BUENOS AIRES BUILDER ALLEGEDLY KIDNAPPED BY ENTITIES

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ON October 4, 1972, between 3.15 and 3.55 a.m., at Buenos Aires, Gilberto G. Ciccioli, an uneducated 50-year-old building worker, claims to have been kidnapped by several large beings of human form, with long chins and wearing olive-green uniforms, who took from him blood and sperm. Subsequently he experienced deleterious effects as a result of the experience, but also acquired a new knowledge of scientific matters "through revelation" (interior revelation?). The case also involves reaction by animals.

Sr. Coccioli's account

On October 4, 1972, at about 3.15 in the early morning, Coccioli suddenly awoke from deep sleep, having heard some sounds coming from the entrance door to his house — sounds which, as he thought, might have been caused by his very strong and sturdy dog, a bitch 45 cms. in height, aged about nine months, which every night was in the habit of escaping from the house by jumping over the fence (1.50 or 1.60 metres) and then returning by the same route in the early hours of the morning.

As he approached the front door however to open it, he was dazzled and completely blinded by an extremely intense "light" of which he was unable to determine whether it was coming from a "concentrated beam" or was of a more widespread and extensive nature. All he knew was that this light was most intense and that he was totally blinded by it.

From that instant onwards, Coccioli, who is big and robustly built, and thickset, used to heavy building construction jobs, and possessed of only a primary school education, but in normal mental health and having had no physical or mental disease (apart from an operation—already long healed—for a stomach ulcer) completely lost all notion of time or place. Any thought or any idea of any action, or of anything else, melted away in his mind. Although he does not recall how or by what means or "by what kinds of intelligence," he was conveyed to a sort of large room, which he calls a "Laboratory," and which was all brightly lit up, with a huge central lamp that threw an indirect light, resembling a neon or fluor-escent type of apparatus.

In this "laboratory" as he called it (he is unable to say whether it might have been the inside of an aerial craft or somewhere on this earth) he observed, fully conscious and quite sure of what he is seeing, several "Intelligent Beings" which were moving about around him but which did not speak. (He had a mental feeling that he had no cause to be afraid.)

The following report was received from Sr. Antonio O. Perez Aléman of Córdoba (Argentina) and forwarded to *Lumières Dans La Nuit* by our good friend and FSR reader S. Ignacio Darnaude of Seville. (The Editor of LDLN states that he has asked Sr. Perez Aléman for further details.)

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Their forms were completely human, but they were from 2.20 metres to 2.30 metres in height, with extremely long, slender profiles, the size of their waists being scarcely as much as 25-30 cms. Their chins were wide and very long. (He made some sketches, but LDLN have apparently not yet received these. –G.C.

All these "Intelligent Beings", of whom he is unable to say how many there were, whether 5, or 10, all of the same height and all with the same features, were clad in a strange garb which seemed to him to be a sort of dark olive-green coloured uniform.

At once several of them made a start by extracting blood from the middle of the fourth finger on his left hand, by means of a device resembling a thick pencil with a point. It caused no pain. Then, after that, they took from him sperm, which they put carefully into a receptacle, as they had done with the blood.

Inside the "laboratory", which was constructed entirely of metal, he was able to observe various things which seemed to him to be "apparatus and instruments", the names or purposes of which he could not say, but which he thought were for research.

At that point, he again lost all sense of time or place, and knew no more until he recovered consciousness and found himself in his home again, at 3.55 a.m., in other words 40 minutes after he had left there

Subsequently, he began to notice a number of strange and important facts. For example the finger, and the whole of his left hand as well, kept swelling up at irregular intervals...

Twelve days later, he became aware of various slight pains in the bottom part of the nape of the neck, i.e., in the upper "cervical centre" of the spinal column; his "intuitive sensitivity" began to undergo an access of perceptivity hitherto unknown to him, and he began to possess knowledge — which he previously had not had — of the pure sciences, such as Physics, Astronomy, and Philosophy, subjects

of which he had been utterly ignorant in his former condition as a building construction labourer.

After the experience his dog began to suffer from long periods of semi-paralyzed immobility, lasting several days at a time, together with pitiful states in which it displayed symptoms of anxiety and fear.

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N OBODY with a reasonable acquaintance with the literature of our subject will fail to detect in this

story quite a number of familiar features.

To begin with, there is the "blinding light," so frequent an ingredient in UFO encounter reports. Lack of space makes it impossible to note more than one example here, so I will confine myself to a mention of the Sauce Viejo case of December 1963, in which the Argentinian railway worker Cesar Tulio Gallardo claimed to have been sitting one night in a stationary coach on a railway siding when an astonishing being entered and blinded him with a powerful light. (Case No. 35 of my "The Humanoids In Latin America," in FSR Special Issue No. 1, The Humanoids.)

The next feature that strikes me is the "long chins" of the entities that allegedly abducted this man, for Jane Thomas has just reported a similar case from the Bahia Blanca area — also in Argentina (see her "The Hitch-Hiker From Space" in FSR for November-December 1972; also the follow-up sketch of the entity, forwarded by her later and reproduced on the inside rear cover of FSR Case Histories No. 14, April 1973). This is indeed a weird feature and one which I do not recall ever having seen mentioned before in any other claim of a UFO encounter until

the hitch-hiker case.

Inevitably the present case will have put all readers in mind at once of both the A.V.B. case and the Betty and Barney Hill case, although of course there are differences, particularly as regards the size of the abducting entities. The description of the large "room", with seemingly all-metal walls, certainly recalls A.V.B.'s description of the interior of "his" craft, and the use of various "instruments" for examining the victim is mentioned in all these cases. As regards the taking of blood, the present case shows a discrepancy from A.V.B's (where the blood was taken from spots on each side of the chin) but I recall several other cases in which entities are alleged to have extracted blood from fingers, as in the present report. (See, for example, Charles Bowen's "One Day In Mendoza", which appeared in FSR for November-December 1968 and which describes how Argentinian casino employees Carlos Peccinetti and Fernando Jose Villegas claimed to have been accosted by five bald "pumpkin-heads" 1.50 metres in height, who took blood from them by pricking their fingers three times (also on the left hand, as in the present case).

As regards the other attentions which the construction labourer Coccioli says "his" creatures lavished upon him, we might note that it seems they dispensed with the lady...We suspect that not all are provided for as thoughtfully in that respect as was A.V.B., who

"got his money's worth."

The powerful effect of the numbing light which paralyzes all physical movement and inhibits all independent thought and all sense of time and place while seemingly also inducing the idea that the passive victim should have no fear, reminds us of course not only of the Mendoza casino employees, but also of the more recent extraordinary cases at Itaperuna. (See "Uproar in Brazil", in FSR for November-December 1971, and "Itaperuna Again", in FSR for March-April 1972.) The forthcoming FSR Special Issue No. 5 UFO Encounters will also deal at length with Dr. W. Buhler's exhaustive study of the Itaperuna series of cases.

Finally, we have the extraordinary claim that this ignorant labourer, previously possessed of only an elementary education, is now developing spontaneous "cosmic" knowledge of such matters as Physics, Astronomy, and Philosophy, just as, so we learn, happened recently to the ignorant 73-year-old Argentinian Ventura Maceiras of Tres Arroyos! (See Pedro Romaniuk: "Rejuvenation Follows Close Encounter With UFO", in FSR for July/August 1973, and: "The Extraordinary Case of Rejuvenation", in

FSR for September/October 1973.)

Those who are familiar with occult and arcane teachings will not fail to note with great interest that, in the present case, this uneducated man's access of "intuitive sensitivity" and "perceptivity" is described explicitly as having been accompanied by pain or disturbances in the region of the "upper cervical centre of the spinal column." (Clear evidence of the well-known relationship of "cosmic consciousness" and "higher states of knowledge" with the spinal system and the chakras.) As in the case of "Dr. X" (Aimé Michel's account is in FSR Special Issue No. 3 UFO Percipients), a process of transformation which has hitherto traditionally been brought about by the guru's or yoga teacher's slow development of the pupil's chakram centres over the course of many years of arduous application, is now apparently being wrought by UFO entities in the twinkling of an eye, using moreover, as their human material, folk whom the old-time yogis would surely have thought the most unpromising sort of candidates!

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LANDING AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

A report of a remarkable case with physical, electrical and animal effects

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HERE is a report of an interesting incident which features in my Missouri File (No. 409) and Physical Trace File (No. 568). The location of the sighting is a half-mile south-east of Columbia (population 37,000), Boone County, Missouri. The witnesses live in a mobile home outside the city limits of Columbia. It is situated at the end of a dead-end lane about 1,000 feet north of State Road WW. With the exception of the front yard, to the east, the home is surrounded by scattered trees. A house is located across the lane, to the east, and is occupied by an elderly lady who was asleep at the time of the observation.

The event took place from 12.30 a.m. to 1.05 a.m. The witnesses are James G. Richards, aged 41, an animal care technician at the University of Missouri, his wife Shirley, daughter, Vanea, aged 16,

and son Jamie, aged 3.

Information was gathered during three visits to the home of the Richards family on July 9, 14 and 28, 1973. The bulk of the information was obtained from a taped interview on July 28, 1973, and part of this report will consist of direct quotes from that interview.

The incident

The event began as Vanea went into the kitchen to place a baby bottle in the refrigerator. The refrigerator is located by the north window of the trailer and that window was open at the time. Vanea heard a rather loud thrashing sound (it could be heard above the sound of a record player in the living room) in the direction of scattered trees some 80 feet north of the window. At this point she could see nothing in the dark wooded area. As she listened at the window the sound seemed to be moving around a large tree (tree A in Fig. 4). As the sound persisted she became rather frightened and called to her father to come to the window.

Mr. Richards and Jamie were sitting in the living room at this point. Mr. Richards stated that as it was late, he was tired and was slow in going to the window. Vanea ran to the screened porch at the front of the home and locked the outside screen door and the front door. By this time Mr. Richards had reached the window and was looking from the left side towards N.N.E. Vanea took up position on the right side of the window and was looking

toward tree A.

As he watched, Mr. Richards noted two beams of light (Fig. 1) which were located at a point between the fence and the trees. The light beams

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would have been about 50 feet from the window. The beams were tapered, about four feet wide at the top, and tapering to about two feet wide at the ground. They were some five feet apart. The beams were bright and silver-white in colour. He could not see

any form above or behind the beams.

Suddenly, the beams disappeared, faded out rapidly, and a bright oval form was seen just above the original position of the beams. Mr. Richards and Vanea estimated the glowing form to be 12 to 15 feet in diameter and very near the ground. The object was described as extremely bright (Mr. Richards had to turn his eyes away briefly) and silver-white in colour. The edges were fuzzy and no surface details were visible. The glow did not fade out or brighten

during the observation.

The trees around the form, to the left and right, were quite visible in the glow. The area was "lit up bright as day." No sound could be heard other than the thrashing noise in the trees and grass. No other forms were seen. The witnesses noted that the trees were moving back and forth as though blown by a strong wind (see weather data below). Tree A showed a different motion: it was described by Vanea as a "tugging" motion. It seemed that something was pulling that one tree towards the ground. Shortly after the entire object was visible the thrashing noise ceased. The tugging motion on tree A was still evident. Mr. Richards and Vanea heard a loud cracking sound and the tugging motion stopped. It was this tree which was damaged, and the following morning, a large limb was found broken at a point 17 feet above the ground.

The area was now very quiet. Mr. Richards moved to the various windows around the trailer, and it was at this time that he noticed his dogs lying very still between the trailer and a shed nearby (to the west). He told me that normally, during the night, the dogs