

D: Are they likely to come again do you think?

B: They told me that they would be back.

D: They did not say when?

B: No — not to my knowledge. They were doing signs, but I could not understand them. There was a big thing in the centre of the room, or whatever it was, and it was (covered with) very much like the horoscope symbols. It was not horoscope symbols — but very much like them. Some kind of symbols, I cannot tell you what

they were. I did not understand them. D: Then what happened?

B: After he had finished — and he talked to Ted, a lot of which Ted could not understand. The next thing that Ted and I remember was like a searchlight — a long white flash. It went from the back of my car through my windscreen. The next thing we can remember was that we were by a big river, and we saw lights but they were car lights. Then we had to find our way back into Winchester, and if you were to say that you would give me £10.000

to take you to that river I could not do it.

D: Where was it near?

B: I don't know. We kept driving around and we conjured up that it was near Chilworth — near Southampton Avenue. Once I was there I found my way home.

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Note that the time of first contact was about 6.30 p.m., and the pair returned home at about 8.15 p.m. There would appear to be a time lapse of more than an hour.

UFO LANDS AND OCCUPANTS SEEN IN VENEZUELA

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HERE is this morning's news as I hasten to write the following lines from Caracas on January 24, 1977.

The resultant summary pertains to various reports on the same sighting, all appearing in *El Nacional*, *El Universal* and *Ultimas Noticias* of today's date. I won't translate each report but would rather make a summary of the substance of each:

The incident took place near the village of Santa Rosa to the east of Barquisimeto, capital of the state of Lara, Venezuela.

At about 00.30 Sunday 23rd January, 1977, the residents of Santa Rosa, (some were awakened by a penetrating sound and bright light), observed a UFO as it circled above the village and eventually came to rest on the bank of the river Turbio. It is reported that as the object descended it almost collided with the roof of a dwelling house. It emitted an array of multicoloured lights and caused panic. As the object landed, figures similar to humans could be seen moving around slowly and in robot-like fashion within the "ship."

A crowd of people decided to investigate, and armed with flashlights, began to close in on the landing site. However, the object took off before they could have come within proximity of it.

A youngster who reached the landing site suffered burns on his hands as he apparently touched the ground where the object was. According to witnesses, marks were left in the ground by the landing gear. A greasy granular material was also left on the ground after the UFO had left. A journalist from the Barquisimeto newspaper *El Informador* collected samples of the material which he will take to the Polytechnic Institute for analysis. The journalist, Mario Daboin, will be accompanied by the director of *El Informador* Dr. Anselmo Reyes, as he hands over the material for analysis.

The "ship" was described as ovalloid, but no

approximate dimensions were given. It remained grounded for 5 minutes.

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Apart from the reports one can find quite frequently in the local press, there are many sightings which are not reported to the authority or given to the news media. I know of many people who have had an experience, but due to their professional status decline to talk about it. Actually the UFO activity in Venezuela seems to be heading for a peak.

Many people who live in mountainous and sparsely populated areas, such as the Venezuelan border with Colombia, report seeing these objects and/or lights as frequently as 4 to 5 times a week. They have become so used to them that they cease to impress them.

Most of these people who live in these areas are campesinos, with little or no education, and obviously do not read FSR or any other material on the subject, but if you should ask one of them his opinion as to what he thinks the lights could be, he'll tell you with a dismissing wave of the hand... "Space people — they're always around — come and go as they please — you don't have to worry about them — it's nothing new."

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