

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.

A "Dapple Gray" factor

Dear Mr. Bowen, — May I refer to Mr. M. H. Martin's letter which was published in *Flying Saucer Review*, Volume 25, No. 6. It's just as well your reader wrote his astute observation concerning *The Jesus Factor*. At the time of John Hodges' second regression, as he woke from the session, he mentioned to me that he had read *The Jesus Factor* some time before and was puzzled as to the similarity of the "atom bomb" information brought out in his second session with the book. What puzzled him even more was that he was confident in his own mind that the grey entities had imparted the information to him. The fact that it correlated with *The Jesus Factor* did not make it invalid to him.

Your reader may well be right. John Hodges may have well unconsciously used this information (which was in his unconscious mind at that point) as part of his hypnotic "recall." Situations akin to this occur commonly in hypnosis. The process is termed "confabulation." This term does not mean that the subject consciously lies or embellishes; rather, it means that the subject unconsciously reaches into the recesses of his own mind to fill in gaps in his hypnotically-relived story.

It is my fault that I did not point out in the article that *The Jesus Factor* material was remembered by John Hodges immediately following his regression session. The case was so very complicated and lengthy (aren't they all!) that I simply slipped up and forgot.

Sincerely Yours,
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U.S.A.
March 8, 1980.

Dyfed dates

Dear Sir, — In his letter in FSR Vol. 25, No. 4, Mr. Gerald L. Wilkinson quite rightly draws our attention to the discrepancies in certain of the dates in relation to the ufological events which occurred at Ripperston Farm, as given by myself and author (*The Uninvited*) Clive Harold.

The date I have given in relation to the Stack Rocks incident (FSR Vol. 23, No. 6 — page 7) is correct, as are the names of the members of the Coombes family who were present and witnessed the whole thing.

It will be appreciated, of course, that by the very nature of things, a certain amount of time must inevitably occur between the actual incident itself, and the news of the event reaching me, but since I live in the area, and indeed, only a matter of some five or six miles from the focal point of the whole of the 1977 "flap" — Ripperston Farm — I was invariably there, armed with tape recorder and the requisite writing material, within minutes.

Whilst, therefore, I was able to acquire the report when the details were still fresh in the minds of the witnesses, I can only assume that Mr. Harold was less fortunate, since inevitably dates and events can become more than a little confused when one has to refer back over a period of weeks, or even months, without having noted them down. On more than one occasion I found that the exact verification of specific dates became a process of elimination when interviewing witnesses at this particular period, and this was by no means confined to Billy and Pauline Coombes.

However, since more often than not I was able to be at the "scene of the crime" within a relatively short time, the details given in my overall investigations are completely accurate.

Yours sincerely,
R. Jones Pugh
St. Brides View,
Roch,
Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire.
March 7, 1980.

On the Paraphysical Intelligence, and Parallel Universes

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Two articles in FSR 25/3 have particularly attracted my attention: "The UFO/Bigfoot Connection" by Janet & Colin Bord, and "Signpost to a Parallel Universe" by Hilary Evans.

The first article can just as well be entitled "The UFO/Bigfoot/Virgin Mary/Men-in-Black Connection" because these four phenomena, and many others, are merely different manifestations of one and the same immaterial entity: the *Paraphysical Intelligence* emanating from the Immaterial Universe of which our material universe is just a minor facet. So it does not matter whether they are seen together or separately.

The *Paraphysical Intelligence* is neither

God nor the Devil. It is strictly neutral, Good and Evil being purely human concepts and non-existent in Nature. Man invented them because he needs them, and then he drew an arbitrary line of demarcation between what he calls Good and Evil in terms of his anthropocentric and anthropomorphic conception of Nature. No wonder that among ourselves there has never been any agreement on the definition of Good and Evil. According to the Bible, God created man in His own image. In reality, *it is man who created God in his own image* and endowed Him with all sorts of human attributes. Why should God be masculine, for instance? Why should God need sex?

As for the second article, I cannot subscribe to Mr. Evans' theory that the UFOs may come from a parallel universe. Parallel universes are neither superior nor inferior but *equal* to our universe. For example, the anti-universe composed of antimatter is simply the exact opposite of our material universe composed of matter, but it is neither superior nor inferior to ours. By its very nature, the UFO phenomenon must originate from a superior universe such as the Immaterial Universe suggested above.

Sincerely yours,
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November 12, 1979

A few words on instant debunkers

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I must agree with Dr. Hynek's comments regarding Sir Bernard Lovell (FSR Vol. 25, No. 2 — World round-up), as I well remember a statement made by Sir Bernard to the effect that "UFOs do not exist." This revelation was communicated to the listening millions on BBC radio way back, I think, 1973 (the exact date is in my files in the U.K.). It was not explained how this conclusion was arrived at, and I would be the first to allow anyone his or her own opinion. However, in a subject as complex as the one with which we are concerned, a great deal of investigation and report-studying is essential before that opinion is worth the paper it is written on. Doubtless Sir Bernard's work in his own sphere of radio astronomy is, to say the least, excellent, but I do wish that he, and

others I could mention, would not volunteer opinions on subjects of which they are in ignorance.

Regarding the enclosed extract from the *Sunday Express*, of which no doubt you will be reporting in due course,* it seems to me yet another example of ludicrous behaviour on the part of "Them". By

this I mean that, instead of becoming involved with an unsuspecting forestry worker, "They" could, by making an application 6 months in advance (in triplicate), and on payment of a small fee, have scratched the thighs of the great P. Moore himself.

As always, my best wishes to yourself and your team.

As-salaam' alaykum,
D. J. Hampton,
Riyadh
Saudi Arabia
February 22, 1980.

[* *The Livingston case, dealt with in this and the last two issues of FSR — EDITOR*]

World round-up

*of news and comment
about recent sightings*

England

Could this turn out to be another 'abduction' claim?

From the *Sunday Express* of March 1, 1980, we learn how,—

"When van driver Ian Berry turned up at his home at four o'clock in the afternoon looking 'shattered' his wife Julie asked where he had been.

"The trouble was, her 27-year-old husband didn't know.

"And now police are trying to piece together Ian's lost hours after his furniture van was discovered piled up against a tree near Petworth, Sussex at five o'clock that morning.

"But that is not the only thing strange about the case, Ian, from Farnborough, Hants, is still wondering how he managed to get home — 30 miles from the scene of the crash.

Mrs. Berry, 25, said: 'All he has been able to tell me is he remembers seeing bright lights and later hearing dogs barking. But otherwise his mind is a complete blank.'

"At Petworth a police spokesman said they received a 999 call from a man who heard the crash. He added: 'The van had ploughed headlong into a tree. It's a wonder anyone got out of it alive.'

"A dog-handler was called out but the driver could not be found and all the hospitals in Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire were alerted to find him.

"Mr. Berry had been taking a load of furniture from Aldershot to Littlehampton.

"According to Mrs. Berry her husband telephoned her at about three o'clock in the afternoon. At that point he was at Farnham, Surrey, about six miles from his home.'

"An hour later he walked in 'looking shattered.'

"Mrs. Berry said: 'I put him straight to bed. His hands were cut and he's got quite a bump on his head, but otherwise he seems all right.' "

Credit: **D. H. Taylor** of London W14

France

An alleged CE IV

The following item under the signature of **Ian Murray** and datelined Paris, November 27 [1979], appeared in the columns of *The Times* of November 28, 1979,—

"The most wanted man in France today is M. Frank Fontaine, aged 19, married, father of a six-month-old baby, and respected resident of Saint-Ouen l'Aumône to the west of Paris.

"His photograph and description have been circulated to every police station in the country and an intensive search for him is being carried out round the area where he was last seen.

"As far as the police are concerned M. Fontaine has done nothing wrong, he is simply missing. Normally they would not be conducting so thorough a search for someone of sound mind who disappeared only a short while ago. But the mystery surrounding M. Fontaine's disappearance is such that the police are extremely anxious to solve it quickly.

"He was reported missing at 4.30 yesterday morning by two of his friends, M. Jean-Pierre Prevot and M. Saloman N'diaye, both of them, according to police, sober young men with a good background.

"The story they told police, however, sounded somewhat less than sober and seemed to come from a very shady background indeed. It was a story that both men nevertheless stuck to when questioned separately or together and one on which they were in agreement in every detail.

"At 4 o'clock that morning, they said, they were loading M. Prevot's shooting brake outside his apartment in Cergy-Pontoise (Val-d'Oise) with clothes to take to the market at Gisors where M. N'diaye has a stall. Suddenly they all noticed a bright light in the sky, falling quickly towards the ground.

"Thinking it might be an aircraft crashing M. Prevot and M. N'diaye say

they ran inside to find a camera, while M. Fontaine said he would follow the light in the car.

"Moments later, when the two came out again, they say they saw the car about 200yds away. It was surrounded by a halo of light accompanied by three or four brighter lights.

"As they watched, they say, they saw the bright lights merge and then trail upwards and disappear. Cautiously they approached the car and found its door open, lights on and engine running. M. Fontaine had disappeared.

"Police have interrogated both the witnesses of this close encounter for hours since then and can only say that they are perfectly reasonable people who clearly had never regarded stories of flying saucers as anything but science fiction.

"The car has been checked in vain with a radiation counter. Radar bases have confirmed seeing nothing abnormal on their screens. The area round the car has been searched with a fine-tooth comb.

"Police, however, are keeping their feet firmly on the ground over the matter.

"He could have gone off for a perfectly simple reason, either by foot or by hitch-hiking. Actually there is no other explanation possible', they say.

"We are looking for someone who has disappeared mysteriously, that is all. As far as the little green men are concerned, we will deal with them later.' "

Credit: **Terence Collins**

[Well, that is the story, for what it is worth, but some readers have enquired why we have not hastened to publish a full investigation. The truth of the matter is that even before we had time to prepare for publication our *World Round-up* news comment in FSR Vol. 25, No. 6, we learned that M. Frank Fontaine had returned from captivity and that there was talk of a book. We also detected a note of unease about the case from some French researchers — EDITOR].

"Abducted" man returns

Here is the text of an item which appeared, under the signature of Marceau Petit, in *France-Soir* on December 3, 1979 (translation from the French by Gordon Creighton),—

"He is back. He has 'descended' once more on to the Earth. Franck Fontaine, aged 19, the man who vanished at Cergy-Pontoise, was found again, on Monday morning, in the house of his friend Jean-Pierre Prévost, 25, living on the Boulevard de la Justice-Mauve in the northern sector of the new township of Cergy.

"He returned as mysteriously as he went.

"Says Jean-Pierre Prévost: 'At 4.30 this morning, there was a ring on the door-bell of my house. I opened the door, and Franck was standing there before me, in the doorway. Without speaking a word, I made him come in.'

"In his interview with the Gendarmes, Franck Fontaine has been quite unable to explain what happened to him. He says: 'I am totally disorientated as regards the past week. I was no longer here on Earth. When I awoke this morning, I found myself at the same spot where I had seen the UFO a week ago. But I had no

knowledge of where I had been.'

"Young Franck did not appear to be tired at all. His face showed no growth of beard. Quite to the contrary — **he looked thoroughly fresh and at ease. Perhaps a bit too much so for a lad who has just returned from a long journey.** He was still wearing the same clothes that he had on when he disappeared. His 'absence' is said to have lasted precisely one week, to the very hour. It was at 4.30 a.m. on November 26 that he vanished, and it was at 4.30 a.m. this Monday morning that he returned to Cergy-Pontoise. And on both occasions the authorities learned about it more than three hours later.

"So, altogether a thoroughly strange affair, which the Gendarmes are now going to attempt to clarify, for it looks very much like a hoax. But, for the moment, as even the investigating authorities admit, all the witnesses 'seem to be acting in good faith.'

"Jean-Pierre Prévost, and Salomon N'Diaye, Franck's two companions, have been interrogated several times and have never diverged from their initial declarations.

"They say: 'We had scarcely got out on to the road, to load up the car — we were going to the market at Gisors —

when we saw, all three of us, a long streak of opaque white light, with a *frayed* sort of effect at both ends and with whiter lights, like headlights, passing through it. These lights were coming down out of the sky at an oblique angle, over the power plant. We watched for three or four minutes, trying to make out what it could be. Then Franck shouted 'I'm going to have a look, I want to know what it is.'

"Jean-Pierre and Salomon went back into the house to look for a camera. When they returned to the spot, they found their car parked athwart the road and 200 metres further along.

"They said: '**It seemed to be bathed in a halo resembling a thick mist, and in the middle of the mist there were three or four small spheres moving about. Franck had disappeared.**'

"That was just a week ago. To the very day. Now that he's back, is Franck going to be able to explain his mysterious trip?

"Specialists from GEPAN, the study group specialising in paranormal phenomena, are expected to arrive at the Cergy-Pontoise Gendarmerie HQ."

Credit: Jonathan M. Caplan

FIGHTER PILOT'S SIGHTING OVER EGYPT

David Apps

Our contributor investigated this report for UFOIN on his introduction to the network. It was originally supplied to *Flying Saucer Review* by the *Daily Express* UFO Bureau. Data: September 11 1962 32° 30' N, 27° 30' E. (EGYPT) 16.00 European Time MED.

THE witness of this sighting was Capt. K. R., at present a captain in British Airways, but at the time an officer of the Royal Air Force. For obvious reasons, therefore, he has requested anonymity, although his name and address are on file at FSR.

His task that day was to lead a squadron of *Javelin* delta-wing fighters. These were travelling in four flights of four, with a fifteen minute interval between each flight. They were travelling from El Adem (Tobruk) in Libya, to Nicosia in Cyprus, on a training exercise. Speed was approximately Mach 0.8 (600 mph) and altitude 40,000 feet. The course was bearing 070 degrees.

Capt. K.R. had suffered a partial power loss. It was nothing serious, but for safety he had to descend to 32,000 feet. At this height he could watch the three other aircraft under his supervision as they travelled line abreast overhead leaving clear vapour trails. The sky was blue and cloudless.

Suddenly he caught sight of a bright white light which

was behind the three *Javelins* and travelling parallel with them. It was, however, moving much faster. He was able to see it in sharp focus against the vapour trails, and note that it was just a white light, the apparent size of a match head, which showed no sign of wings or other protruberances. It was, in fact, just like an aircraft at great height reflecting the sunlight. However, the speed (at least Mach 2, or greater) indicated to the Captain that if it were an aircraft then it was some extremely fast new vehicle under test.

Capt. K.R. moved his head from side to side to rule out the possibility that he was only observing a reflection from an aircraft canopy. This movement proved to his satisfaction that he was watching a real object in the sky, and above the *Javelins*. He then noted that his navigator was watching the object as well.

The object continued on a parallel course until it had got in front of the *Javelins*. It then made an instantaneous stop, coupled with a similar instantaneous turn across 150