m. E.S.T. Dennis was driving Marion from Evans City to her home in Pittsburgh. They were travelling on a two-lane highway, typical

of the unlighted roads through the farmlands of that area, and Dennis was holding the VW to the posted 35 m.p.h. limit. They had just passed the Callery Chemical Plant (where the first space fuel was made for NASA's rockets of the Vanguard series), the only plant of any size between Pittsburgh and Butler. The sky was cloudless, and, as the temperature was in the sixties they had the windows lowered for ventilation. It was Marion who first saw the unusual sky object, through the passenger side window of the VW.

The object was travelling in the same direction as their car and at much the same speed, and it was estimated to have been about 100 yards from them. The witnesses did not feel as though they were being paced by the object, but rather that it was just flying along. It was the glowing yellow-white colour and low altitude that caught Marion's attention, and she thought she was watching some kind of aircraft. However, even with the window down she could hear no noise. It was obvious





Artist's impression of object as seen by witnesses from point 'C' on map

that Marion was excited about something outside the car, so Dennis slowed down to about 10 m.p.h., and then he too caught sight of the object.

Said Dennis: "It followed the contours of the hills off to our right, staying above them and always equidistant from them, as if using some kind of radar technique."

At no time did the witnesses experience any discomfort or any kind of mechanical or electrical problems with their car.

Dennis continued: "I pulled off on to the berm and stopped the engine so that we could listen for any sound coming from the object. It then shot away from its place above the hills, across the road at the same height (about 100ft.) and out into the sky to a point where it became like a small point of light, about the brightness of the planet Jupiter as it now appears in the night sky."

Less than a minute later the object grew in size, as it appeared to be returning to the point where it had last been in motion over the low hills.

The UFO looked like two bowls placed together at the rims, but with the upper section more pronounced than the lower one. The whole object seemed luminescent, and it was this that first attracted Marion's attention. They said it looked the size of a 1½-storey bungalow. No odour, sound or other effects were noticed.

Pursuing the UFO

The object then seemed to slow as it went over a larger hill to the right, and about 100 yards distant. As it did so it appeared to drop behind the hill, and the witnesses thought it may just have continued over and past the hill, becoming lost to sight in the "dead" ground due to its low altitude.

Dennis re-started the car without any problems, and drove down the road to a junction with a dirt road. This narrow track takes off to the right and crosses the railroad tracks of the regular service route of the Pennsylvania R.R. which runs parallel to the road and past the Callery Chemical Plant.

Marion wasn't too keen to follow something that had just about taken her breath away, but Dennis, an adventurous type, decided to follow the track in the hope of seeing the object in the distance (he assumed it had travelled on). The dirt road twisted and turned for a quarter mile, but they soon arrived at a point where the UFO had gone over the brow of the hill, and there it was again, this time hanging, or hovering, several feet above the ground. It was about 80 yards away over the downslope of a farmer's ploughed field.

Dennis drove on up the track which led to a farm house and barn. The house was in darkness, and there was only a small night light beside the barn.

"I was hoping someone would be at home so that we could get others to see this peculiar object, but not a soul was around," said Dennis.

Hovering UFO, sweet smell and light beam

Below the dirt road where they were now parked, the farmland was in the form of a field—freshly ploughed—of about 15 to 20 acres. Beyond the ploughed field there is an area of wooded land, and the UFO was hovering close up against the woods, in a sort of "cove" flanked by tall maple trees. Dennis was sure it was hovering, because he could see light between the UFO and the ground.

According to Marion the air smelled sweet and clean, much as it does after rain. (When investigating, I

found that manure had been spread, but on checking with the farmer, learned that it had been scattered the day following the sighting, in other words the day of our visit. We also checked the field carefully for marks of any sort, but found nothing. This was done by daylight as the area is pitch black at night.)

"We had parked on the road nearby a couple of trees," said Dennis, "and it was while we watched the object with widening eyes that we smelled the unnatural aroma." (Later it was ascertained that there had been no rain within three days of the incident.)

The object was still glowing with a whitish-yellow hue, and a mist was seen about it. Next day I attributed this mist to a small marshy area which was located some twenty yards behind the ground over which the UFO hovered, and which would provide a good deal of rising dampness in the gully where the object had settled.

Dennis estimated that the object was about 25-30ft. in diameter, and about 20ft. in height.

The time of this second, hovering sighting of the UFO was about 8.20 p.m., and the sky was not completely dark. The tree outlines could be seen silhouetted against the twilight skyline to the West, in which direction Marion and Dennis were facing. The trees near to the UFO were not illuminated by it; just the misty area immediately adjacent to the object. At this point a shaft of white light shone from the top of the object and went straight up!

Humanoid "occupants" seen

"The object had several 'windows' in the upper portion," continued Dennis. "They were the shape of vertical rectangles. The bottom half had three round windows spaced equally across the 'front.' How many vertical ones there were I don't know, but I'm sure at least four. There appeared red lights from within the top windows and the bottom ones: reddish flickering lights from within like those which one sees dancing across computer screens in Science Fiction movies. That's my impression . . . computer flickers.

"It was Marion who first saw the figures in the windows . . . humanlike forms, two of them. Along with her I took about three seconds to get into the car and beat it out of there.

"They were large figures and, from the distance—which I think was some 80 yards—they must have been about 10 feet high. They stood silhouetted in two of the upper windows, and it was this that turned inquisitiveness into unadulterated fright. The UFO was still in the same position as we went out of sight of it down the dirt road."

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Marion and Dennis returned to the site next day (April 15) together with D. Hillman and myself as investigators for the UFO Research Institute, and our observations have been inserted in the report. As I have already indicated, Marion and Dennis are well-known to me, and I can confirm that they are straightforward people with respectable positions in the business world. I have no doubts at all that they saw something that alarmed them, for Marion was as white as a sheet, and still shaking, when she told me of the incident on the night of April 14. Neither of them drink or smoke.

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They consented to the publication of this report as, on reflection, they feel that all who are interested in the careful study of this subject would wish to know of their experience.

Notes

- ¹ Robert A. Schmidt, *Humanoids seen at Butler* in FSR Vol. 14, No. 5, September/October 1968.
- ² These two young people have agreed to publication of this report on the understanding that their names are withheld. (Full names on file with FSR.)

Postscript

Since this article was received and prepared for production, the author has written to say that his wife's cousin and fiancé have agreed to the publication of their names. They are: Marion Lang and Dennis Donaldson—EDITOR.

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FOLLOW-UP ON THE MORRO DO VINTEM MYSTERY

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IT will be recalled that, in two articles published in 1967¹ and 1968² respectively, Charles Bowen discussed the curious affair of Miguel José Viana and Manuel Pereira da Cruz, the two young Brazilian TV and radio technicians who died in decidedly mysterious circumstances on a hill at Niterói, near Rio de Janeiro, on, or some time soon after, Wednesday, August 17, 1966. Beside each body, when they were found three days later in a thicket on the hill, was a leaden half-mask without eye-holes (see sketch). Also found on the bodies were notes, some giving simple electronic formulae, and others containing cryptic instructions, in an unidentified handwriting, such as:

"Sunday, one capsule after lunch; Wednesday, one capsule at bed-time",
and:

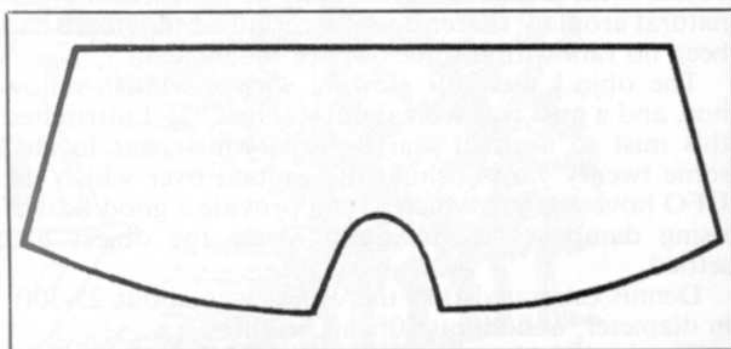
"Be at the place arranged at 16.30. Take capsules at 18.30. After feeling the effects, protect half the face with lead masks. Await the agreed signal."

The case naturally gave rise to a welter of fantastic speculation in Brazil and all sorts of theories were advanced, one of the most popular being that the two victims had made some kind of rendezvous with UFO entities and had been killed by them. This particular theory was moreover reinforced considerably when it became known that a prominent Rio de Janeiro lady, Senhora Gracinda Barbosa Coutinho da Sousa, had told the police that she and three of her children had been travelling by car near the Morro do Vintém on the evening of August 17, when they saw an oval-shaped object of an orangy colour, with a band of fire around its edges, hanging stationary above that hill and emitting vivid beams of light. They had stopped and watched it for some three or four minutes, during which period it made no lateral movement, but rose and fell in the air several times. And there was also much rumour about other—*secret*—details which this lady had allegedly divulged to the police. Other witnesses also came forward and said they had seen the UFO.

Other press comment made much of the fact that, a little over two months previously (June 13), Miguel and Manuel had engaged in some mysterious "experiments" on the nearby beach at Atafona, in the course of which an intensely luminous object came down over the shore. An explosion and a blinding flash occurred a few moments later, and local fishermen in due course testified that they had seen a "flying saucer" fall into the sea at the time.

Other sensational revelations and allegations suggested that the unfortunate pair had been active members of a group of "scientific spiritualists" who dabbled equally in voodoo and spiritism, explosives, and "communication with Mars".

By mid-September of 1966 the case had slipped into oblivion. Charles Bowen concluded his first article with



Shape of the lead masks

these words: "For the time being the clamps are on, but in Brazil things often have a habit of leaking out after a while. Maybe one of these days we will learn a lot more about this absorbing case."

After the bodies (already partly putrified) had been found on the hillside on August 20, 1966, the Brazilian newspapers stated that no signs of violence had been found on them and that autopsies had been performed which revealed no signs of poison in the internal organs. Likewise no known cause for cardiac failure had been found.

After a year had elapsed the Brazilian press reverted to the affair and reported (August 19-26, 1967) that the bodies had been exhumed for certain organs to be examined again for poison. The papers also reported the arrest of an associate of the two dead men. This was a civilian air line pilot named Elcio Gomes—the "third man" involved in the mystery "experiment" on the beach at Atafona. Gomes was now taken into custody, the papers said, for having made contradictory statements to the police. Under interrogation it seems that he had allegedly made all manner of revelations—one of these being that the two dead men had operated a clandestine radio station.

All this was related briefly in Charles Bowen's second article, which concluded with this question: "Was the case allowed to re-appear briefly, so that the police could project the idea of a 'murderer'? After all, down-to-earth human mayhem is so much more reassuring than wild hints about spiritist dabblings with dark forces, or any suggestion that the men in the lead masks were done away with by a UFO, or even by a great big glob of plasma."

Another long silence seems to have followed. One of the frustrating and disappointing facts about the job of producing FSR is that we are so totally dependent on the reports which have to reach us *from the source*, and that means from all the far corners of the earth. If, as so often happens, we print no follow-up on a case, however exciting or interesting it may have been, commonsense would surely indicate that this must be because we have not got any further reports. It is