France

Brilliant cigar scares motorist

The French newspaper Dauphin Libéré of March 24, 1976, carried an account of a bizarre landing on January 21, 1976, near Sainte-Eulalie-en-Royons, Drome. This con-densed version has been taken from

Lumières dans la Nuit.

It was at about 9.10 when Mon-sieur Jean Robert of La Baume d'Hostin was driving home in his car. Suddenly he was surprised by a light which at first seemed like the headlights of another car, but the source of the light was away to his left, and off the road. He then saw, surmounting a banked-up piece of ground, a cigar-shaped blindingly luminous object, about 1 metre 20 cm.in height. It seemed to have portholes, and from the rims of these, very bright lights were emitted. The car was at a halt and the driver, in a state of fear, hid his face in his hands to shield his eyes, in which position he remained for some time, and did not see the actual departure of the object.

Translation: C. Bowen.

United States of America Jimmy Carter's UFO

From the London Daily Telegraph

of June 2, 1976, we take extracts from an article which appeared under the signature of the newspaper's corres-

pondent, Ian Bale:

"Jimmy Carter, the front-runner in a dwindling field of candidates for the Democratic party's Presidential nomination, provided further details in an interview yesterday about the 'flying saucer' he believes he saw late one night in Georgia three years

"His comment on the campaign trail last month that he felt reports of unidentified flying objects should be taken seriously caused some discomfort among certain of his supp-

orters.

"It was felt that, placed along-side his account of his 'spiritual rebirth' while walking in the woods with his evangelist sister 10 years ago, the 'flying saucer' belief might convince many Americans that Mr. Carter was too much of a 'mystic' to be entrusted with the Presidency.

"At the time the issue arose last month, Mr. Carter confirmed a report that he and a group of friends saw what they believed was a 'UFO' above a field in Thomaston, Georgia, in 1973, after a late-evening speech before the local Lions Club.

"He then disappointed journalists questioning him by switching to other topics without offering any description of the phenomenon. But in an interview published yesterday in the National Enquirer, he gave this account of the sighting:

" 'It was a very peculiar aberration,

but about 20 people saw it.

" 'It was the darndest thing I've ever seen. It was big, it was very bright, it changed colours and it was about the size of the moon. We watched it for 10 minutes, but none of us could figure out what it was.

" 'One thing's for sure, I'll never make fun of people who say they've seen unidentified objects in the sky!'

"Mr. Carter added that "if I become President, I'll make every piece of information this country has about UFO sightings available to the public and the scientists. I am convinced that UFO's exist because I have seen one.'

"The report said the candidate talked 'frankly and without hesit-ation' about his flying-saucer ex-

perience."

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