HUMANOIDS AT SOUTH MIDDLETON — Part 1

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A report from Massachusetts, U.S.A., based on investigations by the author, and Raymond E. Fowler, conducted in 1978. Some of the witnesses have requested to remain anonymous, a wish that has been respected — although it has posed editorial problems.

THIS is a report of the investigation of a complex series of incidents which occurred in and around the home of the Gould family in South Middleton, Mass, a rural community located about 15 miles north of Boston. These incidents included sightings dating back to 1962 of two kinds of beings and several types of UFOs. A surge of activity began in the autumn of 1977 and continued through the spring of 1978. Scattered incidents have been reported up to the date of this account. During the period of high activity different people reported seeing one or more types of small, white-suited, helmeted figures. During 4 days from January 9 to 12, 1978 the main sightings of a UFO(s) occurred on the Gould property. It is possible that a single UFO landed on the property the night of January 9, and remained for 2 days before departing on the morning of January 12. However, the exact dates, times and sequence of events are confused. On January 9 and 10 there were two observations of a white suited figure in the vicinity of a UFO; therefore this sighting is Type C in the Humanoid Study Group system.

The January series of encounters are highlighted in this report because they involved specific UFO-related humanoid sightings, and were more recent and more easily documented. The other incidents were not directly UFO-related and/or were too vague or brief to provide much useful data except in support of the January incidents. These related events are reviewed in chronological order in Section 3.

Synopsis of the January events

In the Gould family are Theresa (50) and Thomas (52), their three children, Allan (21), Nancy (20) and Douglas (14). Thomas is a self-employed carpenter who is an emigrant from Canada. He served in the RCAF for 4 years as a medic. Theresa was born in and lived in her parents' home for 42 years before she and Tom built the house in 1967 on River Street where they now live. They recently sold the house and will be moving to Maine soon.

On the evening of Monday, January 9, 1978, Douglas was staying with relatives nearby. The other Goulds were at home at River Street. Doug and the relatives' children were put to bed between 7.30 and 8.0 p.m. At about 7.30 Nancy and Theresa Gould were sitting in their living room when through the dining room window to the east, Theresa saw a large, yellowish-white light angling toward the ground. The main light may have had a small light in the rear (Theresa later described seeing 3 round lights). The light(s) seemed to be approaching from the NE and was in view at least 15 seconds. Nancy, who saw the object when it was closer, described a yellow-orange ball of light. She ran out the back door in time to see the object disappear behind trees some distance behind the house (azimuth: 15-30°). She said the light seemed to wink out as it went behind the trees. No glow was seen; total observation time was about 20 seconds. She returned to the house, recorded the time in her diary as 7.37 p.m., and called a friend on the phone. Five minutes later, when she tried the phone again, it was dead and didn't work for 20 minutes. During this period a relative tried calling the Goulds from her home, but to no avail.

In the relatives' house the children had been in bed for about 10 to 15 minutes when one of them called out: "Daddy, there's a man over there. And he was trying to touch me." The boy reported seeing a white figure in the room at the foot of the bed. His father naturally assumed the boy had been dreaming, and told him to go back to sleep.

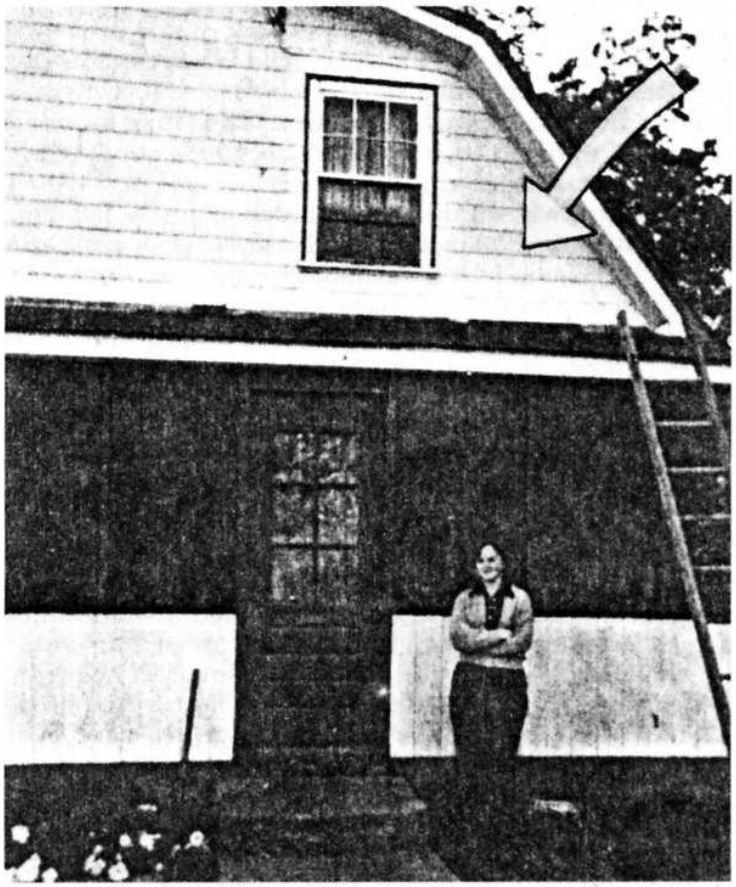

Figure 1: Looking West. Nancy Gould standing by the porch from which the helmeted figure was seen on the roof (arrowed) on 9 January, 1978.

Figure 2: Looking South towards the Gould home. The "prowler" was seen on this area of high ground.

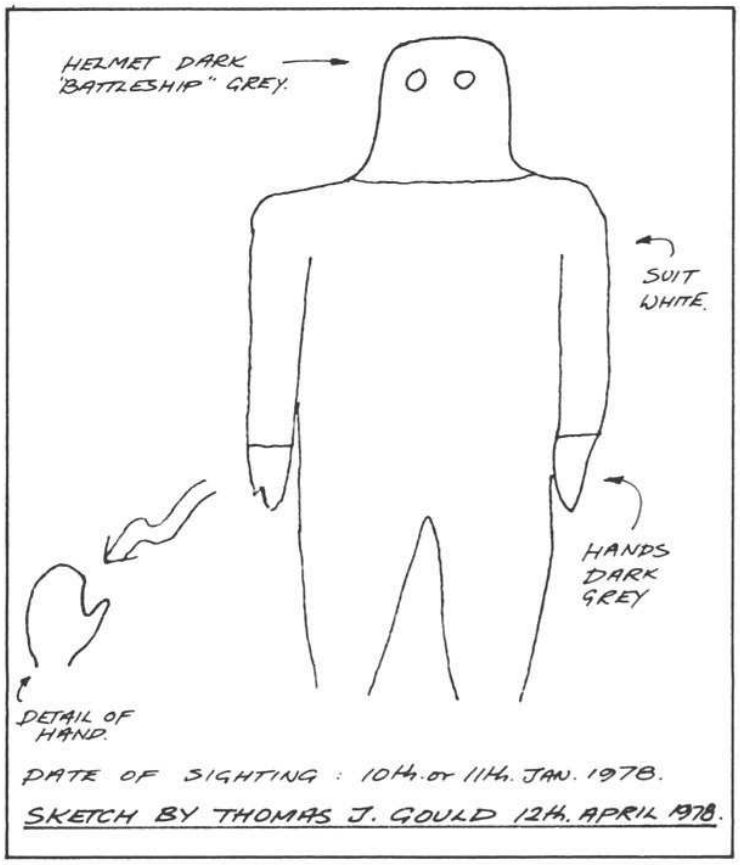

Figure 3: The "figure", or entity.

As the father left the room, he heard a knock in the other bedroom, which should have been unoccupied. He went in to see who it was, and heard a knock on a window. Pulling the curtain back, he saw a white-suited figure *atop* the roof of the back porch. The porch adjoins the house on the first floor. The figure was about 2-4ft. away and hooded by what seemed like a mask. The father looked at a pair of eyes which just stared back. He dropped the curtain and went downstairs.

The night was windy and the porch door was banging, so the father went to the door to check. He went out on the porch and had to kick the porch door at its base to keep it closed. Turning to come back in, he noticed apparently the same figure standing just outside the door, which is all glass. No one else saw figures that night.

January 10 was a day of high, broken clouds. Snow flurries occurred in the Boston area, but the Goulds remembered no large snow cover at any one time. It is probable that if the sky were mostly cloudy, the lighting was flat on that day.

Tom Gould spent much of that day working on the property. At 2.30 p.m. he was chopping wood in an area due north of their house when he spotted a white-suited figure standing on a path beside a tree about 90ft. away.

The figure stood 4½ ft. tall, wore a squarish helmet in which were set two dark eyes or eye holes. It had broad shoulders with arms which hung down the sides. The being's apparently gloved hands had 3 digits ("looked like mittens"), resembling a thumb, finger and a thicker part. The hands and helmet were battle-ship grey. **(Investigator's note:** These details are a composite of Tom's observations of the being, based on at least 7 separate encounters. Tom claims to have seen this or a similar figure 4 or 5 times during December, 1977, or a few weeks before this incident. The figure was always alone; however, Tom always had the vague impression of a second figure near the first that he couldn't quite perceive. On January 10 it is unlikely that Tom saw much detail of a white figure standing 90ft. away against a white background on a flatly lit, overcast day. **— DW)**

The being stood staring at Tom. Tom spoke in English and got no reaction. But when he spoke in French, he thought it moved slightly. Tom was unafraid of the being (this not being the first encounter) and continued chopping firewood for *1-1½ hrs.*, glancing at the being occasionally. It never moved. (In explanation of this apparent nonchalance, Tom told me that by then the figures were a common sight to him and that chasing them had always proven futile — DW).

Upon finishing the chopping, Tom got in his pickup and drove down the road a short way. He looked again for the being but it was gone. (The area is hilly with lots of trees and shrubs. It is easy to lose sight of a small object even nearby — DW). Then he noticed what looked like a huge boulder about 150ft away down a slope in a partially wooded area. He stopped the truck, got out and walked some distance around the area to look for the being and to get a better vantage point of the strange object.

The object was sitting on the ground; "... it was egg-shaped, wider at the front than ... at the back. It's got little windows all over the sides of it ... The window looked like a frog's eye — it had a hood-like thing over the window," said Tom. Later Nancy reported the windows as round and bubble-shaped; i.e., they seemed to protrude from the sides of the craft and were adjacent to one another. The dark grey surface of the UFO was dull and rough, like the surface of a brick. No seams or protrusions were evident.

Measurements in the area indicated that the UFO was about 40ft. long by 13½ ft. wide across its nearer or wider

end, and possibly 10ft. high (an undetermined portion lay in the snow or depressing the ground surface). The being had been approximately 300ft. to the west of the UFO. I investigated the "landing area" on April 23, or 3½ months later; at that time it was well overgrown with brush and small trees. There was no evidence of a depression or environmental damage except for broken limbs on two trees. These two trees were the tallest in what would have been the UFO's path of vertical descent. I was the one who first noticed these broken limbs, and pointed them out to Tom. He stated he was sure they were broken by the UFO because they had not been broken before the sighting, and the wood had appeared green and clean-cut the day after the sighting. I questioned him closely on this point. He admitted that he could not be sure he had been in the area of the "landing" within several days to a week before January 10.

Tom was afraid to approach very close to the UFO, and eventually returned home. He is uncertain when he told the family about his experience, but remembers that upon doing so they laughed and thought it was a joke. There is a discrepancy about whether the next sighting was the same day or the next day. On probably the following day (January 11) Tom was again cutting wood on the lot when once again he saw the UFO sitting in the same place. In late afternoon he got first Allan, then Nancy, to look at the object.

Nancy remembered viewing the object about dusk on January 11. She thought the time was about 4.30 to 5.00 p.m; sunset was about 4.50 p.m. Allan, whose vision is effected by glare, thought that the sun was reflecting off the snow causing glare. He could only see what looked like

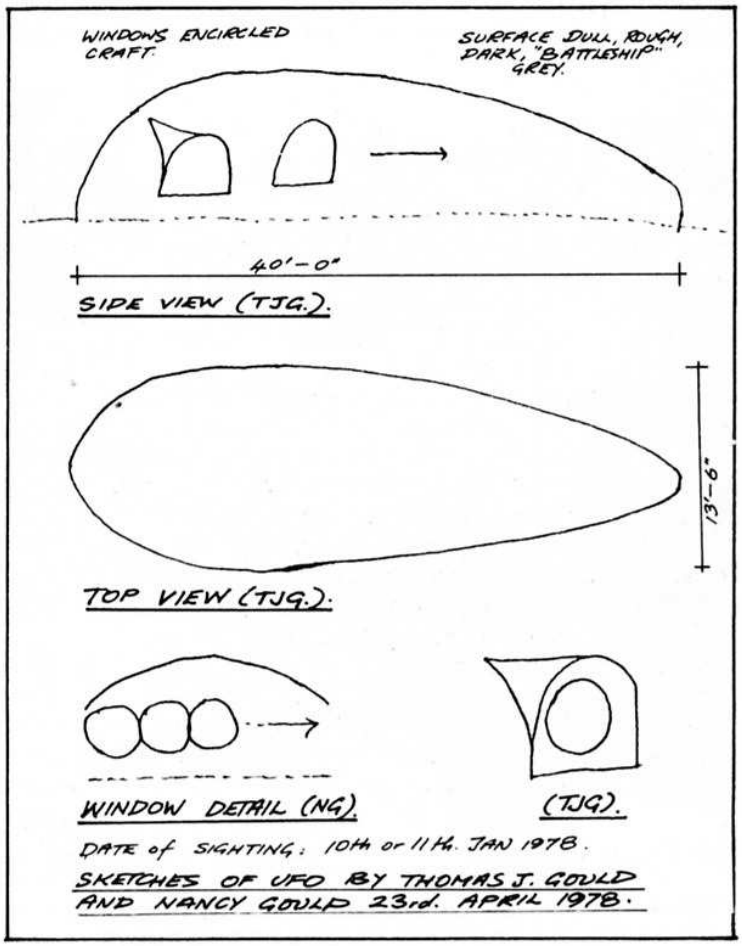

Figure 4: The UFO of 10 or 11 January, 1978.

a big boulder. Tom would not allow the youths to approach closer than 50ft. from the UFO. Nancy was unable to see much detail because it was dusk, and the UFO was a distance away, partially obscured by trees and brush. Even so she claims to have seen 7 windows on the UFO once her eyes focussed on it.

On the following day (probably Janaury 12), Allan saw a daylight disc ascend from the property. He was in the bathroom about 10.00 a.m. when he suddenly observed a UFO about 100ft. in the air over a rise at an azimuth of 15°. Its bearing was approximately the same from the house as the location where the landed object had been

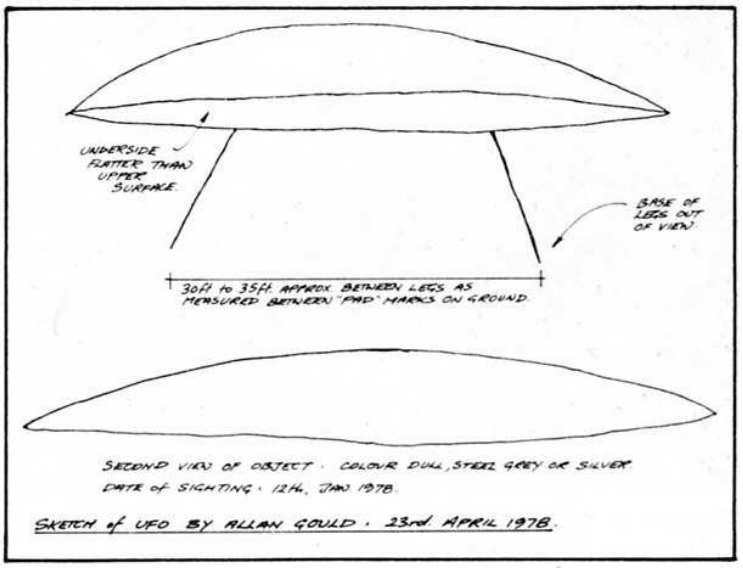

Figure 5: Object sighted by Allan Gould.

but apparently closer to the house. The object had a smooth, dull, steel-grey or silver surface, and was shaped like two discs pressed together, the bottom being flatter than the top. Four long legs extended from the underside (Allan remembered seeing only 2 legs but assumed there were 4). The legs extended below the rise along Allan's sightline. As he watched, the object slowly rose vertically. He quickly ran outside, but saw nothing more of it.

He later found what he called "pod marks" in the clay-like soil near the rise. Only one of those alleged marks was visible the day I visited the site, April 23. The hole was 4½ in. deep, 6 in. wide at the top and lay on an inclined portion of ground. It lay near a partially buried can. The immediate area is open with a dirt access road running through it. The topsoil has been removed from some of this area; what remains is clay-like and dry. The remains of an old hog pen lie atop the rise. I had Allan stand where he remembered the other holes and measured the distances. The result was a roughly rectangular area. Allan's idea was that these distances were the spacing between the 4 legs of the craft as it rested on the ground.

This concludes the synopsis of the reported events in January 1978 on the Gould property. The investigators consider these events to be the most important and best documented one involving the Goulds. However a host of attendant events involving both entities and UFOs were reported before and after this period. These incidents are reviewed briefly in the next section.

Related events

Strange events have been reported by the Gould family

Figure 6: Looking North. Thomas Gould had this view of the helmeted figure 90 ft away (where Nancy is indicated by vertical arrow). The landed UFO was 300 ft to right, in direction indicated by horizontal arrow.

over the years. The earliest dates back to 1962, but the majority of datable events occurred within the last 2 years. All but two of the events took place in one of the homes of the Goulds or their relatives, or on their properties. The events include a plethora of activities which have come to be associated with the UFO phenomenon, such as sightings of at least two types of humanoids, cattle mutilation, poltergeist-type phenomena, and of course UFO sightings. So far no MIB, psychic or strange communication activities have been involved.

Every family member reported one or more of the above types of activity. Every one of my conversations with the Goulds elicited new "revelations" of shapes seen, sounds heard, odours detected. I have not attempted to record every reported incident, only those which seemed to me to be directly related to the UFO or humanoid incidents.

I note, parenthetically, that the poltergeist-type activities were reported to have occurred inside houses by the youngsters. These events may be unrelated to the UFO/humanoid phenomenon. They may be part of the parapsychological or spirit realm, in that young people are involved inside houses. It is also possible that some of the reported events were a product of the imaginations of the younger people combined with the excitement of a few "real" incidents. On the other hand we found no specific reason to reject any of these events.

Nineteen years ago (probably May or June 1962) the grandmother had her only UFO sighting. After midnight following a thunderstorm she saw a round light which grew in size, then separated into several components. It was brilliant, like a torch, and multi-coloured with rays of light which arose from "behind" the object. Sighting duration was about 5 minutes.

In 1974 when he was 17, Allan Gould observed a yellow or red-orange object behind the pool, which at that time lay 150ft north of the house (a dirt area delineates its location today). The light was so intense that it woke Allan, even though heavy curtains and shades covered the windows of his bedroom. The time was 10.30-11.00 p.m. The object was apparently cigar-shaped, although the outline was indistinct because of the intensity of the light, and much larger than the 18ft diameter pool. The UFO went straight up and out of sight rapidly.

Six or seven years ago (the best estimate is Summer, 1974) the five Goulds saw a huge object — which was described as the "mother ship" — take off from a mountain near Coleman State Park in Colebrook, New Hampshire where they were vacationing. The object was a dark shape, with lights which changed from white to red and back again. The time was about 11.30 at night. (It is not clear how many of the family actually saw this UFO; Allan gave the only detailed report.)

As mentioned earlier two basic types of humanoids were reported by the Goulds and their relatives: a "prowler" figure and the white, helmeted figure. Specific sightings of the "prowler" were reported by Tom, Theresa and Nancy Gould, and the grandmother, and happened at night during the summer months over the last 2-4 years (no sightings were reported during 1978). On several occasions the Middleton police were called to investigate what they were told was a trespasser on the Gould property. They even drove around the property in their police jeeps, but never found anything. The Goulds

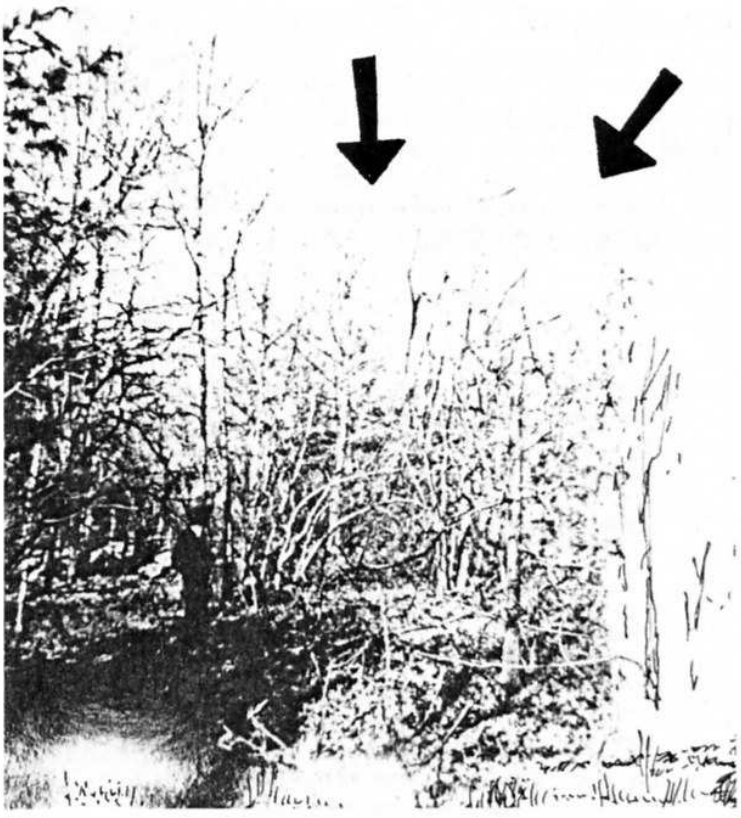

Figure 7: Thomas Gould looks along the long axis of the landed UFO of 10 or 11 January, 1978. Arrows indicate broken limbs.

also complained to other neighbours about their tennis members trespassing on the Gould land.

The prowler figure was of normal stature and always appeared dressed in a white shirt and dark trousers, and had dark hair. Most of the sightings were at a distance; *no facial features* were ever seen. Occasionally, while the Goulds sat on their back porch, they would see several figures together on the hill behind the house "dancing" and moving about.

The "prowler" had peculiar ambulatory characteristics which distinguished it (or them) from a normal human being. Walking movements were very slow with the body held very erect, the arms rigid at the sides. The arms never were observed to bend at the elbows; the knee was never ovserved to bend. Nancy and Theresa noticed that when the being turned his body, the whole body rotated in a strange way that they found difficult to describe. No noise or other sound was ever heard in direct relation to the being and no footprints were ever found in the wake of either the prowler, or the helmeted figures, even when snow was on the ground!

The grandmother had one encounter with the "prowler" which, because it was a well-observed close encounter, will serve as an example of this humanoid type. The incident occurred probably in June 1977 at dusk or about 9 p.m. The good lady was walking from her home to the Goulds to greet her grandson Doug, who was

Figure 8: Possible site of landing of UFO with legs on 12 January, 1978. It was on this open area that Allan Gould found "pod" marks. The arrow indicates position of only remaining mark.

about to come out the porch door. Nearing the porch, she suddenly noticed a figure only 6-7ft. to her right dressed in white shirt and dark trousers with dark hair. The figure's back was to her. He was 5ft. 7in. tall and motionless. Thinking the figure was her son-in-law, Tom Gould, she called to Doug. When he replied, she turned toward the porch, then back to where the figure had been; he had vanished in this short time span! There was no doubt in her mind of the sighting as she had gazed directly upon the being at close range. Doug opened the proch door too late to see anything.

Figure 9: Allan Gould checks depth of remaining "pod" mark with a ruler. The hole was 4½ ins deep, 6 ins wide, and had an inclined surface.

After considerable effort I managed to trace a rumour of cattle mutilation during late 1977. The source was a 15-year-old niece of the Goulds, and I interviewed her at their home, and found her to be articulate and believable.

The girl's home is not far from the area known locally as the "Blais ranch". In late September or early October 1977, two black and white spotted calves were reported missing from the Blais herd. Several days later the girl found the calves dead on a hill known locally as the "Indian burial grounds." The calves had been mutilated; their heads had been torn off, innards had been removed and were missing and dried blood was near the bodies. The front leg of one calf was missing. Youths often camped in this area and packs of wild dogs had been seen there before, but the girl could find no obvious teeth marks or knife incisions on the bodies. She got friends, and a son of the owner to view the carcasses. The boy identified the calves as those missing from the Blais herd and thought they had been killed by dogs.

This area is one of the highest in the immediate vicinity, and is located within a half mile of the Goulds' property, and the alleged UFO landing site. Nearby is a gravel pit where old cars are abandoned. I do not consider the circumstances of the calves' deaths to be particularly unusual, especially in the light of the reports of wild dogs in the area. However, it is put on the record because of the time frame, proximity to the UFO/humanoid incidents,

and the implied relationship between cattle mutilations and UFOs in other cases.

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The details of the related events will be concluded in the Second part of this report, which will also include the investigators' evaluations.

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.

Oue for the 1954 book

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Your *excellent* answer to Dr. Willy Smith in FSR Vol. 26, No. 6, gives me the opportunity to write you, vieux copain, and to give a brief account of a case in 1954 which I have never before mentioned.

The "witness" first wrote me a letter. In every other way he seemed believable — sober, cultured, anxious to keep his story secret — yet at first I did not believe him, rather in the fashion of Dr. Smith. Perhaps I should try to explain: what he told me so preplexed me that I couldn't rid my mind of it, especially when, during the long years, I investigated a CE3(4). He was, in fact, the first "contactee" I had encountered, and he was a strange contactee at that, for he himself could not believe his own story (though he was sure it took place) because of its absurdity.

Let me relate the details: one night that autumn, while driving in the country, he was stopped by something on the road. He stopped, got out of the car, saw — somewhat vaguely — what was then called a flying saucer (round, etc.) and, between him and the thing, a little being. He never gave me precise details for he considered that nothing in his adventure deserved investigation (because of its absurdity). The little being approached and addressed the witness, in a queer "artificial" or monotonous voice, repeating two sentences a number of times. Those two sentences were:—

"La vérité est refusée aux constipés," and *"Ce que vous appelez cancer vient des dents."*

Even in French the first sentence is more than ambiguous. *"Constipé"* means, of course, "Constipated," but it also means "stiff" or "ill at ease". In the second sense it can be understood somewhat humourosly. But *"refusée" par qui?* does it mean that people with stiff characters are unlikely to find or grasp truth? (What truth?). One can imagine many other interpretations. As for the second sentence, there are also many other possible meanings, for example *"vient des dents"* ("comes from the teeth") can mean "through what you eat" (your diet), or "your manner of eating" and so on.

Remember that in the autumn of 1954 all such strange things were *new* — by that I mean CE3 and 4. An ordinary person in 1954 could not grasp the idea that another world, whatever that can be, was mounting a scenario, of "fantasmagory," as huge as that wave, merely in order to deliver such follies and platitudes.

Years later, while still reflecting on that, and other cases, I tried to renew contact with the witness. Alas he was dead. However a friend of his answered me (I think he is still alive) and so is the unique confident of the witness (apart from me). The friend told me that he asked the witness on his death bed what was the truth of the story. The dying man confirmed the whole story . . . and died asking himself what the devil it could all mean.

Personally, I believe the story is "true". But *Quid est veritas?* as Pontius Pilate said. Voltaire remarked that ". . . he went out without waiting for an answer, so that human kind were left in ignorance of the truth."

Yours sincerely,
Aimé Michel,
Alpes de Haute Provence,
France.
21 April, 1981

Genesis: Miss Randles please note

Sir, — Any book published is going to receive both positive and negative reviews, and while all authors worth their salt should enjoy the former and keep quiet about the latter, no author should take lying down the sort of distortions purveyed by Jenny Randles in her review of my novel *Genesis* in the November issue of FSR. The following corrections are therefore to be noted:

It is suggested that the author never explains who his two leading characters are working for. In fact, in the very first chapter (page 16), it is made clear that they are working for a civilian organisation called the Aerial Phenomena Investigations Institiute, based in Washington, D.C. The work of that institute, obviously based on NICAP, is discussed by both characters in the same chapter. I apologise for not discussing their income (another complaint by Jenny), but I can't imagine many readers being interested.

It is also claimed that my two scientists, who do not work for the government, "stroll in and out of military bases with a freedom that is rediculous to say the least." To say the least, my scientists pay calls to only two such establishments throughout the course of the novel: one to Winslow Air Base, Arizona, and the other to NASA. Regarding the former, Winslow is not a secret establishment and it would be perfectly easy for a journalist or scientist to obtain the sort of pass used by my character; regarding the latter, rather than have my characters "stroll in and out . . . with a freedom that is ridiculous", I clearly show them being *refused* entry to NASA.

Jenny describes the younger of my two scientists as someone who "wallows in strong drink or drugs." In fact, that particular character, Stanford, has two major confrontations in the book — one with an alcoholic and one with a drug addict — but during neither scene does Stanford either "wallow" in drink or take drugs; and nowhere in the 612 pages of *Genesis* is it even remotely suggested that he has ever indulged in such delicious vices.

According to Jenny, the reader is "forced to assume" that young Stanford's admittedly violent methods of interrogation (on only two occasions, I might add) is "standard for both him and other associates of his." In fact, Stanford's only other associate is clearly shown to be a kind and gentle old man who treats everyone with unfailing decency. As for Stanford, contrary to the monster suggested by the unduly sensitive Ms Randles, he is drawn as an obviously intelligent, amiable but uncommited young man whose two outbursts of violence in the latter half of the book are borne of increasing frustration, fear and desperation — a not abnormal reaction under the circumstances described in the novel.

Jenny suggests that one of the characters dies of a heart attack because of a beating received by Stanford. This is simply not true. The character in question is actually murdered by someone else.

Jenny claims that Stanford "resorts to rape to elicit the truth from one unfortunate." This, also, is untrue. The