

# Teleportation from Chascomús to Mexico

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ONE of the most fantastic teleportation cases occurred in May of this year, and made the headlines of Argentina's leading daily papers.

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW has already carried material<sup>1</sup> on phenomena of this type, and this important new event makes it necessary for us to give fresh consideration to the problem of teleportation.

According to the documentation seen by us,<sup>2</sup> it seems that early in May 1968 a well-known Buenos Aires attorney named Dr. Gerardo Vidal went with his wife, Señora Raffo de Vidal, to a family reunion in the town of Chascomús, distant less than 120 km. southwards from the capital, Buenos Aires.

Leaving the party a little before midnight, they decided to drive on to Maipú, a town some 150 km. to the south of Chascomús, where they have relatives and friends.

They went by National Route No. 2, and ahead of them in another car went another married couple who also had relatives living in Maipú. This other couple, whose names are not known, arrived safely in Maipú without incident, but not so the Vidals, whose failure to arrive caused concern. The other couple therefore set out again by car along the highway back to Chascomús hoping to find them, but had no success, and returned again to Maipú having found no trace of either the car or its occupants.

## Phone Call from Mexico City

Some 48 hours after the disappearance of the Vidals, in the residence of the Rapallini family (let us remember this name!) in Maipú, a telephone call was received from the Argentine Consulate in Mexico City—6,400 km. distant—and in this phone call Dr. Gerardo Vidal informed them that all was well and told them of the exact date of the proposed arrival of himself and his wife at the Ezeiza International Airport, Buenos Aires.

In due course the Vidals both arrived at Ezeiza as notified and were met there by their friends and relatives. Señora Vidal was taken straight from the Ezeiza Airport to a private clinic for treatment of a nervous disorder, and meanwhile Dr. Vidal told his amazed family of the astonishing thing that had befallen them both.

## Dr. Vidal's Account

Dr. Vidal said that as they were leaving the suburbs of Chascomús on the night of their disappearance, a "dense fog" had suddenly appeared in front of them, and from

that moment onwards they had been unable to account for 48 hours in their lives.

When they came to again, it was daytime, and the car, with them still inside it, was parked in an unknown lane. Both of them were unhurt, but both had a pain at the back of the neck and both had the sensation of having slept for many hours.

Astonished, they got out of the car, and found that its surface was burnt as though by a blow-torch. The engine however was in perfect running order.

Driving along the unknown road,



in unfamiliar scenery, they met people and enquired where they were, and always the answer was the same: *in Mexico*. . . .

Their watches had stopped, but with the aid of a calendar they established that they had been away from Argentina for 48 hours.

#### At the Argentine Consulate in Mexico City

In due course they arrived at the Argentine Consulate in Mexico City, where they made themselves known, and from there they put through the telephone call to the Rapallini family in Maipú in the Province of Buenos Aires.

The Argentine Consul, Señor Rafael López Pellegrini, asked them to preserve total silence about the case until the authorities had had time to make a thorough investigation.

Dr. Vidal's car, a Peugeot 403, was sent off to the United States for scientific study, and it was arranged that he would receive another car of the same make in replacement of it.

#### The Curtain of Silence

Highly significant is the fact that on this case, as upon so many others, the odious "curtain of silence" soon descended. And thus, two days later, the notary-public Martín Rapallini in Maipú was telling newspaper reporters that the alleged telephone call from Mexico City had never occurred and assuring them that he and his family had no knowledge whatsoever of the Vidals.

But he committed three glaring errors, because in fact the Rapallini family is related to the Vidals. First, his own sister, Señora Rapallini de Gellemur, who lives in General Pirán (another town in Buenos Aires Province, not far from Maipú) is related to Dr. Vidal's wife. Secondly, another sister of his, Aida Rapallini, residing in Maipú, had already told friends about the telephone call. And thirdly, Señorita María Eulalia Rapallini, an aunt of the notary, had already confirmed, before well-

known witnesses, the story of the Vidals' teleportation to Mexico.

Finally, the newspapermen did not fail to notice another odd but significant point: almost all of the notary's relatives had suddenly slipped away from Maipú, evidently in order to avoid further questioning.

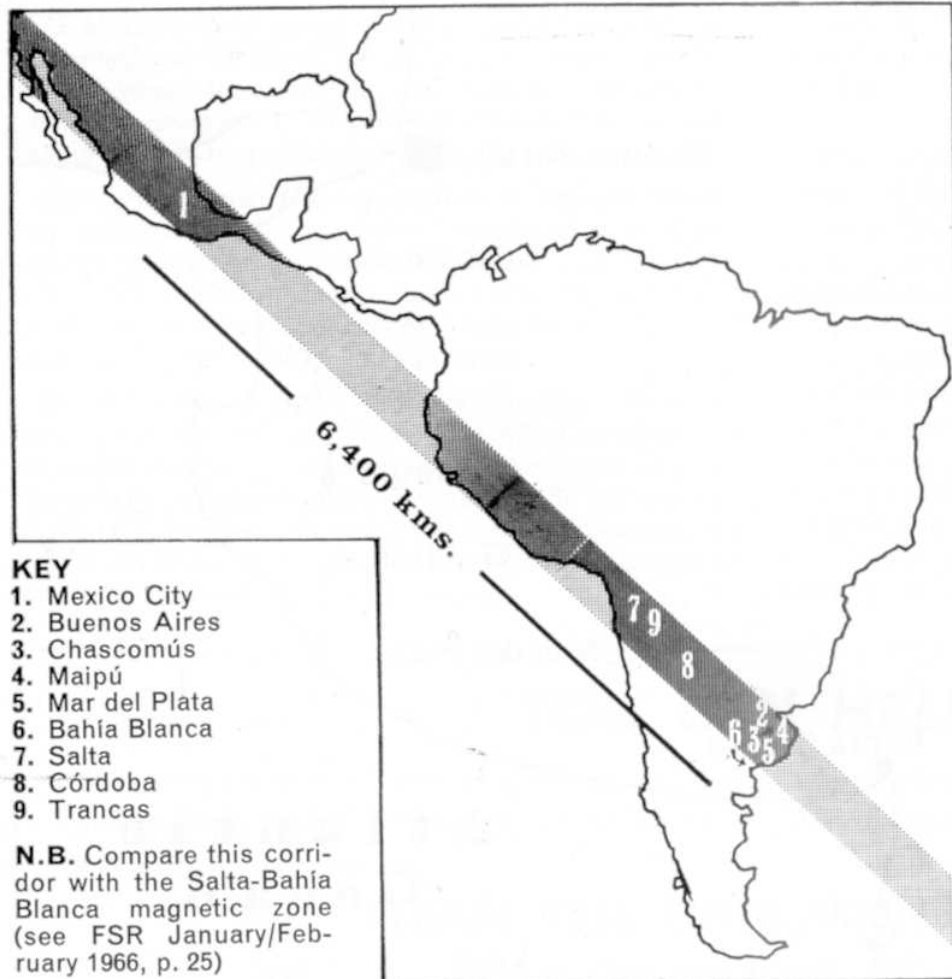
#### Further Significant Points

In conclusion, it is necessary to mention other points:

(a) On the very same night when the Vidals mysteriously vanished, a man was received into the Maipú Hospital for medical treatment. This man had said that as he was driving along on National Route No. 2, a strange fog appeared in front of him, but that it had shortly afterwards lifted and moved away, leaving him badly shaken and feeling unwell.

(b) The case of the Vidals presents many details that were reported in the account of the experience of Barney and Betty Hill<sup>3</sup> on September 19, 1961:

- (1) Dr. Vidal said the surface of his car had strange marks as though it had been burnt by a blow-torch. The Hills also noted mysterious shiny circles on the boot of their car.
- (2) The Vidals' watches had stopped. This also happened with the Hills.
- (3) The Vidals knew nothing of what had happened to them during their lost 48 hours. We suggest that, under psychotherapy and time-regression hypnosis, it would be possible to learn what it is that their minds have repressed, just as was done in the case of Betty and Barney Hill. Under such test-conditions, the evidence secured from the Vidals could yield us proof of one of the most important and staggering episodes ever recorded.



- KEY**
1. Mexico City
  2. Buenos Aires
  3. Chascomús
  4. Maipú
  5. Mar del Plata
  6. Bahía Blanca
  7. Salta
  8. Córdoba
  9. Trancas

**N.B.** Compare this corridor with the Salta-Bahía Blanca magnetic zone (see FSR January/February 1966, p. 25)

The shaded corridor suggests the possible passage of the Vidals

#### NOTES

- <sup>1</sup> See *Teleportations*, by Gordon Creighton, in FSR, March/April 1965.
- <sup>2</sup> Our sources are press reports and personal communications. The Argentine newspapers from which we have taken the story are *La Razón* (Buenos Aires), for June 3, 4 and 5, 1968, and *Córdoba* (published in Córdoba), of June 4 and 5, 1968.
- <sup>3</sup> *The Interrupted Journey*, by John G. Fuller, Dial Press, New York City, 1966.

# HUMANOIDS SEEN AT BUTLER

*An unusual report from Pennsylvania*

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LATE in the evening of March 20, 1967, about 10.45 Eastern Standard Time, Mr. Rible\* and his daughter, Jean, of Butler, Pennsylvania, took out the family car for a trip around the neighbourhood in the hope of glimpsing some unusual lights. They had been seen earlier by Mrs. Rible who described them as "flitting around at low altitude".

The Rible home is in a sparsely populated area of scattered houses and farms. It is also a mile from a private airfield used by Cessnas and other light aircraft. The Rible family is familiar with night flying, and the lights seen by Mrs. Rible did not in any way conform to those seen at night on aircraft in the vicinity. It was the curious behaviour of the unusual manoeuvring lights that persuaded Mr. Rible and Jean to take the car and investigate them.

They saw nothing at first as they drove around the back roads of the Butler area, and decided to pull off the road, switch off the lights of their Volkswagen, and await events.

## Globes of Light

They had only been parked for a few minutes when Mr. Rible, who had stepped out of the car for a better view, spotted two globes of light about a mile down the road and about 200ft. up. The secondary road on which they were parked is a straight stretch, sloping downwards for at least a mile from their observation post. They had a clear view of the lights which, when first observed, looked slightly smaller than the full moon appears to the naked eye ( $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ ).

The objects travelled towards the Ribles, flying parallel to each other, and a little way apart. When about half a mile away, they changed places, but maintained the same parallel course, the same distance apart. But they now looked considerably larger, and although they shone yellow-white, they did not light up the area over which they travelled.

Both Mr. Rible and his daughter first thought they were observing two private aircraft, each with a landing light, coming to touch down on the highway where the car was parked; but there were several factors against this. There was no noise; private aircraft carry much smaller lights; and tight formation flying on a pitch-black night in March, culminating in a landing on an unlit narrow highway, was unlikely to be done, even by an experienced stuntman.

The Ribles watched with increasing concern as the

two globes of light appeared to land on the road a quarter of a mile away from them, at the foot of the gradient. They came up the slope at an estimated 70-80 m.p.h., looking like the lights of two motor-cycles racing along, ten feet apart. While Mr. Rible stood paralysed with fright next to the Volkswagen, Jean yelled to her father: "Oh my God! They're coming right at the car!"

## Collision Course

Mr. Rible reached in through the car window and flicked on the headlights. The strange lights continued to approach on a collision course with the car—and then, fifty yards away from it, they vanished into thin air.

The Ribles, crouching, tensed and bracing themselves for what they believed to be the inevitable impact, saw to their astonishment, a few yards away from the bonnet of their Volkswagen, a group of five figures, standing somewhat irregularly in a semi-circle. This was an additional shock which prompted them to swift action.

## The entities

Within a few seconds the Ribles were back in their car. While her father was busy starting the car and reversing, Jean got a good look at the humanoids. She told me . . .

"They just stood there, about 10ft. from the car. They looked like human beings, but their faces were totally devoid of expression, and unlike a human face. Their eyes, if you could call them such, were horizontal slits about this long (she extended her forefinger and thumb to indicate the length of the slits). I could not see any irises or pupils—just slits. Their noses were narrow and pointed, not unlike a human nose, and their mouths were slits like the eyes.

"Four of the figures were about 5ft. 7in. tall, and the fifth was considerably shorter—about 5ft. All wore caps with a flat top, not unlike baseball caps, beneath which blond hair was showing. The hair of the four taller figures was ear-length. The shorter humanoid had hair falling to the shoulders—I thought it might have been a woman. I didn't get a good look at the ears.

"All five were dressed alike, somewhat sloppily, in grey-green shirts and trousers, not unlike a hunter's outfit. The shirts, which were open at the neck, were worn outside the trousers. Everything was loose-fitting.

"The skin on their faces and hands was rough-looking—it resembled scar tissue or skin which has been severely burned.

"It gave us the creeps, seeing them just stand there

\* This is not the correct name of the witness; we have this on file, but have been asked not to use it.