

# AN EERIE HUMANOID IN SAITAMA

ALARMING EXPERIENCE OF JAPANESE RADIO "HAM"

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ONE of the most popular television night programmes in Japan is "11 PM" (yes, it is pronounced literally in English "Eleven P.M.") which is presented each night from Monday to Friday, from 11.15 p.m. to 0.25 a.m. From time to time this programme features UFOs, the paranormal and the occult. On November 6, 1978, "11 PM" featured an account of an eerie encounter with a weird humanoid on the top of a mountain near Sayama City, which is in Saitama Prefecture, Japan. The unfortunate witness is a Mr. Hideichi Amano (29) who is an amateur radio operator, and the date of the incident was October 3, 1978.

The use of the description "unfortunate" will be appreciated as the account unfolds.

For his livelihood Mr. Amano runs a snack bar called "Juri" after his baby daughter, and on the night of October 3 had driven in his mobile unit car to the top of a mountain near Sayama City so that he could get unobstructed transmission and reception of radio waves while communicating with his younger brother who lives far away in another part of Japan, in Yamanashi Prefecture. The conversation began at about 8.30 p.m., and after they had finished, Mr. Amano chatted around with a few of his local "ham" friends before he decided — as he had two-year-old Juri with him — that it was time to go back down the mountain. It was at that point that the interior of the car became very bright.

The surprised Mr. Amano turned swiftly to look at the back seats, above which he had fixed a fluorescent light to replace the normal car interior light. The interior was illuminated by a brightness tens of times more intense than he normally had from the fluorescent light. Puzzled, he stuck his head out of the side window and tried to locate the source of the light. He was flabbergasted to find that the ultra bright light was restricted to the interior only of the car, and that *no light was leaking out from the car windows!*

Turning his head back inside the car he was aghast to find that young Juri, who moments before had been standing on the driver's seat beside him, was now lying on the seat foaming at the mouth.

At almost the same instant he became aware of a strange, round orange-coloured light illuminating the

area of his stomach. Numbly he looked back along the path of the beam which was causing this; it was coming through the windscreen from a point in the dark night sky. It was at the moment he made this discovery that he sensed a metallic object being pressed against his right temple. The pressure increased and in a state of mounting fear he looked sideways and saw a weird, unearthly creature standing there! A pipe-like device was projecting from its mouth, and it was this that was pressing against his head, communicating something incessantly to his brain by way of voiceless high-pitched noises which sounded for all the world like a high-speed play back of a recorded tape.

## The humanoid

The eerie creature's face was round, but there appeared to be no neck. There was a depression on the forehead in the shape of a triangle, and the creature's ears were big and sharply pointed on the upper edges. It had two eyes, very small and motionless, which were glowing in a bluish-white like miniature lamps, while its mouth which was either projecting into a pipe, or holding the pipe (which was pressed against his temple), was more or less obscured from him as he strained to see sideways. He could see no sign of a nose in the creature's face.

Shocked and terrified, Mr. Amano wanted to flee from the place but when he tried to start the car the engine did not respond properly, and he found the headlights did not come on when he applied the switch. All the time the crazy "space message" continued to flow into his brain and he was immobilized, sensing all the time that his brain was gradually becoming more and more vague.

After an estimated four or five minutes of this continuing state of affairs, the figure of the creature began to dim out gradually until it had vanished; the round orange light on his stomach disappeared while the fluorescent interior light also returned to its normal brightness. Then, suddenly, all the things he had switched on began to work: the headlights came on, the car radio and stereo began to play. (Later Mr. Amano's watch was found to have stopped at 9.37 p.m.)



The witness, Mr. Hideichi Amano, as he appeared on Japanese television

### Flight to safety

Realising that things had returned to normal from the frightful situation that had pertained, Mr. Amano tried the starter again and, finding the engine now also performing normally, he drove away at once, frantically descending the mountain road. In retrospect he recalls that he drove from the place at top speed without even stopping to think about the condition of his little daughter until he reached the foothills. It was here that Juri stood up and said: "I want a drink of water, papa!"

As he continued his journey home the witness wondered whether or not he should report his experience to the police. In the end he decided to do so but, as he feared, they did not believe his story, and they made fun of him. So he drove on home and, having handed his daughter, who was now sleeping, to his wife — still serving in the snack bar — he crept into his bed complaining of a severe headache.

### Television takes a hand

Having got wind of the Sayama incident, television researchers got to work, and they soon had Mr. Hideichi Amano's permission to put him in the hands of a professional hypnotist, Mr. Akio Moribe. Their purpose was to ascertain the validity of the occurrence, and to delve further into Mr. Amano's memory.

During the first period of regression, which was video-taped, and shown during the programme on the TV screens, many things hidden in his memory were said to have been retrieved. The most sensational of these was that he remembered having been asked by the creature to return to the same spot on the mountain top so that they could meet again. The date of the proposed return meeting was deleted, and so not mentioned in the programme. Thanks to the omission the hordes of the curious would not flock to the place to spoil the meeting. However, viewers were told that if the meeting proved to be successful it would be shown in another programme in the series.

Towards the end of the first hypnotic session another seemingly important fact came to light. Pressed hard for more information by the hypnotist, Mr. Amano uttered a word which could be interpreted as "rosary," whereupon the experimenters inferred that although he did not remember it consciously, he had been given a glass rosary by the humanoid being, and although it was still kept hidden by him, unconsciously, about his person, when the day of the meeting came the being would return in front of the witness when he "rang" the rosary.

This was interesting information, but I for one doubt very much its authenticity because the hypnotist's insistence for more information was far too severe. I suspect the witness may have been forced to create this idea unconsciously. Furthermore I did not believe the creature would return again on the designated date, as I was afraid this may also have been a concoction of the witness's romantic mind. Anyway, the witness said at the end of the session that although he did not remember what he said during the period of regression, he saw a "bracelet" instead of a "rosary" during the half-conscious period at the termination of the hypnotic interrogation. So the TV crew decided that the item he was given was



The Humanoid, as drawn by Mr. Amano for the television programme

some kind of crystalline bracelet, that it was hidden somewhere about him — although he could not remember where — and when, ultimately, he did remember, he would ring it, or vibrate it, on the appointed day, and the humanoid would return and reveal further information to him. The TV crew would be secreted near the spot, and would record the encounter on video tape to show the viewers. Although I suspect their enthusiastic plan will meet with no success, I still think the originally reported encounter is perhaps the strangest ever to have taken place in Japan.

### Personal investigation

After the television show, and following repeated long-distance phone calls which I made to him, I met Mr. Amano in his house and, together with one

of our most able investigators, interviewed him on November 15, 1978. Many interesting details came to light during our conversation. (One of these was the date of the proposed return meeting which Mr. Amano gave to me in confidence and which I am bound not to reveal for the present.) Based on these

details, the incident now has more of the "feel" of authenticity as far as I am concerned. I propose to discuss the possibilities (at least four hypotheses), and full details of the incident which were revealed to me, in my follow-up report.

## THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND UFOS (Continued from page 15).

*su Avvistamento di Oggetto Volante non Identificato* (UFO Sighting Report.). C.U.N. have long been aware, unofficially, of the existence of this standard report form, because of our off-the-record and unofficial contact over the years with the Air Force and Air Ministry, but this is the first time that it has been made available to us.

It has a total of 27 questions for the UFO percipient to answer.

### Notes by Gordon Creighton

1. See FSR, Vol. 24, No. 1. *A Problem for the Italian Minister of Defence?*
2. Dr. Pinotti's official text was written by him in English. I apologise to him for having edited it and re-arranged it here and there.
3. And even from the USSR we have recently been advised of an extremely significant change, which will be reported in FSR in due course.

# 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.

### To see, and not to hear?

Dear Mr. Bowen,— I am writing concerning the article *Low-Level UFO at Mytchett* (FSR volume 24, No. 1), since I feel that the object seen in fact has a straightforward explanation.

The UFO was seen by two teenage boys and described as a large object with two "headlights" at the front and flashing red lights underneath. The shape was never accurately described, but their illustration shows some type of elevator at the rear, and a row of apparent windows along one side.

I feel that it is highly probable that the UFO was simply an aircraft, since I saw an aircraft recently which gave an identical appearance. It was a blustery and overcast night with low clouds, and the aircraft was flying very low. Two very bright white lights located on the wings, and facing forwards, were reflected off the clouds and gave the appearance of two searchlights, while underneath were flashing red lights. The aircraft's tailplane could just be dimly seen at the rear, and along the side were the windows. Since the aircraft was partially flying through cloud its lights were reflected off them, which would account for the boys' description of the object "... glowing with a misty light as though producing terrific heat." The only difference in my sighting was that I could definitely hear it was an aircraft. However the report mentions that it was a windy and blustery night, so it is not inconceivable that this muffled and distorted the sound.

At first sight my aircraft also looked very weird and spectacular, and

I think it highly probable that two running boys might get over excited and exaggerate the lowness of the object. The fact that the object later seemed stationary could be explained by it approaching or receding directly from the witnesses.

I also feel that this report was given undue attention because of a coincidental similarity with an object seen in 1974. These cases should however be judged on their individual merits.

Of course my explanation falls flat if the sky on January 11, 1978, was clear and cloudless, so it is a pity that Omar Fowler does not state whether the sky was overcast.

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Jan. 9, 1979.

*I live in a district in Surrey about half-an-hour's drive from London Airport (Heathrow) and some of the flight paths are very close to us. Accordingly I have experience of every kind of civil aircraft from Vanguards and BAC 111s to Concorde and Boeing 747s flying overhead (not to mention helicopters from Farnborough to Cessnas and the like from Chobham). Naturally they come in all kinds of weather, including "windy and blustery" conditions, and gales whistling through the trees that surround us. I've seen many a plane go by, climbing away (or applying reverse thrust if going the other way!) with landing lights probing*

*the night sky like searchlights, navigation lights flashing, and window ports clearly glowing.*

*When I read Omar Fowler's item it occurred to me that the lads might have seen a big jet for, after all, Mytchett is close to Farnborough, and not all that far from here, but I dismissed this idea in view of my own experience. For there is no way they could not have heard a plane as close as they described it, storm or no storm! — EDITOR*

### Pilots and sky objects

Dear Sir,—The recent sighting of a UFO in the Severn Estuary and South Wales area, reported I believe by the Ministry of Defence as probably the burning up on re-entry of part of a Russian rocket, was witnessed at close range from the flight deck of a civil airliner. A discussion took place between the pilots and the radar controller for the sector, in which the controller stated he had no knowledge of another aircraft in the vicinity, also no return on his screen although this latter point is quite probable with modern radar as not all targets are necessarily painted on the screen. The A.T.C.C. controller also stated that a ground sighting had been made in Chepstow. A UFO report was filed.

The details are as follows:-

"New Year's Eve 1978, time 1903Z. Sighting time approximately 2 minutes. Position 10 miles south of Brecon VOR heading north on Amber 25 — an airway running North/South, height 31,000 ft. object appeared to