

A NEW FSR CATALOGUE

The effects of UFOs on Animals, Birds, and smaller creatures

Part 1

Gordon Creighton

INTRODUCTION

IT is already some years now since the suggestion was made to me by Dr. J. Allen Hynek that I compile a catalogue of these cases.

This has meant re-reading a large proportion of the literature. I certainly have not been able to cover all of it, and no claim is made that this list is exhaustive. I do believe however that these 150 cases in which UFOs were seen to be present or may possibly be thought to have been present, will furnish a thoroughly representative sample of all the main categories of phenomenon or of effect.

A small number of the cases given here—such as the cases of panicking sheep—may conceivably prove to be due to some other simple and perfectly explicable cause. So far I have seen no such explanation.

But the picture as regards “UFO effects on animals and birds” will not be complete, or anywhere near complete, until somebody has made a careful study of the available “psychic” and para-psychological records of disappearing animals and strange behaviour by animals. (I recall, for example, that at Borley Rectory, the famous “most haunted house in England”, there was at least one report of a dog which was so terrified by something it saw or felt that it ran away and was never found again.)

The results of such an inquiry into the parapsychological field could be of overwhelming importance for the UFO investigator. For they may furnish us with a clear answer to the question whether the “UFO Phenomenon” is—to use John Keel’s term—*environmental*, i.e. something that is always here, that has been here as long as we have—or possibly even longer—or whether, alternatively, the “UFO Phenomenon” is a *relatively new phenomenon, due to some factor or agency that has only recently made its appearance in our environment*.

I confess that I have often felt tempted to opt for the “permanent environment” view. But in the course of compiling this catalogue, I have been greatly impressed by the total, utter, abject terror displayed by so many animals and birds in the presence of UFOs. Were the “UFO Phenomenon” due to some long-existent environmental factor present here on the Earth and in the Earth’s atmosphere, one would have thought that animals and birds would surely, in the course of the ages, have finally developed some sort of familiarity with, or tolerance of, such an environmental factor, even if—as most people assume—what disturbs them so much is primarily some kind of VHF emission. That a VHF factor seems often to be involved, I can well believe. But it looks to me at present as though this is far from accounting for the whole of the discomfort and the terror shown by animals and birds.

Could this terror perhaps be something much more fundamental, elemental, springing possibly from the *instinctive knowledge* of our animals and birds that the “UFO Phenomenon”—or a part of it—relates to *some power or agency that is utterly alien and inimical to the creatures of our world: a power or agency whose coming can only spell dismemberment, destruction, and death for them*.

This overwhelming fear displayed by the animals and birds may be our proof, then, that the “UFO Phenomenon” is *not environmental*, but really is “something from outside”, i.e. either something from “outside of our planet” or from outside of our particular space/time framework: in any event, something that is fundamentally and implacably hostile, repellent, evil, from the point of view of all life native to our particular planet. *And something that is altogether new in the experience of Man and Beast and Bird*. (Which it cannot be if, for example, my Case No. 1 is authentic.)

There still remains the possibility that only a portion of the “UFO Phenomenon” falls into this category of the inherently hostile and evil (i.e. “Demons”), while the remainder relates to some agency or agencies which at best are actively benevolent (i.e. “Angels”) or at worst merely neutral and objective towards Earthman and his fellow-creatures. Should such benevolent or merely “neutral” agencies exist (and all Religions tell us that they do, just as all Religions tell us about the “Others”) then there is a pressing need for us to discover as soon as possible the true natures and the true origins of such agencies and, above all, for us to discover some infallible yardstick whereby we may be able to judge instantly with which putative agency or faction we are confronted in any particular case. It goes without saying that our very survival, and the survival of the other life-forms that share this Planet with us, may depend upon the degree of success with which we tackle this particular aspect of the Great Enigma.

Our critics and opponents will naturally continue to insist that only crackpots and “psychos” see UFOs or think that UFOs exist. When, therefore, we come down to brass tacks, and to the problem of animals and birds reacting to UFOs, these critics find it necessary to tread mighty warily. For it is not assumed that our “furred and feathered friends” are “psychos” too. (Perhaps this is the reason why the Condon Report has kept well away from so prickly an issue as the effect of UFOs on animals and birds? Not a word is said therein about it, nor in the writings of Dr. Donald Menzel or Mr. Philip Klass or all the rest. Clearly, none of the 150 or so episodes that I have listed herein occurred . . .)

Many will have perhaps noticed, as I have, how edgy our scientific and technical critics sometimes become when either the “E.M. Effect” or the “Effect of UFOs

on Animals and Birds" crops up in the discussion. The "E.M. Effect" does not in fact worry them too badly, because their stock explanation is that the engine was not stopped by a UFO, but was stalled by a neurotic or psychotic driver who *imagined* that he was seeing a UFO. They have a point, which we can willingly grant them in a few cases at any rate. But they remain far less happy about the birds and animals, for here no such easy escape solution is at hand. The only safe position for our opponents is consequently to maintain resolutely that no such weird and abnormal behaviour by animal or bird can ever be proved to have occurred except where there is a good cast-iron explanation. Thus squawking chickens are always squawking because there is an eagle or a sparrowhawk overhead. Panicking sheep have been set in motion by that ubiquitous agency the common dog. Cattle are rushing about because maddened by bot-flies. And so on.

THE CATALOGUE—(i) B.C. TO 1946 A.D.

1. **Middle East** (*Reign of Alexander the Great*, 356-323 B.C.) A historian of the reign of Alexander the Great allegedly tells of two strange craft that dived repeatedly at his army, until the war elephants, the men, and all the horses panicked and refused to cross the river where the incident occurred . . . The historian describes the objects as "great shining silvery shields, spitting fire around the rims . . . things that came from the skies and returned to the skies."

Frank Edwards: *Stranger Than Science*
(Pan Books, London), p. 198.

2. **Rutland, England** (September 15, 1749)
Fiery object like a waterspout, whirling and roaring, frightened cattle and rustics.

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers On The Moon*, p. 207.

3. **Robertson County, Tennessee, U.S.A.** (between 1817 and 1821)

The farm of John Bell seemed to be haunted, with typical poltergeist phenomena occurring and "flying lights" being seen.

One of the many visitors who came to see the haunted house was General Andrew Jackson. When he was approaching in a horse-drawn waggon, the wheels of the waggon suddenly seemed to "freeze", and the straining horses were unable to move it until a "sharp metallic voice" from behind some bushes cried: "All right, General. Let the waggon move!", whereupon the wheels began to turn again.

FSR, November/December 1968, p. 16.

(See notes.) John Keel: *Is the "E.M." Effect a Myth?*

4. **Horton, Wiltshire, England** (June 1857)

The *Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette* of July 2, 1857, reported farmer Wm. Brown rode towards a "whirl-puff". There was no rush of wind, and the conditions did not resemble a real whirlwind. Horse was terrified, staggered, and Mr. Brown almost lifted out of the saddle.

FSR, November/December 1966, p. 18.

5. **Swaffham, Norfolk, England** (January 15, 1869)

Something seen in sky, and "mysterious explosions not of meteoric origin", stampeded hundreds of sheep.

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers On The Moon*, p. 311.

6a. **Bonham, Texas, U.S.A.** (1873)

At Bonham, Texas, in 1873, workers in a cotton-field were terrorised by a shiny, silver object that came streaking down from the sky at them. It swung around, like a great silver serpent, said one witness, and dived at them again and again. A team of horses ran away, and the driver was thrown under the wheels of the waggon and killed.

6b. **Fort Riley, Kansas, U.S.A.** (1873)

And on the same day, an hour or so after the incident at Bonham, the same or a similar thing swooped down from the skies at some Army troops on the cavalry parade ground at Fort Riley, Kansas, and terrorised the horses to such an extent that cavalry drill ended in tumult.

Both from Frank Edwards: *Stranger Than Science*, p. 198.

7. **Berkshire, England** (8.20 a.m., November 20, 1887)

An unknown something in the sky, and mysterious explosions, stampede sheep over an area of 210 sq. miles.

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers On The Moon*, p. 311.

8. **Thames Valley, England** (night of November 13, 1888)

Sheep stampeded over area of 22 square miles. Found panting in terror and crowded under hedges, on widely scattered farms next morning.

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers On The Moon*, p. 311.

9. **Chiltern Hills, England** (October 25, 1889)

Over a region of about 40 square miles, sheep in hundreds burst simultaneously out of folds and barns. The panic was contagious, though the farms and folds were not adjoining, but miles apart.

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers On The Moon*, p. 311.

10. **Leroy, Kansas, U.S.A.** (April 19, 1897)

The Hamilton household were aroused by a commotion among their cattle and household dogs. Going out, they found overhead the "Texan airship", which had lassoed one of their heifers.

Jacques Vallée: *Anatomy of a Phenomenon*, p. 16.

11. **Rockland, Texas, U.S.A.** (11.30 p.m., April 22, 1897)

At Rockland, Mr. John M. Barclay, having retired for the night, heard his dog barking furiously, and also a whining noise. He went out to look, and saw a great machine stationary (the "Texas Airship") a few feet from the ground. A man from the machine, asked him for lubricating oil, cold chisels, and bluestone. Asked where they were from and whither going, the man replied: "From anywhere, but we will be in Greece the day after tomorrow."

D. B. Hanlon and J. Vallée: *Airships Over Texas*,
FSR, January/February 1967, p. 23.

12. **Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.** (April 1897)

The *Dallas News* of April 28, 1897, had a report of an anonymous witness (a lawyer) who was driving his horse and buggy at night when the "Airship" passed overhead. The horse snorted, reared, plunged madly, nearly overturned the buggy, and stood trembling like a leaf.

Donald B. Hanlon: *Texas Odyssey of 1897*,
FSR, September/October 1966, p. 8.

13. **Hot Springs, Arkansas, U.S.A.** (night of May 6, 1897)

Two law officers, Sumpter and McLemore, tried to approach the landed UFO on their horses, but the animals refused to go nearer than 100 yards or so.

Jerome Clark: *The Strange Case of the 1897 Airship*,
FSR, July/August 1966, p. 15.

14. **Seal Rocks, Sutro Heights, San Francisco, U.S.A.** (November 22, 1897)

The "airship" flew over the Cliff House and projected its powerful beam on Seal Rocks, causing the seals to dive frantically into the water.

Lore and Deneault: *Mysteries of the Skies*, p. 7.

15. **Thames Estuary Marshes, England** (1901)

Another stampede of sheep. All fled westwards, away from the North Sea.

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers On The Moon*, p. 311.

The evidence cited here, too, is astounding. From the ancient Indian Book of Dzyan: thousands of years ago, a group of extraterrestrial beings orbited the earth, landed and began to colonise. One faction settled in one city, the second in another and, soon, an incredible aerial war was launched between the two, which destroyed one city, horribly burning its occupants and causing an ecological disaster.

Other reports: (a) a University of Peking professor discovered granite carvings on a Hunan Province mountain and a Lake Tungting island reputed to be 47,000 years old that showed "people with large trunks" (here Major Carpenter suggests that the trunks could be breathing apparatus, obviously of space people); (b) the rope of a "demonship" was caught on a church spire in Ireland about 956 A.D. and its occupant attempted

to free it; the townspeople seized him, but the bishop released him; (c) three men and a woman from "an airship or spaceship" were killed by a mob for being wizards in 10th Century France; (d) a respected farmer and former state legislator saw a huge airship with occupants that lassoed his cow at Yates Center, Kansas, on April 21, 1897 (see *Mysteries of the Skies; UFOs in Perspective* (by Lore and Denault).

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THIS section of our Catalogue covers a year of considerable activity. Although the events of 1968 should be relatively fresh in our memories, it is still a source of surprise to read through this list and realise that there were so many reports recorded where animals were said to have been affected by the appearance of UFOs. This is a vitally important, albeit tiny section of the growing mountain of "evidence".

The catalogue has been prepared by Gordon Creighton, and we have now reached the stage where there are still *many* new reports coming in, and for which there will be no chance of inclusion in this list. For instance, there were a number of cases in the Spanish wave of 1968 which have only just become known to us during our preparation of FSR's Special Issue No. 4, *UFOs in two Worlds*.

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152. Redlands, California, U.S.A. (7.20 p.m., February 4, 1968).

Many people ran out of doors to find the cause of an unusual and disturbing sound which had set up barking by all the dogs in the neighbourhood. They then saw a round object, estimated to be about 50-60ft. wide, moving slowly towards the ENE at a height of about 300ft. There were what seemed to be glowing portholes around its perimeter, while jet-like orange flames, or something resembling flames, were coming from various sources on its under-surface.

NICAP: *UFOs: A New Look* (1969), p. 38.

153. Bengough, Saskatchewan, Canada (just before noon, February 19, 1968).

Canadian farmer's wife, Mrs. Martha Hegg, living five miles west of Bengough, was working in her kitchen when she became acutely aware of a high-pitched whine that had the intensity and the penetrative effect of a mild physical electrical shock, causing a tingling sensation throughout her body. Looking out of the window, which faced south, she saw an object, about 100 yards distant. It was immediately above, and circling around, a 29ft. pole with an electrical transformer on it. The UFO moved right around the house and farmstead, vanishing from her view twenty minutes later. Her husband came in shortly afterwards and found her

white as a sheet with fear. She told him that when she had first noticed the UFO, their dog was lying cowering in the snow and trying frantically to cover its ears with its paws. As soon as the UFO had gone the dog made a dash to get into the house.

Sixteen head of cattle in the farmyard bolted into their sheds on the approach of the UFO, and did not emerge again until at least half an hour after it had gone.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 11 (May 1969), p. 4, and *UFOs: A New Look* (1969), p. 11.

154. Province of Liège, Belgium (9.00 p.m., April 18, 1968). Two witnesses observed a UFO, which was constantly changing colour and projecting beams of light towards the ground. Both witnesses were particularly struck by the sounds of general alarm which they could hear among all the animals of the district.

Lumières Dans La Nuit, January 1969, p. 13.

155. South Ohio, U.S.A. (end of April 1968).

According to the newspaper *The Light Herald* of May 2, 1968 (published at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada), a herd of cattle on a farm in South Ohio were thrown into panic one night by a dazzling bright UFO hanging stationary over the field.

FSR, July/August 1968, p. 33.

156. Evillers region (Doubs), France (midnight, June 29/30, 1968).

At around midnight the dogs of this village began barking—normal barking at first, but soon increasing to a deafening din, and by 2.00 a.m. it was unbearable and all the villagers were thoroughly disturbed. One lady, leaning out of her window to try to calm her dogs, saw that the ground and a part of her chicken-house were lit up by a vivid rectangular orange-reddish light, "like a car headlamp", which was shining down from above. She awoke her brother, who turned on his bedroom light, whereupon the orange rectangular light at once vanished and did not return. It was now past 2.30 a.m. The two witnesses returned to their beds, but the frantic barking of the village dogs continued until 4.00 a.m. One man's dog broke its chain and fled.

Lumières Dans La Nuit, February 1969, p. 8.

157. Olavarria, Argentina (11.30 a.m., July 2, 1968).

Fifteen-year-old boy Heriberto Antonio Iriart was riding a horse on his father's ranch, accompanied by a dog, when he encountered a landed UFO and, standing near it, two of its crew, about 1 m. 70 in height. When the boy went to mount

his horse after his conversation with these beings, he found both horse and dog paralysed, and it was some minutes before either animal could move at all. What however is odd in this case is that the boy himself does not seem to have had the usual paralysis, though he was very badly frightened and subsequently displayed symptoms of severe shock.

FSR, September/October 1968, p. 26.

158. Wooler, Ontario, Canada (10.00-10.30 p.m., July 2, 1968).

Fred Coulthard Jr. and his brother Wayne observed a bright red light which seemed to descend from the sky and vanish behind the Murray Hills. They noticed that some horses in a field 100 yards from them were in a state of panic, running in circles round the field. Returning to the house, they found one of their three cats lying on its back with all four legs straight up in the air. They could neither rouse the cat nor bend its legs. Later, it suddenly snapped out of this seeming trance condition, ran out, and was never seen again. Their second cat also vanished. Their third and last cat was run over by a car shortly after this and killed. But in this too it was felt that there was an element of the mysterious, for it was thought odd that so normally alert a creature as this particular cat should not have moved from its position on the road when it heard the vehicle (a police car) being started up, but remained where it was while the car backed over it.

Mrs. W. Graystone, *Canada's UFO Poltergeist*. In FSR Special Issue No. 2, BEYOND CONDON, June 1969.

159. Hearings Before the Committee on Science and Astronautics, U.S. House of Representatives (July 29, 1968).

Discussing the ridiculing of witnesses, Dr. Hynek said to the Committee:

"Or if it is reported . . . over the world, by reputable and competent persons . . . that they heard the barnyard animals behaving in a greatly disturbed and atypical manner and when, upon investigating, found not only the animals in a state of panic but reported a noiseless—or sometimes humming—brightly illuminated object hovering nearby, beaming a bright red light down on to the surroundings, then clearly we should pay attention."

From the published Report, *Symposium On Unidentified Flying Objects*. Washington, D.C., July 1968.

160. Claremont, New Hampshire, U.S.A. (after 1.30 a.m., July 30, 1968).

A man and wife, busy moving into a new home, retired to sleep at about 1.30 a.m. Their children were in a separate bedroom; a pet poodle was with the man and wife; and their German shepherd dog was in the garage. "Lights" outside in the field caught their attention. Looking through the window they saw a round UFO moving slowly around over the field at a height of about ten feet, shining a beam of light down on to the ground, and emitting "a buzzing sound like the noise of a transformer." The pet poodle was shaking and nervous. The shepherd dog in the garage whined and whimpered. The UFO remained over the field nearly two hours, at a distance of about 230ft. from the house. Then the UFO began to glow brightly, and it took off at an angle, just over the tree-tops. As it left it made a loud humming noise, and the dog in the garage again whined desperately.

NICAP: *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 12 (June/July 1969), pp. 4-5.

161. Scarborough, Near Lake Ontario, Canada (evening, September 7, 1968).

Mrs. Shirley Shaw of Scarborough reported that her terrier had become extremely nervous as she and neighbours were watching "three small amber buttons" darting about in the sky. ("Dancing apricots" was another description used by her.)

Coral and Jim Lorenzen: *UFOs: The Whole Story*, pp. 296-297

162. Carora, Venezuela (September 15, 1968).

Many farmers had great difficulty in controlling their cattle and horses when a saucer-shaped object with flickering yellow lights flew over the area at high speed and low altitude.

Coral and Jim Lorenzen: *UFOs: The Whole Story*, pp. 299.

163. Medulla, Florida, U.S.A. (7.30 p.m., October 18, 1968).

The McMullen family looked outside when their dog began to bark and howl, and they saw a purplish-red object hovering in the air about ten feet above the ground. It was completely transparent, and inside it they could see two normal-sized men. A strong odour of ammonia was in the air. The two men inside the object were pumping a horizontal bar up and down. As the McMullens watched, the 30-foot wide sphere slowly ascended and flew away. Mysterious explosions were reported in the area about this period, and some other witnesses reported that, a few minutes earlier than the McMullens' experience, they had seen a bright light rising from the grounds of the Medulla School, which lies just north of the McMullen home.

John Keel: *Operation Trojan Horse*, pp. 63-64 (U.S. edition, 1970. British edition, published by Souvenir Press, London, April 1971).

164. Marcellus, N.Y., U.S.A. (6.00 p.m., November 25, 1968).

Mrs. Elaine B. Peichy and her young son and her dog were travelling by car along Route 174 near Marcellus, when she perceived five "red blinking lights", and heavy static appeared on the car radio. The UFO was flying at a distance of about 100 feet in front of her car. "Then our dog started crying, fighting, clawing, first to get out of the window, then into my lap, covering his eyes and ears, falling off the back seat." Returning shortly afterwards along the same road, without the child but with the dog still in the car, she again encountered the UFO, the engine lost power (as it had done previously) and the dog again whined and barked.

NICAP: *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 10 (February/March 1969), p. 3.

165. Renton, State of Washington, U.S.A. (evening, November 30, 1968).

At a distance of some 300 yards, teenagers Scott Sylte and Steve Walker took seven photographs of a brilliant orange-coloured UFO estimated by them to be about 50-60ft. in diameter, 40ft. thick, and at a height of some 100ft. from the ground. The photographs are reported to show "port-holes or porthole-like markings with specific definition". While this was going on, all the dogs in the area were yapping and howling furiously.

Dr. W. Gordon Allen: *The 1968 UFO Surveillance of Seattle*. In FSR Special Issue No. 2, *Beyond Condon*, June 1969.

166. Lima, Peru (early hours of December 9, 1968).

César Seminario, customs inspector, and Carlos Moreno Ramírez, observing from different positions in the city, both saw a UFO. In Seminario's account he mentioned that he had been awakened by the desperate barking and whining of his two dogs. He looked out through the window, and saw an object with a round base and an oval-shaped top, floating in the air at a height of about 100ft. A reddish-violet light came from an opening in the lower part.

Diário da Noite, Rio de Janeiro, December 13, 1968. Extract in World Round-up, FSR, January/February 1970 (credit to Mr. Nigel Rimes).

167. Brazey-en-Moryan, France (1968).

A UFO landed not far from a flock of sheep. Three sheep subsequently died, cause unknown, and two were missing. At the landing-site, hundreds of slugs changed colour and all died very soon after the landing.

FSR, January/February 1969, p. 11. (From *Lumières Dans La Nuit*, October 1968 and December 1968.)

168. Franois, France (7.10 p.m., December 12, 1968).

A number of witnesses, including a Monsieur Froidevaux and his daughter and a Monsieur Marchand and his wife, saw a round, orange, luminous cloud rising slowly into the sky, and a long ribbon-like orange object subsequently leave it. Monsieur Froidevaux's cat, which was inside the house, while the party of humans were in the loggia, was meanwhile displaying great agitation and miaowing plaintively. The cat's distress grew steadily worse, and by the time the

sighting ended (it had lasted for several minutes) the cat "was literally screaming the place down and it was impossible to calm it".

When the UFO had disappeared the cat at once reverted to its normal placid state.

FSR Case Histories Nos. 2 and 3 (December 1970 and February 1971) from *Lumières Dans La Nuit*, No. 100 (June 1969), p. 18.

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.

Dear Sir,—I am a long-standing subscriber to FSR and a close follower of the UFO Problem. (I am also a Scientific Correspondent to NICAP, Physics Consultant to APRO, etc.)

I had an opportunity to visit Valensole, on 4/7/70—five years after the sighting—at the scene of the famous case with which you have already dealt extensively in FSR (November/December 1965, p. 7; January/February 1968, pp. 6-12; January/February 1969, p. 7; July/August 1969).

Enclosed herewith I send you a photograph† which I took from the top of the hillock behind which M. Masse hid when he saw the machine.

Alas, there is no longer a vineyard, nor a field of lavender, but a huge field of wheat, without a trace of variation in the crop. I was visiting the scene (prior to arranging some infra-red aerial photography there) to see if it was worth my while, but the few shots* I took from the top of the hillock showed nothing in particular of interest. Yours truly,

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† Kodacolor. Rolleiflex 6 × 6.

* These were in Infra-red Ektachrome + No. 16 Wratten filter on 24K36 Affar Contarex Zeiss. Obj. F2.50 mm.



A new look for the field at Valensole

(Translation by John C. Hugill.)

[Dr. Hardy also enclosed a most interesting cutting from the French Press of April 14, 1969, announcing that he was shortly to receive in Paris the silver-gilt medal of the Society For Arts, Sciences and Letters in recognition of his scientific work for France. As a "boffin" Dr. Hardy has to his credit no less than 250 inventions patented in various countries

of the world, and he has played a distinguished part in connexion with French work in radionavigation, teleguided missiles, radar, acoustics. As far back as 1954 his work on the infra-red photography at night of armoured vehicles and on teleguided anti-tank weapons had put France well to the fore (indeed in second place in the world) in this kind of defence work.—EDITOR.]

Any news of Angelic visions?

Dear Sir,—I am collecting information on cases where a being (often recognised as "Our Lady") has appeared as a "vision" before a number of people, often children, and often in peasant Catholic areas. The most well-known case of this type is that which occurred at Fatima in 1917, but such visions have been seen in many other parts of the world. If any of your readers know

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169. Childers, Queensland, Australia (January 17, 1969). George Vas, a Rumanian immigrant, claimed that at 4.30 a.m. he and his wife and two teenage daughters, who were asleep in a caravan trailer at the side of the road, were awakened by the barking of their dog, Ica. They heard a loud buzzing noise, "like a swarm of wasps" and, looking out, saw a machine of a brilliant violet and iridescent colour, about 25-30 yards in diameter, from which there descended three entities, with "blocky arms and legs and shapeless bodies, giving off a purple-yellowish glow, and three times the size of humans." For ten minutes they watched the creatures gathering sugar cane and other plant specimens.

The News, Adelaide, January 17, 1969; FSR, May/June 1969.

170. Saint-Martin-de-Londres, Montpellier, France (1.00 a.m., February 9, 1969).

The owner of a restaurant and a small goat farm, and his assistant, were driving past when they saw a large disc which remained stationary for some time above the field where the goats were. The goat farmer told investigators:

"My goats, which were beneath the stationary disc, or very near to it, do not seem to have suffered by it, although the nannies are now 'coming on heat' much more often than is natural. But one was a billy-goat, an excellent breeder, and, as a result of it, I had to have him slaughtered, for he no longer performed his job."

He added that there had been all sorts of other strange phenomena on his farm. For example, ever since the night in question, his dogs always started barking furiously precisely at 2.00 o'clock every morning, as though there were something abnormal going on outside.

Lumières Dans La Nuit, No. 100 bis. (July 1969).

Also, *Near-Landing in Hérault*, in FSR for January/February 1970.

171. Pirassununga, State of São Paulo, Brazil (5.40 a.m., February 12, 1969).

The farm worker Luiz Flozino de Oliveira was on his way to work when he was approached and attacked by two strange beings, 1.5 metres in height, with darkish skins and beards down to their waists. His dog rolled up in a ball on the ground for protection and was not harmed.

SBEDV Bulletin No. 72/73 (January/April 1970, and FSR Case Histories, Supp. 5 (June 1971), p. 10.

172. Château des Martins, Bignoux, Poitiers, France (on a moonless night, about February 16, 1969).

Five horses in a paddock in the grounds of the Château were thrown into a tremendous panic by "something shining," with a pair of intensely bright eyes . . . of a very pale and particularly brilliant green," according to the witness, Monsieur Meingault. Going out into the grounds on hearing the horses stampeding past he caught sight of the eyes situated behind a clump of bushes (and at a height from the ground, so he was able to estimate next day, of about

1 m. 15 cm.). He re-entered the Château to get his gun, and on coming out again, glimpsed what appeared to be a "flying shadow" pursuing the horses. Examination of the premises next morning showed that much material damage had been done by the terrified animals.

Jean-Claude Baillon: *Eerie Night at the Château des Martins*, FSR, July/August 1970.

173. Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil (February 20, 1969).

The boy Helder Souza Lima, living at rua Jundiá No. 205, heard the dog barking as though frightened and saw, touching the outer wall of the house, an object which was flattened on top and oval below. He called his brother Egler, and they watched the object for two minutes. Its upper portion was intensely bright and had balls of various colours attached to it.

Correio da Manhã, Rio de Janeiro, February 22, 1969, also Dr. W. Buhler: "Brazilian Cases in 1968 and 1969" (Part 4), FSR Case Histories, Supp. 5 (June 1971), p. 10.

174. Pirassununga, Brazil (night, on or about February 20, 1969).

Hearing his pigs grunting rather strangely in their sties, the manager of the Bela Aliança Fazenda went outside to investigate, and observed the landing of a UFO approximately 5 metres high and 4 metres wide, supported by a wide-footed tripod about 1½ m. high. Three crew members emerged on a cat-walk around the machine and busied themselves with instruments for two or three minutes.

O Globo, Rio de Janeiro, April 5, 1969, and Dr. W. Buhler, "Brazilian Cases in 1968 and 1969" (Part 4), FSR Case Histories, Supp. 5 (June 1971).

175. Lancaster, U.S.A. (10.30 p.m., March 10, 1969).

A housewife was driving in her car when she saw a bright beam of light on the road, and a charcoal-grey disc in the sky, emitting the light beam from a bulge on its underside. The beam fell upon the car and at once her speed dropped from 50 m.p.h. to 8 m.p.h. Meanwhile, her dog jumped from the back seat to the front of the car and appeared "highly agitated and fearful."

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 11 (May 1969), p. 3.

176. Ibiuna, State of São Paulo, Brazil (March and April 1969).

From 9.00 p.m. onwards "balls of orange light" would appear frequently and dance about over a dry spring on the Fazenda Bonanza farm. Usually two in number and of the apparent size of car headlamps (approximately 18 cms. in diameter), the "egotistical lights," as local people called them, would remain for about one hour and then vanish as suddenly as they had come. Just before their arrival, all the pigs, dogs, geese, and fowls on the farm would always begin to make a loud disturbance, giving the witnesses the impression that these animals and birds were experiencing fear and pain of some sort.

Hans Bemelmans: *Reports From Ibiuna*. In FSR, January/February 1970.

177. Itauçu, State of Goiás, Brazil (evening of April 20, 1969).

Adelino Roque, an illiterate 25-year-old farm worker, of the Fazenda Serradinho, 57 miles from Goiânia, was riding near the Rio Serradinho when he paused to let his horse drink. A bright light which he had previously noticed in the sky behind him now came down low over him and alarmed the horse. After riding a further distance of 100 metres or so, he felt himself "hypnotised" by a cold beam of light which struck him on the back. Bereft of feeling he tried to ride on, and another beam of light, in this case accompanied by great heat, struck him in the chest. He was aware of something coming down low over his head and paralysing him, and he felt himself being drawn off the horse.

The horse made its way back unharmed, though frightened, to the farm. Adelino Roque recovered consciousness at 5.00 o'clock next morning and found himself alone upon a rock beside the bank of the river Parnaíba, at a place called Itumbiara, some 250 kilometres or so from where he had watered his horse. Profoundly disturbed and ill and changed by his experience, Roque finally died in very mysterious circumstances on June 12, 1969, at Itauçu.

Diário de Notícias, Rio de Janeiro, May 24, 1969; *Folha de Goiás*, June 12 and 13, 1969; SBEDV Bulletin No. 72/73. Also Gordon Creighton: *Another Teapot and Its Sequel*, FSR for September/October 1971.

178. Hammond, Ontario, Canada (8.30 p.m., April 22, 1969).

An Ottawa man, his wife, and their teenage son were driving along a deserted stretch of road during a rainstorm. Their dog was in the car with them. They saw a thirty-foot wide "saucer", with two large spotlights and many portholes, standing in a field. It emitted a "heavy, humming sound, like a huge generator." When the UFO took off, flew around, and approached the car, the dog became extremely frightened.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 11 (May 1969), p. 4.

179. Farnworth, Lancashire, England (evening, April 28, 1969).

Dogs in the area began howling and whining when an unidentified flying object landed on golf links in the Plodder Lane area of Farnworth, reported 13-years-old Elaine Hodgkinson and her boy friend Peter Rushton, who were out walking with Elaine's dog Scamp.

Elaine, of Mill Hill, Little Hulton, said she and Peter saw a large buzzing object land on the nearby golf links.

"It came down from the sky slowly. It was grey in colour and had three red lights on the side and a green flashing one on the top. It was big enough to hold a man. My dog went absolutely wild. It really was a terrifying experience. I haven't seen anything like it before and I certainly wouldn't like to see one again. Even Peter was frightened."

The couple walked away quickly towards Farnworth, and a second UFO came over, flying much higher and making no buzzing noise.

The girl's parents informed the police, who searched the

area but found nothing.

Bolton Evening News, April 29, 1969 (credit to Miss Janet Gregory).

180. Allumette Island, Quebec, Canada (2.00 a.m., May 11, 1969).

Mr. and Mrs. Leo P. Chaput were alerted by the loud barking of their dog, and saw a stationary bright light shining into their bedroom window. They also heard a "soft purring, similar to the noise of an outboard motor." The UFO was close to the ground, brightly illuminating the surroundings, its light too vivid for them to be able to look directly at it.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 12 (June/July 1969), p. 4.

181. Vina, California, U.S.A. (2.30 a.m., May 24, 1969).

Tom Kitchen, a ranch hand, was working the night-shift when he observed an object "as big as a small bus, illuminating a plum orchard about 150 yards away", and hovering just above the trees. He went to awaken his foreman, John Sharp, but found that Sharp had already been aroused by his dog, which was "quite upset".

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 12 (June/July 1969), p. 2.

182. Birkenhead, England (11.40 p.m., June 15, 1969).

A mysterious disc-shaped object flying over the Fender at Birkenhead startled a security officer and his Alsatian guard dog (term used in Britain for the German shepherd dog). Mr. Neil Piper, aged 37, was patrolling a Birkenhead Corporation housing estate in Noctorum Lane when he heard a swishing sound overhead, similar to the hum of a generator.

"I looked up and saw a disc-shaped object, silvery underneath and glowing around the rim," said Mr. Piper, of 66 Fender View Road, Moreton. "It was not travelling very fast, and looked about the size of a dinner plate, although I could not tell what height it was flying at. It came over from the direction of the Woodchurch housing estate and then passed over Moreton. Even my dog cowered right down and was scared, whimpering and yelping."

Liverpool Daily Post and *Liverpool Echo*, June 16, 1969 (credit to Miss Janet Gregory). Also *Birkenhead News*, June 18, 1969, and see FSR, September/October 1969, p. 35.

183. Zellik, Belgium (8.10 p.m., September 24, 1969).

Architect Kamiel Breeus was taking his shepherd dog for an evening walk when he saw two large silent fluorescent machines with delta-shaped wings appearing from the North. Both gave off fiery exhaust trails, and the edges of the triangular wings were lit with a hazy bluish-white light. The underparts were of a soft red colour and inside the machines there seemed to be lights which were flashing on and off. Both craft stopped in their flight, one of them remaining stationary for five minutes. The dog reacted to them by barking furiously.

Het Nieuwsblad, October 8, 1969.

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the local paper and told the chief reporter what we had witnessed, but I don't think he realised how earnest I was, or how close we were to this phenomenon. You might be interested to know that I am a person with an extremely logical mind and am not one to enlarge, or let my imagination play a part. Just one other thing, which we didn't think about until afterwards, and that was the fact that we had no fear at the time, only extreme excitement and curiosity. The sky was very dark and the rest of the machine was hidden by the lights which were yellow."

Throughout this wave of activity, Midlands ATV

Today team covered quite a number of the events, interviewing Anthony Pace, Roger Stanway, Richard Colbourne, Keith Palmer (who says he is compiling a report for the Ministry of Defence) and the author, and including the classic three-day coverage of the UFO film taken by their camera crew whilst filming at Enstone. Ministry officials and the R.A.F. expressed great interest, and the incident is still under investigation.

Editor's note: We are planning to report on the case of the ATV film, with the collaboration of Mr. Roger Stanway, Chairman of BUFORA, in a future issue of *Flying Saucer Review*.

of us and if they would like to swop with us . . . I doubt it!

"A spokesman for the local Meteorological Office said it was unlikely that the unidentified objects would be weather balloons. His department, he said, sent up only one balloon at a time twice a day—at

1 a.m. and at 1 p.m.

"It is not possible that one of our balloons could burst into flame. They do sometimes burst—but they do so at 50-60,000ft. (15,000m to 18,000m) and it would be quite impossible for anyone to see them do it. When they burst, they just burst

and the gas escapes—they do not burst into flame.'

"He had received no reports of 'flying saucers' having been seen by anyone in his department, he said, nor did his department 'fly' any other meteorological equipment."

Credit: E. R. Turnbull of Pinetown.

A NEW FSR CATALOGUE

The effects of UFOs on animals, birds, and smaller creatures Part 12

At one time it seemed that the period covered by this part of the Catalogue which Gordon Creighton has prepared for us, would be the final one. New cases have come to light, however, and we have remembered a few that were omitted in earlier parts, so its expected that there will be two more parts.

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184. Kaharoa, near Rotorua, New Zealand (October 4, 1969). After two bright orbs of light had been seen flying low from the direction of Katikati and over the farm of Mr. I. A. McGregor, at 2.50 a.m., two mysterious circular burnt patches were found on the grass on a hillside at a neighbouring farm owned by Mr. C. T. Johnson. Mr. Johnson reported that he found the brown-coloured circles while out on horseback. When he desired to examine the marks more closely however, his horse became "spooky and silly" and reared up, and absolutely refused to approach them, so that he was obliged to dismount and make his inspection on foot.

New Zealand Herald, October 8 and 9, 1969, quoted in *World Round-up*, FSR March/April 1970.

185. Puketutu, near Te Kuiti, New Zealand (first half of October, 1969).

A total of nine of the mystery circles were found in Central North Island. The ninth was discovered by Mr. C. Blackmore, farmer, who was herding his cattle towards a pond to drink when, having reached a certain spot, all the animals turned round and "bolted back up the hill". On examining the pond, Mr. Blackmore found the circle on a small island in it. There was a strange smell in the area, his dog refused to drink from the pond, and further attempts to get the cattle to drink there likewise failed. The ducks normally present on the pond had vanished. The mystery circle was on rushes, which had been flattened and had turned brown.

New Zealand Herald, October 16, 1969, quoted in *World Round-up* in FSR March/April 1970.

186. Waipukurau Airfield, New Zealand (3.10 a.m., October 30, 1969).

Mr. Cudby, Security Services Patrol Officer, saw a metal object which he estimated to be circular and 60ft. wide, at a distance of about 300ft. from him and only about 60ft. above the airfield. He was able to traverse it three times with the searchlight on his patrol-van before it made off at high speed. He reported that his guard-dog became unusually excited during the sighting. The animal, seven years old and well trained, refused for several minutes to obey him—something which had never been known to happen before.

Daily Telegraph (Napier), October 31, 1969, quoted in *World Round-up*, FSR, January/February 1970.

187. Waikupurau, New Zealand (just after 3.00 a.m., October 31, 1969).

Another Waikupurau resident, who lives half a mile from the airfield and who wishes to remain anonymous, awoke for no apparent reason and, going outside, found that his sheep were in a highly disturbed and excited state. He was unable to find any reason. The time coincided with the time of case no. 186.

Daily Telegraph (Napier), October 31, 1969, quoted in *World Round-up*, FSR, January/February 1970.



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188. Olavarria, Argentina (early morning, November 24, 1969).

Farm manager Aquilo Ramón Costa of Mi Recuerdo farm in Crotto district saw strange beings in shining clothing moving and flying about around his paddock, manipulating powerful lights, which cowed and prostrated the farm dogs, these animals being even too terrified to bark, and one of them even being put to sleep. (Compare with precisely similar case at Trancas, also in Argentina, on October 21, 1963, and already listed as No. 78 of this Catalogue.)

Another Strange Affair at Olavarria, in *FSR March/April 1970*, quoting *La Razón*, Buenos Aires, November 25, 1969.

189. Havant, Sussex, England (September/December 1969). I include this account and also No. 190 because they were reported as "ghost cases", not "UFO cases", and one of our purposes in making this Catalogue is to examine, if possible, whether these two types of phenomenon may not in fact be one.

RIDDLE OF GUARD DOGS AND GHOST HYPNOTIST

Security boss Colin Nixon has a security problem: how to stop a ghost putting its spook in at his guard-dog kennels.

For 28-year-old Mr. Nixon reckons it is a ghost that hypnotises his eight highly-trained Alsatians and gives him sleepless nights.

It all started after Mr. Nixon saw the ghost near his kennels at Mill Lane, Havant, three months ago.

"I heard the dogs barking," he said, "and when I went to investigate I saw the figure of a man lurking in a lane alongside the kennels. I challenged him and he started to walk away. I called to a couple of the dogs, but they all stood transfixed, the hairs on their backs bristling. Suddenly the figure vanished, and when I went to the spot where I had last seen him, there was no sign of anyone. *Not even footprints.* At that point, the hairs on the back of my own neck started bristling."

Mr. Nixon, managing director of Firmguard, a company responsible for the security of several major organisations in Portsmouth, says the ghost is now a regular visitor at the kennels. Every time the dogs begin their night-time howling, residents of houses nearby telephone to his home at Hilmead Gardens, Bedhampton, and report: "The ghost is about again."

Mr. Nixon said: "I have been called out at all hours of the night, and although I have never seen the ghost again, I always sense that something is there. *And until this other presence has moved away, there is nothing I can do with the dogs. They just stand there hypnotised, barking at the sky.*"

(My italics and bold type—G.C.)

Daily Express, London, December 4, 1969.

[**Note:** The very real phenomenon of the hair of the head and nape of the neck rising and bristling is too well known and too well established to require discussion. I myself have experienced it several times in my life: twice in New Orleans, where I lived in an 18th-century *garconnière* in the old *French Quarter* or *Vieux Carré*, and three times in the modern house in which I now live in England. On each occasion, there was unquestionably the sensation of a presence, and I have now found that the traditional methods of bidding them depart are effective. Normally, all this sort of thing is attributed to "ghosts" but there are a number of good cases in the UFO literature. I think it was in the days immediately following the Maury Island affair (1947) that "invisible footsteps" (if one may be forgiven for the "Irishism") were heard in rooms, and cushions and settees were seen to be depressed under the weight of non-visible bodies. There are other cases recorded in Gray Barker's *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers*. And, I repeat, psychic records are full of such cases—G.C.]

190. Preston, Lancs., England (early 1970).

Congregationalist minister, The Rev. Peter Travis, of

Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, is making a study of haunted houses and has often spent a night in one.

In a recent case he and a friend passed the night in a haunted room of a 700-year-old manor house, Chingle Hall, near Preston.

During the night a sequence of the usual poltergeist-type phenomena occurred. Lights were switched on and off. They heard a "tremendous crash", but, as usually happens, when they searched the house afterwards they could find no evidence whatever that any object had fallen or had been moved.

Next morning, Mr. Travis took a spaniel dog to the haunted room. But the dog refused to enter, "stared at a corner, and began to cringe and whimper."

Sunday Express (Manchester edition), March 22, 1970.

[Another perfectly typical "psychic" case, which I include because it has all the classic features—poltergeist phenomena, crashes, frightened animal—though there is no mention of any "UFO" having been seen.—G.C.]

191. Pudasjärvi Hospital, Finland (1.30 a.m., January 28, 1970).

At 1.40 a.m. in the night in question, Mr. Eetu Särkelä, a labourer, saw a stationary bright ball of light releasing four smaller balls of light over Särkivaara Mountain. Ten minutes before, in the Pudasjärvi Hospital, the janitor's dog set up a loud disturbance and began jumping up and down and clawing at window-sills. Three other dog-owners reported similar hysteria in their animals that night.

Again, on the night of January 31, youths returning home from a dance saw a strange light at Pärjäntie. Dogs in the vicinity became "mad", and one of these animals became so hysterical that the owner was obliged to kill it.

UFO Flap at Pudasjärvi, Finland, by Matias Päätaalo, in *FSR Case Histories, Supplement 2* (December 1970).

192. Stirchley, Birmingham, England (6.25 a.m., February 15, 1970).

From her bedroom window Mrs. J. Hayward of Windsor Road, Stirchley, saw a strange round buzzing light which approached the house rapidly, until, from being the apparent size of a tiny star, it had become about 4ft. wide. She described it as "like those big lights they have in ballrooms which flash as they go round (mirror-balls?)." It then receded and reverted to its former starlike appearance. The case is included here because Mrs. Hayward mentioned that, so far as she was aware, her dog displayed *no reaction* whatever during the two minutes or so that the phenomenon lasted, despite the buzzing noise from the UFO.

Mirror-Ball UFO Seen At Stirchley, by Alan K. Crewe and Malcolm H. Drew, in *FSR Case Histories, Supplement 1* (October 1970).

193. Norfolk, England (early 1970).

Mr. Olaf Davy was out gathering mushrooms very early one morning, in a field where there was a herd of cattle. Suddenly the cattle "went delirious, scampering about." He then "perceived a shape," which much resembled a round, plate-shaped UFO which he was to see at Wroxham subsequently (November 24, 1970).

Olaf Davy & the Wroxham UFO, by Peter Johnson, in *FSR Case Histories, Supplement 4* (April 1971).

194. Calgary, Canada (about 8.00 p.m., late August 1970). A chiropractor (anonymous) was riding his horse along a river trail on the Sarcee Indian Reserve, west of Calgary, on a clear fine night, with the stars just beginning to shine.

Suddenly, for no apparent reason, the horse, a mare, became very alert and stiff and started to excrete, a sign of nervousness. Then very quickly she became extremely violent and uncontrollable, turning and twisting.

At that point, the witness said, what appeared to be an

odd low-flying cloud ahead caught the top of his vision. It had a billowy contour and was about 70ft. across.

Trying now to get off his skittish mount, the witness did not at first pay close attention to the "cloud". But seconds later his attention became riveted on it when a solid-appearing object silently started to emerge. It was made of a material that looked like a plastic or fibreglass of a bluish-steel colour. The underpart of it was slightly oval in shape and contained two circular vent-like structures, like the bottom of a mushroom, rotating in opposite directions.

[The full account, including description of the UFO, is still available in *FSR Case Histories* No. 6—EDITOR.]

The rider wondered if the object was giving off a sound that hurt the horse's ears, because by this time she was thrashing her head about very violently, but after a moment the object started to go back into its cloud and the whole formation began to rise, veering off towards the south-west.

By this time he had managed to dismount from his nervous horse and, in a moment of relative calm as he held her reins, he detected a soft vibrating noise from the craft as it was starting to leave.

For two or three days after the incident the horse was very head-shy, and the witness suspected that her ears had been affected somehow by the experience. Unfortunately, however, worse was to come, suggesting that more than merely damage by sound may have been involved. Several weeks later he noticed sore-looking spots, resembling burns, breaking out on the mare's head. In a matter of days these had spread down her neck (the same area in which the horse *Snippy* had been injured: see Case No. 141), and goitre-like swelling had started to appear. "It looked like a mass of tumours," said UFO investigator Bill Allan of Calgary who, with a touring TV crew from the Ontario Department of Education, went to see the horse.

At last report the veterinarians had been unable to diagnose the nature of the trouble, and samples from the affected area were being tested.

But there is still more to this story. After letting the horse graze and calm down, the witness mounted her and was on the way home when she began to stiffen up again. This time she wasn't quite as uneasy and they continued along until something was seen lying in the bushes. It was a horse, lying on its side and obviously dead. The strange part was that its exposed side was badly singed, though there was no sign of a fire. It had only just died, for it was still warm, and there was no sign of *rigor mortis*.

The witness did not at first associate the discovery of the dead horse with his own UFO experience. Next day he and a neighbour went there to examine the carcass and in the hope of ascertaining whose horse it was. Although they had no difficulty in finding the imprint left by the carcass, they found no sign of the horse itself, and the heavy growth surrounding the spot was unbroken and unmarked. Said the witness: "So unmarred was the scene, it was just as if somehow the horse had been lifted directly from the spot and hauled away by air!"

Horse Ill After UFO Incident, by John Magor, in *Canadian UFO Report*, Spring 1971, and *FSR Case Histories*, Supplement 6 (August 1971).

195. Guernsey, Channel Islands, England (10.05 a.m., October 17, 1970).

Mrs. Sybil Gavey of Candie Road, Castel, saw a large object in the sky which she said "looked like a giant shining flying mirror." Her husband Edward Gavey and Mr. George le Page, who were engaged in herding some cattle out of a field, also saw the object. They observed it for a few seconds and then it "closed down to a small ball and vanished, and the sky seemed to be pink after it had gone."

This case is recorded here because the cattle do not appear to have been alarmed in any way.

(Compare with Case 192 where resemblance to a "mirror"

was also mentioned and where the dog was also not disturbed.)

Guernsey Evening Press, October 19, 1970, and *FSR* January/February 1971, p. 32.

196. Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada (October 5, 1970).

Pul Scott, 16-year-old youth, saw an "orange, yellow and green object as big as a bungalow," trailing white smoke and emitting a high-pitched whine. His mother reported that "it sounded like a kitten being killed," and there were rumours that horses in a nearby field had been terrified.

Toronto Daily Star, October 6, 1970, and *World Round-up*, in *FSR* November/December 1970.

197. Denton, Sussex, England (8.10 p.m., March 25, 1971).

Two girls, Elizabeth Aigbogun (13), and Diane Boulton, were riding ponies in a field near Windmill Lane, Denton, when they saw a bright orange "cross" emitting sparks. At first far off and very high, like a star, it later descended, until it was circling around above them at a height of only about 100ft. It then followed them to the end of the road and vanished "with a bang, like a firework."

Elizabeth Aigbogun had dismounted and her pony remained calm. But Diane's pony almost bolted. Other horses in the same field were also disturbed. Both girls were scared and thought an "invasion" had begun.

The Denton Reporter, March 26, 1971.

[I am not sure whether we have already printed this case in *FSR*, but cannot trace it in recent issues. Nor can I now lay hands on my note as to where we should credit it, but I feel that it may have been to Miss Janet Gregory, to whom, therefore, tentatively, our thanks—G.C.]

Tail-piece

La Revue d'Etudes et d'Informations de la Gendarmerie Nationale, Issue No. 87, premier trimestre 1971, contained an article by Captain Kervendal and Charles Garreau in which French gendarmes were advised how they should proceed in the matter of reporting UFOs. A questionnaire was included, showing the sort of details that should be sought from eyewitnesses. Section II of the Questionnaire contains the following item relating to effects of UFOs on animals:

"The behaviour of all animals in the vicinity is to be studied and noted most carefully, and in any case where any animal has died in mysterious circumstances or after a UFO appearance, an autopsy is to be made, an analysis of the blood performed, and a search made for possible effects of radiation."

The Gendarmerie and the UFOs, in *FSR* September/October 1971.

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Gordon Creighton

AS recently as forty years ago all the astronomers and other scientists seem to have accepted the view of Sir James Jeans that the Universe was fundamentally hostile to life, that near-brushes between neighbouring stars (the only method whereby, as then thought, molten matter could be snatched out of a star to form planets) must be excessively rare occurrences, and that consequently we, and our home, Terra, might be unique, or almost so.

By 1949 however Dr. J. E. Lipp, working for the U.S. Air Force's *Project Sign*, was suggesting that within so little as 16 light-years radius from us there might be no less than 22 stars possessing planets suitable for life, one half of them containing intelligent beings in advance of ourselves. And by 1963 astrophysicist Huang Su-shu of Goddard Flight Centre (and now with NASA) was calmly estimating the number of inhabitable systems at about 3% to 5% of the number of stars, meaning around 8 billion inhabitable systems for our Galaxy alone.

Since then it has become more widely grasped that, in the words of Dr. Carl Sagan, our species is all too prone to petty chauvinisms or, as Dr. Hynek puts it, to temporal parochialism, and that, in fact, "the building blocks of life are lying around everywhere" (Sagan). Scientists at the University of California have identified at least two dozen molecules, including those of ammonia, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, ethyl alcohol and water, in the depths of Space. And Dr. Ponnampuruma has established the presence of 17 amino acids in a recently fallen Australian meteorite—and half of them with right-handed configuration too, indicating a very high probability that they genuinely do originate in Outer Space and are not simply the result of contamination of the meteorite after its fall, inasmuch as on Earth most amino acids have been found to show a left-handed configuration when polarised light waves are passed through them.

As for planets, while it is true that so far we possess no telescope or other instrument that can detect a planet in a neighbouring system, it is now considered that, for a start, Barnard's Star (at 6 light-years) has at least two planets as big as Jupiter or Saturn, and that our Galaxy may in fact have at least 50 billion planets. Clearly, there has been quite a change in our thinking since the 1930s and Sir James Jeans.

Meanwhile, in the new field of radio astronomy, Drake (Project Ozma, 1960) was detecting regular pulses that were at first thought to be signals from nearby stars, but were later explained as probably emanating from a secret U.S. radio experiment. In the mid-1960s Kardashev in the USSR picked up what he

thought might be "signals from a supercivilisation", which later turned out however to be from a quasar. Then, in 1967, Cambridge scientists reported the capture of regular "blips" from what they jokingly decided to term "LGMs" ("little green men") which in turn were finally established as being due to what we now call pulsars.

Despite man's failure so far to catch anything identifiable as an interstellar message, our whole Galaxy might well be filled with signals passing between advanced civilisations and transmitted by a technique totally unknown to us. As Dr. Sagan warns, "We may be very much like the inhabitants of an isolated valley in New Guinea who communicate with villages in the next valley by drum or runner but have no idea that there is a vast international radio traffic going on around them, over them, and through them."

As we have frequently reported in *Flying Saucer Review*, the scientists of the USSR have long been particularly interested in the search for life in Space. In 1963, at the Astrophysical Observatory at Byurakan, in the Armenian Soviet Republic, the Russian scientists gathered for their first USSR All-Union Conference on the Problem of Communication with Extraterrestrial Civilisations, and reports reaching the West at the time quoted such scientists as the eminent V. A. Ambartsumyan (Armenia) and several others as holding the view that life—including advanced life and advanced civilisations—must exist throughout the Universe.

Byurakan's international conference, 1971

In September 1971 Byurakan was again the scene of such a gathering, but this time one of even greater importance, for it was *international*, being described in the Soviet press as the **First Soviet-American Symposium on Communication With Extraterrestrial Civilisations**.

Among the Soviet scientists who took part were Academician and astrophysicist V. A. Ambartsumyan; the mathematician and physicist N. S. Kardashev; Academician V. S. Troitskiy, director of the Gor'kiy Radiophysical Research Institute; physicist V. Ginzburg; astrophysicist I. Shklovskiy; and radiophysicist V. Siphorov.

Mentioned as among the foreign scientists participating were Dr. Carl Sagan of the USA; the American physicist Charles Towns (Nobel Prizewinner); and the American physicist F. Morrison. The representatives from Britain included the Nobel Prize-holder D. F. H. C. Crick, FRS, of the British Medical Research Council's Laboratory of Molecular Biology at Cambridge, and

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The effects of UFOs on animals, birds and smaller creatures Part 13

INEVITABLY a considerable number of cases have been missed in the course of the preparation and publication of this tentative Catalogue, which should reach completion with one, or perhaps two, instalments after this one. Today, Gordon Creighton proposes to go back and pick up, in chronological order, those cases that had been missed and that now come to his attention.

THE CATALOGUE—XIII Miscellaneous items

198. Holyhead, Anglesey, Wales (Year 1743).

While working in the fields, a farmer and his servant boy claimed to have seen what looked like a ship under sail, flying towards them from the S.E., that is, from the direction of Mt. Snowdon. "A flock of birds assembled to examine the phenomenon, and flew around it from all directions."

Quoted from the *Shell Guide To Wales* (pp. 190-191). See FSR May/June 1970 (p. 31) (Communication from Mr. S. E. Priest).

[Now a piece of negative evidence. I note, in passing, Carl Grove's two articles (FSR November/December 1970 and January/February 1971) on the great Airship Wave over Britain in 1909. They contain no reference to any disturbance observed among animals or birds—G.C.]

199. Vicinity of Highway 95 and Dead Mountains, California, U.S.A. (11.00 p.m. to midnight, sometime in October or November 1943).

2nd Lt. Thomas J. Duzynski, serving then with the 779th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, saw an elliptical object flying at high speed and apparently making no sound. His tent-mate, who had a dog, told him that the dog had become extremely agitated just at the time when Duzynski was outside seeing the UFO.

Coral Lorenzen: *UFOs, The Whole Story* (pages 22/23).

200. Lönnebarga, Sweden (Afternoon of May 1, 1945).

While sitting in their friends' garden and taking tea with them, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Johansson "heard a sound like falling hail" and observed that a shower of worms was falling out of a clear sky, and covering an area of at least 100 metres × 300 metres. Not a square metre of ground was free of the Fortean fall. Large numbers of birds, including crows, came down to the worms, but as soon as they got close to them, they turned and flew away. A neighbour let his hens out to feast on the worms, but the fowls would not touch one of them. The worms, deep frozen, transparent, and reddish in colour, were about 12 cms. in length, and apparently could not be identified in Sweden. According to Ivan Sanderson, his society (SITU) have also been unable to identify them.

Anders Liljegen: *Mariannelund UFO And Occupants*, in UFO-Sweden Newsletter No. 2, September 1970, and FSR November/December 1970 (pp. 16-17).

201. Sierras de Comechingones, San Luis, Argentina (Noon, January 15, 1950).

Señor Carlos Burmeister and his wife and two friends were riding horses on his farm at El Peñón Colorado in the Andes. The weather was fine and sunny, the sky cloudless. Suddenly the horses pricked their ears forward and gave the first warning of a silvery dirigible type of craft, shaped like a half-cigar, which came flying over the mountains from the East.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 3, 1968 (Communicated by Sr. Oscar A. Galíndez).

202. Ontario, Canada (April 22, 1952).

Alerted by the furious barking of his dog, a man went outside of the house to see what was causing it, and found it to be a bright disc in the sky, reflecting the rays of the sun.

Mas Allá, Buenos Aires, May 1955 (Communicated by Sr. Oscar A. Galíndez).

203. Flatwoods, West Virginia, U.S.A. (About 7.30-8.00 p.m., September 12, 1952).

When something glowing bright red, roundish in shape, appeared from the north-west, slowly flew across the valley to the south-east and seemed to land on a hill, Mrs. Kathleen May of Flatwoods and six boys dashed up the hill to investigate. One of the boys, Eugene Lemon, had his large dog with him. Arriving at the top of the hill, the party either saw—or thought they saw—something horrific, seemingly a large entity, ten feet tall, with a red face, which glided towards them. The party fled in panic. The dog, going up the hill ahead of them, "had set up a terrible racket as it turned the last bend in the path." The next thing they knew, as they caught sight of what they thought was the entity, was that the dog met them, streaking homeward in precipitate flight and yelping. They found it crouching under the porch at home, trembling and whining piteously.

Gray Barker: *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers* (1956). See also Ivan T. Sanderson: *Uninvited Visitors* (1967).

204. Campo Grande, State of Mato Grosso, Brazil (1954).

A man (name withheld) whose story was investigated by Dr. Olavo Fontes and Colonel Adil de Oliveira, Chief of the Intelligence Branch of the Brazilian Air Force, told them that he was fishing in a river 400 yards from his house, when he heard his dog start howling. He then saw two spheres (one of which, much smaller, was rotating around the other) hovering about six feet from the ground. Three small creatures resembling human beings descended from the larger sphere and began gathering up calcareous material on the river bank.

Coral Lorenzen: *UFOs: The Whole Story*, p. 289.

205. Puzzuoli, near Naples, Italy (October 21, 1954).

Under the heading "Dog Victim of a Flying Saucer", the *Western Mail* reported that, according to workers at a rubber factory at Puzzuoli, near Naples, the sight of a flying saucer killed a Pekingese dog on October 21. "They and the dog saw a silver object stop in mid-air for fifteen seconds, then rise vertically with a hissing sound. The Pekingese, they said, yelped at the apparition, then dropped dead!"

Western Mail, October 22, 1954 (Communicated by FSR reader Mr. A. C. Williams of Swansea, who points out the interesting fact that this case occurred on the same date as Case No. 46 of this Catalogue, also in Italy).

206. Kelly/Hopkinsville, Kentucky, U.S.A. (Night of August 21/22, 1955).

In this classic case, in which the Sutton family were "besieged" in their house by a group of "goblins" about 3ft. high, with huge ears and eyes, some of the reports mentioned that the first indication that an unknown object had landed in a nearby field was provided by the barking and howling of the Suttons' dogs.

Dr. M. K. Jessup: *The UFO Annual*. Dr. Jacques Vallée: *Anatomy of a Phenomenon* (1965). Coral

Lorenzen: *UFO Occupants in United States Reports* (in *THE HUMANOIDS*, 1966).

207. Long Island, N.Y., U.S.A. (One night in 1957).

"A government official in Washington, who must remain anonymous for obvious reasons, recently told me about a sighting he had made while living on Long Island in 1957. His dog had started to bark and howl one night, and he stepped outside in time to see a huge delta-winged aircraft passing swiftly overhead in total silence. It was surrounded by an eerie reddish glow. He reported what he had observed to the local Air Force base, and the next day an officer telephoned him and asked for additional details, admitting that several other people had reported seeing the same thing. (Except for a few experimental types, delta-winged aircraft were very rare in the 1950s."

John Keel: *Operation Trojan Horse* (1970), p. 124.

208. Brazil (November 1957).

"The well-known Brazilian writer Frei Fidelis Dalcin Barbosa reports briefly that a man named Osvaldo de Melo saw a landed UFO in November 1957. It was dark brown and emitted heat and blinding light. His horse refused to approach it. He tried to fire his revolver at it, but his hand became so heavy that he could not hold the weapon. From 20 metres, he threw stones at the machine, but found later that they had fallen midway without touching it. After the UFO had departed, his horse still refused to approach the 30 metres-wide circle of scorched grass where it had been."

Professor Felipe Machado Carrion: *Discos Voadores: Impreviseveis E Conturbadores* (p. 51). Pôrto Alegre, 1968.

209. Blenheim, New Zealand (5.50 a.m., July 13, 1959).

Mrs. Frederick Moreland went to the barn to milk the cows and found the whole paddock "bathed in a horrid bright green light" coming from two sources on the underside of an object some 20-30ft. wide which was hovering at about 15ft. from the ground and 150ft. from her. Inside the transparent dome on the top of it she saw two men wearing close-fitting suits of a shiny material. The UFO then vanished upwards with a soft, high-pitched sound and she smelt something peculiar, resembling *pepper*. She continued with her milking, and there seems to have been no effect whatever on her cows. She had to take a break from the milking, but this was because she herself was upset by the experience, not the cows.

NICAP: *UFOs: A New Look* (1969), p. 29.

210. Wiltshire, England (5.30 p.m., December 21, 1960).

A Mr. "W" was taking his dog for its run in a field beside the manor house in a Wiltshire village. It was a very misty evening, and Mr. "W" could see nothing. Suddenly, he heard a banging "as if someone was bashing a dustbin," and then what sounded to him like the beating of many powerful wings. By then the dog had fled home in panic, while Mr. "W" had to throw himself flat, face downwards, as "the whole mist seemed to be vibrating". He suffered from shock and impaired balance for two hours afterwards.

Rev. Howard Bell: *Wiltshire Revisited*, in *FSR CASE HISTORIES*, Supplement 1, October 1970.

211. Little Hulton, Manchester, Lancashire, England (January or February, 1966).

Four boys of Peel Hall School saw a silvery elliptical object hovering above Madams Wood, and on the same afternoon a boy claimed to have seen a "flying saucer" land in a field near the Armitage Estate "and produce two grabs which picked up a cow. A sliding trap between the grabs opened in the side of the superstructure, and the cow disappeared within and the saucer took off." (The paper added however that "no farmer in the area seems to be missing any cattle.")

Farnworth & Worsley Journal, February 5, 1966, quoted in *World Round-Up*, *FSR* July/August 1966.

212. Aveyron, France (1966-1967).

Among the numerous phenomena experienced on a farm in the Mid-Pyrenees region of France (names of witnesses

withheld) were frequent appearances of glowing balls, or "thinking lights", moving around on the surface of the ground. One night the farmer observed one of these "balls" approaching the yard, so he told his two dogs, in the local patois: "Go seek 'em! Go get 'em!" The dogs at once went for it, and "chased it right up to the railings . . . in the corner of the vineyard . . . but they never went too close to it . . . not nearer than maybe 1 or 1½ metres. Then that thing disappeared in a wink, and the dogs stopped barking."

F. Lagarde: *The Aveyron Enquiry*—Part 2, in *FSR* November/December 1970 (p. 6).

213. Lagôa Negra, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil (8.00-10.00 p.m., one evening in early part of January, 1968).

Five people witnessed the arrival of a ten-metre-wide disc on the Lagôa Negra Fazenda (plantation). The disc remained hovering, and two types of human-like beings emerged. Two were about two metres tall, with long hair, walking with seemingly rigid legs. The other three, also with long hair, were about 1.40 metres in height.

The two tall beings came to a point only 60 metres from the house, and returned to the disc after the farmer's wife had cried out in fear and called her husband, who was watching outside. The remarkable feature of the case is that during the twenty minutes of this episode, the five dogs of the household, which normally are savage towards any strangers, were never disturbed and remained entirely quiet even when the tall beings had entered the gate and were close to the house.

Jáder U. Pereira: *The Remarkable Landing At Lagôa Negra*, in *FSR CASE HISTORIES*, Supplement 5, June 1971.

214. Otoco, S.W. Bolivia (6.00-7.00 p.m., early 1968).

As a woman named Valentina Flores was bringing her herds of sheep and llamas into their corrals for the night, she found a humanoid creature about 1.10m. in height inside the sheep-pen and engaged in killing the sheep with a tubular instrument. She attacked the creature with stones and a cudgel, and it cut her on the arms by throwing its instrument at her in boomerang fashion. The creature made its escape by shooting straight upwards into the air, taking with it a plastic-type of bag containing small portions of the digestive organs of the 34 sheep that it had killed.

Oscar A. Galíndez (FSR Representative in Argentina): *Violent Humanoid Encountered In Bolivia*, in *FSR* July/August 1970.

215. Catskill Mountains, N.Y., U.S.A. (8.00-9.00 p.m., late in August 1968).

Mr. M.O., alone on his farm in an isolated area of the Catskills, went outside with his French poodle to take some bread and honey to his horse and some milk for the cat. Suddenly he heard "a shrill, whining sound, like a dynamo," and found himself paralysed. The dog, five feet in front of him, was motionless too. The horse (a Morgan gelding) "was at the fence, standing still with his head in the air, turned towards the side of the hill." Witness felt "pins and needles" sensations in the body, and lost all sense of time. Then the noise stopped, and he found he could move again, and saw that the horse and the dog were also moving again.

Above the barn he saw "two holes in the sky, as white as snow. It was like looking into a barrel. They were perfectly round—automobile-tyre size, and about 3ft. apart. They stayed still and didn't move for ten to fifteen minutes—then disappeared."

Next morning he found that the cat had refused the milk—something very unusual. Witness himself developed red streaks on the penis, and the case involved numerous other UFO-associated physiological and psychic features, poltergeistic manifestations, etc.

Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz, M.D.: *Possible UFO-Induced Temporary Paralysis*, in *FSR* March/April 1971.

216. **White Rock Lake, New Jersey, U.S.A.** (8.05 p.m., March 31, 1966).

A close, tree-height sighting of a UFO happened over an outdoor pool. "Mrs. Connie Bateman's dog howled, and her sister's dog whined and tried to get into the house through a window."

Daily Advance (Dover), April 1, 1966. Quoted by Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz in footnote (b) to article *Possible UFO-Induced Temporary Paralysis* in *FSR March/April 1971* (p. 5).

217. **Hardyston Township, White Rock Lake, N.J., U.S.A.** (8.45 p.m., April 1, 1966).

Mrs. Carol Vander Plate saw a UFO at tree height. "All of a sudden my two French poodles started barking and carrying on. They refused to obey. They went crazy, running in circles, and jumping over the furniture."

UPI, April 4, 1966. *UFOs in New Jersey*, in: *The Journal of the Medical Society of New Jersey*, Vol. 66, No. 8, pp. 460-464, August 1969. Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz. *Op. cit.*, footnote (c), *FSR March/April 1971*.

218. **Hackettstown, N.J., U.S.A.** (10.10-11.10 p.m., on a Wednesday in April, 1967).

A close sighting of a UFO lasted for one hour, beginning at 10.10 p.m., directly over the houses at tree-height and over the fish-hatchery, where Mrs. Lawrence Robinson's springer spaniel puppy "sat still on the ground, howling, and wouldn't move."

Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz. *Op. cit.*, footnote (d), *FSR March/April 1971*.

219. **Woodmansterne, Banstead, England** (10.00-10.30 p.m., evening in last week of August, or first week of September, 1968).

Farmer George Graham, engaged in shooting foxes on his land, saw a strange dark-blue "acetylene-like" glow about 100 yards from him in the field, and then, fifteen minutes later, heard a loud "whoosh", and saw a dark circular shape rising into the air. It climbed rapidly and vanished, all in silence. Next day he found a huge mark in the field, shaped like a keyhole, 40ft. long and 20ft. wide. Grass and roots had been sucked away "as though by a giant vacuum cleaner."

The most curious part of Mr. Graham's story was that there were 20 horses, and about the same number of cattle, in the field (70-80 acres) at the time, and apparently none of these animals were disturbed in any way by the UFO, which he said "was a good deal higher than a double-decker bus."

He also reported that, a week earlier, two girls, who kept horses in that field, had been walking across the field with their dogs to the bus-stop. They too saw a strange object in the field, and their dogs fled, refusing to remain in the field. They found the dogs waiting for them at the bus-stop.

Ron Toft: *Farmer Sees UFO Take Off*, in *FSR CASE HISTORIES*, Supplement 3 (February 1971).

World round-up

of news and comment
about recent sightings

ENGLAND

Discs follow car

The following report is taken from the *Liverpool Echo* of February 21, 1972—

"A Wirral woman has reported to the police that she and her husband were followed along an unlit road by two luminous objects.

"Mrs. Michelle Ryan, of 176 Birkenhead Road, Meols, said: 'We decided to ignore the incident but on reading of the reports of UFOs in Friday's *Echo*, I decided to report the matter to Hoylake police at the weekend.'

"She went on: 'It happened at about 8 p.m. last Thursday night, when my husband and I were driving along Birkenhead Road towards Moreton. It was pitch dark, there were no street lights on due to the power cuts, and no other traffic on the road.'

"Mrs. Ryan said that when her husband said there was a lorry 'right on top of our back window' she looked around and saw two dull, off-white discs of light, one in each corner of the rear window.

"'It was just as if someone was following us and peering into the car,' said Mrs. Ryan. 'When my husband first saw the lights he slowed down a bit, but then accelerated and a gap came between them and the car. Then

they suddenly disappeared.'"

Credit: S. J. Flood of Bootle, Lancs.

"Tennis ball" UFOs at Swinton

Another item of interest appeared in the *Manchester Evening News* on March 22, 1972—

"Mysterious red objects the size of tennis balls have been sighted in the sky over the North-West.

"Amateur astronomer Mr. Les Morris, of Beechfield Road, Swinton, saw a strange red light in the sky while walking home with his daughter, Marlene. 'It was as big as a tennis ball and looked to be 500 feet in the air,' he said.

"Mr. Morris, who works for Shell Chemicals at Carrington, phoned Manchester Airport and was told there had been no planes in the area for at least 15 minutes before he saw the object.

"'I've seen shooting stars and other natural phenomena but nothing like this,' he added.

"Swinton schoolgirls Ellen Chapman and Fiona Cannon, both of Tennyson Road, also saw four of the 'flying red tennis balls.'

"'One was continually flashing and seemed to lead the others about the sky,' said Ellen."

Aerial puzzle at Stockport

Lights in the sky never tell us very

much: this is where the large numbers of misidentifications occur. Was it a rocket decay that was reported in the *Manchester Evening News* of February 11, 1972? There is certainly very little detail in the account—

"One Manchester businessman is a lot less cynical since seeing his first 'Unidentified Flying Object.'

"And he is wondering if anyone else spotted the horizontal band of intensely bright lights, with a shorter vertical line in the centre, that he saw today at about 8 a.m. over Stockport.

"At the time he was motoring between Prestbury and Wilmslow, looking north.

"Police were mystified. So were experts at both Ringway airport and the Air Traffic Centre at Preston. 'This is a very unusual sighting of lights in the sky,' said one.

"'Sometimes aircraft lights are reflected off cloud. And he might have seen two planes, one behind the other and slightly to the side, but giving the impression that their landing lights were one horizontal line. But we don't honestly know for sure.'"

Credit: Gordon Clegg of Sale, Cheshire.

NORWAY

UFO bathes girl in light

From the *Telemark Arbeiderblad* of January 10, 1972, we learn that an

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THIS catalogue has been prepared by Gordon Creighton, who writes: "Since the publication of my Introduction in the January/February issue, in which I talked of 150 or so episodes, I can now say that the finished catalogue will almost certainly amount to more than 170 cases."

THE CATALOGUE—(ii) 1947 to 1953

21. Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. (July 1947)

A week after Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting, Patrolman K. McDowell was tossing corn to pigeons on a parking-lot when he saw the birds get very excited. Looking up and around, he beheld five large disc-shaped objects in the sky. Also seen by other police.

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers on The Moon*, p. 53.

22. Austria (Night of May 15/16, 1951)

The remarkable "Salzburg-Mars Express" case: an Austrian allegedly kidnapped by an entity, taken aboard a 'flying saucer' and then brought back. On *terra firma* once more, the entity "pointed a pencil" at the man's head. Then a dog barked and this seemed to startle the entity: the anticipated blotting out of the man's memory did not follow.

Charles Bowen: *Fantasy or Truth? FSR* July/August 1967.

23. Sonderborg, Denmark (Midday, June 19, 1951)

Joseph Matiszewsky heard a whistling sound, and saw an object land in a meadow. Approaching within 50 metres of it, he found himself "paralyzed" and observed that birds had stopped singing, while cows seemed similarly to be unable to move. Handsome brown-skinned "men" in black shiny clothing emerged from the craft. Eight objects also came out of it and hovered above it. Only when these objects had risen out of sight into the air did the "paralysis" subside.

Jacques Vallée: *A Century of landings* No. 82 (see *Lumières dans la Nuit* and *Passport to Magonia*) taken from *UFO-Nachrichten* of May 1959.

24. Flatwoods, W. Virginia, U.S.A. (September 12, 1952)

The party of people who saw the terrifying "Sutton monster" from the landed craft on top of the hill had a dog with them. Like them, the dog fled home in abject terror, yelping pitifully. It was found there later, under the porch, still whining and trembling.

Gray Barker: *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers*, p. 26.

25. Gaillac, France (October 27, 1952)

Mme. Daures heard a tremendous hubbub among her chickens. Rushing out and looking up for a hawk, she saw a huge smoke-capped cylinder and saucers.

Aimé Michel: *The Truth about Flying Saucers*, p. 137.

26. Osborne, Kansas, U.S.A. (No date given)

Loud honking by geese caused a man to look up into sky and see a saucer travelling fast at a height estimated by him at 2 miles.

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers on the Moon*, (1954) p. 124.

27. Conway, S. Carolina, U.S.A. (January 29, 1953)

Hearing noises in his barn, a farmer went to investigate, and found a light grey object, some 7 metres long and 4 metres high, at tree-top height. It was egg-shaped and lit from within. The farmer fired a shot at it. Subsequently, many head of cattle died "mysteriously" in the district.

Jacques Vallée: *A Century of Landings* No. 108 (see *Lumières dans la Nuit*, August 1969, and

Passport to Magonia) from Personal Communication

28. New Zealand (July 21, and August 18, 1953)

Harold Fulton reports fear shown by his Siamese cat of some unknown things outside the window. Strange growling noise from inside her. Weird odours in house. Poltergeist phenomena. Cat goes out through door, but recoils rapidly, hissing and spitting, leaps into air, and takes refuge under bed. Dog also terrified.

Gray Barker: *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers*, pp. 160-161.

29. Pleasant Hill, California, U.S.A. (October 13, 1953)

Mrs. E. Cortsen, feeding her turkeys, noticed they were greatly excited. Looking up, she beheld four round objects, at great height, glistening in the sunshine, and emitting something whitish.

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p. 201.

30. Sherbrook, Canada (December 1953)

Mrs. Orfei heard furious knocks on her door in the middle of the night. Her Alsatian dog rushed towards the door, then suddenly retreated, trembling as if terrified, and retired to a corner. From an upper window Mrs. Orfei watched two "indescribable" shadows move away from the house, and later, a large round object took off into the air "with a blue-green lightning" from a spot about 100 metres from the house.

Jacques Vallée: *A Century of Landings* No. 121 (see *Lumières dans la Nuit* and *Passport to Magonia*) taken from *Oltre il Cielo*, Italy, Vol. 1.

(We apologise that this instalment is so small. This has been dictated by a need to present all the many cases for 1954 in one instalment—EDITOR)

Lakenheath

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degree of scientific inexplicability is so great that, instead of being ignored and laughed at, those cases should all along since 1947 have been drawing the attention of a large body of the world's best scientists. Had the latter occurred, we might now have some answers, some clues to the real nature of the UFO phenomena. But 22 years of inadequate UFO investigations have kept this stunning scientific problem out of sight and under a very broad rug called Project Bluebook, whose final termination on December 18, 1969, ought to mark the end of an era and the start of a new one relative to the UFO problem.

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.

'Shadow' and 'Portholes'

Sir,—May I refer to *Flying Saucer over Cluj, Romania*, in FSR for November-December 1969.

Florin Gheorghita's conclusion that as "portholes" are not visible, they do not exist, does not necessarily follow.

I assume that two active groups of participants were involved in this incident; (1) the Romanians and (2) the saucer operators. No others appear to be involved. It is logical then to expect that each was interested in the other and hence, if a line were projected between the two participant groups, it would be the line of vision for both groups. The "Illogical shadow" is always on this line.

I have long been an adherent to the "plasma-surrounded craft" theory, and this case is further evidence for this inasmuch as the object was self-

luminous. Self-luminous, that is, except for the area of "shadow", which, if it cannot be ascribed a logical explanation as a shadow, must then be something else. But what? The direct line of the "shadow" and the ground observers I think provides the answer, which is that the "shadow" is the craft's "porthole" (i.e. a hole in the plasma); the brightness of the plasmic envelope causing the high degree of contrast recorded.

A. Calvert, 26, Well Road, Barnet, Herts.

Croydon Library's big list

Sir,—With reference to Anne Dooley's letter in Mail Bag in the Nov./Dec., issue of FSR, I thought you would be interested to know that there are 38 books on UFOs obtainable from the Croydon Public Library. It is also interesting to note that whenever I have

visited the library there have been no more than two or three books available at the same time, and recently there have been none on the shelves and often a waiting list for some of them. I think this shows that more and more people are becoming interested in the subject, and certainly the demand for books has increased over the last few months.

David J. Salsbury, Sanderstead, South Croydon, Surrey, December 30, 1969. P.S. When I discovered that the library had not obtained a copy of "The Humanoids" I went out and bought one.—D.J.S.

(The Croydon Library list—copy to hand—will take some beating. It contains books by most of the well-known authors, with the notable exceptions of A. Michel and I. T. Sanderson—EDITOR.)

An important letter from Dr. Pierre Guérin

Dear Sir,

It is excellent that FSR should be open to a wide sweep of opinions. After John Keel and his "soft" saucers, as Salvador Dali would say, here comes now Peter F. Sharp who, in the issue for January-February 1970, has our extraterrestrial friends arriving, aboard Phobos and Deimos, into an orbit around Mars after a long, long interstellar voyage across the four-dimensional Space-Time of our physics, and has these gigantic hollow spheres becoming satellites of the red planet shortly before 1877.

I promptly felt as though suddenly taken back to twenty years before, when Keyhoe published his first book. At that time, the most serious ufologists felt it incumbent upon them to select only what seemed to be the less "irrational" from the eyewitness accounts, and consequently to eliminate all the rest which smacks of "magic". They calculated the amount of energy necessary for the accomplishment of such long journeys, and waited for physics to make discoveries in the realm of anti-gravity. Sometimes they calculated the chances of life on Mars, in the hope of getting round the immense difficulties involved in interstellar voyages. The science which they attributed to the Extraterrestrials was, at best, the science of our own 21st century.

But alas, and alas, and again, alas! The facts are obstinate. The astronomers who keep watch on the artificial satellites put into orbit around the Earth by man never see the UFOs arriving, so to speak, on our planet from Space. Having left traces on the soil in landing—traces that argue in favour of the solid, material nature of the machine—this or that UFO vanishes instantaneously on the spot immediately after having taken off. Another UFO emerges from a cloud which, a few minutes before, did not exist in the blue sky. And, finally, it seems that—with the exception

of the classical "saucer" type—the UFOs can assume various forms, as though they were seeking to mould themselves upon the machines that our own terrestrial technology is capable of imagining at a given moment in our history.

We no longer have the right in 1970 to ignore such facts. These facts show that the occupants of the UFOs possess a science that, to our understanding, is what our science is to the understanding of an ape. The UFOs have nothing whatever to do with the idea of some sort of manufactured Space sondes, similar to ours and launched from some base in our Solar System. Whether their pilots come from our astronomical Universe or from Magonia I know not: but what I can affirm positively is that they manipulate Space and Time in a manner that to us is incomprehensible and which probably makes it unnecessary for them to traverse the geodesic points of our customary Space-Time and enables them to "materialise" here and "dematerialise" there. It seems impossible to account otherwise for the observed facts. The hypothesis about launching bases on Phobos and Deimos has become null and void.

I would add that the latest photographic observations of Phobos have proved that, contrary to what had for a certain time been thought, the movement of this satellite displays no acceleration. In other words, Phobos is not slowed down by the exosphere of Mars, and this suggests that it is not hollow and artificial but solid like all natural satellites. Phobos and Deimos are moreover extremely difficult to see, even with a big telescope, and there is nothing surprising in the fact of their not having been seen prior to their discovery by Hall in 1877.

Pierre Guérin, Astronome à l'Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris

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PREPARED by Gordon Creighton, this catalogue, which will appear in several sections, will list more than 170 cases. We now put on record episodes from 1954, one of the busiest years in the annals of our subject.

THE CATALOGUE—(iii) 1954

31. Isle of Grain and Gravesend Marshes, England (January 3, 1954) 200 sheep stampeded and found drowned in dykes.

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers On The Moon*, p.311.

32. Todd River Downs, Australia (February 1954)

An Australian aborigine herdsman was riding across a low ridge when a spherical object about 40 feet in diameter terrified him and his steed. "It nearly skittled me off my horse, and lifted sharply as it passed, causing a heavy wind. It rumbled and there were four columns of smoke on each side of it."

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p.203.

33. Missouri, U.S.A. (4.00 p.m., July 30, 1954).

Buck Nelson was alerted to the presence of UFOs over his secluded home by speech in an unknown language cutting in on his radio, and by his pony making excited noises outside and his dog barking and scratching frantically at the door.

A Strange Tale From Missouri,
FSR, May/June 1955, p.4.

34. Quarouble, France (10.30 p.m. September 10, 1954)

Attention of Marius Dewilde was attracted by the howling of his dog outside. "Howling enough to awaken the dead." When he opened the door, the dog came crawling towards him on its belly in abject terror. (UFO and creatures were then encountered by him outside the house.)

Aimé Michel: *Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery*, p.44.

35. Chabeuil, France (September 26, 1954)

Mme. Leboeuf encountered a small plastic-clad "scarecrow" entity and shortly afterwards saw a disc take off. Meanwhile her dog Dollie, and all the other dogs in the village, were barking frantically.

Aimé Michel: *Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery*, p.82.

36. Prémamanon, Jura, France (8.30 p.m., September 27, 1954)

Hearing their dog barking furiously four children came out of their house and saw a small being ("tin ghost") in the yard and a strange large luminous object near by.

Aimé Michel: *Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery*, p.90.

37. Bry, Nord, France (4.00 p.m., October 1, 1954)

A man and his dog were "paralyzed" as a luminous white object dived toward them and climbed away again into the sky.

(Personal communication)

Jacques Vallée: case No. 171 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit*, No. 101 (November 1969) and *Passport To Magonia*.

38. Poncey-sur-l'ignon, France (8.00 p.m., October 2, 1954)

Mme. Guainet was milking her cows in the byre, when her dogs, which usually stayed near her while she milked, rushed out towards the woods, baying. She followed, and saw a vast illuminated "cigar" craft, flying low.

Aimé Michel: *Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery*, p.109.

39. Chaleix, France (October 4, 1954)

A farmer, M. Garreau, observed the landing of an object as big as a car, from which there emerged two men of normal stature, of European type and wearing khaki overalls. They shook hands with him and said something, variously interpreted as either "Paris? Nord?" or something incomprehensible. They patted his dog before re-entering their machine and taking off at amazing speed.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 190 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit*, No. 102 (October 1969) and *Passport To Magonia*.

40. Bauquay, Calvados, France (dawn, October 11, 1954)

A Normandy farmer was on his way across the fields to milk his cow. With two other witnesses, he watched a huge red elongated object, brightly illuminated, sweep towards them at tree-top height. The terrified cows in

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10. It is interesting to note how these features of the invisible door and the walls that are transparent from within while opaque from without still continue to crop up in the stories told by those who claim to have encountered UFO denizens.
11. Compare however with Case No. 54 of my *Humanoids in Latin America* (in *The Humanoids*, Edited by Charles Bowen: hardback version published by Neville Spearman, 1969) where the UFO allegedly contained plenty of instruments but they were all operated by thought.
12. See Case No. 2 in *Healing From UFOs*, in FSR for Sept./Oct. 1969.

the various fields around scattered in all directions, their bells jangling wildly. When the UFO had vanished and the farmer had caught his cow, neither he nor the other farmers could coax a drop of milk out of her, and she gave none until the morning of the following day.

Aimé Michel: *Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery*, p.159.

41. Perpignan, France (October 15, 1954)

Near the swimming-pool at Saint-Assisèle, Monsieur Damien Figuères was walking with his dogs when a reddish luminous sphere landed 30 metres from them and an individual in a "diving suit" emerged and walked around it. The dogs barked at him. He then re-entered the craft, which took off silently.

Jacques Vallée, Case No. 261 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia*.

42. Boaria, Rorigo, Italy (October 15, 1954)

A farmer leading cows to a pond suddenly saw a dark, egg-shaped object, surrounded by short blue and yellow flames and emitting an intense heat, fly over his house. The cows panicked and ran away, throwing a girl to the ground, while the object emitted a burst of light. The witness ran into his house and fainted; three other persons saw the craft depart, flying at 15 metres above the ground. The little pond was found desiccated, haystacks caught fire as the object flew over, and the cattle suffered burns.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 262 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia*.

43. Cier-de-Rivière, France (October 16, 1954)

Guy Puyfourcat, aged 22, was coming back from the fields, leading a mare by the bridle, when he was surprised to see the animal suddenly become restless. Rising from the side of the road, a grey object about 1.5 m. in diameter flew over them. The mare rose about 3 m. into the air, and he had to relinquish the bridle. Then the mare fell in a heap, and for ten minutes was unable to move. Then it rose, and attempted to walk, but was still trembling and stumbling with fear. The witness himself was unaffected.

Jacques Vallée (personal communication): Case No. 272 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia*.

44. Cabasson, France (2.30 p.m., October 17, 1954)

A 65-year-old man was hunting with his dog, near the junction of the Brillance Canal and the Durance River, when he saw a grey object, about 4 m. long and 1 m. high, standing on the ground at a distance of 40 m. It had a dome, from which two helmeted figures emerged. The witness fled, but his dog started toward the object. The dog soon retreated, walking awkwardly as though partially paralyzed.

Jacques Vallée (personal communication): Case No. 279 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia*.

45. Ranton, Staffordshire, England (4.45 p.m., October 21, 1954)

Mrs. Jessie Roestenberg had been feeling strange since midday with a "peculiar tingling sensation in the nose

and throat, as if a cold were impending." At about 4.15 the sensation left her, but at 4.45 she and her two sons, Anthony aged eight, and Ronald aged six, heard a tremendous hissing noise outside—"as though a huge kettle was pouring water upon a mighty fire." Rushing out they saw a large aluminium-coloured, disc-shaped craft 'stationary' very low right above their house. The upper part of the disc was revolving and the lower part stationary, while the upper part was surmounted by an unmoving aluminium-coloured dome with two transparent panels on the side facing them. The craft was hanging, tipped slightly downwards and forwards, and gazing at them through the panels were two men very similar to Earth men, with white skins, very high foreheads, and long hair down to their shoulders. Their heads were enclosed in what appeared to be transparent helmets and their clothing looked like turquoise-blue ski-suits. "The expressions on their faces was unsmiling. Sternly they gazed down at the Roestenberg family," though "not in an unkindly fashion, but almost sadly, compassionately."

Terrified, mother and both boys had the immediate impression that these were not beings from this world, and the boys threw themselves upon the ground. Their dog, which had run out into the garden with them, dashed away, howling and yelping, and it is understood that the animal was never seen again.

As Mrs. Roestenberg stood there transfixed with fear, the machine flashed a purplish-blue beam of light from the front and began to move up and away, silently and rapidly, at an angle of 45, flashing the purple-blue beam the whole time. It circled the house one and a half times, and streaked away skywards.

Gavin Gibbons: *The Coming Of The Space Ships*, pp.64-75. (pub. Spearman, London, 1956)

46. Melito, Italy (October 21, 1954)

A young man walking in a field heard a rustling noise and saw a strange craft land nearby. A being "dressed in a diving-suit" emerged from the machine, which emitted bronze-green rays of light, flooding the whole countryside. The witness was paralyzed. A barking dog about 100 m. distant caused the being to re-enter the craft rapidly and take off.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 297 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia*.

47. Near Winchester, England (night of November 5, 1954)

"I met an ex-airwoman who said that, on this very night (on which 200 yards of turf had been mysteriously removed from a former 'pagan' hill near Winchester), about 20 miles distant from this hill her radio set suddenly went dead at about 9.00 p.m. Her thoroughbred bull-terrier rose and growled. This has also happened before."

Personal account by H. T. Wilkins, in his *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p.237.

48. Monza, Italy (10.30 p.m., November 8, 1954)

A crowd of about 150 people broke down the gates of a sports field, a passing cyclist having given the alarm that there was an intensely luminous body standing in the field, with small shadowy objects moving about near it. Approaching the object, the crowd saw "figures in white trousers, grey jerkins, and transparent helmets," and heard them emitting guttural sounds. One of the creatures seemed to have "a black face with a sort of trunk"—possibly a breathing-apparatus. The disc-shaped

craft was in two sections, and was resting on a tripod. From a dome-shaped cabin on top came a blinding silvery-white light, and on the dome was a thing like an antenna.

Rushing towards the craft, some of the crowd threw bricks, which struck the machine but produced no clang, suggesting that it was made of some soft material. One member of the crowd put his boxer dog on to pursuing the entities, which were now retreating towards the craft. But the dog turned and bit its own master, as though telepathically influenced by the entities. With a shrill siren-like whistle and a "whuffing noise," the machine rose up vertically from the field and vanished.

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p.238.

49. Isola, La Spezia, Italy (afternoon of November 14, 1954)

Amerigo Lorenzini, a farmer, saw a bright, cigar-shaped craft land near him and took cover. Out of it came three dwarfs dressed in metallic "diving suits." They centred their attention on some rabbits in a cage, while speaking among themselves in an unknown language. Thinking they were going to steal the rabbits, he aimed his rifle at the intruders, but it failed to fire and he suddenly felt so weak that he had to drop it. The dwarfs took the rabbits, and re-entered their machine, which departed leaving a bright trail.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 339 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia*.

50. Linha Bela Vista, Brazil (evening of December 9, 1954)

Animals in a nearby field panicked as farmer Olmiro da Costa e Rosa saw a landed machine shaped "like a tropical helmet," cream-coloured and surrounded with haze and making a noise like a sewing machine. Three crew members were seen, men of average height, with broad shoulders, long hair, very white skin and slanted

eyes, and wearing brown coveralls with heel-less shoes. Coral Lorenzen: *The Great Flying Saucer Hoax*.

51. Linha Bela Vista, Brazil (5.00 p.m., December 11, 1954)

Two days later, but in the same area of southern Brazil as Case 50, farmer Pedro Morais was alerted by a commotion among his fowls. Going to investigate, he saw a hovering craft, its lower part "shaped like an enormous polished brass kettle." It was making an oscillating motion and emitting a noise like the noise of a sewing machine. He saw two beings "dressed in yellow bags" take one of his chickens and a tobacco plant and then re-enter their machine.

Coral Lorenzen: *The Great Flying Saucer Hoax*.

52. Near London, England (December 1954)

Mrs. Jean Macdonald-Gregory wrote to H. T. Wilkins that she had been logging many mysterious interruptions to her radio, and added: "My dog's antics are peculiar. These past two nights he has woken me up at 2.00-2.30 a.m. He is very intelligent. Next time he does it, I'll get up and look at the sky."

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p.243.

53. Bradford, England (1954)

"From another part of England—Bradford, Yorks—, . . . another woman wrote that she also found her radio unaccountably go dead, and her cat showed signs of uneasiness, and had its eyes fixed on the window, against which there suddenly sounded a queer swish. She at once went outside, saw nothing in the sky, but found no evidence of wind-disturbance, or pranks of boys."

H. T. Wilkins: *Flying Saucers Uncensored*, p.237.

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.

Mysterious Cyphers

Sir,—(1) In your Nov./Dec. 1969 issue, Vol. 15, No. 6, on page 6, Mr. Aimé Michel shows a reproduction of a sign which he has numbered "9," taken from the caverns of S.W. France and N. Spain. Perhaps some of your readers have noticed the uncanny resemblance to the pattern seen by Lonnie Zamora on the UFO that landed close to Socorro, New Mexico, in 1964. For that matter, number "11" bears some relation to it, too.

(2) For the sake of those readers who do not subscribe to the excellent French journal, *Phénomènes Spatiaux* (published by M. René Fouéré, G.E.P.A., 69 rue de la

Tombe-Issoire, Paris 14ème, France), may I add here that the sign reported on the UFO at San José de Valderas (Spain), as shown on the front cover of *Phénomènes Spatiaux* (No. 22, Dec. 1969) looks exactly like the seventh letter of the modern Russian alphabet! However, the signs reproduced in the same issue, on pages 20, 21 and 23, differ considerably. But the sign shown on page 24 is again the 'Russian' sign. If facetious remarks are in order, might we perhaps soon expect a report indicating that a UFO is displaying a Chinese ideogram also?

Yours faithfully,
Dr. P. M. H. Edwards, Victoria, British Columbia, February 12, 1970.

[A number of readers, including F. Gheorghita (Romania), and J. Lawrence (Australia) have made similar observations regarding the Russian letter 'Ж'—EDITOR].

Public Libraries and UFO literature

Sir,—In view of your regular remarks concerning 'Public Libraries and books on UFOs' I think you may be interested in the fact that the Devonshire Hill Branch Library (London Borough of Haringey) recently mounted a UFO display to promote local interest in the subject. The display, consisting of UFO photographs, posters, and books, proved very popular and was continued for several months. Many

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REMARKABLE cases from another UFO-busy year, 1957, are included in this section of the catalogue, prepared by Gordon Creighton, which will run to more than 170 cases.

THE CATALOGUE—(iv) 1955-1957

54. **Smithfield, near Cairns, Australia** (7.20 p.m., May 29, 1955—approximate date).

Thomas Robinson and two other farmers saw a "light", trailing flames, land briefly five times. The farm dogs ran out barking as it landed within 100 metres of the witnesses.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 363 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières dans la Nuit*; also *Passport to Magonia*.

55. **Atacama Desert, Argentina** (1956).

Dead condors and eagles found in the Andes, in an area where large UFO and gigantic entities were rumoured to have landed.

Horacio Ganteaume: *Have Giants Landed On Cordilleras?* in FSR, September/October 1956.

56. **Poole, Dorset, England** (April 1956).

A number of people reported seeing a UFO cross the night sky. One of them, a Mr. King of Hengistbury Head area, came out of his house to see why his dog was barking, and observed a bright light with a luminous trail moving steadily across the sky at high speed.

FSR, May/June 1956, p. 23.

57. **Twin Falls, Idaho, U.S.A.** (weekend of September 8-9, 1956).

New York World Telegram & Sun of September 14 reported that a 200-foot wide saucer landed on a ranch 40 miles south of Twin Falls and snatched a steer. Three witnesses were: E. L. Rayburn, owner of the ranch and a prominent Twin Falls attorney; his two employees, Joe Parker and Dick Parker.

FSR, November/December 1956, p. 7.

58. **Cabo Frio, Brazil** (10.30 p.m. one night in September 1956).

Sr. O. Guarichi was walking on the beach with his dogs when he saw an object emerge from the sea to land. Two men, 1.80 m. in height, wearing metallic-looking uniforms, came out of it and began picking up objects on the beach. They exchanged gestures with him. When he approached the twenty-metre wide craft, one of his dogs backed away.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 385 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières dans la Nuit* and *Passport to Magonia*. (From *UFO-Nachrichten*, Germany, March 1961.)

59. **Milford, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.** (6.00 a.m. on a day in late May 1957).

Miss Frances Stichler was about to enter a barn to feed her chickens when a flat bowl-shaped UFO with a broad rim came whirring into view only about 15ft. above the barn, halted in a tilted position, and she saw a man, apparently of average size, in a tight-fitting grey helmet and grey clothing, sitting on the rim with his feet and legs inside the craft. Under psychiatric examination by FSR medical

consultant Dr. Berthold Schwarz, of the Brain Wave Laboratory of the Essex County Overbrook Hospital, on December 7, 1968, Miss Stichler, a person with no signs or past history of emotional or mental disturbance, gave Dr. Schwarz the impression that there was no reason for thinking she was not telling the truth. One curious and somewhat surprising passage in her statement was that she had noted no discernible effects on her chickens or on other birds when the UFO approached so close.

Coral Lorenzen: *UFO Occupants in United States Reports*, in *THE HUMANOIDS*, also Berthold Eric Schwarz, M.D., *UFO Occupants: Fact or Fantasy?* in FSR, September/October 1969.

60. **Schenectady, New York, U.S.A.** (October 10, 1957).

Mrs. Edward Yeager, occupant of a trailer near the Duaneburg-Church Road at Mariaville, was feeding her ducks and chickens when a circular object, similar to or identical with one she had seen the day before, swooped down to within 6ft. of the ground and scared away the fowls. Two small dark men emerged from the machine and entered the woods nearby.

FSR, May/June 1958.

61. **Dante, Tennessee, U.S.A.** (6.30 a.m., November 6, 1957).

Everett Clark, aged 12, saw a tubular craft in a field about 100 yards from his house. Near it were two men and two women, apparently normal-sized people and normally dressed. His own dog Frisky and other dogs of the village were close by, barking at the visitors. One of the men from the machine tried to grab Frisky, who growled and backed away. He then tried to seize another dog, but it attempted to bite him, so he let it go. In subsequent interviews with pressmen, Everett Clark said the visitors talked "like German soldiers" he had seen in films and on television. He said that when they re-entered their craft they seemed to "walk right through the side, as if it was glass". (N.B. A Russian "sputnik" space-capsule, containing the dog *Laika*, had just been launched.)

FSR, January/February 1958, p. 5, also Coral Lorenzen: *UFO Occupants in United States Reports*, in *THE HUMANOIDS*.

62. **Everittstown, New Jersey, U.S.A.** (at dusk, evening of November 6, 1957).

Mr. John Trasco claimed that he went out of the house to feed his dog and beheld a brilliant egg-shaped object hovering in front of the barn. He was then confronted by a little man about 3ft. high, "like a leprechaun", dressed in a green suit with shiny buttons, a green cap of "tam-o'shanter" type, and gloves with a shiny object at the tip of each. He had a nose and chin, large protuberant frog-like eyes and a putty-coloured face. Trasco thought the creature said: "We are peaceful people, we don't want no trouble, we only want your dog". Thoroughly frightened, Mr. Trasco replied: "Get the hell out of here!" whereupon the creature fled into the hovering craft which took off straight up and vanished. Mr. Trasco said the creature's voice sounded "sharp and scary," with a sort of "broken accent", as though "from the other side" (i.e. presumably from Europe). The dog, "King", a six-year-old Belgian police dog, which was tethered at the side of the house, had been barking furiously at the intruder

and the craft, and was now frothing at the mouth with excitement and terror.

Delaware Valley News, Milford, N.J., November 15, 1957. Alexander D. Mebane: *Appendix On The Latest American Sightings*, in Aimé Michel's *Flying Saucers And The Straight-Line Mystery* (American edition, Criterion Books, N.Y., 1958). Coral Lorenzen: *UFO Occupants in United States Reports*, in THE HUMANOIDS.

63. Maracajá, S. Brazil (10.30 a.m., November 18, 1957).

Two men, Pedro Zilli and João Ernani, saw six tall thin men in dark grey clothing who entered some aluminium-coloured, metallic-looking discs about 3 metres in diameter which were hovering near the ground about 200 metres from the witnesses. After the craft, totalling five in all, had taken off at incredible speed, the witnesses recalled that for about 20

minutes past the cattle grazing in the vicinity had been showing signs of great disturbance and agitation, looking in a frightened manner towards the group of trees behind which some of the machines were hidden.

FSR, July/August, 1958, p. 27.

64. Drakestown, New Jersey, U.S.A. (night of December 30, 1957).

Auto mechanic George Chowanski was aroused by the barking of his dog and heard a whirring sound "like the sound of an electric shaver." He and his wife saw a lighted object come close to the ground and saw two figures emerge from it and walk around for two minutes.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 453 of *A Century Of Landings*, in *Lumières dans la Nuit* and *Passport to Magonia*.

World round-up *of news and comment about recent sightings*

AUSTRALIA

More Tully "nests"—and others

The *Australasian Post* for June 12, 1969, had an illustrated article recapitulating the events at Tully.

According to Mr. Vincent Mele, Tully resident, the phenomenon is still continuing in that area. He says that the total number of the nests found at the outset (1966) was as high as 23, and that six more of them have been discovered in the past two years.

The paper also printed a photograph of a large flattened area, 60ft. by 25ft., in what appears to be a crop of sorghum or something similar, at Bungalawyn in the state of New South Wales. The ten-foot stalks were beaten flat by something that evidently had landed there. The discovery was made in April 1969.

There were also signs of movement at the site.

(Credit: Michael A. McNamara, Brighton, Victoria.)

FRANCE

Côte-d'Or UFO

From the provincial newspaper *Les Dépêches* for Saturday, May 23/ Sunday, May 24, 1970 (published in Côte-d'Or region of East Central France), the following report from Dijon, signed by correspondent J. Wintzenrieth—

"Barely a year after the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the sky over Chevigny-Fénay in the Département of Côte-d'Or, several reliable witnesses now report having seen a strange sight a few days ago near the Château d'Arceau, also in the Côte-d'Or region.

"It was at about 1.30 a.m., in the night of Sunday, May 17/Monday, May 18, 1970. Six people were travelling in a car along the road leading from the Château d'Arceau to the

Mirebeau-Gray national highway.

"Monsieur Gérard Sutarik, a professor in Paris, was driving. With him were his wife and another couple, also both professors in Paris, and Monsieur and Mme. Claude Defond, who have a transportation business at Mirebeau-sur-Bèze.

"We interviewed Monsieur Defond and he gave us an account of the apparition seen very clearly by all members of the party.

"He said: 'As we were driving along, the surrounding countryside and the car itself were suddenly all lit up by a powerful bluish-green light. It was a bit like a lightning flash, except perhaps for the colour. During the brief period that it lasted—about ten seconds or so—you could see as well as if it were broad daylight. I put my head out of the car door, and saw a sort of tube which one might compare with the burner of a jet plane, and behind it a bluish-green flame about four or five times as long as the diameter of the tube.'

"Monsieur Defond was not however able to describe for us the exact shape of the machine, the flame being the only thing that had held his attention. He is, however, categorical on this point: namely that throughout the phenomenon none of the passengers in the car heard any sound whatsoever, either preceding or following the apparition.

"According to Monsieur Defond, the machine was following an approximately south-north trajectory.

"He went on: 'I estimated the height of the machine at 200 metres. It appeared to me to be of the size of a bottle. Naturally I thought at first of a jet aircraft, but the colour of the flame, the duration of the flash and, above all, the impressive silence that accompanied the phenomenon, permit us to

rule out such a supposition entirely.'

"This is one eyewitness account which we are giving here, but it is necessary to add that several similar sightings have taken place in recent years in Europe and the USA without it having been possible to explain their origin."

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From same paper, *Les Dépêches*, May 26, 1970—

"A resident of Montignac-sur-Vézère, in the Département of Dordogne, last week saw four machines flying in formation from west to east and leaving behind them showers of sparks.

"According to the witness, the objects had the shape of flying saucers."

(Translation: G. Creighton.)

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CASES recorded in this section of the catalogue prepared by Gordon Creighton "bridge the gap" between two major "flap" years, and cover the period which has been referred to by some as the "Dark Ages". As will be seen, however, there were several important incidents during those years.

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65. Keta, near Accra, Ghana. (Nights of April 8/9 and 9/10 1958)

Commander J. O. S. Wilde, R.N. (Ret'd.), at that time acting as area-investigator in Ghana for *Flying Saucer Review*, was awakened at 3.30 a.m. on April 9 by the loud barking of dogs, quacking of ducks, and general pandemonium among all animals and birds. He then noticed a bright light which rose up into the sky from the sea with a sort of "bobbing motion". He watched the light for one hour and was able to establish that it was the cause of the great excitement among animals and birds. The same thing occurred again at 3.30 a.m. on April 10, the alarm again being given by the dogs and ducks.

FSR Sept./Oct. 1958, p. 6.

66. Wednesfield, England. (7.58 p.m., May 27, 1958)

Pigeon-breeder Mr. Reynolds and his wife were standing by their dovecote when a large bright silvery object passed across the sky. They noticed that every one of their pigeons turned an eye towards it as it went over.

FSR July/Aug. 1958, p. 9.

67. Rio Pardo, Mato Grosso, Brazil. (June 1959)

Three men were hunting crocodiles at night in a boat on this river. Suddenly a large circular UFO appeared, halted over the opposite bank, protruded a long tube in their direction from the centre of its under-portion, and they felt that they were being scrutinised. The feature which unnerved them most of all however was the "awful, uncanny silence" which suddenly descended on the tropical forest, usually so loud with varied forms of life even at night. Not a cicada was to be heard while the experience lasted, all sound seeming to be blotted out as if by a curtain.

FSR July/Aug. 1967, p. 6.

68. Glenora, Canada. (October 2, 1959—approximate date)

Miss G. Wilson was riding horseback when a luminous orange object, emitting a "painful" sound, dived down towards them and terrified both horse and rider.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 498 of *A Century Of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia*.

69. Forest of Lond, near Rouen, France. (November 19, 1960)

Monsieur Rémy Carbonnier saw a UFO standing on legs on the railway track near his house during the night. He and his dog "Belote" went to inspect the spot next morning. He found no marks or traces there, but "Belote" sniffed the ground and then dashed away, howling.

FSR March/April, 1961, p. 9.

70. Carignan, France. (8.30 p.m., December 9, 1960)

Three witnesses, in separate locations, observed an oval glowing object some four metres in diameter standing in a park, and a dog barked at it.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 513 of *A Century Of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia*.

71. Dundee, South Africa. (Night of April 28, 1961)

Farmer A. P. Chiolo and his family were awakened by an "unearthly noise", and saw a fiery object pass over the farm. His dogs were so terrified that one of them ran into a barbed wire fence, while the others cowered on the ground, whining.

FSR, Sept./Oct., 1961, p. 30.

72. New Hampshire, USA. (Night of September 19, 1961)

Driving back from a holiday in Canada to their home in Portsmouth, USA, the American Negro Barney Hill and his white wife Betty had a sighting of a UFO and later discovered that there was a period of two hours for which they could not account. Under hypnosis they produced recollections of being flagged down on the road by the crew of a landed UFO and of being taken aboard the UFO for medical and physical examinations.

Their dachshund "Delsey" was in the car. The various references to the dog in the course of the hypnosis sessions indicate that the animal had become very disturbed as soon as the UFO appeared in the sky. They at first had interpreted this as simply meaning that the dog needed to be put out for a run, but the hypnosis now showed that this was not so and that the dog's condition had grown steadily worse. By the time that they were flagged down by the party of beings from the landed UFO, the dog was lying in a tight tense ball under the seat, trembling violently. When they returned after their experiences with the entities, they found the dog still cowering there in the same condition.

John G. Fuller: *The Interrupted Journey*, pp. 6, 12, 93, 123, 136, 178.

73. Barcelos, State of Amazonas, Brazil. (First half of September, 1962)

The Rio de Janeiro paper *A Noite* (September 18) and local papers at Manaus, Amazonas, of the same date, reported that, some few weeks before, flying saucers had carried off a total of 17 chickens, six pigs and two cows from the Barcelos district and then finally, on the night of September 16, Senhor Telemaco Xavier, the local referee, was seen being abducted by beings from a landed saucer after a football match.*

A Noite, Rio de Janeiro, September 18, 1962, and Amazonas papers of same date.

74. San Pietro, Italy. (11.00 p.m., January 11, 1963)

A farmer was awakened by restless animals and went out to calm them. Fifteen minutes later he saw a machine some 4½ metres long land in the village square and saw dark moving figures inside its translucent dome. He tried to approach it but was paralyzed when at 10 metres.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 558 of *A Century Of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia*.

75. Moe, Australia. (7.00 a.m., February 15, 1963)

Farmer Charles Brew and his son Trevor were in the dairy when a thick grey disc about 25ft. wide, with protrusions and a dome on top, came shooting straight down towards the farm and to a height of only 75 or 100ft., during rain. It threw all the animals into a panic. Horses reared up and cows turned somersaults. Many of the cattle broke out and had to be rounded up. All were affected for some days, and would not re-enter the paddock over which the UFO had hovered briefly. The sound made by the UFO was "a whistling, like the whistling of a turbine."

FSR May/June 1963 (p. 23), *Hallucinated Cows*. (N.B. This was one of the cases presented by Dr. James McDonald on March 12, 1968, before the Symposium of the Canadian Aeronautical and Space Institute in Montreal.)

76. Boskloof, Cape Province, South Africa (April-May, 1963)

An outbreak of UFO and poltergeist phenomena kept the small farming community of Boskloof, near Clanwilliam, in an uproar. There were many reports of herds of cattle being frightened by red glowing lights, of dogs fleeing in terror from strange noises, appearances of ghostly figures, falling stones (a typical poltergeist phenomenon), etc.

FSR July/Aug., 1963, p. 27.

Flying Saucer Scare In The Cape.

77. Charlton Crater Case, Wiltshire, England. (July 16, 1963)

Farmer Blanchard's cow, which had been in a field near the one in which a UFO was believed to have landed, was said to bear strange burns. It was also reported that she had suddenly "gone dry" and would give no milk.

FSR Sept./Oct., 1963, pp. 3-7.

78. Trancas, Argentina. (9.30 p.m., October 21, 1963)

Three very fierce dogs inside the house, and two dozen

fowls outside, were for forty minutes cowed and paralyzed by a vivid hot beam of light, varying in colour from red to violet, directed at the house from one of a number of UFOs nearby. As the revolving beam returned and caught the dogs through the windows, they became apathetic and silent, recovering slightly in the intervals.

FSR Jan./Feb., 1966, p. 23.

Argentina 1963-64. Part II.

79. Epping, England. (December, 1963/January, 1964)

Riding instructress Pauline Abbott's horse suddenly stopped dead, refusing to move forward. She heard a "squelching noise" in a nearby field, and saw a UFO take off.

FSR March/April, 1964, p. 22.

Landing In Essex.

80. Burgh Marsh, Solway Firth, England. (April 26, 1964)

The figure of a mysterious "spaceman" is alleged to have appeared on a coloured photograph taken by Carlisle fireman James Templeton of his small daughter. Cattle were bunched together in the field in a strange way at the time, "as though expecting a storm," though in fact the weather was very fine.

FSR. Nov./Dec., 1964.

The Mysterious Templeton Photograph.

*Case 73. In view of Brazil's great prowess at football, it is regrettable to have to record that Senhor Xavier had apparently shown much bias in his refereeing and helped the visiting team to win, incurring thereby the wrath of the local populace. It would be nice to think that lurking UFO entities, observing the game, had been equally incensed by this display of poor sportsmanship. But the stark truth may well be that—like the cows, pigs and chickens—*Senhor Xavier was wanted for the pot.*

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.

Sir,—Whilst reading "UFOs Yes" by David R. Saunter and R. Roger Hawkin recently, I came across a statement that "according to Vallée's Curves, the peak of UFO activity used to match the dates of Martian oppositions". This refers to Dr. Jacques Vallée, of course. I think that what may be significant here is the "used to match". Why don't they match any more? It would seem that the only thing which has changed since then is that this correlation between sightings and Mars opposition has been put forward by researchers. Can it be that as soon as researchers get onto a good lead, this is somehow detected and the lead removed? Could this also be the

case with orthoteny? I don't know much about statistics, but I am wondering whether or not it would be possible to analyse when the Mars opposition correlation broke down with respect to the time when it first came to be noticed. The same could also be applied to orthoteny. If any positive results were obtained here it would very much imply that the UFO phenomenon is being intelligently planned even to the extent of monitoring human reaction to it. The fact that UFOs no longer "flap" during space projects may also be noteworthy.

I expect that other people, more knowledgeable than I, have thought of this approach, but if

that is so I have not heard about it.

T. E. Hilder, Eliot College, The University of Kent.

Mysterious Cyphers

Sir, I can quite understand that those who have little familiarity with the Cyrillic type of alphabet (as used by the Russians and, with various minor modifications, by a whole lot of other peoples) might think the emblem shown on the object allegedly photographed at San José de Valderas is Ж , the seventh letter of that alphabet, but I am astonished that Dr. P. M. H. Edwards, himself a professor of Linguistics, or that a Romanian,

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THIS collection of cases comes from one of the busiest-ever periods of reported UFO activity. Prepared by Gordon Creighton, the catalogue will include some 180 cases.

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81. Moses Lake, State of Washington, U.S.A. (2.00 a.m., August 21, 1964).

Mrs. W. D. Hawes, awakened by a ringing noise, heard two horses in a pasture making a commotion and the family dog barking. Next morning concentric ring markings, etc., were discovered in the field.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. II, No. 12 (September/October 1964), p. 5.

82. Missoula, Montana, U.S.A. (1964).

Professor Charles Maney reported a case of a landing in Montana. The UFO shone a beam of light on to a house at Missoula, "causing the oil furnace to start up and the ranch animals to run wild and crazy."

FSR, November/December 1964, p. 27.

83. Bridgwater, Somerset, England (night of October 30, 1964).

James Sharman and three other men, all of them from Leeds, were fishing in the King Sedgemoor Drain, when a large red, glowing UFO appeared, flying low, and stampeded a herd of some 50 cattle. The four men only escaped being trampled or thrown in to the river by the panicking animals because they were able to shelter behind their car.

Yorkshire Post and Daily Express, October 26, 1964; see also FSR, January/February 1965, p. 25.

84. Butano Girl Scout Camp, Pescadero, California, U.S.A. (8.15 p.m., November 3, 1964).

A barking dog at the camp alerted the caretaker, who went outside to investigate and saw a very bright light manoeuvring erratically in the north-eastern sky. He flashed SOS signals to it with his torch, whereupon it approached and flew around in the vicinity for some time, being watched by three or four more witnesses.

Coral and James Lorenzen: *UFOs—The Whole Story*, p. 242.

85. Warminster, England (6.12 a.m., December 25, 1964, and on subsequent dates).

Among the numerous "UFO phenomena" or "poltergeist-type phenomena" reported from Warminster and vicinity it may be noted that, at or near the outset, at just after 6.00 a.m. on Christmas Day, a young married couple claim that they were awakened by the frantic barking and whimpering of their dog in the garden outside. Josie, their daughter, went to investigate, and found the dog lying in a corner of the woodshed, trembling and whimpering. Just as Josie was about to re-enter the house she experienced, as it were from the air right overhead, the terrifying "whining, crackling, rasping, droning, shattering phenomenon" which later became known throughout the world as "the Warminster 'Thing'." At around the same period there also occurred a case in which a flock of pigeons allegedly fell dead near Warminster, struck down by this mysterious force, *rigor mortis* supervening in the bodies almost at once. The same informant claimed that on yet another occasion large numbers of dead field-mice had been found on the ground

just after the passage overhead of 'The Thing', their bodies riddled with tiny holes.

FSR, July/August 1965 (p. 3): *The Warminster Phenomenon*; see also various Warminster press reports, 1964-65.

86. South Brighton, New Zealand (8.45 p.m., February 3, 1965).

A man saw a mysterious light on the beach near Penguin Street and got out of his car to investigate. He then went off to get other witnesses. Accompanied by a dog, the party came to the place and found an area of flattened grass where an object had apparently rested. The dog became very disturbed and restless as they approached this spot.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 635 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia*; from *Press & Evening Post*, February 4 and 5, 1965.

87. Leroy Township, Ohio, U.S.A. (7.00 p.m., May 20, 1965).

A silvery-white humming disc buzzed the roof of the home of Edward McDonald. His dog fled. A horse tethered in a field "reared up in terror, ears back, eyes wild".

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. III, No. 3 (June/July 1965), p. 5.

88. Loretani Valley, Andes slopes, Argentina (evening of July 15, 1965).

Señor Rubén Busquets and family saw, over a period of some weeks, UFOs apparently entering and leaving a secluded ravine in this valley, not far from their ranch. On this, the first night in question, the object seen was a large bluish truncated cone. They found that one of their *peones* had been thrown from his horse, the cause of the animal's alarm being the UFO.

FSR, March/April 1969, p. 15.

89. Vaucluse, New South Wales, Australia (9.30 p.m., July 19, 1965).

Technical aviation artist Denis Crowe reported that he saw a metallic disc-shaped machine standing on the beach, and that he approached to within 50 or 60 feet of it before it took off. He said: "My only company was about a dozen or so dogs. While the object was stationary they were all barking loudly at it. After it took off, they were all strangely silent."

NICAP, *The UFO Investigator*, Vol. III, No. 4 (August/September 1965), p. 6.

90. Villa Rosas, Bahía Blanca, Argentina (9.30 a.m., July 19, 1965).

Various people saw a "blinding red light" in the sky. One man was in his patio, where he had some canaries, and he noticed that the canaries had observed the red light too and were reacting to it with terrified screeches. They remained highly nervous and would not sing for two days thereafter.

La Crónica, Buenos Aires, July 23, 1965 (FSR files).

91. Goonumbla, N.S.W., Australia (5.00 a.m., July 30, 1965). Attracted by the barking of a dog, two children observed, for the duration of one hour, a luminous object resting upon a tripod landing-gear. (The Australian radio-telescope establishment is five miles from Goonumbla.)

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 665 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia*.

92. **Lagôa Vermelha, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil** (8.30 a.m., August 2, 1965).

As the Catholic priest Frei Humberto de F. da Cunha was driving in his car, a metallic tubular object about seven metres long with two wings (delta-shaped, but with the wings set vertically, i.e. one above and one below the body) shot across the road just in front of him. One of the fifty or so witnesses was a Senhor Orestes Duarte who happened to be riding his horse nearby at the time. Gaucho Duarte at once set out across the fields after the object and made gallant but unsuccessful attempts to lasso it. The case is included in this catalogue because, strange as this may appear, the object evidently did not frighten the horse at all.

Gordon Creighton: *First Catch Your Flying Saucer*, in FSR, May/June 1968, quoting *O Jornal*, Rio de Janeiro, August 8, 1965, Dr. W. Buhler's SBEDV Bulletin No. 48/50 (January/June 1966) and *List Of 1965 Brazilian Cases* compiled by Sr. Jäder U. Pereira, Pôrto Alegre, Brazil.

93. **Milpa Alta, near Mexico City, Mexico** (first week of August, 1965).

A peasant, Attilano Camacho, was awakened during the night by a great hubbub among all his domestic animals. Stepping out of the house and looking around the village, he beheld a round fiery object which was shooting out greenish-blue flashes of light and producing a strange vibration. It flew around the area while he and his family watched in amazement, until it finally vanished straight upwards at a staggering speed.

La Nación, Buenos Aires, August 5, 1965, quoting *El Universal Gráfico*, Mexico City (FSR files).

94. **Ambleside, Lake District, England** (evening of August 6, 1965).

A glowing fiery red cigar-shaped object, apparently with golden-lighted 'windows', was reported to have emitted sparks and made low droning or 'groaning' noises as it passed overhead. Steers at a nearby farm reacted excitedly. Witnesses said that aircraft often flew over the area and that no aircraft had ever been known to produce such an uproar as this among the cattle.

FSR, November/December 1965, p. 25, *Lake District Visitations*.

95. **Parkes, N.S.W., Australia** (early mornings, August 10 and 11, 1965).

A glowing disc with three protruding legs twice visited the McClintock farm at Goonumbla, five miles from the Australian radio telescope establishment. On August 10, at 5.00 a.m., the howling of the dogs awoke the farmer's sons Paul and Wayne McClintock, who then watched the luminous yellowish-white object for an hour. The next morning the dogs once more gave the alarm and the object was again seen by the occupants of the farm.

FSR, November/December 1965, rear cover.

96. **Near Brough, Pennine Range, Westmorland, England** (midnight - 1.15 a.m., August 15-16, 1965).

Three young women observed in the sky a dark shape carrying two bright orange lights. They heard sheep nearby making a most peculiar noise, and cattle 'moaning'. A report in the *Yorkshire Post* (August 16) mentioned that a farmer living a mile distant from where the young women had made their observation also said that sheep and cattle made a very great deal of noise that night, but that he had not bothered to look out and investigate the cause.

FSR, November/December 1965, p. 26, *Lake District Visitations*.

97. **Cherry Creek, New York State, U.S.A.** (night of August 19, 1965).

Harold Butcher was operating a dairy-machine on his father's farm when the radio was suddenly blotted out by static and the engine of the tractor that was driving the

milking-machine stopped. A Holstein bull outside the barn began to bellow, dogs barked, and cows were all terrified. Rushing out, Butcher saw a large UFO hovering just above the ground about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile distant. In its terror the bull was later found to have bent the quarter-inch iron bar, to which it was tethered, into an angle of almost 45°.

APRO discovered that the sixteen cows, giving normally 3-4 cans of milk daily, for a week thereafter yielded only about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cans.

APRO Bulletin, November/December 1965; also Jacques Vallée: Case No. 684 of *A Century of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia* (from ATIC files).

98. **Morrison, South Wales, U.K.** (11.50 p.m., August 25, 1965).

A bright light in the sky lit up the kitchen of a house. A woman felt the beam burning her skin, had difficulty in breathing, and sustained shock and fright. In a neighbouring house at the same moment a dog became extremely frightened, and for ten minutes could not be induced to venture out of the house.

FSR, November/December, 1965, p. iii of cover.

99. **Kensington, New Hampshire, U.S.A.** (night of September 3, 1965).

The famous Muscarello case. Dogs howled frantically and horses inside a barn whinnied and kicked madly at their stalls as a large red UFO was flying around overhead, very low. (The horses being *inside* the building, will certainly not have been able to see the UFO.)

John G. Fuller: *Incident At Exeter*, Chap. 1.

100. **Near Aldershot, England** (8.40 p.m., September 9, 1965).

Miss Jeanette Martindale, while taking her dog for a walk, suddenly found that the animal would not move, and almost at once she became aware of a UFO with 'headlamps' and bright revolving lights, in the sky nearby.

FSR, November/December 1965, p. 32.

101. **Mogiguacu, State of São Paulo, Brazil** (9.00 p.m., November 11, 1965).

During several nights UFOs were seen over the farm of Senhor Dário Anhaia, landowner and chemist. Witnesses including Sr. Anhaia, his wife, and other members of the family. On the particular night in question, at 9.00 p.m., Senhora Anhaia and her grandson watched a UFO land in a field near the house and saw emerge from it two small dwarf-like beings, one of which began gathering up armfuls of vegetation. The other little being meanwhile stood by a fence, seemingly studying a mare* which was on the other side. The case is recorded here because the press-reports make no mention of the horse or of any other of the farm-animals being disturbed in any way or reacting to the presence of the craft or the small alien beings.

Brazilian press-reports sent to FSR by Mr. Nigel Rimes; also Coral Lorenzen: *Flying Saucers: The Startling Evidence Of The Invasion From Outer Space*, p. 244.

102. **Finland** (Winter 1965-66).

A UFO hovered above a farm one night, and melted the snow on the roofs of the buildings. Next morning it was noticed that a stray dog, which had hitherto put in an appearance daily at the farm to get food, refused to approach the premises.

FSR, September/October 1966, p. 6.

* The press-reports describe this mare as "a placid animal." But may one wonder whether its placidity on this occasion was not due to some sort of hypnotic influence exercised by the UFO entity? The UFO being on the ground, perhaps with its 'engine' turned off, there would also have presumably been no VHF effect to disturb the horse.

World round-up

of news and comment
about recent sightings

CANADA

"Censored" facts emerge

In a gossip column entitled "People", the Toronto *Daily Star* of October 6, 1970, carried the following item, a seemingly insignificant little piece with a neat explanation, tailor-made for the respective notebooks of J. A. Keel and W. T. Powers:

"Paul Scott, a 16-year-old Truro, N.S., youth, spotted an 'orange, yellow and green object as big as a bungalow,' trailing white smoke and emitting a high-pitched whine, as he was on his way to school this week, thus setting off the Maritimes' first flying saucer scare in some time. Paul's mother reported that the UFO sounded 'like a kitten being killed' and there were reports that horses in a nearby field were terrified. Canadian and U.S. officials were trying to piece things together yesterday, and the anti-climax apparently is that the mysterious object was an artificially produced barium ion cloud used by the U.S. space agency for atmospheric research."

It so happened that the reader who sent us this clipping was able to obtain a copy of the UPI story, presumably the *Daily Star's* source, as it came off the Canadian Press wire. In the interests of accuracy we here fill in those points which were omitted from the newspaper's version.

The emergence of a far-from-insignificant news item suggests the newspaper version could be just one more essay in the gentle art of de-bunking.

1. The wire story was headed: "*Thing 10/5 MR*" and datelined Halifax, Nova Scotia. The story was numbered 244A. It can be assumed the date of the incident was October 5.

2. Truro is some 60 miles N.W. of Halifax.

3. Paul Scott was "*One of the first to spot the object . . .*"

4. Paul "*. . . ran home to his mother, who said she saw the object as it disappeared over the horizon.*"

5. It was U.S. officials of NASA at Norfolk, Virginia, who announced that . . . "*the object Nova Scotians saw early Monday was 'an artificially produced' barium ion cloud . . .*"

6. Completely omitted was the following information: "*The Canadian Armed Forces Radar base at Sheerwater, near Halifax, said it made contact with a 'solid, stationary unidentified object' at 6.10 a.m. (AST). 'The object was motionless and stayed*

that way for about 10 minutes,' said the Base Air Traffic Control Officer, Capt. R. G. H. McKendry. 'That's pretty unusual,' he added. His report placed the object at an altitude of 2,500 feet, seven miles north of the base. Contact was lost when radar control had to be redirected to incoming aircraft."

7. We learn that: "*Local radio stations were flooded with reports from early risers, some of whom expressed concern.*"

ENGLAND

Mystery animals again?

In 1964 a number of reports were received telling of mystery Pumas, sometimes associated with strange aerial light beams, and even, in South Africa, with a flying saucer. Mystery animals have been reported from time to time since then; here is the latest, reported in the *Daily Mail* of August 14, 1970:

"Animal resembling a black panther was seen by AA patrolman at Telegraph Hill, near Exeter, Devon. Several similar sightings have been reported there recently."

Again, in the *Birmingham Evening Mail* of August 14:

"A.A. patrolman Les Richards believes he saw a black panther while on patrol duty near the main Torbay road, Exeter. Police searched the area but found no trace of it."

(Credit: **Unknown reader**, to whom we also would like to say "Thank you" for other support!)

MALAYSIA

Very little men!

A strange story from Singapore and Malaysia burst on us at the end of August. The account which follows (we will include extracts from other accounts where additional information appears in them), is taken from the *Singapore Straits Times* of August 21, 1970. It was forwarded to us by G. Hagland, who had just returned from Malaysia to rejoin his school at Witley, Surrey. The account is datelined "Penang, Thursday" (August 20). Penang is an island off the West Coast of Malaysia.

[A well-meaning reader recently asked me why I had included the bizarre story of the tiny aeroplane and pilot in *FSR* for July/August 1970. I explained that reported UFOs and occupants come in all shapes and sizes, and, as it is within the bounds of possibility that some of the things seen and reported are images induced, perhaps by radiation or by a form of hypnosis, in the minds of wit-

nesses who could be under some form of control at the time—even to the extent of inflicting injuries on themselves, or making holes in the ground—we cannot afford to overlook anything—EDITOR.]

"The 'little men' are here again—if you are to believe six little Bukit Mertajam schoolboys.

"The boys, all students of the Stowell English Primary School, claimed that a soup-plate sized flying saucer landed near them as they were playing 'cops and robbers' in the bush beside the school yesterday evening.

"One boy claimed that he was even shot at by one of the five 'horrible looking' three-inch space Lilliputians, using a minuscule space gun.

"Whether it was mass hallucination or over-wrought imagination of the boys, the tale has gripped the whole Bukit Mertajam district in Central Province Wellesley with flying saucer fever. By tonight, hundreds of people were converging on the school, which was forced to shut its gates.

"This is the first report of a Malaysian 'landing' of a flying saucer since a similar story of 'little men' being found near a Johore Bahru school last year.

"The six boys who reported their unearthly brush with the tiny spacemen were: Mohamad Zulkifli, 11, Abdul Rahim, 10, David Tan, 9, Sulaiman, 10, S. Vickneswaran, 10, and Mohamed Ali, 8.

"We went back to the scene at about 6.30 this morning and found the saucer still there, surrounded by the spacemen," said Zulkifli today. "They were only about three inches high but they looked horrible," he added.

"Another boy, Mohamed Ali, told the headmaster, Mr. Ooi Keat Guan, that one of the spacemen took out what looked like a little gun and took a shot at him.

"It struck me on my hand, but didn't hurt very much. All I felt was a little pain."

"Mr. Ooi promptly proceeded to the scene with another teacher but found no trace of the space ship or the aliens.

"Zulkifli said some of them were busy playing when they suddenly saw a small flying object land near them.

"To our amazement five little men put out a gangway and alighted from the saucer," he said. "One of them, obviously the leader, was dressed in a yellow suit. The other four wore blue uniforms. We then saw them installing an aerial on a tree branch and send out signals. We got scared and ran away."

"Early this morning, some of the

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THE cases included in this section of our catalogue come from another of the major "flap" years. Prepared by Gordon Creighton, the list continues to grow, and by the time we reach the final section it will probably consist of more than 200 cases.

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103. Málaga, Spain. (January/February, 1966)

A creature 1 metre high, with a large head, fangs, and long hair, was seen to enter an empty and derelict house in the Calle Alta, where it vanished. Investigators discovered the curious fact that whereas the house had formerly swarmed with rats and also with cats preying on the rats, for some time past not a single rat or cat had been seen there.¹

FSR, March/April 1967, pp.31-32.

104. El Berrial, Venezuela. (January 16, 1966)

The peasant Antonio Grozco was riding on his donkey, when an object flew overhead. He dropped dead. His donkey apparently was unhurt.

FSR, November/December 1966, rear cover.

105. Tully, Queensland, Australia. (January, 1966)

According to the *Sun-Herald* of January 23, 1966, Mr. Albert Pennisi said his dog suddenly "went mad" and bounded off towards the lagoon where the Queensland "flying saucer nests" were found.

Report by Mrs. Judith Magee, FSR, March/April 1966, p. 28.

106. Eliot, Maine, USA. (Night of March 16, 1966)

A family observed a red ball of light, with an adjacent small red light that blinked in unison with a high-pitched "beeping sound". Dogs in the neighbourhood barked and howled while the UFO was present.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. III, No. 7 (March/April 1966), p. 3.

107. Attignéville, France. (1.30 p.m., March 26, 1966)

Shepherd Jean Voilquin saw a strange object—the "cross-country cogwheel"—running across the fields. His herd of sheep huddled together timidly as it went past them, while his two dogs took off in pursuit of it, but did not manage to catch up with it and it vanished into the next field.

Charles Bowen: *Cross-Country Cog Wheels*, in FSR, September/October 1966, p. 16.

108. Alto, Tennessee, USA. (Midnight, April 5-6, 1966)

Two men saw an object hovering above a swamp. They noticed also that cows, horses and dogs in the vicinity were all very disturbed.

Jacques Vallée: (From ATIC Files, U.S. Air Force.) Case No. 735 of *A Century Of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia* (Regnery, Chicago, edition).²

109. Yorktown, Iowa, USA. (2.10 a.m., April 23, 1966)

Farmer Ronald E. Johnson, living on Route No. 2, Yorktown, a few miles west of Clarinda, Iowa, was awakened by a loud roar. Getting up and looking southwards through his window, he saw a cigar-shaped object, about 60ft. long, landing in a field within 50ft. of his house. The roar ended

as it landed "on a series of 17 to 20 long legs." A vivid red light on the craft bathed the surroundings in a blood-red glow. After landing, the object emitted a series of loud, explosive, crackling noises at regular intervals, like gunshots, and the air was filled with an odour which the farmer recognised as resembling that of ozone. For twenty minutes he observed the object remaining stationary in his field, and he then returned to bed. Next morning, on inspecting the farm, he found that something had evidently greatly disturbed his cattle during the night, for they had all bolted to the far end of the pasture where, as he put, they "were still acting up considerably", and they refused to return to the farm that morning for feeding. At the spot where the object had landed he found a series of distinct impressions.

NICAP Special Report: *UFOs: A New Look* (1969), p. 22.

110. Tashkent, USSR. (About 4.20 a.m., April 26, 1966)

At the precise moment when many Americans were watching a meteor streaking across the evening sky towards the Atlantic, thousands of miles away in Tashkent (lying on the opposite side of the globe to the north-eastern United States, and with a nine-hour time difference from the American Atlantic seaboard) a blinding flash of light accompanied the great earthquake which struck the Tashkent Fault, killing a few people but leaving 200,000 homeless. The American "meteor" and the Russian "quake" coincided precisely, the time at Tashkent being 5.23 a.m.

About one hour previously however (i.e. at 4.20 a.m., Tashkent time) a schoolteacher living near the Tashkent Fault noticed that her dog began to howl. When the earthquake occurred, the dog rushed towards the door just before each of the many shocks that were felt.³

John Keel: *UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse*, pp. 146-147.

111. Near Sawtry, England. (5.00 a.m., April 28, 1966)

Two men from Lincoln, Peter Rushton and Derek Robinson, were sleeping in a parked van on a side-road. Rushton awoke suddenly at 5.00 a.m. with an acidic taste in his mouth and difficulty in breathing. He aroused his companion. They heard birds screeching in the trees all around them, and saw two large spherical orange objects the apparent size of a sixpenny-piece held at arm's length. The birds fell quiet again as soon as the objects had faded from view.

FSR, May/June 1967, p. 31.

112. Rebouillon, France. (3.45 a.m., July 17, 1966)

Returning home by car from Draguignan, René Pebre and two companions saw an oval, grey, metallic object, about five metres long, stationary at a low altitude some 300 metres from the road, and noticed that all the dogs in the neighbourhood were barking.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 781 of *A Century Of Landings*, in *Lumières Dans La Nuit* and *Passport To Magonia* (from GEP Bulletin, September 1966).

113. Baltimore, USA. (Early on August 1, 1966)

Residents of the Country Ridge housing development were awakened in the early morning by barking dogs. At least two families saw a hovering egg-shaped object which had

flashing lights on the upper and lower sections and was making a loud whirring or whining noise.

NICAP Special Report, *UFOs: A New Look* (1969), p. 12.

114. Presque Isle and Erie Area, USA. (August 3, 1966)

A woman claimed that she saw a humanoid about 5½ft. high, dressed in yellow clothing and walking in the streets of Erie, Pa., at 5.30 a.m. She had been awakened by the barking of the local dogs, a pack of which were yapping at the creature's heels, but it ignored them.

John Keel: *New Landings & Creature Reports*, in FSR, November/December 1966, p. 8.

115. Heraldsburg, California, USA. (Early on August 20, 1966)

Otto Becker and his son and daughter-in-law awoke to find the whole house bathed in bright light from an object which they estimated to be as tall as a six-storey building and which was at tree-top level some 60 metres or so from the house. Their domestic animals were all greatly disturbed and the witnesses themselves suffered for several days from inflammation of the eyes.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 789 of *A Century Of Landings, in Lumières Dans La Nuit and Passport To Magonia*.

116. Jonesboro, Tennessee, USA. (Noon, October 12, 1966)

Mrs. Burnette S. Fox, Mrs. Jones, and various neighbours saw a number of flying silvery objects discharge "some substance in sheets" that broke into strands resembling spider-web. It was sticky, adhered to everything, and burned Mrs. Fox on one finger. All the witnesses became nauseated, and felt itching sensations, and everyone who entered their backyards during the period till the following Saturday (when it rained) also felt this itching. Mrs. Fox said that her dog would not leave the house until the rain came on the Saturday, and her cows also refused, until it had rained, to go into the field where the substance had fallen. She added that other farmers in the area had reported similar behaviour by their animals.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. III, No. 10 (October/November 1966), pp. 5-6.

117. Newton, Illinois, USA. (6.45 p.m., October 14, 1966)

An adolescent saw a bright light, and then observed a plate-shaped object hovering near the house. The object then moved away at high speed, causing a static effect on the telephone while the boy was calling his mother to try to describe the object to her. On returning home, she found the boy in a state of shock and the dog hiding in a corner.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 801 of *A Century Of Landings, in Lumières Dans La Nuit and Passport To Magonia* (personal communication).

118. Gallipolis, Ohio, USA. (Night of November 15, 1966)

According to the newspaper *Tribune* of November 18, 1966, Mr. Newell Patridge of Doddridge County had reported that on the night of November 15 his TV set started "acting like a generator", and his German shepherd dog "Bandit" "started carrying on something terrible". Patridge said he shone a flashlight into the field next to his house, and saw something there "like two red reflectors". The dog's hair stood straight up, and it ran out into the field. *It was never seen again.*

John Keel: *West Virginia's Enigmatic "Bird"*. In FSR, July/August 1968, pp. 7-14.

119. Cheshire, Ohio, USA. (4.45 a.m., November 17, 1966)

Mrs. Roy Grose was awakened by the barking of her dog, and arose to investigate. Looking through the kitchen window, she saw the Moon and also a bright circular object, the size of a small house, which seemed to have sections or compartments of blue and red windows. After zig-

zagging to and fro, the object vanished.

APRO Bulletin, November/December 1966.

120. Clifton Hampden, Berks, England. (8 p.m., November 18, 1966)

Just as she was shutting up her two Corgi dogs for the night, Mrs. Gillian Partlett saw a bright orange object hover above her for two minutes. The two dogs started whining, "making a dreadful noise".

FSR, January/February 1967, p. 32.

121. Gallipolis, Ohio, USA. (November 1966)

According to the newspaper *Times-Sentinel* of November 20, 1966, Mr. William Watson of George's Creek Road had found his German shepherd dog crushed to death in a field. Every bone in the dog's body was crushed. The knee-high grass around the animal was flattened in a perfect circle 20ft. in diameter. There was no sign that the dog had been attacked by any ordinary animal. No blood was in evidence.⁴

John Keel: *West Virginia's Enigmatic "Bird"*. In FSR, July/August 1968, pp. 7-14.

122. Haynesville, Louisiana, USA. (8.15 p.m., December 30, 1966)

An American nuclear physicist was driving southwards with his family. The weather was overcast and it was raining. At a point just before they reached Haynesville they saw, stationary in the forest, either just below the tree-tops or at ground level, a pulsating dome of light which alternated between a dim red and a bright orange. At one moment its luminosity suddenly became far brighter than the car's headlights, and awoke the scientist's two children who had been asleep on the back seats. The scientist (a professor of physics as well as a nuclear researcher) made some rapid calculations of the amount of energy represented by the light, and was so impressed that he returned to the area next day with a scintillometer, and was able to determine the position of the light as having been about one mile from his car at the nearest point.

Then, while walking in the forest, he noticed that for a considerable distance around the landing site, all animal life appeared to have utterly vanished. There were no squirrels, no birds, not even any insects, and as a keen hunter he was himself familiar with the abundant Louisiana fauna. Finally, on enquiring among local people who had also seen the light, he made the startling discovery that important losses of cattle had occurred that same night. He also detected traces of burns on the ground. He reported the matter to both the U.S. Air Force and the Condon Commission at the University of Colorado.

Jacques Vallée: *Passport To Magonia*, pp. 45 and 338.

123. West Virginia and Ohio, USA. (1966-1967)

According to John Keel, "dog disappearances and the mutilation of cows and horses are now common in West Virginia and Ohio. The police are baffled."

John Keel: *West Virginia's Enigmatic "Bird"*. In FSR, July/August 1968, pp. 7-14.

NOTES

¹ With this sort of case, in which no UFO is reported, we are faced with the possibility that it is some sort of "psychic" phenomenon. As I hope I have made clear, however, I feel that there is so much overlap between the two categories of phenomena that one of my main purposes in making this catalogue is to examine the possibility that UFOs and "psychic phenomena" may be of identical nature, or in some way related.

² The edition of *Passport to Magonia* referred to as a reference throughout this catalogue is the American one published by the Henry Regnery Co. of Chicago in which the list of landings is carried as an appendix.

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LIVING CREATURES, EARTHQUAKES AND UFOs

Gordon Creighton

SOME readers may wonder why I included the Tashkent item (No. 110) in Part VII of *A New FSR Catalogue*.

The fact that animals and birds and fish can detect the occurrence of earthquakes hours or even days beforehand is too well known to merit much discussion, hundreds of such cases being on record. There is a species of small ornamental fish in Indonesia which has such an unerring faculty for detecting the approach of 'quakes that it is now in high demand in Japan where people keep them in a tank or bowl in the home and watch them carefully from time to time. When an earthquake shock is coming these fish give clear warning by bunching together in the corner of the tank furthest from the future epicentre of the 'quake (and facing towards the epicentre), and thus provide an

excellent warning system.

I included a reference to this phenomenon of animal warnings about earthquakes in the Catalogue because there are still various mysterious factors. For example, we do not yet know the relationship—if any—between UFOs and earthquakes, but it is important to bear in mind that a good many investigators believe that there is such a relationship, and indeed *some investigators even think that UFOs "cause" earthquakes.*

What we do know is that there are numerous cases on record, as for example in the great Japanese 'quake of September 1, 1923, in which "lights" were seen overhead in the sky at the time of the shocks; in the severe Algerian 'quakes of September 9 and September 26, 1954; in the strong English earthquake which shook eleven

counties of the Midlands on February 11, 1957, and during which "tadpole-shaped UFOs" were reported as having been seen overhead in the sky. Similarly, there have been numerous reports of "UFOs" and "flying saucers" observed over or near the menacing San Andreas Fault in California since at least as far back as 1896.

The scientific explanation for these "lights in the sky" which accompany earthquakes is that they are *piezo-electrical phenomena*, and it is no doubt correct. But there obviously still remain some mysterious areas. It may, for example, turn out that in some cases the *piezo-electrical* explanation is entirely correct, while in other cases what has been seen may well have been a UFO which was engaged in observing an earthquake. (Or in producing one?)

World round-up

*of news and comment
about recent sightings*

ENGLAND

Rainham low-level saucer

The *Brentwood Argus* of August 20, 1970, told of an alleged near-landing—

"A flying saucer was seen at Rainham last week. In fact it almost landed, says Mr. Richard Jones, 20, of Burwood Gardens.

"Mr. Jones was driving in Rainham Road, with 19-year-old Pauline Routledge of Newlands Road, Billericay.

"Mr. Jones told police they stopped about 10.50 p.m. on Wednesday after they heard 'loud electrical noises.' He thought there was a fault with his car.

"He says the object, about 20 feet long and 10 feet wide, hovered only a little way above the ground for a few seconds before flying away towards Hornchurch. It was glowing red with four white lights along its underside.

"A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: 'We have absolutely no idea what this could have been. There were no other sightings reported. But if anyone did see it, we would welcome a letter stating the time and place of the sighting. This one is a mystery to

us, we have no idea what it might have been.'"

Speedy "magnesium flare" UFO

An item now from *Pulman's Weekly News* of November 3, 1970—

"A ball of white light that made a slight whistling sound as it shot across the sky over Sidmouth puzzled many early risers on Thursday. (October 29, 1970.)

"Local trawlermen were among those who said they had seen the strange 'thing' at 7.20 a.m. just as the sky was beginning to become light.

"Another witness was Mr. John Pratt, of 7, Church Street, who said he was near the Market Place when he saw the ball of light go whizzing across the sky and disappear behind Knowle.

"He described it as being like a magnesium flare. But he added, 'When a plane drops a magnesium flare, it either falls straight down to earth or floats down gently on a parachute. This thing was moving at a terrific speed across the sky. I watched it for about 20 seconds before it

vanished.'

"As it travelled through the air, it left behind a trail of vapour or white smoke about 1,000 feet up.

"'At first,' said Mr. Pratt, 'I hesitated to talk about it because people might think I had imagined it, but I have since met several others who saw it.'"

Credit: Mrs. Clare Branch of Honiton.

Unusual object over Cornwall

With the Huntington film (taken from the A1 road, near Newark—see FSR CASE HISTORIES *Supplement 2* of December 1970) very much in mind, we were interested to read the following account which was published in *The West Briton and Royal Cornwall Gazette* of Thursday, November 26, 1970—

"An 'unidentified flying object' seen high over Redruth and Falmouth yesterday morning mystified keen-eyed workers and schoolchildren.

"Some of the staff of Tolgus CS School, Redruth, certainly saw the object, and 15-20 pupils saw it from

A NEW FSR CATALOGUE

The effects of UFOs on animals, birds, and smaller creatures Part 8

WE now come to an even busier year report-wise. So busy that it must of necessity be spread over two parts of our Catalogue. Prepared by Gordon Creighton, the final section of this list will probably reach the 200th case!

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121. Point Pleasant, West Virginia, U.S.A. (10.30 p.m., January 10, 1967).

Hearing his beagle dogs barking furiously, Mr. Wallie Barnett went outside to investigate. He saw an object, of the size of a Volkswagen car and with brightly lit windows, which was floating about close to the ground around his chicken-coop. The object came to within sixty feet of him.

John Keel: *From My Ohio Valley Notebook*, FSR, May/June 1967, pp. 3-4.

122. Old River, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, U.S.A. (January 12-13, 1967).

A man who was in a boat on this river took three very good Polaroid photographs of a UFO. On the morning of the 13th, he was struck by the quite unusually large number of dead fish floating on the water. Shortly after this, he again saw the UFO—or a similar object—and was again able to photograph it. On this occasion his attention was first drawn to it by alarmed birds: "What sounded like a million crows, all chattering like crazy," in a clump of trees across the river and just beneath the UFO.

APRO Bulletin, March/April 1967.

123. Malta, Montana, U.S.A. (9.00 p.m., one evening in January 1967).

Farmer Wilfred Tremblay and his wife and family were alerted by the barking of their dog, and saw a large rectangular object with red and amber lights moving rapidly in the distance and then landing in a field.

APRO Bulletin, January/February 1967.

124. Hilliards, Ohio, U.S.A. (evening of February 5, 1967).

A young man heard a strange noise, and also heard a dog barking furiously. He then witnessed the landing, in a field, of a large egg-shaped object, from which some entities emerged. These placed spheres around the craft. Then a man came across the field and appeared to be in conversation with them. The watching witness stepped on a twig and the entities, alerted by this, caught sight of the witness, chased him, seized him by the neck, and inflicted on him a wound resembling a burn. They tried to get him into the UFO, but finally dropped him and took off in their machine.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 1 (May/June 1967).

125. Red Hill, New Hampshire, U.S.A. (midnight, March 3, 1967).

Driving in their car towards Sandwich, with their dog, Charles Fellows and his wife saw a dark "clam-shaped" UFO which emitted a sound like the sound of a motor and "gave off a ping-type electrical charge." Said Mrs. Fellows, in a report to NICAP: "The air had an electrical sparking in it, and our dog began to be very disturbed, and his hair stood up like a bush."

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. III, No. 12 (March/April 1967).

126. Bartlett, Illinois, U.S.A. (early morning of March 7, 1967).

Mrs. Lucille Drzonek of Bartlett was driving with relatives and with her dog, a beagle, in the car. The party saw a disc-shaped object descend in a wooded area, emitting a red glare, and "the beagle stood against the window of the car with all his hair raised in fright." Turning back so as to observe better, the party then experienced a brilliant white glare from something which "zoomed up out of the woods and shone straight into the rear window of the car." By this time the group of women were terrified. The UFO pursued them as far as their home.

APRO Bulletin, March/April 1967.

127. Lebanon, Ohio, U.S.A. (night of March 18, 1967).

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Smith and their two daughters, residents of a rural area less than 25 miles from Project Blue Book's base at Wright-Patterson Air Field, saw a round, brilliantly lit object circling above their house for 45 minutes. Mrs. Smith said it gave out a high-pitched whine that hurt her ears and sent their poodle scurrying under a bed.

APRO Bulletin, March/April 1967).

128. New Haven, West Virginia, U.S.A. (evening of April 17, 1967).

A small boy who had hitched his pony to a wagon was slightly injured when a UFO with two huge searchlights on the underside flew overhead and terrified the pony, which wrecked the wagon and smashed the boy's glasses. The boy's father at first refused to believe his statement that he had seen a UFO, until he found the pony, which "was lying on its back, with its feet straight up."

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 1 (May/June 1967), p. 6.

129. New Haven, West Virginia, U.S.A. (same evening, April 17, 1967).

Mrs. Lewis Capehart, employed at the Summers Pharmacy, reported that, as the same strange craft flew overhead, her two German shepherd dogs howled and barked, and one of them broke the chain with which it was tied up.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 1 (May/June 1967), p. 6.

130. Toronto, Ontario, Canada (8.30 p.m., April 26, 1967).

Miss Mary Ellen Roberts saw a "flashing red light in the sky," over the St. Catherine's area, and noticed a neighbour's dog "sitting very quietly . . . looking up into the sky." The light changed from red to green, the UFO came lower, and a beam of light shot down from the UFO and completely engulfed the dog in its bright glow, Miss Roberts herself being caught only by the edge of it.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 1 (May/June 1967).

131. Sermérieu, France (on or about May 28, 1967).

Just after a UFO had been seen in the close vicinity, four cows were found dead. The fields where these animals lay had a number of mysterious burnt areas, and there was a strange odour, "like benzine", near these areas.

FSR, September/October 1968, p. 36. From *Lumières Dans LaNuit*, March/April 1968.

132. Newlands Corner, Surrey, England (12.30 p.m., June 27, 1967).

A white elongated object, estimated size "about three times the size of a horse," was seen travelling across fields. At one point it passed within ten to fifteen yards of some cows, but these animals appeared neither to see it nor to react to it.

S/Ldr. D. E. B. K. Shipwright: *A Sighting From Newlands Corner*. FSR, January/February 1968.

133. Near Jewfish Creek, between Islamorada and Pompano Beach, Florida, U.S.A. (2.30 a.m., July 21, 1967).

Miss Barbara Fawcett, who had seen a UFO in this area a few hours earlier, was driving by again, accompanied by her sister and a dog. The dog suddenly gave a start and "began to shake violently." The witnesses then saw the UFO, a bright yellow light, rise from the ground in front of the car. It floated up and down, and wobbled from side to side, and then made a close pass at the car before finally veering away and landing on a nearby sand-dune, where a large scorched area was later discovered.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 2 (October 1967), p. 4.

134. Tucson, Arizona, U.S.A. (1.30 a.m., July 25, 1967).

A respected citizen and competent amateur astronomer, known personally to the Directors of APRO, was awakened by the howling of his dog. Going out to investigate, he found that there was a very bright object in the south-eastern sky. He watched the object for 1½ minutes, while the dog continued to howl.

APRO Bulletin, July/August 1967.

135. Garrison, North Dakota, U.S.A. (10.30 p.m., July 25, 1967).

Farmer LaVern Affeldt was in his barnyard, just east of Garrison, when his dog and his cattle became "extremely nervous." Looking up, he saw a UFO hovering above a military installation to the south-east of his farm.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 2 (October 1967).

136. Lone Butte, British Columbia, Canada (July 1967).

During the Canadian "flap" in 1967 Brian Gratton, operator of a ranch near Lone Butte, and his farmhands, saw UFOs several times. During some of these sightings a drone or hum was heard, "like the sound made by high tension wires." The sound disturbed the 480 head of cattle and horses on the ranch.

APRO Bulletin, July/August 1967.

137. Ogama, Wisconsin, U.S.A. (2.30 a.m., August 12, 1967).

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miedtke of Brookfield were sleeping in a camping-trailer, with the door ajar, when they were aroused at 2.30 a.m. by the barking of their German shepherd dog. Looking out, they perceived a half-moon-shaped object near or on the ground in the pasture and emitting a beam of white light. For 2½ hours the couple watched and listened without daring to step outside. They now noted, however, a curious silence. Even their dog had stopped barking. They heard heavy footsteps several times on the gravel around their trailer. When dawn came, there was still a peculiar silence outside and an absence of the usual sounds. Then the dog began to whimper, and finally to bark. They looked out, and found that the UFO had departed. The usual early-morning sounds now began to be heard again. Checking later with relatives living 1½ miles to the north of the Ogama farm (where the Miedtkes were on a visit), they learnt that the dogs on the farm of these relatives had also been extremely excited at 2.30 a.m., though the owners themselves had detected nothing to account for it.

APRO Bulletin, September/October 1967.

138. Hindley, Lancashire, England (August 19, 1967).

During the British "UFO flap" of 1967, an object estimated to be some 200-300 feet wide, with windows and purple and green lights, was seen passing overhead. Its arrival was heralded by a loud buzzing noise which interfered with TV reception in the area. The object alarmed the dogs, which barked loudly and rushed about.

Dan Lloyd: *Britain's Fly-Over Wave*. FSR, November/December 1967, p. 30. Also *Liverpool Echo*, August 22, 1967.

139. U.S.A. (location not revealed) (10.00 a.m., August 20, 1967).

Having secured, with a Polaroid camera, a photograph of a UFO two days before, an elderly gentleman was about to take a snap of his dog and his kitten playing together, when the dog began to bark and the kitten ran away and hid. He looked up, and saw another UFO rising into the air, and managed to photograph it too.

APRO Bulletin, July/August 1967.

140. Cussac Plateau, France (10.30 a.m., August 29, 1967).

A 13½-year-old boy, François Delpeuch, and his nine-year-old sister Anne-Marie, accompanied by their dog Médor, were looking after a herd of about ten head of cattle on their parents' farm near Route D.57 when they saw a large shining spherical object on the ground near a hedge, and, around it, a number of small human-like creatures in black. When detected by the children the little "devils" shot upwards and dived down into the top of the spherical craft, which then took off.

The cattle, as well as neighbouring herds, were greatly disturbed by the object. The dog Médor barked at it and showed signs of wanting to pursue it.

Joel Mesnard and Claude Pavy: *Encounter With "Devils"*, in FSR, September/October 1968, p. 7.

SAAPUNKI UFO AND GREEN ICE

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Mr. Karivieri, mentioned in the news items, is also trying to have a thorough analysis done at Oulu University and at a big industrial laboratory (not the Typpi Oy). I will endeavour to let you know the outcome of any further investigations.

I will close with a note about Dr. Birger Wiik, whose opinion about the incident was quoted in the January 6 newspaper article. He is a scientist of international reputation, and at the time of writing this article he is in Houston, Texas, being one of the team of scientists chosen to analyse the moon samples brought back by the crew of Apollo 12. He has had three samples to analyse: two stones and 9 grams of moon dust. He is a pleasant, but cautious man who tries to avoid the UFO question in order to guard his high reputation as an international geologist.

My wife pointed out to me a reader's letter in the *Helsingen Sanomat* for January 9, 1971. I will conclude with a translation, as it is typical of the immense interest in UFOs at present prevalent in Finland. It is signed by a reader named Leo Blom:

"**The Kuusamo Light Phenomenon.** From the article 'UFO-fever in Kuusamo' of January 6, we once again learn how unrealistic explanations can be used to account for these phenomena. Birger Wiik is trying to explain with the science of today a phenomenon which belongs neither to our time nor our understanding. This sort of phenomenon will be scientifically explained in the future, not in our time."

A NEW FSR CATALOGUE

The effects of UFOs on animals, birds, and smaller creatures Part 9

IN this part of our catalogue, prepared by Gordon Creighton, we conclude the collection of reports for an extremely busy year. The catalogue, with some 200 cases, will probably be completed in the next three issues of the REVIEW.

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141. Near Alamosa, Colorado, U.S.A. (September, 1967)

"Snippy the horse", a pet palomino, disappeared from the Harry King Ranch, twenty miles N.E. of Alamosa, on September 7. It was found two days later, dead and curiously mutilated, with all the skin and flesh gone from the neck and head, the flesh ending with a very clean cut around the neck. There was "a strange medicinal smell in the air." On October 8 a pathologist established that the abdominal, spinal and brain cavities of the carcass were completely empty, and he said that part of the animal's flesh appeared to have turned into some sort of gelatinous mass.

NICAP, *UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 2* (October 1967), p. 4. Also APRO Bulletin, September/October 1967.

142. Caracas, Venezuela. (Night of September 22, 1967)

Near Caracas a race-track employee was attacked by a very powerful creature which tried to choke him but ran away when a horse in a nearby stable started neighing frantically. Thirty minutes later, a horse was also attacked, and an employee of the stables saw a dwarf, 1 metre tall, "zoom" out of the building.

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 885 of *A Century Of Landings, in Lumières Dans La Nuit and Passport To Magonia*. [Regnery, Chicago, edition] (from Coral Lorenzen: *UFOs Over The Americas*).

143. Moigne Down, Dorset, England. (11.25 a.m., October 26, 1967)

Angus Brooks, a retired administrative official of B.O.A.C., was walking with his dogs (a young Dalmatian and a twelve-year-old Alsatian bitch) when he saw a UFO which slowed down and hovered and assumed the shape of a circular central cabin with four projecting "arms". He could hear no sound from the object, but his Alsatian remained close beside him, extremely distraught, refusing to obey his orders "sit!" or "down!" and pestering him to move on. He thought there might be a VHF sound from the UFO which she was picking up and which was giving her pain.

On each of four subsequent visits to the spot, with other witnesses, this dog was very distressed. The four-year-old Dalmatian was probably ranging further afield at the time of the sighting, and Mr. Brooks did not in fact notice where it was.

Angus Brooks: *Remarkable Sighting Near Dorset Coast*. FSR, January/February 1968, pp. 3-4.

144. Near Boyup Brook, Western Australia. (End of October, 1967)

Another case of the effect of UFOs on night insects. Mr. A. R. Spargo, driving his car at about 9.00 p.m., found the engine suddenly cutting out, and saw a mushroom-shaped UFO shining a powerful beam of light down on to him through a tube extruded from the base of the craft. Describing his experience later, he said that what had struck him as most strange was *the utter silence that accompanied it*. "You hear frogs, crickets, and all sorts of things if you stop in the

Bush at night." *But, for an estimated period of five minutes, Mr. Spargo had heard nothing.*

Joanna Hugill: *A Tube Of Light*. FSR, July/August 1968, pp. 15-16.

145. Weston, near Runcorn, England. (1967)

A girl was walking home to Weston one night and saw something as she was passing the I.C.I. offices at Heath. Terrified, she fled to a nearby house and knocked on the door. The householder let her in, and agreed that something must be wrong, as the hair of his own pet dog was all standing on end, and the animal was obviously terrified too.

FSR, September/October 1967, p. 31.

146. Ririe, Idaho, U.S.A. (Night of November 2, 1967)

Two Navajo Indians, Willie Begay and Guy Tossie, employees of the Earl Hunter Ranch near Pirie, were driving southwards in an old Buick car on Highway 26 at about 9.30 p.m. It was a clear, cold, frosty night. A small, domed UFO appeared, hovered in front of them, and halted their vehicle. From the UFO descended two beings, a little over 3ft. in height, with rough faces, appearing to bear deep scars, and with "high ears", no visible noses, round eyes, and slit-like mouths with very thin lips or none. One of the creatures got into the car beside the terrified Indians and for some time jabbered at them—a series of high unintelligible chirruping or warbling sounds.

Investigating, the Police found subsequently that on the same night cattle in the surrounding area had been stampeded by something, and dogs had been terrified. And another local resident (anonymous) had had an encounter on the same night with two strange beings from a UFO—an experience that had left him so overwrought that he feared he was going out of his mind.

The stampeded cattle, owned by Mrs. Claude Mann, "broke through a steel-pipe gate that night. They ran for nearly two miles. After being rounded up, they again broke out of their pasture by tearing out a fence."

This case is one of six "occupant reports" submitted recently by NICAP to a panel of scientists representing biology, physics, anthropology, psychology, astronomy, and other fields. After their thorough study of the case, which they evidently found impressive, one of the members of the scientific panel, Dr. Allen S. Mariner, psychiatrist, of Canandagua, N.Y., said: "This to me is the most convincing case of the six . . . The consistency of the witnesses in cross-examination is another convincing element, as is the report of frightened animals in the area—a phenomenon to which I believe we should pay much attention."

Another member of the NICAP panel, an astronomy lecturer at a planetarium in the North-East (name not divulged) said: "After reading this case report, I regard the Pirie episode as one of the most convincing occupant cases on record." He too said that he was "struck by the numerous examples of frightened animals in the vicinity the same night."

NICAP, *The UFO Investigator*, Vol. V, No. 1 (September/October 1969), pp. 5-8.

147. San Jeronimo, Argentina. (November 3, 1967)

As Carlos Spini and another man were looking at some cattle, they saw a luminous blue circular object touch down briefly near them. It took off again when they went towards it. (The report contains no mention of whether or not the cows were disturbed by the object.)

Jacques Vallée: Case No. 895 of *A Century Of*

Landings, in Lumières Dans La Nuit and Passport To Magonia.

148. Highway 17 at Maple Ridge Hill, Ontario, Canada. (9.30 p.m., November 5, 1967)

Terry Goodmurphy and Steven Griffon were driving westwards (note that it was two months after the mysterious affair of the horse "Snippy"). Nearing the top of the hill, they saw an orange glow in the sky, and thought it was due to a fire. Later they saw an object manoeuvring at a height of no more than about a hundred feet and they became alarmed and turned back, notifying the Ontario Police. The Police investigated, but found nothing. That same night, however, something occurred at the Lorne Wolgenuth farm at nearby Sowbery. For, on the following morning, at the time when two horses usually came in from the pasture to the barn, only one appeared, and it had a long cut on its neck. The other horse, a mare known as Susie, was found dead several hours later, her throat and jugular vein cut.

Jacques Vallée: *Passport To Magonia*, Chapter II, "The Haunted Land."

149. Petrila, Romania. (2.00 p.m., November 22, 1967)

Ladislau Schmit reported: "I suddenly saw all the chickens in my farmyard running towards me, cackling like lunatics and visibly terrified. They were all flying about . . . I raised my head, and clearly saw a very brilliant object . . . silver or aluminium, in the shape of a disc . . . at an altitude of about 16,000 feet . . . at first motionless in the sky, but after about a moment it began to move slowly . . . and soon took off at a bewildering speed towards the north-west and disappeared."

NICAP, *The UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 12 (June/July 1969), p. 1.

150. Arizona and Virginia (U.S.A.), Canada, and India. (1967)

"Objects that shot off beams of light, landed, and frightened witnesses and animals" were observed in the above-named areas during 1967.

NICAP, *The UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 3 (November/December 1967), p. 3.

151. Mohawk River area, Scotia, N.Y., U.S.A. (1967/1968)
A woman (pseudonym "Peggy G.") was said to have

learnt that several of her neighbours in this area along the banks of the New York State Barge Canal had reported the loss of their dogs, one of the neighbours having indeed stated specifically that her dog "had been taken away by little men." Becoming obsessed with the notion that she ought to report the matter to the authorities, "Peggy G." ended up receiving treatment in a mental hospital. "Although she refuses now to discuss the matter, those who are close to her state that she still swears her original story of the 'little men' is true."

In the following year, an outbreak of poltergeist phenomena occurred in the home of Jennifer Stevens, resident of the same area. There were strange noises in the house, and her Siamese cat behaved in an extremely jumpy manner, "huffing up and spitting at 'nothing'."

Jennifer Stevens: *Mystery On The Mohawk*, in FSR Special Issue No. 2, *Beyond Condon*, June 1969.

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NOTE

* I do not know what the present view of NICAP is of the "Snippy" case. It seems however that during the period immediately after the episode they shared the view that a perfectly rational explanation of the case was available and that there was no need to invoke UFO agencies as being responsible. However APRO and many other investigators appear to have been very far from sure that such an assumption would be justified, and one scientist conveyed to Charles Bowen, during a recent visit to this country, that his private investigation of the affair had led to many interesting discoveries—which we hope will be made known in due course. In view of all the other cases in which mutilation of animals is alleged to have occurred, and for which no rational explanation has been forthcoming, I have thought it right that the case of "Snippy" should not be excluded at present from this Catalogue.

G.C.

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.

FSR in public libraries

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter (FSR, Vol. 16, No. 5) regarding libraries and the *Review* I would like to make known my experience.

In a fit of public spiritedness I decided my own local library (Northampton) should have a supply of FSRs. So, after receiving their blessing, I put in a one-year subscription.

Three months later I made a check in the library. There were row upon row of specialist magazines from *Budgie Ailments Weekly* to *The Practical Sewage Review*, but no FSR.

My request for FSR sent one of the mini-skirted pages grovelling into a cupboard from which she produced the current issue.

Attempts to have the magazine displayed came to nothing. I think perhaps

they were a little shy of having flying saucer literature actually on view, despite the fact that at least one of Adamski's books is still listed in the main library.

I have, therefore, given up the idea of supplying cupboard fillers for the library. Perhaps I should hoist one up the Town Hall flagpole and fly it at half-mast unless someone promises to put it on view at the library.

Yours faithfully,
David Abbott, 108 Ridgeway, Northampton.

[Our reader should have pointed out that while FSR might not be favoured by Northampton Library, it may be read in the Library of the House of Commons, the Library of Congress, the Library of the United Nations, and the Libraries of many other famous institutions.—EDITOR.]

The truth about Spitzbergen

Dear Sir,—Your issue for November/December 1970 carried some discussion on the Spitzbergen incident, and the categorical assertion from Gordon Creighton that ". . . the matter can only be solved at the source, that is to say in Norway itself." I would beg to differ. I believe that it is probable the British press has already published the solution.

Not long ago I had access to what is probably the most comprehensive file of newspaper clippings on UFOs in the country, which includes the original report on the Kenneth Arnold sighting in 1947. The Penthouse team was quite wrong when they claimed that the German newspaper, *Stuttgarter Tageblatt*, was the first to break the silence about the Spitzbergen investigation