

UFOs over the Caribbean

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DURING August, September and October of 1972 there were a great many UFO sightings over the Caribbean islands of Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico. In both these islands, which are divided by a 100-km. strait, the media, including the TV, could not escape being repeatedly the vehicles for reporting the Wave, in view of the great number of eyewitnesses telephoning in daily to say that they were seeing lights or objects in the skies.

In Puerto Rico the sightings occurred principally in the rural areas, towards the West and South-West (the island measures 100 miles \times 30 miles), but it can be said that there have been some sightings over every part of the island, including the Capital San Juan (900,000 inhabitants) which is situated in the North-East.

In San Juan the residents of two twin 20-storey apartment buildings saw a large and very luminous disc pass slowly between the buildings during the early hours of one night. After halting for a few seconds, the

Señor Salvador Freixedo is a Spaniard who for very many years (thirty, I think he said) was a member of that great company of intellectuals and first-class men, the Jesuits. He was here in Britain on a visit in the early part of 1972 and we had the great pleasure of having him spend a Sunday in my home. Author of the book *Extraterrestres Y Creencias Religiosas (Extraterrestrials And Religious Beliefs)* as well as two books on the current decadence of official Christianity (one of them is entitled *Mi Iglesia Duerme: My Church Is Asleep*), he has seemingly fallen foul of the ecclesiastical powers, and tells me that he has left the Jesuit Order. A man of profound learning and enormous wisdom, he has made a deep study of the impact of the UFO Phenomenon upon all religious thought, and in particular upon Christianity. At this supreme philosophical-cosmic level, I think that only Aimé Michel has equalled him for the broad sweep of view, and Sr. Freixedo is unquestionably to be rated as one of the shrewdest of the minds considering our subject. — GORDON CREIGHTON.

night, but sometimes also by day—machines that are generally spherical or disc-shaped, moving through the skies, sometimes at very low altitudes.

About four years ago I myself was able to observe for about twenty minutes one day, around noon, a blackish disc some 3 or 4 metres in diameter travelling through the air with a constant rocking movement, and at a height of 250 metres. This was over Bayamón, a suburb of San Juan.

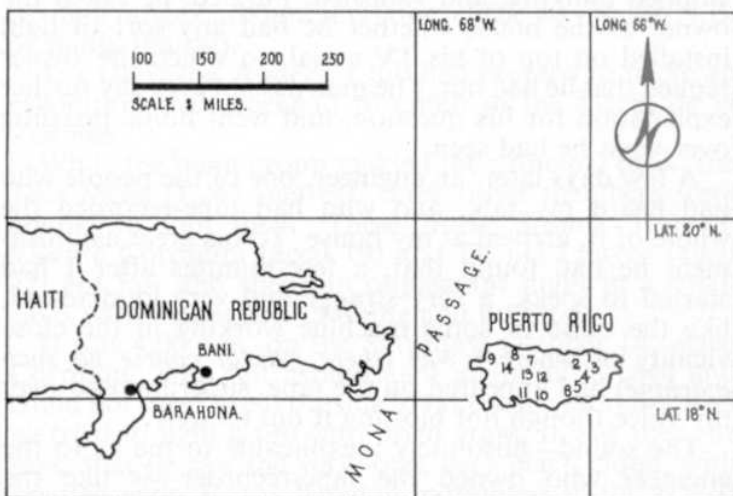
But the wave of these past few months has been most intensive, and has come to be the theme of conversation for the ordinary man in the street.

To the little town of Adjuntas, where these phenomena occurred most intensively, large crowds of cars came nightly, from all parts of the Island, with people hoping to see something in the sky. And frequently they were rewarded for their pains.

On a certain Friday night, Roberto Ramos, a pharmacist, and mayor of Adjuntas, was travelling with a group of people in three cars along a lonely stretch of road in Barrio Garzas shortly after 9.00 p.m., when an object was seen by them. For days previously the people of Adjuntas had already been saying that they were seeing UFOs. "I paid no attention," said Mayor Ramos. "I've always prided myself on being a serious-minded person."

The Mayor said he was riding in one of the front seats of a jeep when, through the open side of the vehicle, he caught sight of "three bright discs moving through the sky." Then, "when I had ordered them to stop the jeep, I jumped out, and saw that the second car (which was following us) had already stopped and that its occupants were at the side of the road, pointing up into the sky and shouting. Then I knew it wasn't just I who was seeing things."

Ramos went on to describe the objects as three discs emitting light that changed both in colour and intensity



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| 1: SAN JUAN | 8: ISABELLA |
| 2: BAYAMON | 9: AGUADILLA |
| 3: RIO PIEDRAS | 10: PONCE |
| 4: CAGUAS | 11: YAUCO |
| 5: CAYEY | 12: ADJUNTAS |
| 6: COAMO | 13: UTUADO |
| 7: ARECIBO | 14: LARES |

disc moved on slowly towards other areas of the city, at an apparent height of only 200 metres or so.

UFOs were seen performing evolutions of a similar kind over San Juan and over Ponce (150,000 inhabitants) in August, September and October, and it is to be noted that such UFO incursions into the skies over Puerto Rico are already nothing new to us. The more one investigates so one finds more and more people who declare that during the past ten years—or even more than that—they have seen machines—sometimes at

as they moved slowly through the sky. "They finally disappeared behind a mountain. While they were passing overhead I had no doubt whatsoever in my mind that now I was seeing something the like of which I had never seen before in my life."

Many other episodes similar to this could be related.

In the Dominican Republic there have been some very interesting cases which might be studied at length in a further series of articles. Among them are several landing cases.

I copy below one such report from the newspaper *Listín Diario* of October 28, 1972:

"It is 9.00 o'clock in the morning. On a deserted road near San Cristóbal a man appears and flags down a car. The driver, an insurance company director whom we shall call X.X., slows down and pulls up. The man approaches. He is wearing a sort of light-green overall with a shiny glint to it. The garment covers his feet. He is wearing no shoes, no gloves, and has no pockets, no weapons, no insignia. It is noted that he is wearing a sort of watch on his left wrist. This mysterious person asks X.X.: 'Don't you know me?'

"'No,' says X.X.

"'My name is F— M—,' says the man. (This is the name of a person well known in Santo Domingo, who disappeared mysteriously in the sea about fifteen years ago.)

"The mystery visitor continues: 'It was thought that I was drowned along with two other people. But I was rescued by a modern machine.'

"X.X. 'By a helicopter?'

"F.M. 'No. Supposedly¹ a module, that is to say, what you folk call a UFO. I was rescued by those two people (he points towards two companions a certain distance away) because of my knowledge of radio techniques and my intelligence.'

"The two people mentioned are over 6ft. high, slim, and dressed in identical fashion to F.M. Their hair is short and brown, and their skin a light colour, like that of the Chinese. They remain silent, standing there with arms crossed, observing the scene.

"F.M. draws the attention of X.X. to the machine in which they have come. It is of the size of an automobile, has the shape of an American football, and its surface is nickelled.

"X.X. 'What are they doing here?'

"F.M. 'Supposedly¹ investigating.'

"X.X. 'What sort of investigating?'

"F.M. 'Investigating.'

"X.X. 'From where do they come?'

"F.M. 'Supposedly¹ from Venus.'

"The stranger adds that they are greatly interested in the Milwaukee grave.²

"Then F.M. says: 'Step back. We are about to leave.'

"The dialogue has lasted some five minutes. Just as the three individuals are about to depart, F.M. turns round and tells X.X. not to worry if his car won't start at once. He says everything will return to normality."

In another case, also in the Dominican Republic, a woman afflicted with cancer was instantaneously healed just as a UFO passed over the house and threw down a beam of light. In this case, just as in the next one given below, which also was in the Dominican

Republic, the UFO Phenomenon is intermingled with spiritualistic-religious phenomena. In both cases *Catholic priests* were involved, one of them a man very well known in Santo Domingo for his social work. While this priest was celebrating the Mass in the open air, before a large crowd of people, a "second Moon" appeared in the sky overhead. Shortly after that, various very strange phenomena occurred, for which no explanation is to be found within the orthodox dogma and liturgy of the Church.

It should be noted that in Puerto Rico (just as I was able to observe in Mexico) as one gradually deepens one's investigations, many contactees come to light, in whom the psychic factor plays a big part. This in no way diminishes the veracity of either their testimony or of the facts of the phenomenon, but it induces us to suspect that the whole UFO phenomenon is far more profound than at first sight it appears to be.

I will end these notes with an account of an experience which happened to me only a few days ago. I was invited by a friend to give a talk on UFOs in the garden of his house. The audience were some 40 persons of quite high academic education and occupying important social positions. During my talk one of them, an accountant named C.P.A., noticed a pink-coloured light blinking above the house. Astonished, he moved from his seat to see whether it might possibly be a star, or some light or other at a lower level. After quite a while, the light stopped blinking, and vanished. Puzzled, he asked the owner of the house whether he had any sort of light installed on top of his TV aerial, to which the owner replied that he had not. The man did not give any further explanation for his question, and went home puzzling over what he had seen.

A few days later, an engineer, one of the people who had heard my talk, and who had tape-recorded the whole of it, arrived at my house. To his great astonishment he had found that, a few minutes after I had started to speak, a very strange and very loud sound, like the noise of some machine working in the close vicinity of where I was (*there was of course no such machine*) had appeared on the tape, superimposed over my voice though not blotting it out entirely.

The sound—absolutely inexplicable to me as to the engineer who owned the tape-recorder—is like the running of a motor. Its rhythm is quite a lot faster than the rhythm of the spools of the recorder. At times it blots out my voice entirely, and it changes in volume at several points on the tape. Towards the middle of the talk, and after a noise like the sound of gears changing, my voice vanishes altogether, and the sound of the machine becomes a *beep, beep, beep*, very faint, and with a complicated rhythm. Two minutes later my voice reappears, and once more the powerful noise of the machine running is heard.

This is just one of the very many cases in which a whole series of weird experiences have been injected into our study of the UFOs, thus frequently rendering the ground underfoot very slippery indeed for the investigator.

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The Humanoids at Tres Arroyos

UFOs and peripheral tropics in new reports from South America

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SOUTH AMERICA continues to produce large numbers of press reports of UFO sightings and of weird and inexplicable happenings.

I give below full translations or translated digests of reports which appeared in the papers in the last quarter of 1972 and the first week of 1973:

1. The experiences of the Three Mountaineers

From page 1 of *El Popular* of October 17, 1972 (published in Olavarría).

This paper carries a report of a UFO sighting made by the parish priest of Villa Luro (150 km. from Bahía Blanca) who, together with his 77-year-old father, saw "an unidentified moving shape, perfectly round, travelling at great speed, like a cloud standing out sharply against the clear night sky." This took place, said the informant, in the early hours of Saturday, October 14 (4.15 a.m. to be precise). Scarcely an hour later on that same morning, three mountain climbers from Olavarría were to have a similar experience and see something in the sky over the Sierra de la Ventana (a small range of mountains lying a little way to the N.E. of Bahía Blanca).

The Olavarría Andean Club had decided to make an expedition that weekend to climb in the Sierra de la Ventana.

While the main group tackled the principal peak, the Tres Picos (1,243 metres), three other members were unable to join them. These three, Susana Terraza, Vicente Corradini (aged 19) and Daniel Luayza (aged 22) got lost and spent an unpleasant night in a small cave, with inadequate clothing and no food.

It was 4.00 a.m. on the Saturday, October 14, when Corradini, who felt asphyxiated in the little cave and could not sleep, went outside to take some exercise. And he tried to light a fire with dried grass. It was then, he says, that he saw the very long, very black cloud, with pointed ends. It was hanging motionless in the sky. It seemed to him to be about 1,500 metres above their cave.

Puzzled about this cloud, Corradini woke his friends. All were now able to see that below each end of the strange dark cloud there was a reddish light flashing from orange to yellow. Then they became aware that the 'cloud' was moving. Said Susana Terraza: "The 'cloud' advanced slowly, towards the ENE, and the weird light at each end was revolving, as it were, "around an imaginary axis."

By this time the three climbers had got out their compass and had established that their cave was facing east, north being on their left. Said Luayza: "To us the light looked about the size of an ordinary ashtray, say about 10 cms. in diameter."

2. A strange apparition in the southern part of Buenos Aires Province

From *La Nación* of November 14, 1972, comes this account from Bahía Blanca:

Last Saturday night two persons who are considered to be trustworthy witnesses saw, from different places, a great vivid white light moving through the sky near the resort of Chapalcó, in the southern part of this province.

Francisco Eugui, a local truckdriver, told a journalist that he saw an intensely bright light coming down fast from the sky and seemingly about to crash upon the ground, when suddenly it stopped at the level of the barbed-wire fence and began to move along the fence, following the undulations of the local terrain, which consists of non-shifting dunes.

Then the light went out, and from where it had been there came a powerful beam of light which lit up the whole countryside as though it had been day. The witness said the trees in a nearby nursery stood out sharply under it, even though he was 5,000 metres from them.

Carlos Beltrán, a farmer, was the other witness. He saw the same light as he was travelling in the opposite direction to Francisco Eugui and along the same road. The light was stationary and settled, as it seemed to him, on a pass through which only one car can go at a time. When he emerged out of a dip he noticed that the light was now over the bank of the local brook known as the Choiqué, at a spot where the terrain was inaccessible for any vehicle.

The mother of one of these witnesses also said that she had seen, in a field near her house, which is between Chapalcó and Algarrobo, what she took to be a bus with many windows. On the field being examined next day, no wheelmarks or any other sort of marks were found.

3. Strange Being in a diving-suit seen inside a house

From *La Razón* (Buenos Aires), of November 28, 1972, an account from Tres Arroyos:

A retired resident of this place reports a strange occurrence which can very easily be thought to relate to the existence of extraterrestrial beings. He said that while he was in the living-room of his house, watching the TV, the TV set started to fail. He tried to adjust it, but could not. Then, on returning to his seat he saw, to his utter astonishment, as may well be believed, that there was "someone" sitting in one of the other arm-chairs. When he had managed to get over his surprise, the stranger got up and proffered his hand in a friendly gesture but without uttering a word. According to the witness, the strange guest was wearing a bluish-green diving-suit and a helmet. He had slant eyes and there was a device hanging on his belt "that looked like a transmitter." The strange being, so the report goes on, watched the TV programme for a few minutes, and then rose and began touching some pushbuttons on the object on his waist, in which a yellow light came on.

At this point the bewildered witness ran out to give the alarm and call the neighbours, and when he came