

M.P.'s NEAR-GAFFE (OR HOW A CAT PEEPED OUT OF THE BAG)

"Mr. Harold Wilkinson, Tory Member of Parliament for Woking, was asked at a public meeting at Frimley last week: *'Why is the Government trying to hush up the sightings of flying saucers?'*

The question came from an elderly woman sitting in the front row of a packed village hall. She added: *'Whenever these visitors from Space are sighted, newspapers and television are ordered not to report the fact. Why is the public not kept informed?'*

Mr. Watkinson, who resigned as Minister of Defence in last year's Cabinet reshuffle, replied: *'Before I left the Ministry, I had to sign a large number of papers promising never to reveal certain facts I had learned as Minister of Defence. The subject of flying saucers may be included.'*"

From the files of the *Camberley News* of
March 15, 1963.

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.

The Salzburg Conference

Dear Sir, — I would like to point out that the *First UPIAR Colloquium on Human Sciences and UFO Phenomena*, held at Salzburg from July 26 to 29 of this year, has clearly demonstrated that there is a growing interest in the psychology and parapsychology of the UFO Phenomenon. At the same time, however, its physical aspects are well recognised and by no means neglected.

Yours sincerely,
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A-6020 Innsbruck,
Tyrol,
Austria
August 16, 1982

[Readers will find an account elsewhere in this issue of reports that the U.S. Government may be waking up to the enormous importance of Parapsychology and may plan to allocate funds for work in this field. Needless to say, in the USSR, Parapsychology (like Defence and Military Equipment!) seems for a long time past to have been high on the priorities list as far as funding is concerned. — ED.]

Nottingham UFO Society

Dear Sir, — As you and many of your readers are aware, the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society have been, and are still, involved in the investigation of a large number of possible UFO sightings which took place in the early hours of August 31st 1980, around the Ashbourne area of Derbyshire. The UFOIN report file number for this case is 8009.

As yet, despite two years of intensive research, we have still not found an answer to this case, and it remains on file as unidentified. To try to bring this case to a satisfactory conclusion one way or another, we wish to recruit the assistance of your readers, in so much as we would like to obtain details of any UFO reports from any location in the United Kingdom, with particular emphasis on the west and north west areas, during the time period from 20.00 hours on the 30th of August 1980 to 04.00 on 31st August 1980.

It is hoped that in the interests of scientific research, individuals and organizations will make this information available, free of charge, although we are prepared, if required, to pay for

photo-copying of reports and postage.

Any available information should be sent to me, S. W. Henley, Investigations Officer, 443 Meadow Lane, Nottingham NG2 3GB.

Yours sincerely,
S. W. Henley,
July 24, 1982

Exploding Soviet satellites

Dear Sir, — Soviet ocean reconnaissance satellites have occasionally exploded mysteriously. A search of records by Nicholas Johnson shows that one such explosion occurred over Peru before dawn on May 17, 1977 (at 05.17 a.m. local time) as the satellite Kosmos-838 orbited from north to south. No other explosions occurred over populated regions at night. Nobody knows why they happen.

QUESTION: are there any 'UFO reports' from Peru for that morning, May 17, 1977, which could provide a visual description of the mysterious violent break-up of the Soviet satellite?

The precise point of disintegration was 75°W, 09°S, and the satellite's

motion azimuth was about 150 (East of South). Its altitude was 438 kms., velocity 8 km./sec., launch date: July 2, 1976, from Tyuratam; UN Registry Code 1976-63A. Considering its motion, it might have been visible in Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina as well.

Shall be grateful if you will please check your files for possible sightings of this Space event.

James Oberg,
Rt. 2 Box 350,
Dickinson, Texas 77539
May 25, 1982

The Marian Apparitions

Dear Sir, — I wonder what Ann Druffel means (FSR 27/3) by 'genuine Marian apparitions'? Does she mean that the *real* Virgin Mary *really* appeared? This is of course compatible with Catholic teaching (Mary having been assumed bodily into Heaven when she died, there's nothing to stop her returning in the body if she chooses), but it begs the question, how to distinguish between genuine and non-genuine appearances. Lie-detector tests would not be easy to apply, and any Dark Force capable of simulating a BVM sighting would have the know-how to buck them anyway.

I wonder, too, does Ms Druffel suggest that it is exclusively the genuine apparitions which yield 'beneficial results'; might not non-genuine visions prove equally efficacious, on the placebo principle? Medieval theologians had a hard time explaining how it was that some witches undoubtedly produced beneficial results such as cures: they managed the trick by alleging that Satan starts by doing good in order to win our confidence, after which he's got us in his clutches and can do what evil he chooses. So Ms Druffell shouldn't let herself be fooled: those short-term beneficial results could be a smoke-screen for long-term malevolence.

The series of articles by G. Cornu currently appearing in LDLN irrefutably demonstrate a correlation between Marian apparitions, solar phenomena, and UFOs. Thus, there was a dramatic increase in Marian visions in 1947, precisely when UFO reports abruptly escalated. Cornu, it's true, doesn't distinguish between genuine and non-genuine apparitions, but it would certainly seem that either (1) who/whatever is responsible for the UFO

phenomenon must also take blame/credit for the Marian visions, or (2) the visions are Heaven's counter-measure to UFO activity, UFOs being (as many believe) instruments employed by the Dark Forces as part of the massive arms build-up for the Final Battle of Armageddon.

All this threatens to lure us into the paranoid quicksands of ufology in which so many worthy ufologists have already foundered; yet the basic facts are solid enough. It is the attempt to interpret them in terms of a closed belief-system which is dangerous. Assertions as to what God can or can't do (eg Ms Druffel's assertion that 'he has no need for amusement') are harmless conjectures in themselves, but they can lead to a dogmatic attitude of mind which seeks to force the UFO into this or that traditional scenario. The history of ufology is littered with such attempts, but just as the UFO out-manoeuvres any terrestrial aircraft, the UFO phenomenon dodges any attempt to pin it down within any existing belief-structure.

Yours sincerely,
Hilary Evans,
11 Granville Park,
London SE13
November 27, 1981

The Druffel-Kaneko Debate

Dear Sir, — For the sake of those FSR readers who may have tired of the Kaneko-Druffel controversy in past issues of "Mail Bag" column, I'll try to make this brief. It is interesting that an exchange of letters on a "controversial" subject often results in the participants' views pulling closer together.

Mr. Kaneko charges that I have never studied the Fatima affair and its apparent ufological aspects. I've read about this situation since 1944, and in the current *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UFOs* by Ron Story (available from Compendium Books who advertise in the frontispiece of every FSR issue), I wrote the article about Fatima in that encyclopedia. My thinking on the Fatima affair concurs in many respects with Mr. Kaneko's.

Also Compendium Books offers for sale *THE TUJUNGA CANYON CONTACTS*, a book which discusses the joint ufological/paraphysical factors in a group of South California close encounters and so-called "abductions". I co-authored the book with D.

Scott Rogo. Mr. Kaneko's idea of a "Paraphysical Intelligence" concurs closely with many ideas set forth in that book.

I would refer him also to the *MUFON UFO JOURNAL*, published by MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155. My monthly column in that journal is anything but "parochial and conventional".

Regarding his comments on the AF-CIA joint research on 50-55 computer-analyzed photos of UFOs in flight (none of which have been released to the public), it is entirely possible, as Mr. Kaneko suggests, that these "craft" were photographed in a temporarily physical state, but are not extraterrestrial as we commonly think of the term. The majority of UFOs *do* seem to fall into the class of "temporarily physical", though I think we must *logically* leave room for the possibility that some UFOs exist in our own space-time as we ourselves do, for this would be necessary to explain the crashed saucers and frozen alien bodies which seem to be secreted in the US government private storehouses.

The main difference between us seems to be that Mr. Kaneko has convictions that a neutral Paraphysical Intelligence is responsible for all UFO manifestations. I feel that the omniscient, omnipotent Being which we in the Western World call God is ultimately the Cause of all phenomenon, UFO or otherwise, but that there are many orders of beings in the scale of creation between Man and God, just as there are many orders of beings between man and inanimate objects. Some of these creatures, superior to ourselves by reason of being less material and more paraphysical, seem to be involved in the UFO phenomenon.

All researchers cannot think exactly the same about a mystery as involved and shrouded as UFOs. Mr. Kaneko is entitled to his opinions, as I am entitled to mine. We are all searching for the truth. I appreciate the chance to correspond with Mr. Kaneko via this column, for it is only by extended conversation that we can see we are all objectively seeking answers, and that the eventual conclusions will probably encompass all our ideas in some way which is not yet fully understood.

With best regards,
Ann Druffel,
257 Sycamore Glen,
Pasadena, CA 91105 USA
August 21, 1982

The Claims of Herr Meier

Dear Sir, — In your Bookshelf No. 14 (FSR Vol. 27, No. 6) you mention *The Meier Incident* by Kal K. Korff of Ground Saucer Watch, and state “Meier’s American supporters who originally accepted his wild stories and cleverly faked pictures and are now seen wriggling about trying to unhook themselves.” This claim is not supported by facts! Indeed, only recently I met these American supporters, mainly Lt. Col. Wendelle C. Stevens, Thomas K. Welch, Lee J. Elders and his wife Brit Nilsson-Elders. Far from trying to unhook themselves, they arrived here with a movie crew from Hollywood, and they shot a film about Billy Meier.

I also understand they went to Court against Ground Saucer Watch and won their case.

Another recent visitor to Billy Meier was Shirley Maclaine whose new book, *Out on a Limb*, will hit the bookshops in January. I’m sure she will mention her visit and give her opinion about this case.

I have just finished reading a very interesting book entitled *The Prophecies of Pope John XXIII* (original version is *Le Profezie di Papa Giovanni*, by Pier Carpi) which contains the following sensational prophecy — especially if we consider that it dates from the year 1935:-

“The signs are increasing. The lights in the sky appear red, blue and green, rapidly. They will grow. Someone comes from afar and wants to meet the people of Earth. Meetings have already taken place. But those who really saw, remained silent.”

Undoubtedly many hoaxers have entered the UFO field, but in view of the above prophecy, I think that among the many hoaxers there may also be a few genuine ones.

Sincerely yours,
Frank B. Stuckert,
Allenbergstrasse,
CH-8712 Staefa,
Switzerland

Grave Doubts about Retrievals of the Third Kind

Dear Sir, — I am very skeptical of Leonard H. Stringfield’s allegations about “Retrievals of the Third Kind”

(FSR 28-1) for the following reasons:

1) Within our Solar System, the Earth is the only life-bearing planet.

2) Any visits by extraterrestrials coming from other star systems by means of *crashable nuts-and-bolts* spacecraft are precluded not only by Einstein’s theory of relativity but also by the impossibility of their ever identifying our Sun among the 250 billion stars that compose the Milky Way galaxy.

3) The UFO phenomenon is worldwide. How come then the alleged UFO crashes have occurred exclusively in or near the United States? What about the rest of the world?

4) If the crashes were indeed real, then the US would have made immeasurable advances in science and technology by studying the crashed UFOs and their dead occupants. The US would then have achieved such overwhelming superiority in all fields over the USSR and the rest of the world that US foreign policy would be entirely different. For instance, the US would not be wasting its time on SALT talks with the USSR.

5) By the very nature of his job, the US President has access to all top-secret information, including any alleged UFO crashes. How then can one explain the patently absurd fact that, in 1977, Jimmy Carter officially requested NASA to activate UFO research? NASA, of course, refused.

6) There is nothing to substantiate the anonymous death threats which L. H. Stringfield claims to have received after delivering his MUFON paper. After all, he is still alive.

7) There is nothing to prove that his “sources” are reliable or even real. It is easy to make them “vanish without a trace”, if they never existed in the first place.

8) If his “sources” are indeed real, then he must have been fooled by a grand hoax staged by the US authorities or the UFO phenomenon itself — something akin to the notorious Ummo affair.

Yours sincerely,
Julian H. Kaneko,
18, rue Le Corbusier,
CH-1208 Geneva, Switzerland
September 3, 1982

[Who says the alleged UFO retrievals “have occurred exclusively in or near the United States”? — ED]

Gerald Light

Dear Sir, — Your footnote “13” in *FSR v 27* 4 is incorrect in listing Gerald Light as a “prominent” American. Beyond this one famous letter, originally printed by the Borderland Science Research Associates, nothing is known of Mr. Light. BSRA is a fairly far out group, even by Adamski standards, receiving messages from the “Inner Council” since 1946 through (principally) trance medium Mark Probert. [*Flying Saucer Pilgrimage* by Bryant and Helen Reeve devotes chapters 17 & 18 to the group].

Given Ike’s subsequent medical history, a reasonable explanation for “vanishing” would be a slight heart irregularity. Mr. Light’s letter is printed — apparently in full — on pages 116-118 of *The Roswell Incident*. You will note that the luminaries are given a scrutiny of “six hours” after arriving at the base. This is not the way it’s done.

And especially not to Cardinal McIntyre!

There is only room to briefly note how unfortunate it is that the Soviet material is available only through a tabloid lens.

Yours truly,
William H. Banks,
3616 Emerson St., No. 6,
Oakland, Ca. 94610, USA
June 22, 1982

[It looks very much as though ALL material about UFOs is only available nowadays in the USA “through a tabloid lens”, because the allegedly more reputable and bigger papers have stopped printing anything on the subject! Maybe Mr. Banks can get this state of affairs altered? Meanwhile FSR, as a forum of discussion, will continue to seek as much ventilation of our subject as possible by publishing UFO reports from as wide an area as possible. It is up to readers to produce their proof that what is said by a tabloid is necessarily any falser than what is said elsewhere. — EDITOR]

World round-up

of news and comment
about recent sightings

England

Clent Hills, West Midlands.

At 12.45 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, 1982 a thirteen-year-old schoolboy, Michael Jones, observed a strange diamond- or lozenge-shaped object moving steadily westwards over the Clent Hills, "at about twice their height" (hills are over 1,000 ft. high). Using binoculars he was able to see that its shape resembled "two casserole dishes joined together, the top one silver, the bottom one red". He could not estimate its speed or its distance, but thought it might be about 10 ft. thick and between 20 and 30 ft. long. It was a very warm, clear day, with no wind. He detected no sound from it. The most extraordinary feature of it was that the object was spinning, "moving in various directions as if on a spindle". It gave the impression of being solid, metallic. Total viewing time: a little over two or three minutes.

Credit to percipient Michael Jones and investigator Raymond E. Cox (BUFORA) who visited him and compiled the report.

Canada

La Presse (Quebec, French Canada) of July 24, 1982, reported that Stéphane Lebeau, aged 16, and Michel Cousineau and another youth and a 25-year-old woman named Denise Labre had seen a UFO, as big as a large helicopter, hanging silently or flying around at a height of 200 ft. above a nearby field at 2.00 a.m., at Sainte-Dorothée, near Laval. The object was projecting a powerful beam of white light down on to the field, and it bore all around its edges coloured lights which, flashing in sequence, gave the impression that it was rotating. After emitting a dull sound it then vanished from sight behind buildings.

Shortly after returning to their tent, the youths heard strange sounds which they described as "electronic beeps". Going out again and sweeping the maize field with a pocket torch, they caught sight of a face. François Cousineau then arrived with a more powerful spotlight, with the aid of which an entity was seen again. Said

Stéphane Lebeau: "It was five or six feet high, with a huge brown head, and orange eyes, bigger than ours". Movement was heard in the maize, and what seemed like a sudden whirlwind enveloped them in dust. The whole party were seized simultaneously with stomach pains and fled into the house which was close by. Denise Labre, who works at night on ambulances, confirmed to the press that the youths were white with terror.

Credit: R.W.J. Anstee, Montreal.

Sweden

According to a report in the autumn of 1980 in the Swedish newspaper *Norrländska Social-Demokraten*, on the night of September 5/6, 1980, two fishermen were out in their boat off Likskär and Sandöklubben (Luleå Archipelago, at top of the Gulf of Bothnia, north-eastern Sweden) when a huge glowing sphere appeared and appeared to land at Klubbviken after flying around in the sky over their boat a number of times. They spoke of seeing a row of glowing windows. Subsequently they found huge tracks on the beach at Klubbviken, like the tracks of a caterpillar tractor, but the strange part about it was that these tracks began suddenly in the sand and ended suddenly, (as might be expected of something that had come down there from the sky and taken off again). The fishermen said a small piece of rock fell in their boat and Swedish geological authorities have ruled that it is of volcanic origin.

Credit: Ake Franzén of Skärholmen, Sweden.

Maine, USA

"Killer UFO prowls sky above terrorized farming community."

Under this headline the *Weekly World News* (August 2, 1982) published in California, carries an article by Joe Berger about events allegedly occurring in a hilly, lightly populated rural area around Starks, in Somerset County, Maine, (far N.E. of the U.S.A.).

Bud Hendsbee, aged 54, a veteran member of the police force, claimed a UFO "as big as a house and ablaze with blinding lights" had forced his pickup truck off a hill, and said the thing had been hanging around in that area for months past. He said: "Whatever it was, it was the most incredible thing I have ever seen. It made damn sure we didn't get over that hill! It hovered there in the air and beamed a light at us that was so bright it lit up the whole hill. Every time we started up the hill, it came right at us and drove us back. It was something I hope I never run into again."

Hendsbee, a Somerset County sheriff's deputy for 23 years, was driving home with his wife from a restaurant when they saw the terrifying craft. "When we came to this hill on Route 43, we saw this glaring ball of light hanging there, very still, in mid-air. The beam came through our windshield so bright we could barely see. Three times we tried to go over that hill, and every time it wouldn't let us by. It was about as high as the top of a power-pole, but the light was so tremendous that we could not make out the actual object itself. Finally, we managed to turn around and head for home another way — and, believe me — we were happy to get out of there."

Somerset County Sheriff Bill Wright said he was certain that Bud Hendsbee and his wife Helen were telling the truth about their encounter. He said: "I know these people too well, and I know they'd never make up a story like that — I wouldn't even consider the possibility. Bud doesn't drink, won't touch a drop of it, and he's too old to smoke wacky weed, so I'm sure what he said happened really did happen. We've been getting reports like this for some time now."

A few hours later, Kimberley Landry, a 24-year old nurse and mother of two, died when her speeding car crashed off the road in the same area into heavy trees. Investigators believe a UFO may have been pursuing her, for otherwise why on earth would she have been wearing sunglasses in the dead of night? The dead woman knew the road well and

had not been drinking.

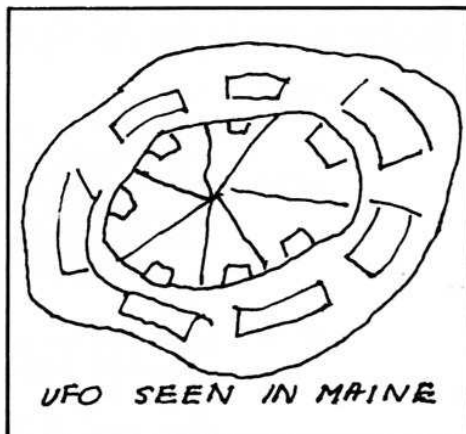
According to Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Centre (Seattle), for months past encounters with UFOs have been frequent in the hilly, sparsely settled areas of Maine. Lloyd Haggart, an electronics engineer and member of the Paranormal Phenomena Research Group agreed and said: "The practical data and the technical data all seem to indicate that these are legitimate UFO sightings".

An ironworker, Kenos Henry, says that the terrifying UFO has zoomed so often over his home that he is now too frightened to stay in it after dark. "The thing just doesn't want to leave me alone, and it has my dog scared to death," said Kenos, aged 26. "One night it came right over my house so close that I felt like I could almost reach out and touch it. It was big, and looked like two half-spheres with bright lights that seemed to stretch up and down. Those lights had a silver centre, and as it got real close I could see it also had spinning red and blue lights. I ran to my car and got out of there and never looked back. I know people are going to say that I'm nuts, but I'm not crazy, and I wasn't drunk. I know that thing was there."

Three other young adults — Arti Corrieri, Mike Daigle, and Lisa Preble, all residents of Starks, Maine, also encountered the mysterious phenomenon near the very spot where the Hendsbees had their ordeal. Said Mike Daigle, a 25-year-old sawmill worker: "Its lights were terrifying, and it wasn't going to let us up that hill — and I have no idea why! We were shaking in our boots when that unbelievable beam of light focused on us. We left in a hurry, because, whatever it was, it wasn't playing around."

One woman resident of the small town said that almost the entire population of the place had seen the bizarre craft, but that many are reluctant to talk about their hair-raising experiences. "They are afraid they will be ridiculed," she said.

Credit: Gerald Garces, of Rialto, Calif., who expresses much anxiety about this report and links it with the Brazilian report (FSR Vol.27, No.5, page 5) that four hunters had been killed by UFOs.



Comment.

This is the sketch made by one of the young witnesses in Maine, as reproduced in the newspaper quoted from above. It may be thought somewhat reminiscent of the drawing by the Brazilian bank official Filomeno Bida de Oliveira after he had had a particularly nasty experience with one of these things which came and hovered about 50 metres above his head when he was on a fishing expedition in the State of Minas Geraes on August 17, 1965. (See *Mysterious Physiological Effects of Flying Saucers*, in FSR Vol.13, No.4).

Incidentally it may be of interest to some readers to know that Starks is not so very far from the spot where, on the night of September 19, 1961, Barney and Betty Hill had *their* little frolic. (With a team from Plesetsk, no doubt.) Like FSR reader Gerald Garces, I have no great predilection for UFOs, judging by what I have learnt about them so far. So, for Mr. Garces' sake, and for the sake of all the good folk of Maine, I only hope that the gentlemen from CSICOP are right. If CSICOP are right, the next time something unpleasant turns up over Maine the people there will be able to sleep on peacefully in the blissful knowledge that it is only those pesky Soviets from Plesetsk at it again. — G.C.

Japan

The *Daily Yomiuri* (English-language paper in Tokyo), August 5, 1982, carried an AFP report from Jakarta that a retired Indonesian Air Force pilot had seen two "flying saucers" hovering over the Galunggung

Volcano in Western Java on the night of July 22, 1982.

The pilot, Lt. Col. J. Sumarsono (ret.), aged 66, told the daily paper *Terbit* that he saw the two radiant reddish-yellow objects in the evening, coming in at a fast speed from the direction of Jakarta. They hovered for about ten minutes over the Galunggung Volcano (which is still active) before disappearing rapidly.

As he watched the two objects from his home at Bandung, he said large numbers of other people also came out of their homes and observed them.

Credit: Y.J. Matsumura, CBA International, Japan.

Tibet

According to a UPI report from Peking in the *Sunday Sun-Times* (Chicago ?) for September 13, 1981, Chinese officials believed a UFO seen over Tibet on July 24 of that year might have been identical with one seen a few hours later above San Diego, half way around the world.

Said a Chinese Xinhua News Agency report of August 5 from Washington:— "The observation of the identical UFO on the opposite side of the Earth on the same day provides a clue for exploring the UFO Puzzle". The report went on to say that a bright object surrounded by a ring of blue-white light had been seen over Tibet some 11 days earlier. The light of the object was said to be of variable brightness, dimming and then flaring up again. The Chinese agency quoted the UFO Education Center (sic) in Valley City, Calif., as reporting that an American technician witnessed a similar object on the same night. "It was round or slightly egg-shaped in the centre, with well-defined Saturn-like rings", he was quoted as saying. "The ring closest to the craft was an intense blue-white, something like hot metal".

The Chinese said the two reports from the two locations, Tibet and USA, "were similar in terms of shape, colour of the light, estimated diameter of the rings, sound, and duration of the observation".

Credit: Pierre G. Rothstein, Skokie, Illinois, USA.

of me telling my story. It was to be filmed at the Technical College on March 19, 1979.

My eyes were sore for about a week and I had to wear dark glasses. I have had to have some weeks away from work as I haven't felt well and the doctor advised me to have a rest. My jaws ached after staring with my mouth open with shock when I first saw the "beings."

I have never read books about UFOs. I only read the papers. I don't look at a lot of television, but like the *Crossroads* programmes and *Coronation Street*, and love stories.

Some people have made jokes about me, but people who know me believe me as they know I am truthful.

Some people have written to say that they think the visitors were elves or beings from the Fairy Kingdom, or even robots, but I don't know what to think. I know I shall never forget them if I live to be a hundred.

A few days later we tried the "tapes" that had been handled by the "beings." They were so distorted that

they were ruined. Before January the 4th they were quite normal.

Note

These are some of the people who will confirm that they went to the house and heard Mrs. Hingley's story:—

Oldbury Police.

West Bromwich Police.

UFO Studies Investigation Services. Phone: 021 427 6914.

Mr. & Mrs. Westwood,
71, Wentworth Way,
Harborne,
Birmingham B32 2UX.

West Bromwich College of Technology,
Woden Road South, West Bromwich, Birmingham.
(Mr. R. Wilkinson, TV Production Course)

[The report has also been investigated by Martin Keatman on behalf of UFOIN — EDITOR]

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The "Black Monk" and other matters

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Allow me to express my deep gratitude to you for sending me your splendid journal. I enjoyed reading about recent UFO-cases happening in various parts of the world.

I should like to comment on the letter by A. B. Sidle published in FSR, 25/2 and concerning the observation of a flying humanoid by E. E. Loznaya (FSR, 24/4). Of course I have read the tale "Black Monk" by A. P. Chekhov but I do not believe the coincidence of the stories is very close. The "monk" had his face; the humanoid did not have one. It resembles some other similar observations (see, for example, FSR Special No. 4, p.53) which Mrs. Loznaya undoubtedly had not the possibility of getting acquainted with. Moreover after publishing this report in *Tekhnika-Molodyozhi*, 1976, No. 11, I have received several readers' letters containing similar information. I am planning to publish these reports in a future issue of "TM".

Incidentally I do not think there is (or was), in our country, a legend about the "black monk," for A. P. Chekhov had a dream about such a "monk" and later he used it for the tale.

Naturally the possibility of the fraud on the witness' part is not fully excluded — as in any report about humanoids, UFOs etc. However, when investigating this research field an investigator is

forced, to my mind, to share an important principle — "the principle of confidence." We may not trust or distrust the witnesses (for it is impossible to verify each report). Should we not assume that the report is a true one, and look where this assumption leads?

On the one hand, almost each separate UFO — or humanoid — sighting may be explained by an "unusual combination of usual causes." But the phenomenon as a whole? On the other hand, there is at present no hypothesis explaining the phenomenon more or less completely. Even the ET concept explains a separate sighting rather than the full complex of the sightings. From this point of view I note with interest the evolution of such an eminent ufologist as Dr. J. Vallée from *Anatomy of a Phenomenon* to *The Invisible College* (unfortunately I have not had the chance to read his two most recent books — *The Edge of Reality* and *Messengers of Deception*). The UFO-phenomenon may be "real" or "imaginative" but its influence on our civilisation is quite real.

When publishing the letter by Mrs. E. E. Loznaya in *Tekhnika-Molodyozhi* I had the intention only to demonstrate that there is in the UFO-phenomenon a sub-phenomenon: not flying objects in general, not flying saucers, but flying "men" or flying humanoids. The readers of FSR can also read about such observations in FSR, 19/2, p.29 and FSR

Case Histories, Suppl. 10, pp.14-16.

I am very glad of this opportunity to wish you personally, and your colleagues and readers a happy and successful 1980!

Sincerely yours,
Vladimir V. Rubstov,
Kharkov,
USSR.
20 December, 1979.

The "Dapple Gray Lane" experience

(The following is an extract from a letter on unrelated matters).

Dear Mr. Bowen, — . . . Here is something that may prove of value, if nobody else has pointed it out yet. It concerns the story told by "John Hodges" as related in FSR Vol. 25, No. 3. I thought there was something familiar about the alleged truth about the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and indeed there is. The idea that air dropped bombs do not work and that those two cities were flattened by earthquake, the "atomic effects" (blinding flash and radio activity) being produced by the USAF, appears as the plot to a novel called *The Jesus Factor* (Mayflower paperback 1972). The latter, as far as I am aware, is complete fiction.

I do not intend to suggest that "John Hodges" fabricated his story; just that the required information exists elsewhere and that it may have been dredged up from an unconscious source by the

experience he underwent. However, if he did not read that book we have a very interesting situation, to say the least.

Yours sincerely,

M. H. Martin,

London SE9.

11 November, 1979

That Michael Bentine let-down (one expects it from P. Moore)

Dear Sir, — I'd like to say a few things about BBC T.V.'s *Sky at Night* programme. I didn't see this myself but several people in my department as work came up to me and said "Did you see the programme etc., it was such a farce." Even people who don't take a very serious interest in the UFO subject felt that the attitude of Michael Bentine and Patrick Moore was childish and deliberately misleading. Perhaps other FSR readers have become used to the way the government and the media nearly always take the line that "... 2% of UFO sightings cannot be explained" — as if they can calm people into complacency by means of statistics — because I myself have come to expect this now. It's a pity that the general public are led to believe that Patrick Moore is an expert and it's an even greater pity that Moore has succumbed to selling himself to the Blankety-Blank entertainment world.

Still, if my co-workers, who aren't even very interested in UFOs, can see through him, and it makes them wonder if there's a cover-up, then perhaps this silly sort of mickey-take is going to do the opposite of what it was intended to do.

Yours faithfully,

Denise Langman,

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12 December, 1979.

Dr. Condon was not entirely wrong

Dear Mr. Bowen, — We all know that the Condon Report has been harshly criticized by ufologists ever since its publication in January 1969.

Virtually unknown, however, is the fact the late Dr. Edward U. Condon grasped the *paraphysical* (or *metaphysical*) nature of the UFO phenomenon, which takes ufology out of the realm of science and places it in that of philosophy. Hence his famous conclusion that enraged ufologists: "Further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby."

In fact, the overwhelming majority of scientists still refuse to deal with the UFO problem. But I don't blame them for this

negative attitude. After all, they are right in not wasting their precious time in ufological research (sterile for them). For *ufology is not within the province of science but that of philosophy, especially of metaphysics and ontology*. The well-known English science writer Arthur C. Clarke has also suggested that the answers to the UFO enigma are in the realm of *paraphysics*.

It is therefore up to the new generation of philosophers — clear-headed, objective and *free from all religious dogmas and taboos* — to tackle the UFO mystery. As a matter of fact, religious faith constitutes a major obstacle to the comprehension of the paraphysical phenomena.

Yours sincerely,

Julian H. Kaneko,

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Switzerland.

4 January, 1980.

That UFO "missile"

Dear Sir, — I am writing about the article "UFO 'missile' Scare" in Vol. 25, No. 1. According to the author, the witness said that she was driving at 3 a.m. when she noticed a "star" following her car. After 2-3 minutes this object, changing shape constantly, passed over the car and hit the ground with a thud, bounced and vanished. After stopping the car the witness said she could see another shape (apparently this was a UFO that had emitted the "missile"). She also felt a mild tingling sensation while the "missile" was overhead.

I believe that this case holds several factors of psychic phenomena. I will list them here: 1, The "missile" changed shape many times; 2, It was apparently travelling in a straight line for up to three minutes without gravity pulling it down until that period was up. This means that either the "missile" was not solid, it was emitted with a tremendous force to keep it in the air that long, or it was self-propelled; 3, After hitting the ground the "missile" vanished, which no physical object could do; 4, No markings were left on the ground — thus the "missile" could not have been solid, because the tremendous force (either from the UFO or the "missile" itself) needed to propel it for three minutes would have surely made it hit the ground with enough force to create a depression.

My opinion on this case is that the "missile" (and UFO) might be psychic phenomena, and the case needs further thought on that line.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin R. Berry,

48 Hope Street,

Shirley, Christchurch,

New Zealand.

6 November, 1979.

Soft soap?

Dear Sir, — In the 1979-80 number of "Pears Cyclopaedia" (No. 88) — see pp. L45, J21 ('Flying Saucers') — there appear such remarks on UFOs as would surely bear out the worst estimates that have been made of those official media in general stances regarding this question.

I quote from that of the L45 column:—
"... It is now believed that when not hallucinations, meteorological or cosmic-ray balloons, they are nothing more than atmospheric phenomena like mirages or mock suns caused by unusual atmospheric conditions. Described by Dr. Menzel, astrophysics professor at Harvard University, 'as real as rainbows are real, and no more dangerous.' It has been suggested that the study of some of the people who report the sighting of UFOs would be more rewarding than the investigation of what they saw! . . ."

I quote very briefly now from J21 column:

"... As long as empty churches testify to the (if perhaps but temporary) loss of contact between citizens and orthodox religions then one can expect such offbeat ideas as the cults surrounding flying saucers, and the science-fiction-like cult of scientology to expand, flourish . . ."

Sirs, I am yours, etc.,

Capt. G. A. Miles (Ret.),

Warren Road,

Liss Forest,

Hants GU33 7DD.

22 January, 1980

[Fortunately we have never needed to consult "Pears Cyclopaedia" (Pears being specialists in all kinds of soap) as an authority on UFO reports, and our views on cultist activities around the fringe of the subject have been stated clearly enough — EDITOR]

Illusions, or hallucinations?

Dear Sir,—Hilary Evans (Vol. 25, No. 4) with his wonted perceptiveness and clarity of exposition has put his finger on the right spot in stressing Vieroudy's "paradoxical duality." UFOs are indeed "autonomous entities"; but are they also "illusions"? Personally, I should prefer to talk of "hallucinations" in this context, for the following reason.

Illusions are false perceptions of physical stimuli. They are exceedingly common in this subject (A. Hendry, *The UFO Handbook*, Doubleday 1979), though apparently not so in *Psychical Research* (*Proc. of the S.P.R.*, Vol. X, Part XXVI, p.100). They apply to the IFOs rather than to UFOs properly so called. To illustrate my point, when I impatiently wait for a no.16 bus in the Kilburn High Road, that "illusionary" and evasive object turns out to be a 616. I am consequently in error, and there the matter rests as far as bus-spotting is concerned. (Illusions of "flying objects"

are, it is true, psychologically more revealing.) A hallucinatory no. 16 bus is a different kettle of fish with which I can claim no personal acquaintance: it could be either an apparition or a UFO, depending on the observer's predilection or other psychological factors.

M. Cassirer

(Formerly Chairman,
Physical Phenomena
Committee, S.P.R.)

Critics who speak from a background of ignorance

Dear Sir,—Having only now succeeded in getting round to reading Mr. D. Durand's letter "A Matter of Paranoia" (FSR Vol. 24, No. 4) I must confess that, like your correspondent, I am becoming more than a little irritated with the type of critic who suggests that "some scientists and researchers concerned with ufology are paranoid in their attitudes," when not infrequently that self-same critic would be utterly unable to distinguish an L.S.D. hallucination and a case of *folie à deux* psychosis.

The fact that I am able to refer to them myself is simply because I am in the process of reading a quite excellent book on the subject entitled *UFO Phenomena and the Behavioral Scientist*, edited by Dr. Richard F. Haines, and published by the Scarecrow Press Inc., Metuchen, New Jersey, U.S.A.

The relevancy of the "paranoid" accusation lies, I feel, in Chapter 6, in an article by Dr. Berthold Eric Schwarz, in which he contends that "... the media have attributed UFO events to hallucinations, illusions and delusions. **But these statements were not made by psychiatrists.**" (My emphasis — R.J.P.)

In other words, if you wish to criticise, be very sure that you know all about the subject you are endeavouring to criticise.

Yours sincerely,

R. Jones Pugh, M.R.C.V.S.,

Parkland Place,
St. Brides View,
Roch,

Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire.

March 7, 1980.

Another cat flap analogy

Dear Mr. Bowen — In your review of the book *UFOs: a British Viewpoint*, you ask "Do some people have the special attributes needed to see UFOs?" And in my opinion, the answer, probably, is *yes*.

Consider our pet cat. Only once in several years has he shown any interest in the television set. The other night, baboons were shown sitting on a rock, howling. The noise awoke the cat, who jumped off the settee and, with tail wagging, slowly approached the TV. To my surprise he ignored the TV completely, sprang through the legs of the stand, and attacked the bookcase behind the set.

If our cat could express his thoughts to other cats, the conversations would be interesting. Other cats may have identified the source of the howling, but how to explain this to our cat? To describe a box with bright lights and moving figures would be both beyond the power of cats both to describe or to understand. A human seeing a UFO in any location, on the ground or in the air, has difficulty in describing what he or she has seen. So, many of the peculiar effects and experiences that have been recorded may come from our inability to comprehend what we actually do see. People may see the same type of UFOs, but their individual brains may interpret the object in a way peculiar to that particular person. Our cat would say the howling came from the bookcase, other cats would quote whatever their home had behind the TV, whilst perhaps a few, very few, would quote the brightly coloured box.

On the same theme, what do the goldfish in our garden pond make of my hand when it appears over the pond to drop food into it. My hand is beyond their comprehension, let alone the rest of my body.

I look forward to FSR very much.

Yours truly,

J. Clamp

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February 21, 1980.

The Scully controversy

Dear Mr. Bowen,—I have just received and read the latest FSR, Vol. 25, No. 4, and found the articles by Mr. Stringfield and Mr. Creighton very interesting.

In the book *Flying Saucers Farewell* George Adamski wrote the following:

"In *Behind The Flying Saucers* Frank Scully mentioned that in the first crashed spacecraft examined by our scientists some twelve to fifteen years ago, all measurements were found to be divisible by nine. Thus he gave the first clue to Cosmic mathematics used in construction of the spacecraft.

"Although one of the first books written on this subject of spacecraft, and bitterly denied by the opposition who feared the acceptance of such facts even in those days, this book stands as one that has never been disproved. Of the hundreds of books written regarding space visitors and their ships, this remains one of the comparatively few authentic treatments of the subject."

That was 20 years ago, now in 1980 we have Mr. Stringfield and Mr. Creighton suggesting that the Scully exposure may have been contrived, and that there might now be a mad rush to get Scully's book. Well it is a pity that we didn't take more notice of Frank Scully's book in the

first place and also what George Adamski had to say about it.

Over the years there has been a lot of talk about cover-ups and official secrecy etc.

We have had the USAF cover-ups, the Condon whitewash, official de-bunking by various governmental bodies. May I suggest that soon we will become aware of another cover-up, and it will be known as the great NASA cover-up!

I agree with Mr. Stringfield, it will be a great shock for human-kind on this planet when the truth finally is out — even to most UFO researchers!

Sincerely,

C. Poole,

94 Kelbrook Court,
Offerton,
Stockport,
Cheshire, SK2 5NT.
February 21, 1980.

Retrieval difficulties

Dear Sir,—I find "Retrievals of the Third Kind" (FSR Vol. 25, No. 4) an interesting article, but here are a few points to ponder:

Abstract 1: Did the USA get permission from the Mexican government to retrieve the UFO? If, yes, can this be checked with the Mexicans? Was the UFO cut-up or dismantled for transportation? In either case it must have taken considerable time, whereas the article indicates otherwise.

Abstract 2: Again, was the 50ft. diameter UFO cut-up to put on to *one* lo-boy?

The points I am trying to make are: (a) why cut-up an alien craft if you want to fly it? (Would they be able to put it together again?) (b) If it is dismantled (a process that must take a very long time considering it has not been done before) where do they start, what dangers are there from the power plant etc? Every part would have to be labelled and catalogued (do "they" use real nuts and bolts?).

Finally, these craft have been in the hangers for a long time and yet the USA appears not to have any new metals or power systems after nearly 30 years. I would have thought that no expense would have been spared to get a UFO into the air, or space.

Yours sincerely,

John Ledner,

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Ringwood,
Hants.

March 5, 1980.

What the "Retrievals" could mean — if true

Dear Sirs, — The "Retrievals" articles in FSR Vol. 25 No. 4 by Messrs Creighton and Stringfield are very intriguing, and if the subject matter were to prove factual, the implications would

be more far-reaching, and enormous, than most ufologists have so far supposed.

If the authorities have, as suggested, retrieved not merely pieces of UFO hardware, but complete UFOs along with dead crewmen (and possibly survivors of a UFO crash-landing?), then the whole UFO cover-up takes on far more sinister and alarming proportions. It means that for about 30 years the U.S. and probably other governments have been in full possession of all the facts and concrete evidence necessary to identify UFOs, but it also means contact must certainly have been made with these aliens (the retrieved craft presumably had some kind of communications system, some of which must have worked or been repairable). It also means scientists have had three decades to study the design and mechanics of the retrieved UFOs, and so the government agencies concerned must have developed a UFO-type propulsion system of their own years ago.

This would mean the whole NASA and Soviet space programmes must be seen as a complete fraud — a joint Soviet-American charade to hoodwink the public, and the truth would come pretty close to the allegations made in the TV play "Alternative 3" which was put on as a straight documentary a few years ago, then denounced as a hoax: government agencies must have been secretly in contact with and visiting civilisations on other planets for about 20-odd years. This would mean many of the UFOs seen in recent years would be of Earth-origin, and there must be some hideous secret conspiracy too terrible to reveal to the world at large.

Now I find all this extremely hard to believe, but I do not see how one can avoid these implications if we accept the "Retrievals" as factual. In view of this, and of the flimsy nature of the evidence, I feel we must be very cautious and realise that such retrieval reports may well be grossly exaggerated if not complete fabrications. That the various governments have pieces of charred, twisted metal from crashed UFOs I have no doubt, but that they have complete craft with occupants I find very hard to swallow. If they had, hard evidence would surely have come out by now. The financial incentive for some individual in the Military or Intelligence services to secretly photograph a saucer or dead crewman and sell the picture and story to the press would be irresistible. Unless, that is, those in charge of the conspiracy of silence are so completely powerful and so utterly ruthless that no-one can defy them and survive.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. Papard,
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February 18, 1980.

More on Retrievals, and a note on Dyfed

Dear Sir, — I was interested to read "Retrievals of the Third Kind," as I am reading a book called *Wheels within Wheels and Points Beyond* by Willard L. Wannall. It is a fascinating book and in Chapter 9, entitled "Flying Saucers and Military Life" the author describes how he met a civilian employee of the Army. He had formerly held a position with the American Air Force, and had been present at the site in New Mexico where several Flying Saucers had crashed due to a magnetic fault in that area, which served to rob the craft of their means of magnetic propulsion. This civilian stated that efforts to break the objects into smaller parts were unsuccessful and it was necessary to transport them intact to a certain installation nearly 2000 miles distant! The bodies were taken to a special laboratory engaged in medical research.

After reading *The Uninvited* by Clive Harold I wrote to Mr. Coombes as I know the area. He kindly phoned me and although he and his family have moved from the farm, they still see the UFOs but are not frightened any more! I also enjoyed Peter Paget's *The Welsh Triangle*.

May I say how much I enjoy reading FSR.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Cole,
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February 18, 1980.

Mysterious sizes at arm's length

Dear Mr. Bowen,—In a recent issue of FSR, a contributor made the following statement: "Apparent size was that of a ten pence piece at arm's length . . ." I recall in an earlier issue, another British writer described the apparent size of an object by comparing it with the size of another denomination of British coin. I also remember an American writer referring to a UFO's apparent size by stating that it looked to be as big as a nickel, a five-cent piece.

Now, I know how big a nickel is (21.2mm), but I wouldn't know a ten pence piece if one jumped up and bit me. The chances are that most British readers can say the same thing about any given type of American coin.

It would be helpful if contributors would keep in mind that FSR is an international journal, and that terms and comparisons which make perfect sense to them may be meaningless to readers in other countries.

Sincerely,
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Houston, Tex. 77024.
March 11, 1980.

[Contributors take note! For the benefit of American and other overseas readers I will record that the approximate sizes (no way can I get down to 21.2mm!) are as follows: 10 pence — 28mm; 5p — 23mm; 2p — 26mm; 1p — 20mm; while the near useless ½p is 17mm — ED.]

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEXT ISSUE OF FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. . .

ITALIAN NIGHT-WATCHMAN KIDNAPPED BY UFO. . . Lucian Boccone

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Basin-like object over Hupei and other reports

A report from Hong Kong, repeated in *The Sunday Standard*, Bombay, of September 23, 1979, quoted the *Kwong Ming* daily of (presumably) September 21 as follows:—

"A Peking newspaper has belatedly reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects over China, China's domestic news agency reports.

"The report, quoting yesterday's issue of *Kwong Ming* daily, said the first sighting was reported by a high school student over Hupei Province in Central China one evening in 1977.

"The report, seen in Hong Kong today, said the student reported the sighting to anthropologist Yuen Zhanxin who was working in the province.

"Mr. Yuen, according to the report, told the daily that the student and other witnesses described the object as a basin-size round object, beaming with yellow and white lights and moving slowly in a circular route. He said the witnesses said the object remained in view for about one minute.

"The report said sightings of UFO had also been reported 'collectively' by troops in Hopei province in north China and inner Mongolia.

"It did not mention the dates but described the object over Hopei as a 'moon-like ball surrounded by fog-like gases.'

"The report said the object 'spurting jets of gases rose high in the sky for a few seconds. It rose higher spurting jets of gases again and disappeared after a few seconds.' — AP."

[*Encouraging evidence that UFOs are also being reported in China — and corroboration, in a small way, of what a contact once conveyed to us, that the country was "running alive with them"* — EDITOR]

Credit: **Jal N. D. Tata** of Colaba, Bombay, India.

Spain

Madrid object

The following item is taken from the London national newspaper *Daily Telegraph* of November 29, 1979:—

"Hundreds of people in Madrid yesterday watched an unidentified flying object hovering high for several hours. Two late night radio shows devoted

almost their entire programmes to the mystery object.

"The Spanish Air Force has begun an investigation into the phenomenon. Earlier this month an experienced airline captain made an emergency landing at Valencia after his Caravelle was followed by two UFOs."

(The story of the *Caravelle* appeared in the last issue of FSR.)

Credit: **John M. Lade** and others.

Poland

Three reports

The following brief reports are taken from an article entitled "Kronika UFO" which appeared in the Polish weekly *Fakty* 79 dated August 8, 1979. The article took the form of a summary of items which had appeared in the Polish press during the first six months of 1979, and we have extracted the items which relate to reports in Poland itself (the remaining cases itemised were from South American countries):—

"During the day, for a period of two minutes a red luminous trail which split up into two was observed in the area of Kwidzynia. With great speed one half of the trail flew upwards, whilst the other went sideways. There were three witnesses. (*Kurier Polski* dated January 6, 1979)."

"Between 7.30 a.m. and 8.00 a.m. a luminous object travelling from East to West appeared over Szczecin. The object suddenly changed direction southwards and disappeared. There was one witness. (*Kurier Szczecinski* dated January 28, 1979)."

"At about 7.15 p.m. a spherical object was observed between Dubieck and Sliwnica. It illuminated the surrounding area with a pulsating bright light. Another object was also observed flying from the direction of Bachórcza at a height of 25 metres, and it seemed to extinguish itself over the head of the witnesses. There were many witnesses of these events. (*Zycie Przemysla* dated February 18, 1979)."

[*Small items in all conscience, but indicative of the fact that reports are being made regularly in*

Poland. We are hoping to obtain more, in greater detail — EDITOR]

Credit: **H. Kubala** of Huddersfield who, with Mrs. Kubala kindly provided the translation.

France

Comment on the Cergy Pontoise CEIII

We hope to bring our readers further full details of the Cergy-Pontoise abduction story in the next issue of FSR (although we know that some French researchers are far from happy about the case — now that M. Fontaine has returned to the realms of ordinary mortals). The following comments appeared in the third editorial of the *Daily Telegraph* of November 29, 1979,—

"Every UFO fanatic knows that flying saucers come in waves. A fortnight ago a reputed hard-nut Capt. Tejada, was forced to land his Caravelle jet in a hurry after being 'buzzed' by a saucer. Subsequently there have been 'sightings' in Glasgow, Kuwait and Sweden, some by others also of unimpeachable seriousness of mind. Three days ago a Frenchman, M. Franck Fontaine, disappeared into thin air — or so two of his friends aver. The three of them were minding their own business at 4 a.m., as is a Frenchman's wont, when a bright light descended from the heavens. In the ensuing melee the unfortunate M. Fontaine was somehow spirited away by the saucer. He has not been heard of since.

"Now our own inclination, taking into account the vastness of the universe, is somewhat in favour of the existence of some flying saucers. Sceptics may view this incident differently. One of them, our French television critic, points out that a programme on UFOs was televised the evening before M. Fontaine rose so dramatically into the stratosphere. It could be that he is — was, perhaps — an unduly impressionable man. The French, remember, are romantic as well as rational. Some are not prepared to let the matter rest. Reason must have its day. For our own part, we do not for a moment believe that we are having our legs pulled. We should be very surprised to learn that M. Fontaine is enjoying himself on the French Riviera. Much more likely, he is cruising on the limits of the known universe."

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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.

The alleged "Lundy Island" naval sighting

Dear Sir, — With reference to FSR Vol. 28, No. 3, page 23, Footnote No. 5, I have checked the *Navy Lists* for the mid-1950s, and can find no mention of the name "Chelwan." It is possible therefore that this name is a pseudonym, as used in the original German newspaper report.

However, it is also possible that the Royal Navy just do not have commanders who see UFOs on the water, let alone take pictures of them. It is not cricket, old chap, and would upset Their Rollicking Lordships no end.

Yours sincerely,
P. J. Hampton,
184 Mill Hill Road,
Cowes,
Isle of Wight
July 5, 1983

[We are grateful to Mr. Hampton for his help. We confirm that, so far, our efforts to throw light on this story have been quite unsuccessful. Reader A. Calvert of Barnet recalls that the identical story — word for word so far as we can see — appeared in the New York magazine Man to Man for April 1969, but without comment, and he was good enough to send us a photostat of it. An-

other reader has written in, pointing out that the name "Chelwan" "sounds a bit Indian (i.e. Hindu)", but I cannot agree that I see anything "Indian" about it myself.

There is certain other information that might be adduced in support of the authenticity of the story, but I regret that I am not prepared to divulge it, as it came to me in strict confidence from another former British Naval Officer (Commander). He told me (about 15 years ago) that the Admiralty took a deep and serious interest in UFOs and had a lot of documentation about them. I am not prepared to risk trouble for this Officer from the direction of Their Rollicking Lordships. — EDITOR.]

The "E.T." Plague, and UFO Shapes

Dear Mr. Creighton, — Two points regarding your Vol. 28, No. 4 issue, which I received today.

First, concerning your editorial, it should be mentioned that U.S. film makers have also produced some horrifying motion pictures depicting extraterrestrials as hostile monsters. Especially notable are ALIEN (1979) and the re-make of THE THING (1982). How do these fit in?

Second, the objects in the drawings on pages 18 and 20 would seem to have at least a family resemblance to the one reported by Dean Powell, described on pages 13-16 of Frank Salisbury's widely neglected classic, THE UTAH UFO DISPLAY. A drawing appears on the second page of the photo section of that book.

Sincerely,
Robert Davis,
3012 Lovers Lane,
Dallas, TX 75225,
U.S.A.
April 13, 1983

Humosaurs?

Dear Sir, — With reference to Dr. Bernard Finch's article *Dinosaurs . . . Not Humanoids?* (FSR 27/4), and subsequent correspondence (FSR 27/6 and 28/3), I enclose for your perusal, and for possible further discussion, the cutting of an item which recently appeared in one of our daily papers.

Yours sincerely,
Morris Richards,
71 Philmead Road,
South Benfleet,
Essex SS7 5DW
May 25, 1983

[The interesting item, entitled The Dinosaur Man, accompanied by sketches of a remarkably human-looking saurian beside a remarkably saurian-looking human, comes from a newspaper serialisation of Ripley's famous book of real wonders, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, which was a best-seller for many years in the 1930s and 1940s and is evidently still going strong. (Presumably we are precluded from reproducing it, for reasons of copyright.)

The human-looking saurian described by Ripley was *Stenonychosaurus Inequalis*, a small flesh-eating dinosaur which, according to scientists at the Canadian Museum of Natural Science in Ottawa, became extinct about 63 million years ago. "However, had it not become extinct," said these scientists, "it would very probably have evolved into a manlike creature 4' 2 ft. tall, with a large brain, green skin, and yellow reptilian eyes." — EDITOR]

A Sighting in Brazil

Dear Mr. Creighton, — In July 1976 I was vacationing in Brazil. I rented a houseboat on the Araguaia River*, which separates the States of Mato Grosso and Goiás, for a period of 5 weeks.

While fishing one evening in a dinghy with two residents of the area, we saw a Nocturnal Light. The time was about 8.30 p.m., the locale was about 1/2 mile up-river from the village of Macauba. One of my friends asked me to look up, whereupon I saw what I first took to be a satellite crossing the star-filled sky, although it seemed rather large for a satellite. Both of my friends said it was not a satellite and that they had seen such lights before. We watched the glowing globe as it slowly crossed the sky until it suddenly stopped, hovered for a few seconds, then doubled-back on a course at an acute angle to its previous trajectory, to cross the sky again. Our attention was briefly distracted by some other fishermen who called out to us. When I looked up again a couple of minutes later, the light was not to be seen. Until this time I had given very little thought to UFOs; in fact, I certainly did not "believe in" them.

On the following day I mentioned the sighting to my two friends but they did not want to talk about it. I later spoke to some men who work on

a fishing boat, and they told me that they had one evening been frightened by a ball of light which swooped down from the sky over their boat, then took off upwards again, leaving a trail of gases which made them nauseous and gave them headaches. These were illiterate frontiersmen.

In the March 1983 issue of *FSR* you included an article on Early Brazilian Reports. In these reports have you seen any mention of UFO sightings in the Araguaia area? In Vallée's *Challenge to Science* which I read recently he discusses Michel's "Straight-line theory", and on the map he includes, the "straight-line" seems to cross over the area where I saw the NL.

Sincerely,
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April 13, 1983

*[*The Araguaia, one of Brazil's mightiest rivers, has its source around 18° S. and flows due north to join the Tocantins, which then enters the Atlantic near Belém or Pará (1° 27' S., 48° 29' W.)*

Incidentally it is (relatively speaking, given the vastness of Brazil) not too far from the Araguaia eastwards to Parnarama, allegedly the scene of one of Brazil's most gruesome UFO stories, as we reported in World Round-Up on page 25 of FSR Vol. 27, No. 5. (The report claimed that, in October 1981, four Brazilian hunters had been killed at night by UFOs and their bodies found totally drained of blood.)

We have not simply printed this frightening story and left it at that. Since then we have asked both Dr. W. Bühler and Senhora Irene Granchi away down in Rio to check the affair for us, and both have been doing their best, but we have nothing more conclusive yet. We are informed by Mr. Bob Pratt, the American UFO investigator, that he hopes to visit that remote area of North-Eastern Brazil shortly, and he too has promised that he will do all he can to get to the bottom of this business about the four hunters. In the meantime, we can however say that we have just received certain other reports that are even more blood-chilling and that relate to alleged UFO activities in Amazonas Province of Brazil in the autumn of 1982, but we shall not publish these until we know more.

Despite it all, however, we still get a steady trickle of letters from people who

insist that everything is sweetness and light in Ufology, and that the critters all love us dearly. One can but sigh and murmur the good old English saying: "There's nowt so queer as folks!" — EDITOR]

Let's Not Extrapolate Our Present Technology to the UFO Phenomenon

Dear Mr. Creighton, — I read with interest Mr. Robert Boyd's report entitled "Burnt by a UFO's Laser Beam?" (*FSR* 28-3).

However, I object to the use of a term "laser beam". Why always extrapolate our mechanistic science and technology when dealing with the parapsychical UFO Phenomenon? I already cautioned against this anthropocentric extrapolation in my letter of February 6, 1979, published in *FSR* 25-1. Such a naive and simplistic extrapolation will only serve to perpetuate the puerile "nuts-and-bolts" extra-terrestrial hypothesis.

Since the UFO Phenomenon is one of the diverse manifestations of the Extra-dimensional Superintelligence which is commonly called "God", there is no point in trying to interpret the Phenomenon in terms of our 4-dimensional science and technology.

On page 20 of *FSR* 28-3, you say *Something* is doing very queer things to a great many members of the human species. Well, this *Something* has a well-known name: "God". Charles Fort used to say we are Somebody's property. Well, this Somebody is so-called "God".

The mysterious phone call which Denise Bishop received on September 11, 1981, did not come from Chris Bloomfield of CBS Radio in Vancouver, Canada, but was engineered in a masterly manner by so-called "God" itself! By the way, when referring to "God", we should say "It" and "Its" and not "He", "His" or "Him". We should not anthropomorphise "God".

I also disagree with your contention that all Governments know what the UFO Phenomenon is. In fact, they don't, but they fool themselves into believing they do. Or they dare not face the mind-boggling fact that the UFO Phenomenon is one of the so-called "Divine" manifestations. No wonder then that science is totally powerless to do anything about it.

For the above reasons, I maintain my deep scepticism of Leonard H.

Stringfield's allegations about "Retrievals of the Third Kind".

Yours sincerely,

Julian H. Kaneko,

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March 7, 1983

The UFO phenomenon is unrelated to ETs

Dear Sir, — The contents of FSR 28-4 call for some comments. I do not share your paranoic fear of the UFO phenomenon expressed in your editorial "The ET Plague" — fear based on the phenomenon's seemingly evil aspects. As I said in FSR 25-1 and 27-6, so-called Good and Evil are skilfully mixed in the UFO manifestations. This mixture is deliberate and designed to put us off the scent. Moreover, since the UFO phenomenon is unrelated to ETs, why worry about the "ET Plague"? The success of Steven Spielberg's puerile and unscientific film "E.T." is attributable to the childishness of those who went to see it.

Now for the letters of Messrs. Stewart Campbell and Peter A. Hill, both entitled "The Space-Travel Debate". Mr. Campbell says that Earth blazes in radio frequencies, and Mr. Hill suggests that our radio noise would be a beacon inviting ETs to visit us. Well, for more than 20 years now, both U.S. and Soviet radio telescopes have been scanning Space for return radio signals from advanced ET civilisations, but *in vain*.

Mr. Campbell adds that no ET civilisations would embark on interstellar travel without first communicating with us by radio. He unwittingly implies that the UFO phenomenon has nothing to do with ETs because, in fact, no ET civilisations have yet contacted us by means of specific radio signals. Mr. Hill speculates that the MIBs could be robots. Doesn't he know that *the MIBs usually vanish into thin air*? Would he please explain how material/physical "nuts-and-bolts" robots could dematerialise?

Even Carl Sagan, a well-known U.S. astronomer and exobiologist, who is convinced of the existence of advanced ET civilisations within our Milky Way Galaxy, does not think that Earth has ever been or is being visited by their representatives travelling at speeds near that of light aboard crashable "nuts-and-bolts" spacecraft. The reason for his scepticism is sim-

ple: there is no scientific evidence of such visits. *If NASA had concrete and tangible proof thereof, it would not be wasting its time and money on radio search for ET civilisations.*

The UFO phenomenon may present the outward appearance of being ET visits, but this is a trap set by the Extradimensional Superintelligence (commonly called "God"), and the ETH advocates have walked straight into it. *Appearances are deceptive*, indeed! Many an "abductee" has reported a UFO whose interior is far larger than its exterior. This proves that the UFO's materiality is only temporary or illusory. The UFO phenomenon has also been frequently observed in association with poltergeistic phenomena. All this confirms the parapsychical nature of the UFO phenomenon, which makes it impossible for us to study it scientifically.

Yours sincerely,

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April 22, 1983

Those Crash-Retrieval Reports

Dear Sir, — With regard to Leonard H. Stringfield's series on UFO crash/retrievals — I very much doubt that proof or disproof will ever be forthcoming. UFOs and their occupants are parapsychical; composed of etheric matter. Their solidity can only be temporary. Any 'crashed' UFO would eventually vanish — like angel hair — back to its own realm.

The recrudescence of the hoary 'crashed flying saucer' myth is an indication that ETH is still with us — despite the advance toward the parapsychical by Keel and others in the early '70's. Perhaps, as in the arts, there is no such thing as 'progress' in Ufology?

It seems that so many are still locked into mechanistic frames of reference that it has become necessary to indulge this endless stream of anecdote, and hearsay, about alleged crashes.

The UFO game is full of deception — most of it emanating from the phenomenon itself, or its *human* agents, e.g. the mysterious "Mr. Johnson". The phenomenon seeks always to disguise itself, and its purposes. It is hardly surprising that Mr. Stringfield's "sources" vanish; some of them were probably spooks, labouring to

perpetuate or renew the myths about pickle-bottles at Wright-Patterson AFB.

So the old game continues, and one can only hope that 1983 Ufology is sophisticated enough to take pickled alien stories with a grain of salt.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Kells,

P.O. Box 1670, Southport 4215,

Queensland,

Australia

April 26, 1983

(We now have a photostat — which we shall publish — of the July 1947 Memo by J. Edgar Hoover, the famous former Head of the FBI, in which he complains that the U.S. Army (who at that date still had control of the U.S. Air Force) had refused to let the FBI participate in the examination and investigation of a crashed disc! Doesn't sound very "eth-eric" to us. — EDITOR)

Crash-Retrieval Reports

Dear Sir, — I am writing in response to Julian Kaneko's letter in FSR vol. 28 no.2. I cannot answer all his questions but I am confident that I can answer some of them. Julian asked the question why UFOs have not crashed in other parts of the world? The simple answer is that UFOs *have* crashed in other parts of the world e.g. the alleged crashed object in Suffolk, England, and the legendary cover up in Argentina and a photo of an unknown crashed object which actually appeared in FSR. Since the UFO phenomenon began the governments have denied the existence of UFOs, so if they copied the aliens craft and someone found out then they would be contradicting themselves. The U.S. President is in power for four years unlike the FBI or CIA who are in power for ever and so have the right to deny anyone top secret documents. I hope I have answered some of Julian Kaneko's stupid questions, anyone wise enough sense could have worked them out, by the way I am only 13.

Yours Sincerely,

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April 21, 1983

p.s. Please forgive my typing as I am just a learner.

(5) S.T.

frequent until the end of July when a new wave suddenly burst upon us. This July-August wave is very similar to the April 1964 wave in two ways. Firstly, the great bulk of sightings occurred in the United States and secondly, the wave came suddenly, its peak being of short duration. These are very unusual periods, requiring much study before interpretations are made. Only one other wave, that of November 1957, is similar. There are several theories which might account for unexpected flaps. The November 1957 peak coincided with the launchings of Sputniks 1 & 11. It is reasonable to theorise that these two objects caused a sudden boost in sighting reports but the April 1964 and July-August 1965 peaks cannot be explained in this way. One possible interpretation of the last two peaks is that they were "phoney" flaps. By this I mean that many of the objects sighted could have been secret, experimental machines, manufactured right here on earth. Bear in mind that I am simply referring to possibilities - not what I necessarily believe. I mention them merely to show avenues of investigation which must not be overlooked. It is generally understood that scientists the world over have been experimenting on anti-gravity devices for some time now. If true, then they must test the devices somewhere on this planet. One quiet place would be at either polar regions. There was a very important sighting from the Antarctic in July, just before the big July-August wave. Is it possible that the "invasion" emanated from a base in Antarctica?

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FREE WILL

by

C.A. Honey.

It has been stated many times that man has "free will" given to him by his Creator. We all know this is basically true but we must not overlook other aspects of this important law. We have to realise that although man has free will he is also REQUIRED to observe certain laws. labeled by man as "Natural" or "Universal Laws."

In order for a man to progress and develop the necessary character required for his advancement to a higher planet in the cosmos, it is absolutely mandatory that he allow himself to become subject to certain regulations. Can he do this and still have the free will he is supposed to have? What it really amounts to is this: Man has free will to choose if he will observe natural laws, but if he freely chooses not to observe or obey them he will meet sure punishment.

Many people are already well aware that eventually mankind will be "forced" so-to-speak, to conform to laws that will be imposed upon this earth as a whole when the time arrives for the dawn of the new age known as "the millenium". This will be an age where all nations of the earth will be under a one world government whose guiding force will originate from extraterrestrial beings from other worlds.

According to prophecy this will come about by beings coming to earth from outer space, taking over all governments, and forcing an end to war and bloodshed.

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Swords will be beaten into plowshares and peace for the first time will dwell all over the earth. This will not be done, again according to prophecy, until mankind has been given full opportunity to mend his ways and achieve peace and understanding through his own desire to evolve and progress. As a final resort, if man doesn't learn to mend his ways and live as brothers should on this earth, he will be placed under certain restrictions for his own good. If not done he could destroy the entire planet and all upon it. If these limitations are imposed upon man will it violate the concept of free will?

The answer to this is, of course, that it will not violate the actual free will given to man but it may not correspond to the ideas of free will that have been commonly taught. A pattern of correct behaviour has been determined and man only has free will, to the extent that he is free to choose or discard the laws that have been set in motion. He has free choice to observe Universal Laws or he can ignore them. This doesn't mean he is not bound by them. If he chooses to ignore them he will meet sure punishment. It amounts to a free will choice of benefits or punishments. Punishment will occur each time a natural law is broken and will continue to occur until man learns by experience which things are correct and right to do and which are not.

The punishment incurred is not meted out by individuals but is brought about by the act of the violation. For example, you can choose moderation in all things or you can choose excess. If you choose excess in drink you will be punished by a hangover the next morning. Body efficiency will be destroyed to a certain extent. You met this punishment by your own doing. No one else imposed it upon you. Violate the law of gravity by jumping off a building and you are punished by death of the body caused by the fall. You still have free will to jump or not. That hasn't changed. Improper exercising of that free will can cause certain death in this case.

When the first people of this particular civilisation were brought to this earth for the express purpose of learning the correct way by experience, they were given unlimited free choice to do as they pleased. They were left to their own devices and were free to develop in any manner they chose. (See Inside the Space Ships, pages 180-189 and in the Bible see Rev. 12:9; the pages in ITSS explain very clearly exactly what Rev. 12:9 actually referred to. Other biblical verses if studied in complete context also tell the same thing, of angels being cast down out of heaven and forced to remain on the earth. See Jude 6 also)

Now, man with his inventions (or invasions) into the world of the atom, has given us many weapons capable of completely destroying civilisation from the face of the earth. He has made himself dangerous to the inhabitants of other worlds. I wouldn't be too surprised if we face another great choice in the very near future. Yield all weapons of war, live as brothers upon the face of the earth, follow Universal Laws and Principles, or face annihilation completely. Then if this happened, future history would record a fourth great civilisation that had vanished from the face of this earth. Three others before us completely disappeared.

Or, we could be invaded from other worlds and forced to conform as prophesied in the book of Revelation and explained or interpreted in Daniel 2: 28 and 2:44. Man will be allowed to go only so far and then he will be prevented from going further. Much depends upon choices made in the next five years.

(Taken from Mr. C.A. Honey's publication of March 1965).

from burnished gold.

Boehme was a remarkable figure who expounded upon our will being an original, primal force. He also knew about existence as a process of conflict between pairs of contrasted principles that are ultimately resolved into a new unity.

In the same issue, Zecharia Sitchin states in "The Great Pyramid Forgery" that 6,000 years ago, Sumer was the first known civilization of mankind in what is today Iraq. But Colonel James Churchward, in decades of research on location early in this century, found the high level culture of the Nacal-Naga people of the Indus Valley at its peak 35,000 years ago. The much later decline (5,000 years ago) of which was mistakenly assumed to be the zenith of this culture by Indologist Max Muller. Schliemann had made the same wrong assertion.

According to Churchward, who wrote four epic volumes researching the first location of mankind and the placement of Eden, it was not in Africa or the Middle East, but over 200,000 years ago on Mu in the southwest Pacific (or Lemuria with its epochs, or Oceania), with its 63 million people—*Douglas Fales, Westmount, Quebec, Canada*

Editor's note: According to the Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology, third edition, Boehme was also spelled Bohme, Beem, Behm, Bhemon, and Behmont.

We Are Multidimensional Beings

I was most intrigued reading Rosemary Ellen Guiley's new column (June 1993 FATE). Her view that we are multidimensional beings is accurate indeed.

Defining the nature of this fact goes far beyond her statement that "our consciousness has access to non-ordinary realities that are just as real as the physical world we inhabit." We are these other realities.

Every person is literally an individual infinity in their own right. Not only is one's self many different things or beings, but endless combinations or variations of these are constantly expanding in what is unique and boundless creativity.

Multidimensionality is therefore defined as meaning that we are each simultaneously our own interpretation of everything else, and also that which has never yet been.—*Robert S. Smith, Vancouver, BC, Canada*

How Ancient is Civilization?

In *Walk Your Way to Cosmic Consciousness*, (July 1993 FATE) by Esther VM Hame'l, a serious spelling error (pg. 91) occurs regarding German mystic, "Jacob Behmen," which should be "Jakob Boehme" (1575-1624).

In the article, the sunlight reflecting from metal induced a state of altered consciousness in Boehme. The incident involved a brass bowl which the mystic saw radiating a flood of reflected light as though

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and speech was entitled, "What We Have Learned From UFO Repetitions!"
Sincerely,
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August 24, 1985.

"The Night of Brahma"

Dear Sir — In his article *From Atoms to Tachyons and Hyperspace and Back Again*, (Vol. 31 No. 1), Paul Whitehead says that philosophical and quasi-religious terminology are used by some physicists to express the ideas of quantum mechanics. I am not at all surprised, as the idea that the observer has an effect on the atoms of the object of her/his study however near or far they happen to be, has already been expounded by two of our present-day philosophical teachers.

Firstly, there is Krishnamurti, the nub of whose teachings is that observation is the key to the understanding of oneself and the world, and that when this is perfectly co-ordinated, the observer and the observed cease to be and all that remains is the act of observing.

This follows on neatly to Ernest Holmes who founded the Church of Religious Science and whose philosophy is called 'Science of Mind'. He teaches that there is one Universal Mind in which all individual minds dwell and what is known in one part of Mind, can therefore be known instantaneously in any other part, as it is all one mind. This is similar to Paul Whitehead's quantum wave which could be used for faster-than-light signals across the universe. However, Ernest Holmes takes us further by demonstrating that it is also the nature of Mind to reconstruct, in our familiar world of physical atoms, that which is thought into it. He gives detailed instructions in his book *Science of Mind* of the method which should be used to bring forth a desired objective, calling it a 'movement in Mind' or 'treatment'. I have personally tested his format and it works!

In the light of the findings of both physicists and philosophers, it is obvious that the whole of our universe down to the smallest iota is one organism in which all aspects respond to each other, and that includes seemingly individual beings like ourselves. Even Einstein's $E=MC^2$ would be an impossibility without the observer, which returns us to Krishnamurti.

Consequently, our modern scientists could be saved a lot of time and effort if they would only co-operate with their old adversaries, and what better place to begin than at the very beginning with the birth of the universe as propounded by the Hindu Vedanta System,* which is dreamed into existence during the Night of Brahma, only to disappear on his awakening.

'We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with a sleep.'

Yours faithfully,
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November 27, 1985.

* The majestic, cosmic view that is given us in Vedanta has not yet found an equal, and happily many of our modern scientists, from Robert Oppenheimer onwards, have begun to perceive this.

See, for example:

J. R. Oppenheimer: *Brighter than a Thousand Suns.*

J. R. Oppenheimer: *Science and the Common Understanding.*

Amaury de Riencourt: *The Eye of Shiva.*

Gary Zukaw: *The Dancing Wu Li Masters.*

Michael Talbot: *Mysticism and the New Physics.*

Fritjof Capra: *The Tao of Physics.*

Rupert Sheldrake: *A New Science of Life.*

David Bohm: *Wholeness and the Implicate Order.*

J.W.N. Sullivan: *The Limitations of Science.* — EDITOR

Closed Minds — East and West!

Dear Mr Creighton and FSR Staff —
Thank you for your dedication and efforts. I appreciate it fully.

Considering the closed minds and blinkered eyes of my friends, it is a pleasure to read FSR and to know that there are others who search for the truth and wonder.

I have discovered the best way to get rid of people when one has had enough of talking about mundane subjects, is to start talking about UFOs, and suddenly they disappear — just like a UFO!

Yours sincerely,
Sheryl Arman,
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October 1985.

How heartily I agree with Miss Arman! I don't often talk to anybody about UFOs, but curiously enough I tried it out quite recently. We were at the grand reception in the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, to celebrate Free China's National Day, the *Double Tenth*, anniversary of the Revolution of 1911 which ushered in the Republic (now in Taiwan and — don't forget it! — with the highest standard of living in South-East Asia!) At a certain point in the evening, conversation seemed to be flagging. We had covered all the hardy old perennial subjects, like the economic boom in the Pacific; the fantastic industrial development of South Korea and Taiwan, etc; the congenital inability of the British trade unionists to grasp what is yet to hit them in the future; and the burgeoning Soviet plans for total control of the Pacific and for a short, very sharp and bloody naval war in at least four oceans simultaneously. The group in which we were standing contained a Chinese professor of venerable aspect, two young Chinese businessmen and a Chinese banker, and a couple of Englishmen from firms trading with Taiwan. When I introduced the dread subject of the "flying plates" (*feidie*) the faces of the whole group assumed the aspect of startled rabbits confronted by an adder, and like lightning our little group broke up, some heading off in one direction and the rest in the other. In no time our end of the Buckingham Suite was cleared. You couldn't have done better had there been a fire. G.C.

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— especially the younger ones — for whom it would be completely new. Moreover, in the past twenty years the UFO Phenomenon has begun to display an increasing number of characteristics which point precisely in that direction — i.e., the Phenomenon has definitely got something to do with a defect in, or a manipulation of, the Space-Time structure, no matter whether one leans more to a physical or to a psychological hypothesis.

Sincerely yours,
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December 1, 1982

An excellent idea. We will bear it in mind and try to reprint the article some time this year. Incidentally, with FSR now nearly thirty years old, many of our faithful early readers have died off (and this will soon be the lot of many more of us.) Those early issues contained a mass of highly important articles, particularly on some of the first tremendously important landing and contact cases, which were covered by us in very great detail, but which are totally unknown to the young readers of today, and unless we try to do something about re-publishing the best of them, they will continue to be unknown, and this will give much pleasure to our enemies and critics. — EDITOR

The "Concorde" film and unidentified object

Dear Sir, — In Vol. 28, No. 1, you published my letter concerning a further sequence of Concorde/UFO film.

When I posted the letter I was waiting for the 'offending' sequence to be excised — and indeed that it had ever appeared in the first place was a surprise, and does not say much for the efficiency of the censors — begging the question of course of whether they can keep anything secret.

And I was not disappointed. The film vanished from the TV screens before my letter was published in FSR.

Later, although the film did reappear, it had been doctored. This was not a long sequence of UFO film, and it took place against a background of open sky, hence it could be altered relatively easily. The UFO had now turned into a lens-flare! Anyone now watching this sequence and expecting to see a UFO could only be disap-

pointed, and would think that I had been deluded. And indeed, I would be dubious about it myself had not noticed the sequence many times previously, both at the time of its first showing, when the more obvious UFO footage was lost for ever (as they thought and hoped) — and also at the time prior to the World Cup in Spain. As it is, however, I just consider it a case of malpractice.

Yours sincerely,
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January 27, 1983

S.T.

God: The Supreme Illusionist

Dear Sir, — Mr. Hilary Evans is quite right when he says that the UFO phenomenon dodges any attempt to pin it down within any existing closed belief system (FSR 28-2).

The Christian belief in the Final Battle of Armageddon between God and Satan is sheer nonsense from both scientific and metaphysical viewpoints. Nature being infinite, neutral and amoral (i.e., neither moral nor immoral), it is totally pointless to moralise on it. In fact, Good and Evil are human creations. Man created them because he needs them, and then he drew an arbitrary line of demarcation between what he considers Good and Evil in terms of his anthropocentric and anthropomorphic conception of Nature. *FSR, Vol. 28, N-4, March 83*

Contrary to what many seem to believe, moreover, God and Nature are not two separate entities but one and the same. Thus, God is not only infinite but also neutral and amoral. God is also the Supreme Illusionist. Life itself is only an illusion, but God makes us believe otherwise. UFOs, Marian apparitions, Jesus Christ, Muhammad, Buddha, and all other so-called paranormal/religious phenomena are just a few examples of Divine illusionism. God does this because man needs illusions and diversions to stay alive and evolve.

Why do Marian apparitions occur only in the Roman Catholic countries? The answer: this is God's way of poking fun at the Roman Catholic belief in the Virgin Mary. It is interesting to note that no Marian apparitions had ever occurred in pre-Columbian Americas and that the first such apparition on the American Continent took place in Mexico on December 9,

1531, i.e., only after the colonisation of Central and South America by Roman Catholic Spain and Portugal.

The Truth shall NEVER be found. As Einstein said, the more we learn, the less we understand. In other words, mystery thickens exponentially as our knowledge increases. The Truth is infinite and hence inaccessible to humans.

I am rather surprised at Mrs. Ann Druffel's naïveté in swallowing Leonard H. Stringfield's allegations about "crashed UFOs and their dead occupants secreted in the U.S. Government's storehouses". There is not a shred of supportive evidence. He either made up the whole story very cleverly or was fooled by God or perhaps by the U.S. authorities.

Yours sincerely,
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Switzerland.
December 6, 1982

The U.S. authorities will feel greatly honoured to find themselves bracketed in such high-class company! But how can Mr. Kaneko (though evidently he knows a lot) be quite so sure about what went on in the Americas before the arrival of Columbus? And how, for that matter, can he be so confident that both God and he are not also disastrous illusions, figments in the All-Encompassing Kaneko Limbo? — ED.

The "Space-Travel" Debate

Dear Sir, — Julian H. Kaneko claimed that aliens from another star system are prevented from reaching Earth by Einstein's 'theory of relativity' and the 'impossibility' of 'ever identifying our Sun among the 250 billion stars that compose the Milky Way galaxy'. (FSR Vol. 28 No. 2).

Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity cannot prevent aliens from reaching Earth — all it says is that they cannot travel faster than light. Since the nearest star (other than the Sun) is about four light-years away, and the stars of inhabited planets are probably hundreds if not thousands of light-years away, this would appear to inhibit communication. However, since the Theory also predicts that, at speeds near that of light, time aboard a space vehicle will pass more slowly, aliens could reach Earth in reasonably short travel times. (This travel time will be a

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NOTICE TO THE READERS: These figures come by Louis Levy

Everyone has read their horoscope in the daily paper. Some people believe what they've read — others regard it a joke. Joseph Mark Cohen, a professional Astrologer and Director of the Penttil Centre in Toronto, takes his subject seriously. *Atlantic Era* sent Pierre Côté, one of our reporters, to find out exactly what is "up" in astrology today.

A.E.: What is the public's general response to astrologers? Are they scared or receptive?

J.M.C.: Usually they are intrigued. Astrologers are few and far between. I think many people have a misconception as to what exactly astrology is. Many think it's fortune telling, similar to reading cards, palmistry, whatever. Astrology is an intuitive science and a very high one at that. Someone once said that astrology was the queen of science, something that should be studied after all other sciences have been studied.

A.E.: So, it is more of a science?

J.M.C.: Yes. And I really believe that in the Age of Aquarius we are now entering, this period between 1961 and 1981, astrology will be the symbolic language for the next 2160 years. It will serve as a framework that will be able to integrate behavioral, social sciences, and physical sciences. Also, it will serve as a language for psychology.

A.E.: Everyone talks about the Age of Aquarius. Can you tell me more about it?

J.M.C.: Well, we sort of come into the Age of Aquarius through the back door of Pisces. It's like the ascendent of our solar system through the procession of the equinoxes. It's presently moving from, say, 0 degrees Pisces to 29 degrees Aquarius.

A.E.: So, it's the whole solar system that's entering the Age of Aquarius?

J.M.C.: Yes.

A.E.: What is the Age of Aquarius? Did we enter that age before?

J.M.C.: About 26,000 years ago there was another Age of Aquarius.

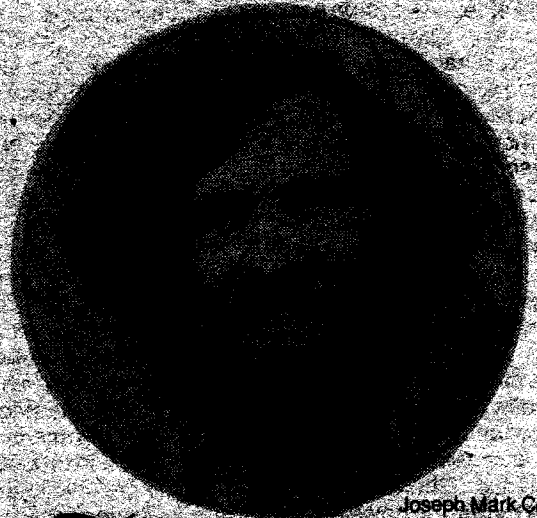
A.E.: So, what is in store for us in this Age of Aquarius?

J.M.C.: A lot of things. It's the age of intuitive science. There will be a lot of advances. Most likely right in this decade there will be a space shuttle, communications from outside our solar system, new technologies based on more sane use of our environment and the ionosphere. And probably some difficult birth pains over the

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WHAT DOES THE AGE OF AQUARIUS MEAN?

Planetary Suicide or Transformation?



Joseph Mark Cohen



next couple of decades. Humanity has got a bit of catching up to do. Since the time of Jesus and the Age of Pisces, we should have been working on the heart shakra of the planet — dealing with certain ideals of brotherhood, compassion, things that relate to Pisces. But because there's still a tremendous amount of attachment to various egotisms, particularly nationally, there are countries wanting to dominate, Russia wanting to control this China, that. Many people feel we'll be taken almost to the brink of planetary suicide before there'll be some kind of intervention that will re-unite humanity as one being again.

A.E.: That's very interesting.

J.M.C.: Well, it's not delightful.

A.E.: Yes, like you said, it's going to be a painful birth process.

J.M.C.: Well, the prophet Isaiah said that there were two possible ways of having a birth. One was for it to be very difficult, and the other is to be easy. So, it entirely depends on our facilities with the flow and which way we choose to operate.

A.E.: There's a tremendous lot of work to be done. I walk downtown in Toronto and there's no visual contact. It's amazing. People don't talk to each other.

J.M.C.: To the extent that people have fear, that'll be the extent of the resistance to entering a new age or entering a new eon. That fear will be projected into history, so as more people grow in awareness and begin to expect the unusual and look forward to a spiritualization of material culture, and communication from different places, the easier it will be. Basically, I think spiritual evolution is very much like the splitting of an atom. You need a certain quantity of critical mass of evolved consciousness, for there to be an evolutionary leap in consciousness. So, it doesn't mean that the whole of humanity will enter the Age of Aquarius at one time. Basically you will have a certain percentage of beings on the planet who will channel and resonate with the higher vibrational space and they'll work as transformers of energy. Others will be drawn to their energy or wisdom or life or whatever.

A.E.: So, it's going to be like a funnel into the next dimension of the Age of Aquarius?

J.M.C.: And there have been saints, teachers, prophets, who have known that the Age of Aquarius was to come for a long time.

A.E.: I find it strange that so many have been told, yet so few have listened. How will people recognize who the energy is being channeled through?

J.M.C.: Well, with energy, when you feel it you're drawn to it. There are already different people who are channeling ways of seeing that will reformulate our world view in the Age of Aquarius. And those people resonate like



music and those that resonate with certain notes and certain frequencies will be drawn to those people who are emitting that frequency.

A.E.: So, it's something mystical?

J.M.C.: A teacher of mine once said that we're coming to a point where science and mysticism are converging as one.

Next week: Joseph Mark Cohen talks about: What astrology means to the average man.

AND THE YOGI

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The human body is a cage. Within it is imprisoned the spirit or soul, which is like a bird in a cage. The bird is in love with the cage and is always singing songs of attachment for the earth. If, however, the covers, or bodies, are cast off from the soul, the bird begins to taste the Truth, and the cage is shattered into fragments. The bird then flies away to its home, which is in Sach Khand [the Realm of Truth].

When the veils are torn, millions of enrapturing joys which constitute the "peace that passeth understanding" are attained.

— Huzur Sawan Singh (1858-1948)¹

By David Christopher Lane

WHATEVER the earth may temporarily offer us as human beings, one thing is certain: it is not our permanent home. Regardless of scientific and technological advances, the physical universe as we know it will sometime be unable to sustain life, either reaching a point of maximum entropy (a degradation of matter and energy to an ultimate state of inert uniformity) or collapsing in upon itself, taking in its course every living creature. Despite the misplaced hope of evolutionists, mankind has a limited future — perhaps only a few million years. We are, in fact, only visitors to a land that is destined to die.

Where, then, is our true home? According to genuine mystics from both East and West, man's real abode is neither physical nor mental but wholly spiritual. That is, we are denizens of an infinite realm of light and love who have lost sight of

our essential nature, mistaking a drop for an ocean, a shack for a kingdom, a stone for a jewel. As Ken Wilber eloquently writes:

"In the beginning, there is only Consciousness as such, timeless, spaceless, infinite and eternal. For no reason that can be stated in words, a subtle ripple is generated in this infinite ocean. This ripple could not in itself detract from infinity, for the infinite can embrace any and all entities. But this subtle ripple, awakening to itself, forgets the infinite sea of which it is just a gesture. The ripple therefore feels set apart from infinity, isolated, separate.²

As ripples in this infinite sea of awareness, we have grasped that which is impermanent: the body and the world. An authentic master is one who has fully realized his prior oneness with the ocean (God) and who perfectly manifests it in his outward life.

Huzur Sawan Singh (1858-1948), honorifically called the Great Master of Beas, was such a realized soul.

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From early childhood he was irresistibly drawn to seek out the eternal abode. Born in a Sikh family, Sawan was brought up with the sacred scriptures of his religion, *The Guru Granth Sahib* (a compilation of mystical poetry written by Sikh gurus and other Indian and Persian mystics) which spoke at length about the inner music and light that lead a soul back to God. Deeply religious, Sawan Singh associated with a number of holy men whom he questioned about the nature of man's spiritual quest. None of these mystics could satisfy his longing. Sawan was looking for a master of the highest degree. Ironically it was the *Satguru* (true spiritual teacher) who found him instead. Sawan Singh recalls:

I was fond of Satsang and Parmarth [spiritual topics] from my childhood. I often associated with sadhus and religious people.

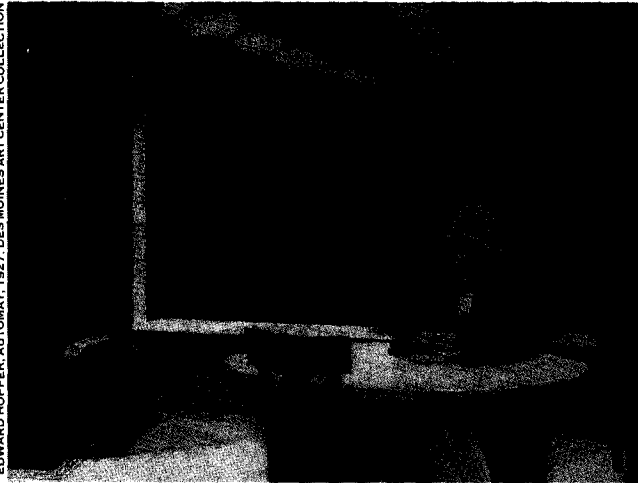
Later I was transferred to Murrie Hills. One day as I was supervising my work, I saw an old Sikh going up a hill along with a middle-aged lady. Little did I think that he was to be my Master. He was no other than Baba Ji himself [Baba Jaimal Singh, one of the spiritual successors to Shiv Dayal Singh, the founder of Radhasoami] and the lady was Bibi Rukko. This I did not know at the time but found out later that Baba Ji said to Bibi Rukko, referring to me, "It is for his sake that we have come here." To which Bibi Rukko replied: "But he has not even greeted you." Baba Ji said to her, "What does the poor fellow

know yet? On the fourth day he will come to us. . . ."

On the fourth day I went to attend Satsang [the meeting of Baba Jaimal Singh]. . . . After several conferences with Baba Ji I was thoroughly convinced and received Initiation [into the secrets of *surat shabd yoga*] from him on the 15th day of October, 1894.³

The turning point in Sawan Singh's life came when he met his spiritual guru, Baba Jaimal Singh, and took initiation under him in the path of *surat shabd yoga* (union of the soul with the Divine inner sound). Such was Sawan's readiness that in just over nine years he became a fully acknowledged master within the Sant Mat and Radhasoami traditions. In fact, except for Maharaj Charan Singh, the present *Satguru* at Beas, Sawan Singh attracted the largest following of any *shabd yoga* master in history, directly initiating more than 125,000 people into the mystic practice.⁴

It is impossible to understand Huzur Sawan Singh's spiritual achievements without first seeing that they were due to his close and devoted relationship with his guru. Baba Ji looked after Sawan's worldly and spiritual welfare, stressing the need to transcend the physical frame altogether and attach one's consciousness to the inner light and sound which reverberates at the Third Eye. By following this stream of celestial currents, the soul gets release from the body/mind.



The Eloquent Sounds of Silence

EVERY ONE OF US KNOWS THE SENSATION OF GOING UP, on retreat, to a high place and feeling ourselves so lifted up that we can hardly imagine the circumstances of our usual lives, or all the things that make us fret. In such a place, in such a state, we start to recite the standard litany: that silence is sunshine, where company is clouds; that silence is rapture, where company is doubt; that silence is golden, where company is brass.

But silence is not so easily won. And before we race off to go prospecting in those hills, we might usefully recall that fool's gold is much more common and that gold has to be panned for, dug out from other substances. "All profound things and emotions of things are preceded and attended by Silence," wrote Herman Melville, one of the loftiest and most eloquent of souls. Working himself up to an ever more thunderous cry of affirmation, he went on, "Silence is the general consecration of the universe. Silence is the invisible laying on of the Divine Pontiff's hands upon the world. Silence is the only Voice of our God." For Melville, though, silence finally meant darkness and hopelessness and self-annihilation. Devastated by the silence that greeted his heartfelt novels, he retired into a public silence from which he did not emerge for more than 30 years. Then, just before his death, he came forth with his final utterance—the luminous tale of Billy Budd—and showed that silence is only as worthy as what we can bring back from it.

We have to earn silence, then, to work for it: to make it not an absence but a presence; not emptiness but repletion. Silence is something more than just a pause; it is that enchanted place where space is cleared and time is stayed and the horizon itself expands. In silence, we often say, we can hear ourselves think; but what is truer to say is that in silence we can hear ourselves not think, and so sink below our selves into a place far deeper than mere thought allows. In silence, we might better say, we can hear someone else think.

Or simply breathe. For silence is responsiveness, and in silence we can listen to something behind the clamor of the world. "A man who loves God, necessarily loves silence," wrote Thomas Merton, who was, as a Trappist, a connoisseur, a caretaker of silences. It is no coincidence that places of worship are places of silence: if idleness is the devil's playground, silence may be the angels'. It is no surprise that *silence* is an anagram of *license*. And it is only right that Quakers all but worship silence, for it is the place where everyone finds his God, however he may express it. Silence is an ecumenical state, beyond the doctrines and divisions created by the mind. If everyone has a spiritual story to tell of his life, everyone has a spiritual silence to preserve.

So it is that we might almost say silence is the tribute we pay to holiness; we slip off words when we enter a sacred space, just as we slip off shoes. A "moment of silence" is the highest honor we can pay someone; it is the point at which the mind stops and something else takes over (words run out when feelings rush in). A "vow of silence" is for holy men the highest devotional act. We hold our breath, we hold our words; we suspend our chattering selves and let ourselves "fall silent," and fall into the highest place of all.

It often seems that the world is getting noisier these days: in Japan, which may be a model of our future, cars and buses have voices, doors and elevators speak. The answering machine talks to us, and for us, somewhere above the din of the TV; the Walkman preserves a public silence but ensures that we need never—in the bathtub, on a mountaintop, even at our desks—be without the clangor of the world. White noise becomes the aural equivalent of the clash of images, the nonstop blast of fragments that increasingly agitates our minds. As Ben Okri, the young Nigerian novelist, puts it, "When chaos is the god of an era, clamorous music is the deity's chief instrument."

There is, of course, a place for noise, as there is for daily lives. There is a place for roaring, for the shouting exultation of a baseball game, for hymns and spoken prayers, for orchestras and cries of pleasure. Silence, like all the best things, is best appreciated in its absence: if noise is the signature tune of the world, silence is the music of the other world, the closest thing we know to the harmony of the spheres. But the greatest charm of noise is when it ceases. In silence, suddenly, it seems as if all the windows of the world are thrown open and everything is as clear as on a morning after rain. Silence, ideally, hums. It charges the air. In Tibet, where the silence has a tragic cause, it is still quickened by the fluttering of prayer flags, the tolling of temple bells, the roar of wind across the plains, the memory of chant.

Silence, then, could be said to be the ultimate province of trust: it is the place where we trust ourselves to be alone; where we trust others to understand the things we do not say; where we trust a higher harmony to assert itself. We all know how treacherous are words, and how often we use them to paper over embarrassment, or emptiness, or fear of the larger spaces that silence brings. "Words, words, words" commit us to positions we do not really hold, the imperatives of chatter; words are what we use for lies, false promises and gossip. We babble with strangers; with intimates we can be silent. We "make conversation" when we are at a loss; we unmake it when we are alone, or with those so close to us that we can afford to be alone with them.

In love, we are speechless; in awe, we say, words fail us. ■

EDWARD HOPPER, AUTOMAT, 1927, DES MOINES ART CENTER COLLECTION

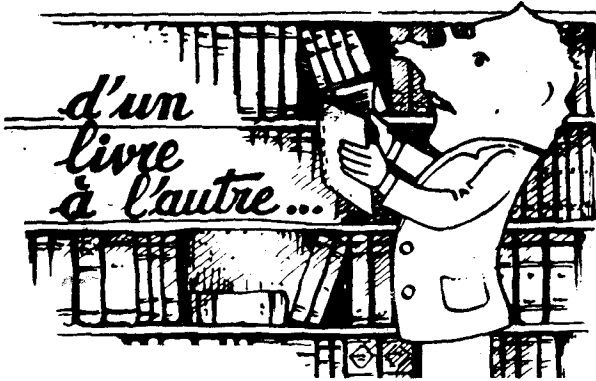
Conclusion →

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Il n'échappera pas au lecteur combien il a pu être frustrant pour les auteurs de ne pas pouvoir approfondir l'étude de ce cas, dans lequel, de nombreuses informations concrètes et peu courantes sont rapportées: sensation de chaleur, saveur métallique, distorsion du son, film voilé, ... Avec un témoin plus coopératif, il se serait imposé de faire une enquête sur les lieux, d'utiliser la régression hypnotique pour tenter de préciser de nombreux points du récit,

de faire une étude complète de sa dentition au moment de l'expérience, d'étudier la pellicule voilée, etc...

Rien de cela n'a été ni ne sera possible, et le seul intérêt de ce récit "brut" réside en de possibles rapprochements avec d'autres cas de caractéristiques similaires. Il est à noter que dans la même zone et à la même époque, plusieurs cas d'abduction, encore à l'étude, ont été rapportés.



par Gilles SMIENA

J.J. WALTER — «PLANETES PENSANTES» (Planètes habitées, qu'en pense la science ?) Denoel — 1980 1er T — 215 p.

Bien que cet ouvrage, modestement appelé «essai» par son auteur, n'ait pas de rapport direct avec l'ufologie, il n'est pas inutile de faire une exception et de le signaler à l'attention des lecteurs de LDLN car il est en tous points remarquables. Tout au plus, disons le dès maintenant pour être très clair, peut-on regretter que l'auteur ne distingue pas assez nettement ce qui est du domaine de l'hypothèse non encore prouvée (quelque géniale et probable qu'elle puisse être) et ce qui est déjà du domaine de la certitude scientifique. Plus d'un amateur d'ufologie se fiant à son «intime conviction» risque en effet de tomber dans le piège (involontaire) et d'en tirer des conclusions pour le moins prématurées en faveur de l'hypothèse extra-terrestre, laquelle reste, il faut le redire, une simple hypothèse parmi d'autres possibles, même si celle-ci a depuis trente ans été privilégiée au profit d'autres qui sont encore peu, mal, ou pas du tout étudiées.

J.J. Walter s'interroge d'abord sur les différentes formes possibles de vie dans l'univers en généralisant ce que nous constatons sur terre, à savoir les «structures fondamentales» de la vie basées sur les associations chimiques qui semblent nécessaires au développement de tout être vivant (p. 23...) et cela dans le cadre des problèmes annexes de pesanteur et d'atmosphère. Puis il passe longuement en revue le développement progressif de la conscience à travers toute la lignée des êtres vivants. Ayant constaté ce qu'il appelle les «optimisations» de la vie, c'est à dire le fait que, à chaque niveau de l'évolution et particulièrement pour l'homme, «les systèmes que la vie a généralisé

sont, soit optimaux (les meilleurs), soit voisin de l'optimum» (p 72), il croit pouvoir en conclure que «l'homme comme tous les êtres vivants supérieurs a une vocation cosmique et non pas limitée à une seule planète» (p 84). Il étudie alors la formation des étoiles et des planètes, (p 89 et 92...) puis celle des «précurseurs biologiques (acides aminés, riboses, sucres et phosphates) qui sont (sur terre) indispensables à l'organisation des êtres vivants tels que nous les connaissons (p 104...), enfin le passage de la «prévie» à la vie à l'aube des temps géologiques avant d'étudier l'évolution de la vie elle-même depuis lors.

Il se croit autorisé à conclure qu'«il existe un nombre immense de planètes propres à la vie (p 108) et que, les lois qui régissent le cosmos étant universelles, le processus qui a permis l'éclosion de la vie sur terre s'est obligatoirement produit des milliards de fois dans l'univers». (c'est nous qui soulignons) «Si la vie se développe, écrit-il, c'est sur des bases semblables à la nôtre». (p 168). L'auteur alors affirme que les êtres du cosmos ne peuvent être que des vivants supérieurs, doués, comme l'homme d'une conscience réfléchie. «L'univers, dit-il, non seulement est habité (c'est encore nous qui soulignons), mais ce sont nos semblables ou nos cousins qui l'habitent». (p 109) Ainsi, l'argumentation de Walter commencée prudemment avec des «si» et des conditionnels se termine par des affirmations catégoriques que rien ne prouve à l'heure actuelle. Ce saut dans l'affirmation gratuite n'est pas acceptable. Quoique vraisemblable, tout cela relève encore de l'hypothèse !

Fort de ces assurances, il passe alors aux déductions concernant le futur. Celles-ci sont extrêmement audacieuses, mais passionnantes et d'une logique impeccable ; c'est la meilleure partie du livre, en particulier sa conception des «paliers» successifs de la vie (p 149...) et des «seuils d'émergence» (p 153...) Tout cela est très convaincant et débouche sur des perspectives qui laissent rêveur sans pour autant tomber dans la science fiction ou l'utopie, car les bases du raisonnement sont solides. Ainsi, selon ses idées : «la collectivité des hommes, ayant acquis le stade d'organisation requis, servirait de corps à un «esprit planétaire» (p 160) puis, à l'extrême limite, «les différents «esprits planétaires» se coordonneraient comme des atomes d'une cellule pour constituer une «organisation» cosmique à laquelle correspondrait une émergence de niveau supérieur à celui de l'ultra-pensée». (p 160)... De même que «la société des cellules culmine en l'homme (sans que les cellules aient conscience de l'esprit humain), la société des hommes culminerait en un esprit planétaire» (mais sans que l'esprit individuel

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shows man a degree of a unique nature that he has as of yet to emulate.

The animal kingdom enjoys a high degree of freedom, without forgetting its purpose and responsibility to the scheme of nature.

Look at the freedom of birds. While the caste system of rich and poor makes divisions of districts and communities, and while nations and different political conditions keep man separated from one another, the birds could care less and they come and go freely, respecting little the man-made boundaries that we live and die for. We say, "Well, birds have not enough intelligence and that is why they are free." Really???

Man violates the fundamental law of nature because he does what 'he' wants and not what his conscience tries to impress upon him. There is a movement especially among the younger generations in recent years toward what they call the free society. But they have far still to go to match the freedom that nature exhibits. For they fail to see that life has a purpose greater than merely living as we personally please. All of nature fills a place in the complete cycle that makes it function, man is no different. Most of us, however, seem to have failed to find our true relationship with the rest of creation. To illustrate further, let's return to the birds.

During the mating season, the birds join into pairs to raise their family so that the species may survive. After the nest has been built, jointly, and the eggs laid, the couple share alternately in hatching them while they feed one another. The eggs have to be kept at a certain temperature around the clock.

This is all done by natural instinct and no marriage license is needed to make them responsible as is often the case with us.

After the hatching, both parents work without tiring to feed their young often times without thinking for themselves. Can you imagine what would happen if the parents suddenly would decide to fly off to have some "fun" with other

partners elsewhere, leaving the helpless young uncared for in the nest? Well, we know they won't do that. They don't have to be reminded to be responsible by a state, a judge, or some religious organization. They seem to be much smarter than many men.

Now the birds have raised their young, taught by both parents how to fly and survive, the whole family is free again each one off to leave all bondage behind. On the other hand, many species remain together for life but still each one is free to express its own purpose.

I think this brings us to another interesting point concerning freedom. We are told that man, nature's highest intelligence, was given dominion over all living things, EXCEPT his fellow man. Doesn't this indicate that on a universal scene, no man has the right to possess another under any relationship?

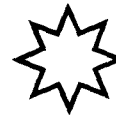
But many will ask, "Where does love come in?" Well, look again to nature. Does not Universal Love embrace all of creation equally? And does this not include a compassion, and understanding, and a mutual confidence in one another WITHOUT POSSESSIVENESS?

I am sure we have heard of those who can love each other dearly one day while on the next day can hate the same person. This is usually because one partner may have refused to dance according to the fiddle the other was playing at the moment. Love suddenly turns to hate? Strange, isn't it!

Perhaps we are missing a bit of that non-possessive, responsible feeling that those birds seem to have. Perhaps there is more to life than we know.

Perhaps if we follow nature, we too will be free as the wind blows and free as the grass grows.

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MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's fullname 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.

That BBC Television Programme — The Case of the UFOs

Dear Sir, — Despite the recent intensification in the attempts by 'select' scientific experts to 'debunk' the UFOs in such mass media programmes as the recent showing by NOVA, here in the USA, of the BBC Horizon production *The Case of the UFOs*, my interest in your publication has not diminished one bit. *If anything, that slick TV production, which amounted to a brilliant obfuscation of the truth, has only increased my interest.*

A careful analysis of the techniques employed by the producers of the TV programme leads me to conclude that the very same techniques could be used to prove the non-existence of both James Oberg and Philip Klass! I am left with the question: "*Why did they go to such lengths?*"*

I am thankful that we live in 'free' societies. Let us hope that freedom of speech remains stronger than the will of the rich and powerful to manipulate the beliefs and opinions of the masses through control of information. Their intentions may very well be good, but their methods are abominable.

Thank you for the continuing excellence of your publication.

Sincerely,
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October 24, 1982

**Why they did it is patent to all. On a very famous occasion in the British House of Commons about fifty years ago, a brilliant member named F. E. Smith (later Lord Birkenhead), striving to preserve the proper degree of parliamentary decorum while plainly branding his opponent as a liar, compromised neatly by dubbing him a "terminological inexactitudinarian." (Some claim, though probably wrongly, that the wit was the first Winston Churchill.)*

At any rate, our own views about "terminological inexactitudinarians" and the Boys of the Mendacious Brigade were conveyed in Dr. Hynek's excellent Guest-Editorial in our last issue.

As to whether we truly enjoy the benefits of 'living in free societies', maybe there are by now enough little straws in the wind to indicate that reader Denaro is a trifle optimistic? (It is not that we do not still enjoy a vast degree of freedom of speech, plus the basic liberties, and thanks be to God for that. But there is a lot of 'listening' going on. Mail is being examined, and a great deal of it never arrives. And telephones are being tapped.) — EDITOR

UFOs in the sea

Dear Sir, — I enjoy your magazine, and think it is the best one concerning the UFO Phenomenon. In particular, I have enjoyed your articles on the "Connection" theories — i.e. *Spruce Budworms*, etc. There are too many people in this country who are anxious to explain the UFO events away as natural phenomena. I also believe that the U.S. Government is keeping facts on this subject away from the public.

Only 20 miles from my home on Shaw Island, Wash., lies Victoria, B.C. The article by Dr. P. M. H. Edwards (FSR 27/4) concerning MIBs therefore relates to very close to home, even though not in the same country.

I believe that there are many, many people who have seen something unusual in the sky and are afraid to tell anyone about it. There is, for example, a radio-talk programme in the U.S. called the Larry King Show, broadcast from Washington, D.C. About two weeks ago, Mr King had as his guest a Mr. Bud Hopkins, who wrote the book *Missing Time*. It was a very good programme, having a call-in show for the U.S. public to respond to. One of those who phoned in and told his story was a man who had been a sailor in the

U.S. Navy in World War II. He said that, while on duty in the Pacific, he had seen a UFO that came up out of the sea and flew away at fantastic speed. This event was witnessed by 900 sailors. The officers on the ship told the crew not to relate the story to anyone, and it was not until he took part in this radio-talk programme that this man decided to tell about it. I suggest that there must be many others who were sailors on that ship and who would know of this incident but are afraid to tell anyone of it.

Yours sincerely,

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U.S.A.

July 26, 1982

The Falcon Lake Incident

Dear Sir, — Many thanks for publishing my rather unconventional study on the Falcon Lake case (Volume 28, No. 1.) I had feared that you might not dare to publish such 'heretical' ideas, but fortunately you are as open-minded as ever.

Thus I was also very pleased to read the article by Derek J. Rolls, in FSR Vol. 28, No. 2 (p. 15). With regard to the 'call for papers' expressed in his closing paragraph, may I suggest that you might care to reprint my first piece on "UFOs and Fourth Dimension", which was issued by the late Waveney Girvan, then Editor, in FSR Vol. 9, No. 2 (March/April 1963)?

Such a reprint could conveniently be placed in one of the FSR issues to be published around March or April of 1983, and would thus mark a twenty-year anniversary, so to say. We were quite progressive twenty years ago, weren't we!

My article of yesteryear could also serve as an encouragement for others, and there are certainly many readers

— especially the younger ones — for whom it would be completely new. Moreover, in the past twenty years the UFO Phenomenon has begun to display an increasing number of characteristics which point precisely in that direction — i.e., the Phenomenon has definitely got something to do with a defect in, or a manipulation of, the Space-Time structure, no matter whether one leans more to a physical or to a psychological hypothesis.

Sincerely yours,
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Tyrol, Austria
December 1, 1982

An excellent idea. We will bear it in mind and try to reprint the article some time this year. Incidentally, with FSR now nearly thirty years old, many of our faithful early readers have died off (and this will soon be the lot of many more of us.) Those early issues contained a mass of highly important articles, particularly on some of the first tremendously important landing and contact cases, which were covered by us in very great detail, but which are totally unknown to the young readers of today, and unless we try to do something about re-publishing the best of them, they will continue to be unknown, and this will give much pleasure to our enemies and critics. — EDITOR

The "Concorde" film and unidentified object

Dear Sir, — In Vol. 28, No. 1, you published my letter concerning a further sequence of Concorde/UFO film.

When I posted the letter I was waiting for the 'offending' sequence to be excised — and indeed that it had ever appeared in the first place was a surprise, and does not say much for the efficiency of the censors — begging the question of course of whether they can keep anything secret.

And I was not disappointed. The film vanished from the TV screens before my letter was published in FSR.

Later, although the film did reappear, it had been doctored. This was not a long sequence of UFO film, and it took place against a background of open sky, hence it could be altered relatively easily. The UFO had now turned into a lens-flare! Anyone now watching this sequence and expecting to see a UFO could only be disap-

pointed, and would think that I had been deluded. And indeed, I would be dubious about it myself had I not noticed the sequence many times previously, both at the time of its first showing, when the more obvious UFO footage was lost for ever (as they thought and hoped) — and also at the time prior to the World Cup in Spain. As it is, however, I just consider it a case of malpractice.

Yours sincerely,
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January 27, 1983

God: The Supreme Illusionist

Dear Sir, — Mr. Hilary Evans is quite right when he says that the UFO phenomenon dodges any attempt to pin it down within any existing closed belief system (FSR 28-2).

The Christian belief in the Final Battle of Armageddon between God and Satan is sheer nonsense from both scientific and metaphysical viewpoints. Nature being infinite, neutral and amoral (i.e., neither moral nor immoral), it is totally pointless to moralise on it. In fact, Good and Evil are human creations. Man created them because he needs them, and then he drew an arbitrary line of demarcation between what he considers Good and Evil in terms of his anthropocentric and anthropomorphic conception of Nature.

Contrary to what many seem to believe, moreover, God and Nature are not two separate entities but one and the same. Thus, God is not only infinite but also neutral and amoral. God is also the Supreme Illusionist. Life itself is only an illusion, but God makes us believe otherwise. UFOs, Marian apparitions, Jesus Christ, Muhammad, Buddha, and all other so-called paranormal/religious phenomena are just a few examples of Divine illusionism. God does this because man needs illusions and diversions to stay alive and evolve.

Why do Marian apparitions occur only in the Roman Catholic countries? The answer: this is God's way of poking fun at the Roman Catholic belief in the Virgin Mary. It is interesting to note that no Marian apparitions had ever occurred in pre-Columbian Americas and that the first such apparition on the American Continent took place in Mexico on December 9,

1531, i.e., only after the colonisation of Central and South America by Roman Catholic Spain and Portugal.

The Truth shall NEVER be found. As Einstein said, the more we learn, the less we understand. In other words, mystery thickens exponentially as our knowledge increases. The Truth is infinite and hence inaccessible to humans.

I am rather surprised at Mrs. Ann Druffel's naïveté in swallowing Leonard H. Stringfield's allegations about "crashed UFOs and their dead occupants secreted in the U.S. Government's storehouses". There is not a shred of supportive evidence. He either made up the whole story very cleverly or was fooled by God or perhaps by the U.S. authorities.

Yours sincerely,
Julian H. Kaneko,
18 rue Le Corbusier,
CH-1208 Geneva,
Switzerland.
December 6, 1982

The U.S. authorities will feel greatly honoured to find themselves bracketed in such high-class company! But how can Mr. Kaneko (though evidently he knows a lot) be quite so sure about what went on in the Americas before the arrival of Columbus? And how, for that matter, can he be so confident that both God and he are not also disastrous illusions, figments in the All-Encompassing Kaneko Limbo? — ED.

The "Space-Travel" Debate

Dear Sir, — Julian H. Kaneko claimed that aliens from another star system are prevented from reaching Earth by Einstein's 'theory of relativity' and the 'impossibility' of 'ever identifying our Sun among the 250 billion stars that compose the Milky Way galaxy.' (FSR Vol. 28 No. 2).

Einstein's *Special* Theory of Relativity cannot prevent aliens from reaching Earth — all it says is that they cannot travel faster than light. Since the nearest star (other than the Sun) is about four light-years away, and the stars of inhabited planets are probably hundreds if not thousands of light-years away, this would appear to inhibit communication. However, since the Theory also predicts that, at speeds near that of light, time aboard a space vehicle will pass more slowly, aliens could reach Earth in reasonably short travel times. (This travel time will be a

fraction of the time which *simultaneously* passes on the alien home planet). Thus, if aliens have huge amounts of power available to propel the craft at near the speed of light (300,000 km/s), if they can construct a craft which will endure the journey and sustain the crew, and if the crew do not mind the permanent loss of their families, friends and everything with which they are familiar, then a journey to Earth is feasible. Whether it is practical and desirable is another matter.

As to identification of our Sun, there is no question of our star being in any way special or somehow being identified among all the other stars. However, the existence of an advanced technological civilisation on a planet circling our Sun could be deduced by aliens if they have radio telescopes sensitive enough to detect our radio, TV and radar communications. Earth blazes in the radio frequencies (mainly from the defence radars), although the distance at which such signals could be detected is disputed. They could be detected by an alien probe dispatched to the Solar System, and Earth could certainly be identified if it beamed specific radio signals at the alien star (supposing we knew where it is).

It is evident that neither an alien civilisation nor our own would embark on such a huge enterprise without knowing of the other's existence, and without preliminary radio communication.

Yours sincerely,
Steuart Campbell,
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Edinburgh EH 14 2LT
November 23, 1982

The "Space-Travel" Debate

Dear Sir, — Julian H. Kaneko (FSR Vol. 28, No. 1) lists a catalogue of errors of so-called 'Nuts-and-bolters' without defining this term. This makes it difficult to answer the accusations specifically.

He should explain his meaning to enable a useful dialogue to take place. Does the term imply a belief in metallic extra-terrestrial craft or is it intended to apply to the scientific paradigm *in toto*? If the latter is implied, what does your correspondent propose in its place?

It is implied that a journey time of at least 9 years is untenable. This is a curiously parochial viewpoint, appar-

ently based on the assumption that extra-terrestrial probes would be manned by living creatures. It would seem more likely, however, that an advanced technological society would use robotics for such functions. The journey time with robots is not critical.

Interstellar travel may not be insurmountable, as alleged. No good evidence is offered in support of this view. Nor does the question of why our solar system should be selected for visitation invalidate the extra-terrestrial hypothesis. It makes the invalid assumption that the solar system would be the only recipient of such visits. Given thousands of advanced societies in the galaxy, each could play a role in space exploration, including numerous star systems. Our radio noise would be a beacon, inviting examination.

The M.I.B phenomenon does not exclude the ETH, irrespective of whether this factor is objective or subjective. Such humanoids could be robots, specifically designed and programmed for inter-stellar exploration. Mr. Kaneko accuses the scientific materialist of obsession with a material/physical aspect, excluding parapsychical nature. As our experience is primarily of the success of classical scientific method, the onus rests with the advocates of the paranormal to present evidence to support their assumptions.

Yours sincerely,
Peter A. Hill,
Almond Brae,
47A Easter Brankton,
LIVINGSTON, West Lothian,
Scotland
January 29, 1983

UFO Research in Belgium

Dear Sir, — The situation in Belgium today as regards UFO research does not seem to differ in any way from that prevailing in the rest of Western Europe.

There is a great shortage of people willing to undertake the work of field investigation, and a notable lack of any general interest in our subject among the public.

A few years ago, as may be recalled, some French investigators were claiming that, "*in time of crisis . . . people imagine they see more 'Visitors from Space' than in periods of economic well-being.*"

If those French investigators would

just take another look at the much worse economic situation prevailing in the world today, perhaps they would drop that silly idea pretty quickly!

Yours sincerely,
Wim Van Utrecht,
Director,
Studiegroep voor Vreemde
Luchtschijnselen (SVL)
(Group for Study of Strange
Aerial Phenomena), Oever 28,
Antwerpen, Belgium.
September 23, 1982

"Killer UFO prowls sky over Maine"

Dear Sir, — The Starks, Maine, UFO (FSR Vol. 28 No. 2) is an excellent lesson in celestial misperception. First of all, the fact that the object was seen repeatedly in the area for months indicates the likelihood of a bright planet. Venus shone like a beacon in the western sky during the period of the sightings and nearly at its maximum brilliancy on the date of the Hendsbee "encounter." At the time the report was publicised, I determined the planet's elevation and azimuth for the Starks area and discovered that Venus set when the last sightings were made. (Unfortunately, none of the witnesses gave directions). The beams of light and the "craft's" reported approach and recession can be attributed to atmospheric refraction effects upon the planet — effects most pronounced near the horizon. When the observers were convinced they were seeing something bizarre, their imaginations took over and did the rest.

At first glance the vivid descriptions given by the witnesses might seem impossible to explain away. However, I have run into the same or similar scenario time and time again with regard to Venus. My judgement is based upon 30 years of experience investigating UFOs (my field is astronomy and I am a MUFON consultant as well as a CUFOS field investigator). I am constantly amazed at the ineptness of people as observers of ordinary sky phenomena.

Yours sincerely,
Walter N. Webb,
5 Willow Street,
Westwood, Maine, 02090
U.S.A.
January 9, 1983.

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,
Ann Druffel,
257 Sycamore Glen,
Pasadena,
California 91105
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,
Julian H. Kaneko
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Switzerland.
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

to say a few words on this interesting subject. I am not sure if Mr. Priest is aware that a consequence of Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity is the Time Dilation Effect. As a spaceship and its crew approached the speed of light all physical processes and time aboard the ship would slow down, whereas outside the ship, e.g., the Earth, all physical processes and time would continue at their usual rate. The crew would not be aware of this retardation as their metabolism is also effected.

This means that space travellers moving at high relativistic velocity would find on return to Earth that hundreds or thousands of years, or more, had passed. But to them it would seem only days, weeks. Thus, this would be time travel into the future. I have read of a theory (not the mathematics of it) which says that if it was possible to transform matter completely into energy, so that a space-time ship could attain 72% speed of light, it would be theoretically possible to travel into the past or future. Cases where UFOs materialise and dematerialise, or disappear like a T.V. picture, may be exhibiting a form of relativistic phenomenon. They could come from any region of Earth's past or future, and be of alien or human origin.

By being observed, or by actual physical intervention, "they will change past or future events due to the cause and effect relationship. This whole business becomes very complex as I am sure all readers will appreciate. Yours sincerely,
Sidney G. Brighton
36 St. Hughs Green, Gorleston-on-Sea,
Gt. Yarmouth, Norfolk.
August 5, 1977.

An infinitely all-embracing view?

Dear Editor: Here are my reflections on the UFO phenomenon:

Space is infinitely multidimensional, time is infinitely multidirectional, and the flow rate of time is infinitely variable. The UFO and paranormal phenomena are linked to the infinitely complex structure of the multispatio-temporal universe.

Yours sincerely,
Julian H. Kaneko,
9, Crêtes de Champel,
CH-1206 Geneva, Switzerland.
September 29, 1977.

The Villa Santina Case

Dear Sir,—I am aged 51 and have long been fascinated by the still unsolved mystery of the flying saucers, the reality of which I accept as more than merely possible. As my thirteen-year-old daughter is also interested, I

recently bought for her here in London (where I have lived for the past eleven years) a copy of *The Humanoids*, in which, to my great astonishment, I read the account (p. 187) of the experience of Professor R.L. Johannis at Villa Santina, Italy. I must emphasise that I know nothing about him and have read none of his science fiction books which you mention.

The fact is that I was myself born in Udine. Re-reading the story more carefully, I was even more amazed to see that the date was August 1947!

In that month I was living at Caporiacco, in the municipality of Colloredo di Montalbano. I don't recall the precise date, but it was certainly in August, and certainly before August 15. I feel pretty sure it was August 12. With my mother and a friend I had been to the cinema at Fagnagna to see Vivien Leigh in the film of Shaw's *Caesar and Cleopatra*. Cars were a luxury in those days, and we had to walk to and from Fagnagna (about 4½ kilometres each way).

We were returning home at about 11.00 p.m. It was a beautiful, warm night, and the sky was full of stars. Suddenly, from behind us there came a vivid yellowish-orange light and what seemed a ball of fire shot over our heads at a terrific speed and carried on north towards the mountains ahead of us, on a dead straight, horizontal course, and lighting up the whole area around. For a brief moment you could have read a newspaper as well as in broad daylight. No sound whatever accompanied the sight. For a few moments we stood there without moving, without saying a word, and quite scared.

Over the years my mother and I had often spoken of the experience and speculated as to what it might have been. Lately, we had even discussed the possibility that it might have been a flying saucer. But of course in those days, in 1947, who had even heard of jet or supersonic planes, not to mention saucers!

Is it possible that what we saw has any connection with Professor Johannis' experience, which took place in that same part of Italy on the morning of August 14?

As I am not sure whether the address of the Italian UFO Study Group in Turin (*Centro Studi Clip-eological*) is still the same, for *The Humanoids* was published in 1969. I am sending this letter to Mr. Gordon Creighton for onward transmission if possible.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Mirella Emery,
18a Market Square, Waltham Abbey,
Essex, England.

made the foregoing precis translation from the Italian): *As we are not even sure whether Signor Gianni Settimo's Centro Studi Clipeologici in Turin still exists, and as it is many years since we last saw an issue of their journal Clypeus, I telephoned Mrs. Emery and suggested that this be treated as a letter to FSR, and she gave her approval. We hope however that, if any of our Italian readers have knowledge of Signor Gianni Settimo's whereabouts, and if he is still interested in UFOs, they will bring Mrs. Emery's report to his attention. (As regards Professor Johannis, I seem to remember having read some years ago that he had died and so was no longer in our world.)]*

"Moon machinery" etc.

Sir,—There are many good reasons for suspecting that there was more than a grain of truth in all the rumours, not merely that many astronauts had seen UFOs in their journeys in Space around the Earth or near the Moon, but that indeed some of them actually saw *machines or devices* of some kind on the Moon's surface. Nevertheless, it is decidedly unfortunate that this subject was aired in such a fashion recently.

All this particular hullabaloo about the Moon seems to be based upon the spectacular revelations allegedly imparted to the world in the book *There is Somebody Else on the Moon*, by George H. Leonard. (Published by David McKay Co. Inc., New York, 1976, and W.H. Allen, London, 1977.)

Mr. Leonard has crammed his book with more than thirty good close-up photos of the Moon's surface, said to have been supplied to him by no less a body than NASA. (Nor can one doubt for one moment that they *are* from NASA.)

The crunch comes, however, when Mr. Leonard assures us that these pictures clearly show all manner of constructions, machines, manufactured objects, and so on. My own eyesight is far from poor, and the photos reveal nothing of the sort to me, not even with the aid of a powerful magnifying lens.

(*Who is so foolish as to imagine anyway, for one moment, that, had the photographs shown anything of the sort, NASA would have made them available to Mr. Leonard or to any other member of the public?*)

I can quite see that this is a perfectly good way of making a few quick bucks, but it will certainly do nothing to advance our cause.

And, incidentally, the visual and aural media in this country are not exactly renowned for their scrupulously fair conduct when it comes to

[NOTE by Gordon Creighton (who

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The name of the game

Dear Mr. Bowen,—I have read Philip Creighton's article (FSR 24/1) with the greatest interest but only a modicum of understanding. I am no scientist. But with every issue of FSR it seems to me that the plot thickens. Mr. B.J. Hall "jibs at the concept of control of the human race" (p.32), whereas Philip Creighton and Andrew Collins make it abundantly clear, if only unwittingly, that this is what the game is all about.

Thus Andrew Collins: UFO entities "reproduce through humans" (p.10) and "they gave the child Kevin a lot of things to do when he grows up" (p.15); and Philip Creighton: "minds can manipulate objective reality," etc. (p.19).

History is one long story of the control of the many by the few. If the few are divinely inspired, well and good. If not ...! For a great many years (my letter in FSR 2/4 1956 refers) I have warned against just this sort of control by demonic powers. The pace is now hotting up and I hope that my book *UFO's and the Christian* will do something to stop the rot.

Meanwhile, congratulations on maintaining such a high standard of objectivity and integrity through thick and thin.

Yours sincerely,

(Rev.) Eric Inglesby

Spring Cottage, West End Gardens,
Fairford, Glos. GL7 4JB
July 14, 1978.

Multidimensional intelligences?

Dear Mr. Bowen,—As you know, two major hypotheses are currently at loggerheads with each other concerning the UFO phenomenon: the extraterrestrial hypothesis and the human parapsychological hypothesis. Neither of them is convincing.

I therefore would like to propose a third hypothesis which seems to me more acceptable:

Behind the UFO phenomenon hides an *Extradimensional Intelligence* (located in the 5th or 6th dimension). It knows everything about us, who live in a quadridimensional world. It is not malevolent, but it makes fun of us by manipulating us as it pleases.

We are probably not the only ones to be so manipulated. All extraterrestrials in our Milky Way galaxy as well as in the other galaxies, whatever the degree of their cerebral development, must also be controlled by this Extra-

dimensional Intelligence. We cannot, however, rule out the possibility that the most advanced among the extraterrestrials or extragalactics graduated to a higher plane of existence and were thus incorporated into the Extradimensional Intelligence long ago. It is possible that we, too, shall end up by being assimilated in the far-off future, say, 2 billion years from now.

The UFO phenomenon is therefore neither of extraterrestrial origin nor of a human parapsychological nature. The UFOs (like the Loch Ness Monster, the Bermuda Triangle and other inexplicable phenomena) are manifestations of the Extradimensional Intelligence whose true nature and intentions will not be revealed to us for at least a billion years.

This Extradimensional Intelligence, however, is controlled in its turn by an Ultradimensional Superintelligence located in an even higher spatiotemporal dimension and so on and so on...to the infinite. In other words, there is an infinite hierarchy of spatiotemporal dimensions and corresponding intelligences. Let's not forget that the Universe is infinitely multidimensional.

Sincerely yours,

Julian H. Kaneko

9, Crêts de Champel,
CH-1206 Geneva, Switzerland.

July 27, 1978

The following letter, which was datelined Florence, October 28, 1977, has been handed to me by Mr. Creighton for publication as a "Letter to the Editor." It is published here without comment as we cannot possibly know who is right.

— EDITOR

The Carlo Rossi Case

Dear Mr. Creighton,—With regard to Dr. Marianti's letter (FSR, Vol. 23, No. 1, p. 31) I should like to say something about the case of Carlo Rossi at San Pietro a Vico. I am speaking on behalf of the authors of the book *UFO in Italia* and myself.

From the letter in question and from your comment on same, one has the impression that the version of the Rossi case in the book *UFO in Italia* is wrong (even with regard to the date). On this subject I would like it to be known as follows:

1) The version of the Rossi case given in the book *UFO in Italia* was drawn from the newspaper *La Nazione* of September 29, 1952, where an interview with the eye-witness was published after he had reported his sighting to the *Procura della Repubblica* of Lucca.

2) The sketch which had been published by the same newspaper agrees exactly with what the witness had told the journalist. Therefore it is not correct to say that "the drawing used in the local newspaper was only a journalist's imaginative contribution."

3) The "new version" of the "new sketch" began to spread only in 1975, when the eye-witness, who died long before, was not able to confirm or to deny any longer. Note that none of Carlo Rossi's relatives mentioned the "new facts" at all in the course of the inquiry made by the Gruppo di Ricerca of Prata in January 1973. On the contrary, the son of Carlo Rossi, Sergio, confirmed that all things occurred exactly according to the version given in *La Nazione* of September 29, 1952.

4) The divulger of the "new facts" is Maurizio Rossi, grandson of the witness, who at the time of the sighting was not yet born; his source is Sergio Rossi, his father, who at a certain moment declared that he remembered the "correct version" of the sighting of Carlo Rossi (his father), and it is he who drew the alleged "correct sketch" of the UFO. Unfortunately he is not able to show either the alleged original writing of Carlo Rossi or his alleged original sketch. Note that this unexpected recollection of Sergio Rossi occurred in 1975, two years after that he himself had asserted that the version of *La Nazione* had been completely right.

5) After having got knowledge of the alleged "new facts", the authors of *UFO in Italia* and I took care of publishing them in the *Giornale dei Misteri* (No.66, page 17). Nevertheless, as documents in Carlo Rossi's own handwriting have not been shown, we think that the present assertions of Maurizio and Sergio Rossi have to be accepted with caution. In fact we admit they may have been led (maybe unconsciously) to "rationalize" the old account of their relative, who obviously used words and images according to his intellectual and cultural level. It is our conviction (also shared by the most authoritative ufologists

in the world) that it is advisable to distrust "re-elaborations" carried out after many years, when the eye-witness is dead, above all, when these "re-elaborations" are not based on incontestable evidence. On account of this, the authors of *UFO in Italia* and I think that the old version of this case of San Pietro a Vico (published in the newspaper *La Nazione* and based on the words of the witness himself) is still the one that sticks the most to the facts.

Thanking you in advance for your attention,

With my very best regards,
Yours sincerely,
Pier Luigi Sanj
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50131 Firenze, Italy

Alleged official studies

Dear Sir,—With reference to Sir Victor Goddard's letter published in FSR Vol.24, No.1, and in view of the fact that it was I who wrote to him concerning the two alleged official studies, I feel that a reply is necessary.

Sir Victor is in an unrivalled position to make his six statements, and because of that I generally accept what was stated. However, I take exception to the fact that he seems to think that I represent yet another

case of a serious investigator chasing a wild and baseless rumour.

May I ask Sir Victor how one is to assess the validity of a rumour, without first investigating the formulation of the rumour, and making attempts to gain as much information as possible (whether it be positive or negative) relevant to the rumour's subject matter, on which a final decision (which may not even be *that* final) can be taken as to whether it is an unfounded rumour or fact (probably based on circumstantial evidence)?

It was because of my attempt to gain information on the two alleged official studies that I wrote to Sir Victor.

Whilst on the subject of the alleged official studies into UFOs, there are two rumours currently circulating that may be of interest to FSR readers.

Apparently, during a daily newspaper's front page coverage of UFOs a few months ago, a reporter had interviewed a Ministry of Defence spokesman who let slip that there was a secret government UFO study centre based in Acton, West London. This was not printed in the newspaper but was mentioned to the data research co-ordinator of the UFO organisation of which I am a member, who in turn told me. The only clue I

can find which may be relevant to this matter, is that in Kelly's Post Office London Street Directory of 1977, under Bromyard Avenue, Acton, W.3, is a list of various government departments among which is one quite simply entitled — Air Ministry. Maybe the P.O. have not realised that this department ceased to use this name years ago.

The second rumour concerns a government department in Cheltenham — The Department of Aerial Studies, (ND HQ) — which (if it exists) supposedly has close links with the CIA, NORAD, BBC Intelligence Units and the Metropolitan Police, amongst others. In one particular — and esoteric — UFO periodical there was published recently a supposed copy of one of the Department's classified memoranda listing UFO contactees for the year ending the 22 February 1978. Fact or fiction — who *can* tell?

It is all too easy to dismiss such things because there is no proof in support of their truthfulness, but then again, what proof exists to confirm that they *are* wild and baseless rumours?

Yours faithfully,
Paul Pinn,
64 West Hallowses, Mottingham,
London, SE9 4EX.
July 14, 1978.

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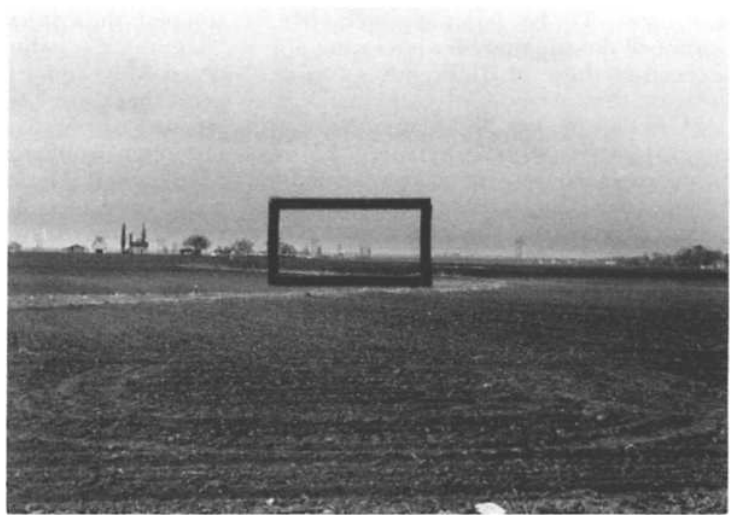
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YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome. We apologise here for being generally unable to acknowledge these items as the pressure of work on our tiny staff and on our postage resources is too great. However, please do not be deterred by this seeming lack of courtesy. We really do appreciate anything you care to send.

In the course of her briefing, conducted some three months after the incident, Pattie drew a sketch of the object (included here) which depicts it coming down. A few days later, she amended that — after thinking it over — the flying triangle was actually “a bit flatter” than portrayed in her drawing.

Parts of Pattie’s account coincide with other testimony taken regarding cases in the minor sighting spree which shaded north central Illinois in ’79. Besides her encounter, three separate incidents out of the ten on record involved triangular or conical-looking, soundless aerial craft.

In addition, the locale of her sighting is noteworthy. During the last half of July — and before the episode on the 28th — three presently-unexplained events were observed in the night sky above the same plot of farm land there: “a flare in the sky”, “a bright flash” and “something strange going on overhead”, according to eye-witness reports of varying detail. They all occurred between 9.30 and 10. p.m. And Pattie Ong observed one of the events — the bright flash — with two companions the evening before she drove to her unexpected rendezvous with the low-flying triangle.



The triangular form descended into the area of the bean field — marked by the black rectangle — outside Wenona. The camera was located on the road where Pattie Ong was driving, and is pointing North. On the night of the incident four-foot-tall bean plants covered the field.

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**No sliding doors,
but many obfuscators!**

Dear Sir, — My wife and I visited Broad Haven (FSR Vol. 23, Nos. 1 & 6) this August, arriving during the regatta at Little Haven. The larger keel boats were rounding Stack Rock and we learned that many local fisherman landed on it. Mr. Gerald Bird, who hires out boats from his small yard and who might be willing to take you there, has scrambled all over the small island and seen no sliding doors, through which a flying saucer was observed, from two separate points, to disappear. Furthermore, although there are rock faces, the only spot visible from Haven Fort Hotel in the east and near Ripperston Farm in the south is a grassy slope. The sighting was an illusion.

Nevertheless, the school and other sightings are accepted locally as real and Mr. Randall Jones Pugh (co-author of *The Dyfed Enigma*) told me that sightings continue, although mostly of lights in the sky. Of two ladies in the Haverfordwest tourist office, one had seen these and the other, Ms. Tegmen Hill living in a bungalow at Broad Haven, became convinced of the presence of something out of the ordinary when, about the time of the school sightings, her elkhound growled one night and all its hair including the fur undercoat stood on end,

making it look like a brush, for the first and only time in its life.

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While Dr. Hynek’s categories are valuable statistically, the recent attempt to extend them may indicate that a new classification is required to deal with the variety of the phenomena as simply as possible. For the time being, specific use of the following terms for the categories could be useful.

Extraterrestrial. Objects of appearance or behaviour suggesting ability to travel outside earth’s atmosphere or be housed in space.

Flying saucer. Any UFO of definite shape, not only disk-shaped.

UFO. This general term should be applied specifically to lights in the sky of unconventional appearance or behaviour and to objects of indeterminate shape.

Illusion. A judgement hard to prove. Magic is no longer magical when its operation is explained; nevertheless it is illusion. Teleportation, or time-travel if it is possible, would not be illusion, however supernatural it seems. The holograph, a new scientific wonder, is not an illusion but would come into this category because it shows only an image and not the substance. A hoax is best described as illusion.

Supernatural. A residual term for

apparently pointless, purposeless phenomena e.g. poltergeist activity.

Obfuscator. Anyone who offers a ridiculous explanation of a particular experience. Obfuscators may be wearing blinkers (“space travel is bilge”) or wish to appear as reliable establishment figures, or speak in an official capacity, holding no brief for the truth.

This proposed classification is in the reverse order to Dr. Hynek’s and places first what is of most interest to humanity. We have more freedom than ever before in history, but not yet the freedom of the universe. This is the promise of the UFO and constitutes its main attraction.

Yours faithfully,
John M. Lade,
FSR Publications Ltd.,
West Malling,
Kent.
October 6, 1980.

From the Chairman of BUFORA

Dear Mr. Bowen, — In view of the letter you received from Stuart Campbell and your editorial comment on it, I have to clarify BUFORA’s policy regarding investigations and our attitude to other investigators.

BUFORA Council cannot support the view that any other investigator’s work on the same case is “unwarranted interference” and regret that this phrase

was used. To be fair, however, Mr. Campbell did say that his views were not necessarily those of BUFORA — as in this case they are not!

BUFORA makes NO claims for any special priorities, privileges or exclusivities over any other researcher or Group, willingly recognising that any person or body has every right to freely examine and comment upon any event anywhere.

Finally may I appeal to all activists in the UFO field to work in harmony and forget past differences. There is so much work to do, so many avenues of approach, that we only weaken and dilute our efforts by sterile controversy amongst ourselves. BUFORA's policy is to work with everyone who will help in reaching our published aims.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. Bayer,
Chairman — BUFORA.
Research Headquarters:
Newchapel Observatory,
Newchapel,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
October 20, 1980

The question of copyright

Dear Sir, — With reference to our investigation of the Livingston case from November 9, 1979.

The report, from which the three-part article was taken, is copyrighted to discourage misuse by the unscrupulous. For the record, any case copyrighted as such is freely available to be discussed and criticised. In no way did we intend to stop this and we are sorry if it may have seemed that that was our intention.

We have made a mistake in Part III of the article. The sighting from Dedridge, witnessed by Mrs. Stewart, occurred on the morning of November 10, 1979, and not October as was stated.

Finally, we would like to wish Stuart Campbell all the best with his investigation of the case.

Yours truly,

Martin Keatman,
Andy Collins.
31 Stuart Close North,
Walton, Stone,
Staffs ST15 0JU.
October 15, 1980.

The UMMO situation

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I have read your last Editorial, "Hoax, or Conspiracy?", published in the last issue of the FSR [Vol. 26, No. 2], and I must congratulate your objectivity in approaching the baffling and irritating UMMO affair.

Since the day I wrote — and you published — my five article series on this subject, new developments have arisen. To begin with, the flow of UMMO letters and scientific reports has never

stopped: the last letters received from the "Ummites" (whoever they are), are dated May and June of this same year, and they are *highly interesting*. They stopped corresponding with me in 1971, but other people have been contacted (in Madrid and Alicante), so that the thing goes on. Several scientists of high standing (in Spain and abroad, among them your Overseas Consultant, Aimé Michel himself) have shown a great interest and respect for the affair; I have myself published a book, *El Misterio de Ummo* (The UMMO Mystery) which has sold very well in Spain and Latin America, being for several weeks one of the first in the ranking. I sent one copy of it to our mutual friend Gordon Creighton; he can inform you about its contents, if you wish.

Incidentally, the "confident title *Un Caso Perfecto*" — as you describe in your Editorial — was imposed upon us by our publisher; we had in mind another one, more conservative and careful.

Yours sincerely,

Antonio Ribera,
Calle Barcelona 42,
San Feliu de Codinas,
(Barcelona),
Spain.

September 23, 1980

Correction please

Dear Sir, — Relevant to my letter "The importance of the Contactee" in the last but one issue of FSR, may I just point out that the definition of The Credibility Factor (T.C.F.) is the "CREDESCENCE" given to incredible tales told by seemingly creditable witnesses, and not, as reported, the *evidence*. . .

Doubtless my near illegible handwriting made this error almost inevitable.

However, I too would like to add my good wishes for the continued success of FSR, since after 25 years it has now set a standard of such good scientific and *honest* reportage that will be difficult to improve upon.

Let the Patrick Moores and the Michael Bentines of this world enjoy their little nod, wink, nudge nudge assessments of the ufological scene generally, whilst more enlightened individuals "press on regardless" in their efforts to search for the *raison d'être* of these strange craft appearing in our objective world.

Yours sincerely,

R. Jones Pugh, M.R.C.V.S.,
St. Brides View,
Roch,
Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire,
W. Wales.

August 20, 1980.

Penny dropping at last?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I thought that FSR readers might be interested to learn that Ufology in the Soviet Union enjoys a higher scientific status than here in the West. I was surprised to learn via the British Interplanetary Society journal *Spaceflight* Vol. 22, Nos. 9-10, page 320, that a study of our subject is included in the Soviet scientific communities general concept of SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) which up until now had been monopolised by the realm of Radio Astronomy both in Russia, America, and indeed, in all major countries possessing the hardware to undertake such a task. For almost twenty years communication by radio has been considered to be the uniquely rational way by which galactic races would communicate with each other. Radio Astronomers have searched in the most likely places, and have even searched in some unlikely places, but always the result has remained the same — nothing!

The subject of SETI now seems to be entering a transitional phase. Some SETI researchers are being rigorously scientific and they are basing their philosophy upon what is observed, which in this case, is absolutely nothing. They have assumed that we are unique! Others have become more adventurous and are considering alternatives to what has been attempted in the past and it is at this point that I would like to quote from the article which appears in *Spaceflight*.

The item is entitled "Soviet SETI Studies" and is by Boris Belitsky.

"...Kardashev regards electrically charged black holes as opening up entirely new dimensions of space and time for travel. And Gindilis is engaged in a study of anomalous atmospheric phenomena. All this may cause a lifted eyebrow here or there in more traditionally-minded scientific quarters, but is indicative of the new and highly promising 'no holds barred' approach to some of the most baffling scientific problems of our times. . ."

And about time, too!

Best wishes,

Bill Dillon,
43 Hollybush Road,
Vauxhall Park Estate,
Luton, Beds.
August 17, 1980.

NZ saga continues

Dear Sir, — There is no doubt that the New Zealand "Kaikoura UFOs" December 1978, have enjoyed a tremendous amount of international comment. I see in this latest FSR, further Kaikoura UFO report material and now with the Scientific debate on this saga about to get underway at the Smithsonian Institution in USA, we have not by any means heard the last of the affair. Captain Bill

Startup, Captain of the Argosy Freighter aircraft in the centre of this now classic case, has just announced publication of the book *Kaikoura UFOs*, which has been in preparation for 18 months or so. Published by Hodder & Stoughton.

Congratulations on celebrating 25 years of publication, I can still recall receiving in the mail a complimentary copy of your very first issue.

Yours faithfully,

Harold H. Fulton,
Director for NZ,
Mutual UFO Network,
PO Box 878,
Palmerston North,
New Zealand.
August 21, 1980.

No. 1 the best Cover?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Congratulations to F.S.R. on reaching its Silver Jubilee!

I have been a subscriber since Volume 1 and have found every issue of the magazine very interesting.

I still think that the original cover was the best — it gave suggestions of speed, distance, depth, space, with a "flying saucer" to boot!

Despite all your difficulties I wish you all the best for the future and look forward to many more issues.

Yours sincerely,

L. H. Navier,
19 Ormonde Avenue,
Hull,
East Yorkshire HU6 7LX.
July 12, 1980.

A fruitless search?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I have read with interest Mr. Randall Jones Pugh's letter (FSR 26/2).

I must take issue with his statement that a number of the American astronauts returning to Earth saw UFOs accompanying them. Actually, these "UFOs" were later perfectly identified as a variety of known terrestrial objects (cf. the respected French science magazine "La Recherche" No.102, pages 753-759).

As for the immensity of space, this is nothing new or special: it was already known and taken for granted long before the space age. If some of the U.S. astronauts were so awed by their space experience as to succumb to "religious" feelings, this was just a matter of *very personal and subjective* reaction born of their previous religious brainwashing. It *in no way* proves the scientific validity of the religious dogmas.

In fact, the religious dogmas are epitomized by the infamous Inquisition that terrorized Europe for more than 650 years. Its most famous victims: Giordano Bruno and Galileo Galilei. The religious

dogmas also blocked scientific progress in Europe for 1,500 years!

Whoever believes that the UFO enigma will one day be elucidated indulges in a naive illusion. For scientific advances can only be made within the framework of the 4-dimensional material universe of which we are eternal captives. It will be for ever impossible for us to go beyond this boundary and apprehend the parapsychical phenomena that are diverse manifestations of a plane of existence higher than ours. Nature probably comprises an infinite hierarchy of planes of existence. The parapsychical phenomena will therefore remain forever scientifically unprovable. *But the phenomena themselves are not important. What is important is the true nature of the intelligence lurking behind them, and this we shall NEVER know, for this knowledge will be deliberately withheld from us.*

Sincerely yours,

Julian H. Kaneko,
18, rue Le Corbusier,
CH-1208 Geneva, Switzerland.
August 20, 1980.

Pity the poor passengers!

Dear Sir, — I've only recently been able to read Volume 25, Numbers 5 & 6 of the *Flying Saucer Review* (received in June) so probably others have already asked you this question about the excellent article relating to the November 11, 1979 episode in Spain;

Page 15 of No. 5, 4th indent, in the left-hand column reads—

"I don't think so, because dinner was being served at that time".

Page 13 of the above, last line of the right-hand column reads—

"Well now, a few minutes before 11 p.m. . . ."

So sometime after the sighting at 11 p.m. the passengers were being served dinner, and while I've had only 3 trips around the world via ships and planes, that seems a very late hour for a dinner on a plane — as well as otherwise.

Then on page 32, in the 3rd indent is included— ". . . pilot. . . why he plunged the aircraft 14,000 feet. . ."

If dinner was in progress, let alone if the passengers were not warned about seat belts beforehand, my imagination about foodstuffs and passengers being abruptly commingled leaves a situation which must have justified comment.

Then again on page 15, right-hand column, the first indent includes— ". . . the passengers were not informed of what had happened, but were simply suddenly accommodated in one of the hotels. . . comments. . . pretty angry. . ."

The timing and sequence of the above together with the absence of any passenger observations does not seem to be believable. 109 dinners cannot be served all at once, and a 14,000 foot dive cannot be experienced by 109 passengers without more than mere angry comments about being put into a hotel.

I believe I have read elsewhere that comment already has been made regarding the item on page 32, indent 6 reading— ". . . plunge 12,000 feet in 30 seconds — something no plane I know can do. . ."

12,000 feet divided by 5,280 feet is 2.27 miles per 30 seconds, times 2 = 4.54 miles per minute × 60 is 272.4mph, or no great cruising speed let alone a diving speed.

No doubt I've missed points, but I suggest that this episode in Spain might need further comments about timing, etc.

Thanks for your attention from a subscriber to your excellent magazine for several years.

Yours sincerely,
H. E. Haglund,
32 Woodlane Road,
Ithaca,
NY 14856,
U.S.A.
July 16, 1980.

[I have read elsewhere that the passengers were already in an ugly frame of mind after a long delay at Majorca (hence the late dinner?), and were near to rebellion when they made the unscheduled stop at Valencia. Among other things, the airworthiness of the 'plane was questioned. Perhaps they did have a rough ride — EDITOR]

Disappointing movie

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I have been enjoying the articles entitled *Retrievals of the Third Kind* and am fascinated by the thought that the U.S. Government is covering up the truth about U.F.O.'s. It puzzles me as to why the government is so afraid to admit the existence of U.F.O.'s.

Recently a film entitled *Hangar 18* has come out here in the United States. From the previews and trailers of it one gets the impression that it is a documentary style film about the same subject as *Retrievals of the Third Kind* (i.e. Government covering up the fact that they found crashed U.F.O.'s and then examine them in a secret Hangar). Instead it was science-fiction film which reminded one of *Star Wars* as far as special-effects go.

It was related in that the basic story was about a government cover-up of a crashed U.F.O., but much of the film seemed to be doing more harm than good to the cause of making people less sceptical about U.F.O.'s. I suppose some of the film was based upon fact, but

anyone who goes to see this film expecting a documentary will be entertained but disappointed.

Sincerely yours,
Michael R. Johnson,
1226 Citracado Pkwy,
Escondido,
California 92025.
August 12, 1980.

Psychic link?

Dear Sir, — I have been an avid reader of *Flying Saucer Review* for many years now, and am greatly interested in the UFO phenomenon. Being Vice President of a Bath Spiritualist Church I meet many people who not only share my interest, but who have actually witnessed sightings around this area.

Being interested in paranormal phenomena, we feel that psychics have a natural affinity to link up with intelligences who control these crafts.

Mediums, being sensitives, act as receiving stations to certain wavelengths on a much higher frequency than a normal person could attain.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) A. M. Tylee,
Bathampton,
Bath,
Avon.
BA2 6UR.
August 16, 1980.

Another psychic link?

Dear Sir, — I have just read a book on UFOs and it re-called an experience my niece and I had in 1968. I expect you have heard of similar cases, but it may still be of some interest to you.

Around August of that year we were living on an island in the north of Western Australia. This particular day we listened to a lecture on the radio about so-called UFOs given by an English Professor. He finished by stating one could contact these beings by thought. We thought it highly hilarious as we were very sceptical of such things, and had never read any books on the subject.

That evening we went for a stroll on a deserted beach and lay back on the sands to enjoy the beautiful evening and admire the starry sky. My niece brought up the subject of the lecture, and

suggested we experiment by sending out a thought message to see if it had any effect. As I was quite sure it wouldn't, I agreed. After some discussion we decided to concentrate on a sentence which ran something like "...if there are any UFOs in the area contact us, please." Eventually restraining our mirth, we relaxed and beamed out this thought. Suddenly something disturbed us, as I remember we sat up simultaneously and gave a concerted gasp of fright. Suspended low in the sky above our heads hovered a beautiful shining silver disc. It seemed to pulsate, and different colours emanated from it. It's difficult to estimate the size, although it seemed very large in comparison with the stars, perhaps the size of a dinner plate.

We observed it for perhaps half an hour, unable to make out any details as we could only see the base. By now, our composure returning, we were longing to have a closer view. So we deliberated on sending another message asking if it would descend a little nearer that we might study it more closely. Before we had time to formulate the words we would use, and as though it were listening to our conversation, it suddenly descended towards us at a terrific speed at which, I am sorry to say we took to our heels and ran for home. When we glanced back it had vanished.

Up until then I had had a few psychic happenings which I had dismissed from my mind as unexplainable, but my experience from then on opened my eyes to the wonders that surround us. I feel that although this experience seemed objective at the time, it was really subjective and perhaps for the purpose of lifting us from the Materialism into which we have sunk.

Another little incident which may be connected occurred two years later when we were travelling through Germany. We had just descended a steep hill and stopped the car while I looked at the map to ascertain our route. There was no traffic all, and it was a very quiet place. While studying the map we realized we were floating back up the hill seemingly on a cushion of air. About half way up the hill the car stopped and my niece put it into gear and we set off again.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) A. M. Skilton,
65b Hammond House,
Croydon Road,
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Surrey CR3 6XG.
June 26, 1980.

Adamski, the Moon, and flesh and blood contacts

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Regarding your Editorial "Was This The Message". I would like to say something about your comments on George Adamski.

To state that he said that the Moon "was a place of lush vegetation and water" and leave it at that, conveys the wrong impression of what was actually reported in *Inside The Space Ships*. Without going into what was written in the book, I would like to say that I have made a certain amount of investigation into information available on the Moon and the American exploration of that world and found that there is much which corroborates what was stated in *Inside The Space Ships*. I'll be glad to share this information with anyone who is interested.

Also, and this needs to be put quite clearly. No matter what Mr. Daniels and others — including Desmond Leslie — have said or believe, George Adamski's contacts with our space visitors were not in any way trance or hypnotic experiences. He stated clearly, many many times, that the space visitors he met were ordinary flesh and blood human beings like ourselves who come in space ships from the other planets in our solar system and systems beyond. To those who cannot accept this he is a liar. Distorting what he said has no value and only introduces mysteries where there need be none.

I agree there was a message. I would like to quote George Adamski: "Nothing that the space travellers have told us is new. Their wisdom has been with us for centuries. In the past we have chosen to ignore it, giving excuses of one kind or another. They are but reminding us in simple, understandable language, again showing us the way of a life of peace and happiness. . ." and "As I have said many times in my lectures, it is not the sighting of space craft that should concern us, for one sighting is no different than another, but the knowledge that they bring us for the betterment of our lives. For without this we cannot hope for a better world."

Is there still time to heed the message? I am going to hold that thought.
Yours sincerely,
Cliff Poole,
94 Kelbrook Court,
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July 16, 1980.

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England

Mystery circles near Warminster

In the Bath *Evening Chronicle* of August 15, 1980, we read that,—

“Mysterious circles discovered in cornfields near Westbury White Horse have led to claims The Warminster Thing is back.

“The Thing first appeared above Warminster on Christmas Day, 1964. Hundreds of subsequent ‘sightings’ turned the town into a centre for UFO enthusiasts.

“The latest mystery centres around three depressions, each 18 yards across, found within a quarter of a mile of each other in cornfields below the White Horse.

“Two are still visible but the the third has disappeared since the grain was harvested.

“The depressions have mystified farmers and tourists. ‘If it’s not a helicopter that has caused them then it is very mysterious,’ said one farmer. ‘It certainly isn’t wind or rain damage because the marks are too regular for that.’

“Another farmer has asked the Army if they can throw any light on the mystery but so far he has received no reply.

“An Army spokesman told the *Chronicle* he would investigate but added, ‘I can see no reason for a helicopter landing in a field of corn.’

“The marks are all perfect circles with well defined boundaries and there are no tracks leading from them. Inside the circles the grain is flattened in a tight clockwise direction.

“A spokesman for the British UFO Society said an immediate investigation would be launched.

“He added that similar marks had been found in the Westbury and Warminster area during the height of the Warminster Thing sightings in the 1960s but none had been discovered since then.

“‘At the moment we are not ruling out a landing by a UFO but we must first investigate properly.’

“He appealed to anyone who had witnessed anything strange in the area in the past month to contact the society.”

Credit: **John D. Patton** of Bath, and **A. White** of Westbury.

More mystery animals?

Shades of the “puma” hunts in West Surrey and Hampshire in the early 1960s were resurrected by an item in the *Surrey-Hants Star* (Aldershot) of July 17, 1980,—

“The Aldershot Police big game squad — complete with panda car — was on full alert as the *Star* went to press this week following a late night ‘sighting’ of a cheetah on the Farnborough Road.

“The cheetah — fastest animal on earth — was ‘spotted’ by a Queen’s Hotel employee as he drove along the A325 on his way to work at 3.10a.m. on Tuesday.

“He called Aldershot police to tell them of his find, insisting to the naturally sceptical desk sergeant that he was stone cold sober.

“The story took a new turn just after 4a.m., when there was another cheetah report — also from the Queen’s Hotel.

“Mr. Bedwell, the hotel’s porter, called to say that he could hear a ‘large cat’ prowling around the back of the hotel.

“The big game coppers were quickly on the scene, but despite a search the elusive cat had vanished.”

Credit.: **Miss Y. Cooper** of Camberley, Surrey.

Canada

Mystery object over Bear River: Dog scared

The Halifax, Nova Scotia, *Chronicle-Herald* of July 10, 1980, carried the following account relating to an incident on July 5, 1980, near Bear River, Digby County—

“Marlene LeJune is not really concerned that the ‘Empire’ is striking back in theatres across North America, but she does not want aliens to use her yard as a landing base again.

“Mrs. LeJune says she saw an object hovering over trees near her home at 2 a.m. Saturday, and it was an experience she won’t soon forget.

“She said after returning from a 4 p.m. to midnight shift at the Digby Hospital, she had read for a couple of hours and begun to get ready for bed when she heard voices in the backyard.

“As her husband and oldest son were away, she looked down at the dog and told him that he would have to go out to investigate for her.

“But the dog, she said, was less than thrilled about the idea. Normally it would bolt out of the door at any hour, barking at anything. This time it hid under her bed.

“Seeing nothing at the door, Mrs. LeJune decided to check through the house. She said she saw nothing when she first checked the back door and yard with an outside light on.

“But, she said, when she switched the light off and glanced out again, she saw, hovering above the tree tops about 500 feet away, a round bright blue-white, moon-shaped object with white lights flashing around it.

“She said she first thought she was imagining things and walked away from the window, but, when she looked again moments later, it was still there.

“She said the object made virtually no noise and was about the size of a house.

“Again she walked away from the window, and again she returned to see the object still there. She said she looked at it for nearly five minutes before going to bed to continue reading.

“‘I never thought to call anyone,’ she said, adding she would have gone out except she feared for the safety of her two other children.

“Later that night, she said, she heard engines but passed it off as teen-agers driving cars nearby.

“She said one other thing seemed strange — it became very bright behind the house while she was in bed.

“She said she thought that was because the clouds cleared, allowing the full moon to shine.

“But the next morning her friends told her there was no moon and later a friend found a ring of discoloured grass about 20 feet in diameter in the field where Mrs. LeJune saw the object.

“Mrs. LeJune said the grass was brown and slightly depressed but not burned. She said there were no footsteps or any evidence of heavy impressions in the ground.

“She said she is convinced she saw something, but exactly what, and from where, she could not speculate.

“But, she said, several other persons in the area reported that their animals acted very strangely the morning before she saw the object.

“RCMP are investigating the incident.”

Credit: **Mrs. N. J. Roop** of Aylesford, Nova Scotia.

Malaysia

Did UFO attack oil plant?

The *Courier Mail* of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, published the following account under the headline “Laser beam from UFO caused fire” in its edition of June 14, 1980. The story was based on an AAP report originating at Kuala Lumpur, and it is presumed the Sunday referred to was June 8, 1980,—

"A flying saucer launched a near-miss laser beam attack on an oil installation terminal at Port Klang on Malaysia's west coast last Sunday, according to three people.

"They told police they saw the UFO blast a house with a laser beam and start a fire which destroyed two houses and a shop only 6m away from the Felda and Caltex oil terminal, the *New Straits Times* newspaper reported.

"The 'attack' took place three days after the big fire and explosions which ripped Port Klang last week.

"The three people asked not to be identified. They said they saw a bright luminous ball-like object about 10 m. above the oil installation.

"The bluish-red object, about 60 cm in diameter, was spinning, they said."

Credit: R. W. Bounley of Brisbane

Finland

Preliminary details of an abduction case

We append the details of Report 2/80 of Suomen Ufotutkijat ry (UFO Research of Finland),—

"Our chairman, Mr. Ilkka Serra attended the 1980 MUFON Symposium on June 7 in Houston, Texas, representing all the Scandinavian UFO research organizations and lecturing on Scandinavian UFO research. And in the Spring we found out about an old sighting concerning 14 to 15 objects, and a new abduction case.

"As far as the length of the observation time, the number and luminosity of the objects are concerned, the most significant UFO case in Finland took place at the Pahkakoski hydroelectric power plant in northern Finland on March 19, 1979, between midnight and 5.45 a.m. There were at least two witnesses. First at around midnight a red ball of light was seen landing behind a nearby forest. A similar object was seen in the same direction at 1.35 a.m. and at 1.45 a.m. Then at 2.55 a.m. two objects were seen simultaneously and immediately after that a total of 14 or 15 objects were seen hovering over a marshland behind the forest. They were disc-shaped and appeared to have a diameter of 30 metres each. One of the objects directed a bright beam of light downwards. No sound was heard. The hovering continued until 5.45 a.m. when the objects disappeared.

"Aino Ivanoff, age 52, experienced a two-hour abduction on April 2, 1980. Most of the details were revealed under hypnosis. She was driving on a country road near Pudasjärvi in northern Finland, after midnight, and crossed a bridge at 1.15 a.m. Immediately after the bridge she entered a strange fog and the car lights were suddenly directed

upwards. She hit the brakes and stopped the car. She saw an aluminium-coloured domed object with oval-shaped portholes. She was somehow taken inside and examined on a metallic table by three men dressed in black. The table was the only piece of furniture in the room. The fog was still there when she returned to the outside world and most of the way back home she had to drive in the fog. She noticed that there had been a time lapse of two hours. After the incident she was extremely tired for a week and found five small dots on her right shoulder. She was given a message supporting peace and opposing war. She was also told that men in black are unable to get [beget? — ED] children."

It is understood that research work is continuing on this second case.

West Germany

Young woman chased by UFO

According to a report in the South German (Munich) newspaper *Münchner Merkur* for Monday, April 14, 1980, a young woman from the former German Province of Alsace (now the French eastern *départements* of Bas-Rhin and Haut-Rhin) has had a frightening experience with a UFO. We regret the absence of such elementary details as place and time,—

"Patricia Dziomba, aged 27, dashed up to the doorway of a house and rang the bell, stammering: 'I'm being chased by a flying saucer!'

"The lady's story, as told to the press, is that she was driving along in her car when suddenly a brilliantly lit object came shooting down at a tremendous speed out of the sky and came straight at her. 'I was terribly frightened and at once turned round and began driving back in the direction from which I had come. Shortly after that, I found the glowing sphere suddenly right in front of me. Then, at a bend in the road, I had another shock. My car stopped and the engine went dead. I tried vainly several times to start it again.' Then, seeing a house about 200 metres distant, she got out of the car and ran to it. 'As I stood there, right outside the door, I saw that the UFO was still there, flying round the house.'

"The owner of the house, Michel Ludwizak, who opened the door to her, states: 'After the lady had described her experience to me, I went out in front of the house and indeed I saw the ball of light myself. It was by then far off, but clearly visible.'

"Ludwizak and Patricia Dziomba at once went to the Police. In the course of the subsequent investigations it transpired that the occupants of the control-tower of the Mulhouse-Basel airport had also seen something strange

the same night — an 'object' they said, 'which could not possibly have been an aircraft.' All further investigations regarding the 'spooky object' have proved fruitless. Subsequently two further witnesses claimed to have seen the flying saucer."

Credit and thanks to: Mrs. Mary Boyd of Florence, who also made the translation from German.

Scotland

Huge UFO over Newarthill

From the *Motherwell Times* of October 2, 1980, we learn that on Thursday, September 25, 1980,—

"A Newarthill family are convinced they saw a UFO in the sky early last Thursday morning.

"Mr. William Quigley, his wife Nora, and daughter Janice, claim they saw a huge unidentified flying object around 4.30 a.m.

"Mr. Quigley, who stays at 8 Torridon Avenue, told us on Friday: 'It was a sort of round shape with huge green and red lights. It was too huge to be an aircraft and there was no noise of engines as it passed over our house.'

"There is no stretch of the imagination here as my wife and daughter both watched it as I viewed it through binoculars. There were stars in the sky but it certainly wasn't a shooting star. The huge lights alone convinced me there was something alien up there and the remarkable thing is that it happened on our doorstep.'

"A police spokesman said there were no other reports of a UFO in the area."

Credit to "A Motherwell reader"

England

Police in UFO chase near Wetherby

The following story was carried by the *Yorkshire Post* in its issue for September 15, 1980, about an incident reported on Saturday, September 13,—

"Police in West and North Yorkshire have been chasing a mysterious UFO.

"The object — a bright diamond-shaped light — was first seen by police officers near Wetherby early on Saturday.

"It was travelling silently northwards about 2,000ft. above the ground. Officers in a police car followed it until it changed direction over Wetherby.

"A West Yorkshire police spokesman said: 'Altogether, five officers saw this object and described it as brighter and larger than any star.'

"PC Roy Allen and PC Richard Gordon had been alerted in York that the

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object was heading towards their patrol car.

“PC Allen said yesterday: ‘We were on the York bypass when suddenly we saw it. The light stopped moving and hovered in the sky for some time. Eventually it moved off in the direction of Hull.’

“Police made checks at local RAF stations and at RAF Fylingdales, but did not receive a satisfactory explanation.

“A senior officer at York said: ‘There is nothing more we can do. It has been logged as an unidentified flying object.’

“Humberside police said a UFO sighting was reported by teenagers shortly before 10 p.m. on Saturday.

“A spokesman said that they had reported an oval-shaped, pinky-red object.

“The Army is carrying out a Home Defence exercise in the North, but a spokesman at York said he knew of nothing that could account for the sighting.”

Credit: **O. Atherton** of Harrogate

England

UFO that hovered near Bradford

The following short account from the *Bradford Telegram & Argus* of July 7, 1980, was sent in by a reader who says it was near her home but, “. . . as I wear bifocals and have to look where I am going, I missed the fun as usual.” The sighting took place on July 5, 1980,—

“A woman was amazed when she saw

what appeared to be a flying saucer hovering above Lister’s Mill, Manningham, Bradford, at 8.45 on Saturday evening.

“‘I’ve never believed in this before,’ said Mrs. Christina Harris, of Baildon, ‘but I really did see it. It was round, in metallic silver and black, and it moved off smoothly towards Bradford city centre.

“‘I saw an Asian child watching it, too. When it moved I followed it, although I wanted to shout out to people in the street to look up.

“‘I eventually lost sight of it. I thought at first it was a kite, but it moved too smoothly and was the wrong shape.’”

Credit: **M. Heppell** of Shipley

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Mice, UFOs and a Reward!

Dear Mr. Bowen, — As your readers well know, mice have long been used as subjects in laboratory experiments. The knowledge gained from these experiments often may be used to determine the mechanism of damage in a member of the same species injured by an otherwise unknown cause. (For example, the effects of microwave radiation are especially easy to identify.)

Because of this fact, I hereby offer a reward of \$50.00 for copies of each published description of mice killed or injured as the alleged result of their proximity to a UFO.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Eric Herr,
6250 Stanley Avenue,
San Diego, Calif. 92115
U.S.A.

June 21, 1982.

That "Concorde" film: unidentified object seen from a different angle

Dear Sir, — It was interesting to note how quickly that portion of the British Airways Concorde TV advert was cut when it was discovered there was an unwelcome intruder disporting itself thereon.

Experts were quick to discount this "visitor" as being a "light effect," but really did they do their homework? Perhaps their wills-not-to-believe were showing. Mine did when I first saw what I thought was a piece of paper chasing Concorde — how ridiculous!

Had these "experts" examined the rest of the Concorde footage they would have found that this "UFO" was there, following exactly the same path, on yet another piece of film taken that day, completely discounting their lens flare theory. Apparently there was more than one chase plane following the Concorde and photographing it simultaneously. But obviously, had the experts examined the film this further footage of the UFO would also have been cut; it wasn't, for on February 13th and 14th, 1982, in the British Airways World Cup advert, this fur-

ther UFO footage was beautifully revealed.

I was further reminded of my casual approach to the Concorde object when I saw "Ensemble" 14 (BBC) for again there were unidentified things in the sky during the balcony scene of *L'amour et vie*, showing the possible female tenant with a sky background. There, in the first shot, was a small cloud-like object over her right shoulder. In a second shot (and a third shot) there were two objects, the first had been joined by a cigar-like object.

Of course these objects could have been other things, like aircraft, but then the objects did not move between shots. They could have been structures, balcony or street lamps etc., but then they were up in the air and both were not there all of the time. An airship is a possibility of course, but then there were two, and two airships at once seems unlikely. Or perhaps it was a studio shot with a defective background; when should one close one's mind?

Yours faithfully,

A. Calvert,
26 Well Road,
Barnet,
Herts.

February 15, 1982

Misperceptions encouraged in USSR?

Dear FSR, — I urge your investigator to exercise extreme care in the evaluation of Soviet UFO accounts (e.g.: Creighton's three-part series on Feliks Zigel), since there appears to be some sort of deliberate deception going on.

For example, I believe that I have mustered overwhelming evidence that the great Russian UFO of June 14, 1980 (also seen over Argentina) was only the launching of the Kosmos-1188 satellite, distorted by eyewitness misperceptions and possibly by the addition of spurious fantasies. It is similar to the "jellyfish UFO" over Petrozavodsk on September 20, 1977, which has been solved to the satisfaction of leading American ufologists as the launching of Kosmos-955. Another spectacular Soviet UFO, on May

16, 1981, was caused by the launching of Meteor 2-7. All these shots came from the officially non-existent Pleseck cosmodrome, north of Moscow. Because of secrecy requirements, it suits Soviet purposes that these events be mistakenly perceived by the population as "UFOs," and I suspect that this misperception may be deliberately encouraged.

In the same light, the great Gindilis Report" (Academy of Sciences, 1979) on UFO statistics actually is based mainly on secret Soviet space weapons tests in the 1967 FOBS program "Garbage in, garbage out."

This data may disappoint British UFO enthusiasts but it cannot be ignored.

Respectfully,
James Oberg
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May 25, 1982

New Spanish Book

Dear colleague, — We hereby advise you of the publication of our joint research book entitled *UFOs and Science* (Los OVNIS y la Ciencia), just released this month by Plaza & Janés, an important publisher from Barcelona, Spain.

The book's foreword has been contributed by Dr. Richard F. Haines, experimental psychologist at NASA's Ames Research Center, who wrote that "what Ballester Olmos and Guasp have done is to approach the subject of scientific Ufology systematically, carefully, critically," which basically matches with the real objectives the authors had in mind when working on this book.

We feel that, in order to place this book in its true perspective, the following thought from the book's introduction will be in order: "Ufology, in its current state, is an *embryo* of a significant, new discipline, as originally was the Alchemy, which only became Chemistry when magic and obscurantism were separated from pure

Science." This is the message of the book.

Yours sincerely,
Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos,
Miguel Guasp,
Guardia Civil 9, D-16,
Valencia-20,
Spain.
January 1982

Alignments

Dear Editor, — In reference to Pat Delgado's interesting article (FSR Vol. 27, No. 5), and for those who have a liking for straight lines, Mrs. Bowles' second contact and abduction took place on the A31 road near the cemetery.

This would place it on the line Cheesefoot Head/Goodworth Clatford.

Also, so far as I can ascertain the straight portion of the road at which Mrs. Bowles' first contact took place aligns with Cheesefoot Head.

Yours sincerely,
John Ledner,
50 Seymour Road,
Ringwood,
Hants.
10 June, 1982

The "nuts-and-bolts" ET idea rejected

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Nuts-and-bolters fail to realise that there is no comparison between lunar flights and interstellar/intergalactic travel. The moon is only 1¼ light-seconds away, and "nuts-and-bolts" spacecraft (such as *Apollo*) can easily cover this short distance in a few days (or even in a few hours in the future).

The nearest star, *Alpha Centaur*, however, is 4⅓ light-years distant from us, and, even at the velocity of light, which no "nuts-and-bolts" craft could attain according to Einstein's theory of relativity, a journey there and back would take nearly 9 years. And the other stars in our Milky Way galaxy are located anywhere between 6 light-years and 80,000 light-years away. Andromeda, our galaxy's bigger sister, with over 300 billion stars, is 2 million light-years away.

Quite apart from these insurmountable interstellar/intergalactic distances, one major objection to the ET hypothesis is: Why should the Sun, of

all 250 billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy, be the selected target of so many ET visits? ETs trying to identify our Sun among this mind-boggling number of stars would be like our trying to find a specific grain of sand on the beach!

Another major reason why the "nuts-and-bolts" ET idea is untenable is provided by the Men-In-Black (MIB) phenomenon which is indisputably linked to the UFO phenomenon. In this connection, Miss Jenny Randles' report entitled "The Car That Disappeared" (FSR 23/3) is extremely revealing. This MIB incident does indicate the parapsychical nature of both the UFO and MIB phenomena.

The trouble with nuts-and-bolters is that they are so obsessed by a material/physical aspect of the UFO phenomenon that they blithely ignore the related parapsychical phenomena such as the MIB and the Marian apparitions.

Yours sincerely,
Julian H. Kaneko,
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Switzerland

Alien influences?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Many CE4 cases report that the "Aliens" have their representatives living among us on Earth as schemers, influencers and persuaders.

T. Lobsang Rampa, author of 19 books has ideas on the subject. He tells us the methods they use to observe and perhaps help the world. They are: Transmigration, Reincarnation and Visitation.

Transmigration is defined as the taking over of a body by an entity, whose soul, spirit or consciousness, — call it what you will — takes over the body of a person who intends to commit suicide, or a body specially grown for the purpose of Transmigration.

Reincarnation, as most of us should know, is a spirit being reborn as a baby. Reincarnate entities very often do not remember past states of existence, as most of us do not, but have a mental tilt towards their task in life. In the case of our "Aliens" the tilt is towards influencing mankind. For an interesting account of Reincarnation of this type see *Tibet* by Thubten Jigme Norbu and Colin Turnbull. Other

reincarnate entities with a special task and special knowledge are called "Avatars."

Visitation is the other technique they use and is the one with which we are most familiar. They are the close encounters of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th kinds.

Yours sincerely,
Stephen Pyrah,
76 Woodbridge Road,
Leicester.
May 27, 1982

[Readers will be interested to see Gordon Creighton's observations on the late T. Lobsang Rampa in his article "The Return of the 'Cyclopes'?" on page 3 — EDITOR]

The Integrity of Experience

Dear Sir, — Let me start by stating that I fully endorse the need to authenticate reports of sightings, if only to identify those individuals whose motive is profit or publicity or to ridicule. However, I seriously doubt that much more can be achieved. The person who sincerely believes he or she has seen a UFO, however bizarre the circumstances, whatever the lack of corroborative evidence and regardless of the alternative explanations, deserves our attention and respect — as I hope to demonstrate.

It is easy to forget that we all make gross presumptions about what is real and what is unreal, what is possible and impossible, what is true and what is false. Perhaps we should remind ourselves that we inhabit a world constructed by common consent and we interpret and judge our own and others' experiences by arbitrary conventions only. We do not know — we can but speculate.

Therefore any theories about UFOs and any assessment of encounters with them are distorted by a predetermined and habitual outlook. And this same preconditioning determines what to us is plausible or implausible. We are not, I would suggest, well qualified to judge or to explain.

I incline more and more to the view that if we are to regard the details of an encounter as important, then no less so is the individual's capacity to experience it. Your files are, above all, records of human experience and the

mushrooming of reports and sightings since World War II of this and other strange phenomena speaks to me of a quantum leap in awareness undergone by an evolving human species.

Perhaps the World Wars themselves have been sufficient trauma to precipitate such a leap. I can find no reason why many orders of existence might not interpenetrate our own and all we have lacked and may now be acquiring is the gift of sight.

Consider, for example, the experience of a tramp who finds himself staggering, drunk and sick, across Hungerford Bridge one clear night. Once he was a contented man with secure means and a loving wife and son. But he was suddenly beset by misfortune. His son was killed in a car accident and shortly after his wife died of cancer. His life in ruins he started to drink heavily and a consequent mistake at the office cost his firm a great deal of money and resulted in his dismissal. With nothing to live for, he abandoned himself to alcoholism and a miserable existence amongst the dregs of society. It's 10.30 and the Festival Hall is just emptying. People jostle past him chasing trains and buses. He looks down the Thames and there, some twenty feet above the water and clearly reflected in it, hovers a UFO bathed in a corona of light. He can feel its light upon his face. He feels embraced and supported and comforted by its soft colours. He starts to weep. For the first time he understands what it means to love and be loved, and months of misery and degradation are washed away. He is close to the most complete rest he has ever known, when a policeman rudely moves him on. "Can't you see it?" he cries. But the policeman can't. Nor can the hundreds of concert goers on their way home. All they can see is another drunk being a nuisance.

The following day the tramp finds himself with a strength and confidence and inner security to stop drinking and to start to rebuild his life. And in this he is entirely success-

ful. The strange thing is that when he decides to report his encounter to a research organisation, nobody pays much interest. After all, he was, by his own admission, drunk, and why didn't any of the hundreds of other people out that night report something strange. But who cares if he is believed or not: his life has been renewed and for that he'll be eternally grateful regardless of how it happened.

Yours faithfully,
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Fen Place,
Turners Hill,
near Crawley,
West Sussex RH10 4TT.

Identifying Moon and Star effects

Dear Sir, — Referring to the letter in FSR, p. 27, Vol. 27, No. 5, by Jenny Randles. This business of puzzling between UFO/IFO does create some controversy. Under no circumstances would I detract from the witnesses' comments and impressions, but it should not be too difficult to obtain an on-spot investigation, check the Grid References of the observers, time, and direction of observation, to enable some potential "line-up" of sighting and track course (if any!).

From the foregoing it should be fairly reasonable for personnel at the Greenwich Observatory to *attempt* to finalise *their* assumptions. The moon can be a cause of many "trick" observations. On one occasion some of our members (DIGAP) were doing one of our many (at that time) sky-watches on the side of Winter Hill, N.W. of Bolton, Lancs. When two of our colleagues, suddenly startled, cried out at a bright light, large, which appeared to be hurling itself closer and closer, all of a sudden it resolved itself into the moon. We had been startled, no doubt of it, and the explanation we deduced was due generally to atmospheric conditions.

Fairly heavy cloud present (not forgetting our altitude at this spot was approximately 300 metres) at base level 1000/1200 ft, with secondary cloud developing from low cloud, moving up and developing from the Mersey Valley area, i.e. part of the 03.00 a.m. morning mist rising. This, with slight breeze, began to create a tunnel effect with the base cloud, that began to break up and move with the slight breeze. The total effect with the sudden appearance of the moon's light was just as if the moon was not only pulsing i.e. due to possible refraction effect through the moist vapour varying in thickness or density, but appeared to be tearing through the sky, due to the eye being held by the cloud movement.

I had a similar incident with a sighting which involved the star Sirius. A person had 'phoned me to come "as that light we had talked about was again there, showing red, blue and green flashes." This was a cold night in December 2 or 3 years ago. When I arrived we went to where he'd observed it, a fairly open view of the southern sky, between 9.30/10.30 p.m. No doubt it was very effective; the flashes were there, and of course Sirius can appear just that little bit brighter than the average star. But the main cause was probably a "bubble" of very cold frosty atmosphere in which the observer is *in situ* and acting like a huge lens lying on the ground causing the star's apparent twinkle to be increased, and subject to refraction effects, as the light emission bonds and scintillates to the observer.

Why do the stars "twinkle" and yet the planets appear to hold a steady light?

Yours sincerely,
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June 2, 1982

World round-up

*of news and comment
about recent sightings*

Finland

Possible abduction on Pielinen Lake

We learn from the quarterly report of *Suomen Ufotutkijat ry* (UFO Research of Finland) that, — “After a long quiet period, UFO Research of Finland now has interesting news to report. As the Finnish UFO researchers were gathering for their annual summer seminar at Kylämä, in Central Finland, something extraordinary took place on Pielinen Lake in Eastern Finland.

“It all started on July 31, 1981, at 8.40 p.m. when two 35-year-old vacationing men were sailing with their motor boat towards the town of Lieksa. They were passing the Vaaraniemi Cape which is covered by evergreen trees, when they suddenly saw a black sphere in the sky. The sphere was surrounded by one large light and several smaller ones. The large light began to approach them, and the men stopped the boat. Now a black object was separated from the group of lights, and flew to the stern of the boat. The object seemed to be enveloped by a fog, and there were two lights on it. Suddenly one of the men was “paralysed” and couldn’t move his head. However, he continued to talk with his companion. Then the lights and the black object disappeared into the sky. Now the men noticed that they were not sitting at the same locations on the boat as they had been a moment before. The sky was clear and the boat was still near the Cape, despite the strong currents and the wind. The men glanced at their watches. The time was 4.10 a.m. on the following morning. They had lost 6 hours of their lives. As after effects they suffered from shaking hands, nightmares, and a disoriented sense of balance for over a week.

“After a week of after effects, they contacted the famous astronomers Juhani Kyröläinen and Pekka Teerikorpi (authors of a UFO book) at Helsinki University. Since then the astronomers have conducted extensive studies including two unsuccessful attempts to hypnotise the men. So far it is only known that the phenomenon was not a meteorite, or a Russian

rocket launch. The studies are continuing in collaboration with UFO Research of Finland and new results are expected in due course.

Norway

Children’s sighting near Larvik

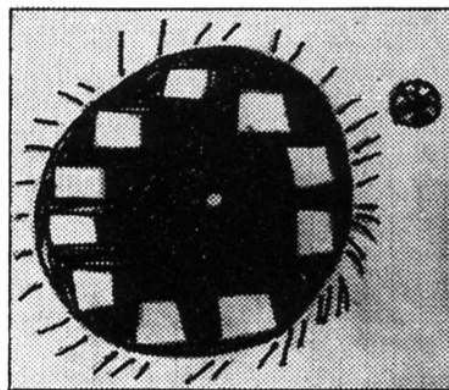
A Norwegian newspaper which, from the cutting we have received, appears to be called “VG”, and dated Friday, 16 October 1981, carries an item about a UFO event. The reader who sent the item also included a translation, and we present this in précis form, —

“An unidentified over Melgeroa was observed by a group of children aged from 5 to 11 years. A girl, whose name is Linn Fydse, said they were out playing when they saw a powerful light moving in from the sea. As well as being powerful, the light was also sharply defined, and forceful: several of the young observers were thrown to the ground.

“‘One of the boys was *going all white in his eyes*’ said Linn.

“They watched the object for a while, and suddenly a ‘trunk’ dropped from it. ‘Surely a trunk full of money’ one of the children cried. But they were all too frightened to approach this trunk, and ran off to their homes.

“Another of the witnesses, Monica Gausdal, was asked by her father to make a sketch of what she had seen. The father then took them to the police station at Larvik (Southern Norway). The sighting was declared



Monica Gausdal’s sketch of the object, as published in the newspaper “VG”.

‘unidentified’ as there was no resemblance to any known artifact.”

Credit: Sverre Lied of Svinndal, Norway.

Greece

1981 Round-up

We have received a most interesting letter from one reader **George Alahouzos** of Athens. He summarizes some recent events, and we hope to have fuller details of selected cases in due course. Here is an extract from his letter,—

“In your editorial, ‘Hard times,’ in Vol. 27, No. 2, you pointed out that sightings had petered out to a minimum. I believe this is where correspondence on a world wide basis is imperative. Continuous transmission of data to a central informative nucleus aids researchers in their efforts to comprehend the patterns which arise from time to time. I am justified in believing that many countries have their share of the phenomenon but that news of the incidents rarely gets a chance to be published within those countries, even more so outside of them. Greece is definitely one of these. It appears that the phenomenon recently decided to restrict its activities to the boundaries of this small land. A few of the sightings made during the summer months of this year were quite impressive and were definitely worth looking into. Regrettably, it seems that only a small percentage of the totality of sightings actually reached investigators. To give you some idea of our summer ‘flap,’ I have listed several of the more interesting cases.

“During July 1981, two large objects, apparently the size of the full moon, were observed for a lengthy period of time over the city of Corinth. Five days later an object was photographed near the town of Akrata. This series of shots turned out to be one of the most intriguing events in Greek UFO history. I shall return to this subject later. A few weeks after this incident, a red, cigar-shaped object with two under-hanging globes of the same colour, terrified a group of young men

follow-up by researchers. I would like to make two points:—

- 1) Is it *less* intelligent to use technology to translate languages than it is to learn that language (and presumably several others if contacts are global)? I suspect levels one and two might readily transpose.
- 2) The fact that repressed memories seem to refer to entities who either communicate telepathically, or in

the language of the contactee, does *not* prove that these repressed memories are deliberately instilled by an advanced intelligence. If these memories were subconscious fantasies the same elements would probably emerge. Telepathy, because the fantasy is a mental product and is “in the mind,” and normal language because an Englishman “thinks” in English, a Frenchman in French and so on.

A WARM AND PEACEFUL EXPERIENCE

(Continued from page 16)

she has an interest in Buddhism. She shares what could be termed a “telepathic link” with her five-year-old niece, who can often pick up her thoughts and achieves a high success rate with zener cards, and who also has seen a figure —unseen by Mrs. Findlay) in her kitchen. All in all, a good background of psychic experiences, and when it was suggested to Mrs. Findlay that her UFO encounter could have been an extension of her psychic ability, she felt inclined to agree.

Conclusion

The remarkable “unreality” of the surroundings at the time of the encounter does make one wonder whether the incident had any objective reality at all, or whether Mrs. Findlay was temporarily transported into an altered state of consciousness, this making the observation possible for her. Maybe a person already in possession of a measure of psychic ability makes this operation easier. Whatever the truth of the matter, it does seem that an alternative reality, a subjective state of mind, could be the place to look for UFOs.

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's fullname 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 reply to Mr. Kaneko

Dear Editor, — Several statements in Julian H. Kaneko's letter (Vol. 26 No. 5) call for an answer, since he is expounding on subjects about which his information is incomplete.

He states that the CIA is not concealing any knowledge about UFOs. As a matter of documented record, the CIA became involved in investigation of UFOs up to its eartips before 1953, and in 1953 was responsible for establishing the US official policy of denial and ridicule of the subject. That the CIA's motives in 1953 might have been soundly (though indirectly) based on security reasons is beside the point. Those 1953 reasons are no longer valid.

In the 1960s, the CIA was still heavily and secretly involved. I have personal knowledge from a confidential, but totally reliable, source that several dozen detailed photos of UFOs in flight were in AF files by that time. Those pictures have never been made public. They were analyzed by classified enhancement equipment and in

the opinion of the scientists who performed the work, the objects were aircraft of an unfamiliar design and from an unknown source. I regret I'm unable at this time to publish full details on this, but until such time as an American president grants immunity, my source must remain silent.

Mr. Kaneko states unequivocally that Marian apparitions and UFOs are caused by one and the same “Immaterial Entity.” He forgets that many, if not most, close encounters with UFO entities cause psychological and physical damage so severe, at times, as to be irreparable. The benevolent appearances of genuine Marian apparitions have yielded only beneficial results, after the initial ridicule and disbelief toward the percipients has ended.

If the Vatican suspects that *some* UFO phenomena and religious apparitions are linked, it remains silent not because it fears a death blow to Catholic/Christian dogma, but because, like the rest of mankind, it simply does not know enough about UFOs to make any kind of public pro-

nouncement. My inquiries to various Catholic priests have resulted in disinterested shrugs, raised eyebrows, or at best a logical statement that UFOs are still on the borderline of human knowledge. Only rarely have I found a priest/intellectual who admits that the Church should be paying the question of parapsychological phenomena, including UFOs, the attention they deserve. One such source is of the opinion that the next generation of clerics will probably do this.

The Church never fears Truth about anything. If UFOs are part of creation, and they logically *have* to be, then knowledge about them will simply expand our knowledge about God. This is the aim of *all* true religions, since “religion” can be defined as man's relationship with his Creator.

Mr. Kaneko credits the “Paraphysical Intelligence” (God) with a need for amusing itself by setting up human-UFO interaction. The Christian God is infinite. He has no need for amusement. Amusement denotes that one is bored and needs to be freed from boredom. God, living out-

side of Time, has no boredom or any failing. He is infallible in all ways.

I, too, suspect that *some* UFOs might be connected with man's relationship to God, but others seem to be manifestations of other intelligences — benevolent, malevolent, or neutral — at or above the intelligence of mankind. The parapsychical aspects of many UFO manifestations indicate that they come from realms of being outside our own space-time. All major world religions teach that there are numerous types of intelligent entities in the order of creation between man and God.

Mr. Kaneko also mentions the "absurdity of religious fanaticism" which convulses Northern Ireland, as well as other countries. "Absurd," as defined by Webster, means stupid or unreasonably ridiculous. The tragedy in Northern Ireland is far from ridiculous or stupid. It is a *political* situation, carefully planned and reasoned, in which the forces of international Marxist terrorism are using as pawns the victims of ancient rivalries and hatreds. It is a deliberate attempt by outside forces to create chaos, discord, and bloodshed for its own nefarious purposes. The sooner *all* Irish, of whatever political or religious persuasion, realize this fact, the sooner they can prevent themselves from becoming involved in a Vietnam—El Salvador type situation.

This last, of course, has nothing whatsoever to do with UFOs, but since Mr. Kaneko threw it into his potpourri letter, perhaps I will be forgiven for taking the time to answer him on this point, also.

Very truly yours,
Ann Druffel,
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USA
May 18, 1981.

Huge torpedo-shaped UFO possibly in 1938

Dear Editor, — On Friday, 21 May, on the early morning BBC radio before 8 o'clock I heard Miss J. Randles make an astonishing statement to the effect that she did not believe in interplanetary space ships.

With all the information that this good lady is privy to, I find it impossible to understand how she can have that idea. Its implications are great. What is implied is that all souls testi-

fying otherwise are either liars, hoaxers or simply mistaken. You know the sworn reliability of scores and scores of these people — people have been hanged on far far less corroborative testimony. I would like to know just what else Miss Randles thinks these things are? If Miss Randles further enlightened us later on the radio then I apologise for not having heard for I would very likely have been at work.

I have had many graphic experiences of my own of more telling dimensions than just LITS, and I wrote to FSR about 20 years ago, give or take a year or two, of an experience that I had before the war. At that time, the nearest that we came to this sort of thing was Buck Rogers at the cinema. Nobody would have seriously considered the existence of these space ships and the term UFO was non-existent. So on the foregoing, I cannot be accused of hallucinating on the strength of anything I'd read about UFOs. It simply wasn't an existent subject at the time of this event.

At the time I was about 13, give or take a year — time plays tricks with the accuracy of exact time fixing. I was just running from my home one bitter cold winter's night, and I hadn't gone half-a-mile when a tingling sensation went right through me and the hairs on the back of my neck stood up. At that instant I was terrified — very terrified. Hairs had never stood up on my neck before or since and the tingling wasn't so pleasant either.

Though I didn't hear a thing I sensed the direction of its source — over my right shoulder. There it was, only a few hundred feet high, torpedo-shaped, but huge like two football fields placed end to end. It had a pale blue haze around it and a row/s of brightly lit windows. I seem to remember that the windows were rectangular with rounded corners but after all this time I cannot be sure.

I was walking down Kings Road, Bradford, towards the town along a section that was raised well above the surrounding fields at that time — it is now built up. One had a magnificent view over the area of Bradford along the valley towards Shipley.

This object was travelling from my rear to front and slightly to the right. It was very fast, much faster than any aeroplane flying at that time. It disappeared over the not too distant horizon of Bradford in two or three seconds. With that I turned back, I was

very frightened indeed. The time of this event was sometime in the evening, it was night, it was cold, and the sky was cloudless with millions of stars.

It was quite definitely a material object and manufactured, and not of this earth. I don't recall that there was any mention of it in the papers or on the radio, but I did keep my ears open. Never heard a mention of it in any form.

Like so many people I only became aware of the objects around 1950, and for long enough I considered UFO buffs as crackpots or notoriety-seekers. It was some time before I connected some of the testimonies with my experience and realised how foolish I'd been in my condemnation of UFO buffs. From then on I've read all I can on the subject and done hours of night sky watching. I have seen many and some of the most remarkable sightings — too many to include in this letter.

I might add that as a simple truth, mathematically, the law of averages decrees that we just cannot be the only planet with intelligent life attempting space travel. What we've done must have been repeated many times in many places. I'm certain from my small endeavours that interplanetary space ships are a fact so as I said in the beginning it intrigues me how Miss Randles can come up with any other idea? I would love to hear from her via FSR, or direct even.

Congratulations on a fine magazine in FSR; I just regret the termination of the Special Issues.

Yours sincerely,
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Kendray,
Barnsley,
Yorkshire S70 3DL.
May 23, 1981.

Support for Zigel'

Dear Mr. Creighton, — Tenor and content of the article by N. A. Schnee in FSR 27, No. 1 are so unusual that they call for a few comments.

First of all, it seems hard to believe that a Soviet citizen and member of NTORES should want to publish in a Western journal an article abounding with hostile statements about, among others, the Communist Party, the Academy of Sciences, and his own

NTORES, unless the publication has the official party blessing. In that case, however, the article must be viewed with extreme caution.

Various people, mentioned by name (Safonov, Petrovich, Zigel', Smilga), are attacked or ridiculed in a manner reminiscent of mediaeval polemics hardly befitting a modern scientist, and casting doubt upon Mr. Schnee's ability to approach ufology with an objective mind. The idea that a UFO investigator of F. Y. Zigel's stature should phone the Moscow KGB to break-up a UFO meeting is downright preposterous.

Mr. Schnee mentions that Dr. Zigel's second book contains "one or two UFO reports," and that the third volume contains "just a few pages about UFOs". These two volumes are in the West, a fact Mr. Schnee probably is unaware of, and Mr. Brand of MUFON-CES assures me that the books actually contain almost 100 carefully investigated cases. Such deliberate falsifications of facts cast additional doubts on the veracity of the article as a whole. It appears that one of its chief aims is to discredit Dr. Zigel'. A second purpose may have been to promote Mr. Azhazha, an unknown on the UFO scene, for unknown reasons to the position of chief Soviet UFO investigator.

In my opinion publications of Schnee's article has done a disservice to UFOlogy in general and to Dr. Zigel' in particular. Soviet articles should probably be treated with the same objective criticism as close encounters of the third kind!

Yours sincerely,
H. Beck,
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CH-5412 Gebenstorf,
Switzerland.
September 3, 1981.

[FSR is neither pro-Schnee nor pro-Zigel'. We were surprised at Mr. Schnee's polemics, but are currently redressing the balance with an article favourable to Dr. Zigel', — EDITOR]

Various matters

Dear Sir, — As a point of correction, Ernie Sears does not hold the position of Public Relations Officer for BUFORA, as stated by Jenny Randles in FSR Vol. 27 No. 2.

I have found the book reviews by Janet and Colin Bord extremely valuable, being as they are highly erudite and fairly balanced. These hard-working writers are a valuable asset to FSR.

I was sorry to learn of the demise of Leslie Otley. His considerable contribution to ufology in the earlier years deserves wider mention, and much interesting material was to be found in his Tyneside UFO Society magazine ORBIT. It is worth a reminder that the substantial library and files of TUFOS were donated to the Newcastle Central Library.

Yours faithfully,
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October 1, 1981

Police explanation of Swiss sighting. Also an incident in Greece

Dear Sir, — Following your printed request in the World Round-up column in FSR Volume 27, No. 2, I did write to the Jura Police Department, and I enclose herewith their reply:—

"Monsieur,
"Nous accusons réception de votre lettre du 24.9.81, ainsi que de la photocopie d'un article paru dans le 'Flying Saucer Review' et vous en remercions.

"Toutefois, nous devons vous communiquer que l'objet en question n'était qu'une boule de feu électrique et que ce phénomène a été provoqué par un court-circuit. Nous ne possédons pas d'autres explications à ce sujet.

"Nous regrettons de ne pouvoir vous donner de plus amples renseignements et vous présentons, Monsieur, nos salutations distinguées.

(signed) "Bernard Dula, Le Commandant de la Police Cantonale Jurasienne." (28.9.81)

I don't understand much about UFOs, but it seems strange to me that, at the time of the happening the police said it was all a mystery to them, yet now they say it was a *boule électrique*. And could such a *boule* shoot up vertically into the sky?

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Since I am writing to you, I'd like to take the opportunity to tell of a happening, and maybe you will have an answer for me. It took place in 1979 in Porto Germeno on the Gulf of Corinth. It was July 27th, or rather, since it happened after midnight, July 28th.

I awoke, and, as I could not go to sleep again, I went out on the terrace. I would guess it was around 3.0 a.m. (give or take an hour), and I looked up at the stars. The Milky Way was in full view, and I was amazed at the number of shooting stars which seemed to be falling down on me — there must have been at least a dozen. Then I was attracted by an orange light which did not fall down in the same direction as the shooting stars, but went at an incredible speed from left to right — that would be from East to West — horizontally clear across the sky. Ever since then I've wondered if it was a UFO, or just another satellite in orbit?

If I run across any further news items from Switzerland, I'll gladly send them to you, already translated, to lessen the burden of Mr. Creighton.

Yours faithfully,
F. H. Stuckert,
Stäfa,
Switzerland.
September 4, 1981

A GIGANTIC "CIGAR" OVER THE ATLANTIC

Editor's note (Continued from page 21)

given in slightly greater detail in my editorial leader on pages 1 and 2 of this issue. My memory of Captain Howard's narrative is that *most* of the passengers saw the

UFOs. Stewardess Daphne Walker came on to the flight deck to ask the skipper what it was 'out there' as all the passengers wanted to know.

It seems likely that such a mechanism as this may account for some UFO events, especially those occurring at night when the witnesses are in their bedrooms and in a state between sleep and wakefulness, and also to people driving alone at night. But it is stretching the theory too far to try and apply it to the majority of UFO events, daylight cases and multiple witness cases especially. The author over-enthusiastically tries to persuade us that even such phenomena as visions, witches and fairies are a result of imagery, but if the phenomenon is so widespread as he would have us believe, then one must begin to doubt one's eyes: is anything you think you are seeing really there? Unfortunately the UFO phenomenon cannot be explained so easily, though Keith Basterfield has given us a valuable insight into the origins of certain types of reports.

Spanish-speaking readers will be interested to know of a new book published in Spain — *Los Ovnis*

y la Ciencia (UFOs and Science) by **Vicente-Juan Bal-
lester Olmos** and **Miguel Guasp**. Dr Richard F. Haines writes in his Foreword that the authors have approached "the subject of scientific ufology systematically, carefully, critically." Perhaps some English-language publisher will be inspired to publish a translation before too long, so that we can all benefit from the authors' experience. The Spanish edition, a 382-page softcover with photographs, illustrations and tables, is available from Plaza & Janés, S.A., Export Department, Virgen de Guadalupe 21-33, Esplugas de Llobregat, Barcelona, Spain, price \$9 (U.S. dollars) or equivalent.

Two books reviewed earlier in their hardcover editions and now available in paperback are: *Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World* (Fontana, £4.50) and *Direct Encounters* by Judith M. and Alan L. Gansberg (Coronet, £1.25).

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Queries on the report of the 1954 BOAC sighting

Dear Editor, — The editorial leader in Volume 27, Number 3 of FSR contained some interesting notes pertaining to the classic BOAC case of June 29, 1954, off the coast of Labrador. But these notes also present somewhat of a problem because they present certain inconsistencies with previous data on this case that have come to my attention. In particular I refer to an article entitled "BOAC's Flying Jellyfish," written by John Carnell, that appeared in an issue of *Fate* magazine some months after the sighting occurred. Included in the article was an extract from the Voyage Report of Captain James Howard. This Voyage Report and your editorial leader conflict on a number of points. It is the purpose of this letter to point out these seeming contradictions, and hopefully a clarifying response from you will be in order.

One contradiction concerns the cloud cover. According to Captain Howard's Voyage Report we learn the following: "The visibility at this altitude was unlimited, with no cloud other than low overcast." Yet according to your editorial leader the BOAC aircraft was flying "...just below a

layer of broken cloud..." Also, that the large UFO "...appeared to be shape-changing while threading its way through the broken cloud..." Was there broken cloud just above the Stratocruiser or wasn't there?

The contradiction that poses a major problem concerns the question of whether or not there was *radar confirmation* of the UFO formation? Obviously, this issue is central to this incident. Again, according to Captain Howard's Voyage Report we learn the following, "I spoke to Fighter Control and he said he picked us up at 01.13 G.M.T. (when we had the object in sight), but had nothing else on his screen but us." Yet according to your editorial leader the intercepting USAF Fighter "...reported radar contact at 16 miles, with two images showing up — presumably those of the aeroplane and the large object." Also, "...and these had been intercepted on radar by Control — as implied by the pilot being ordered to 'hold.'" This is a major disparity that has arisen, and one that demands a satisfactory resolution.

Incidentally, there is *no* mention in the Voyage Report of the long "hold" delay of the Stratocruiser cited in your editorial leader. Another unresolved question!

The BOAC case is far too important

to allow these questions to remain. Your clarification of these matters would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,
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U.S.A.

January 3, 1982

[Please see Captain Howard's article elsewhere in this issue, and the editorial leader on page 1 — EDITOR]

A travesty of a Programme

Dear Sir, — I would like to voice an opinion on Thames Television's *White Light* programme which I saw on 13 November '81. I am a police officer, and although I was on duty, I managed to arrange my refreshment period to cover the programme.

And I assume many other people expected to see a debate on at least some well-known UFO reports.

I was disgusted by the way Gordon Creighton was treated by the so-called chairman, and the "gang" of teenagers who giggled most of the time. The big mistake was to treat these morons as responsible adults.

I thought Mr Creighton very polite

and calm and proved himself a hundred per cent gentleman. This subject can only be treated seriously and not "sent-up" by some fly-by-night trendy twenty-minute stint. One might have thought that the teenage audience was put there by the late Dr Condon of the late 1960s report fame.

Yours faithfully,
Michael Lambert
Ilford, Essex
November 16, 1981

This letter has been held over from the last issue of FSR but, although it is now late, for which I apologise, I feel it must be published. For, after all, it was a dreadful programme. — EDITOR.

A reply to Mrs Druffel

Dear Mr Bowen, — I read with interest Mrs Ann Druffel's reply (FSR 27/3) to my letter published in FSR 26/5. Let me answer her succinctly point by point.

The CIA's primary function is to gather and evaluate information vital to the security of the United States. By the late 1960s, the CIA reached the conclusion that the UFO phenomenon is of a *paraphysical* nature (i.e., *not amenable to scientific study*) and constitutes no danger to the United States.

The UFO photos which Mrs Druffel says are in USAF files may show material objects in flight, looking like spacecraft of an unfamiliar design, but let's not be fooled by their *apparent or temporary materiality*. The whole shebang was set up by the Paraphysical Intelligence to make us swallow the ET hypothesis. (Here I am also answering Mr E. A. Cureton). In face of this Extra-dimensional Superintelligence, the U.S. authorities are just as powerless as we are, so there is no point in accusing them of cover-up.

Despite her belief in Marian apparitions, Mrs Druffel apparently has never studied the famous Fatima affair (the *joint* appearance of the Virgin Mary and a UFO at Fatima, Portugal, on October 13, 1917). This event, recognized as genuine by the Vatican and also known as the "miracle of the dancing Sun," *involved the appearance of a discoid flying object whose descriptions by 70,000 eyewitnesses are identical with those of today's UFO sightings: a clearly defined revolving disc; shimmering metallic look; hovering below the clouds; multicoloured rays; falling-leaf movement; rocking motion; instant drying of wet objects; strange*

(sulphurous) odour; take-off with lightning speed, etc. Since the term "Flying Saucer" or "UFO" did not exist at that time, the eyewitnesses mistook this object for the Sun. But the Sun never "dances." Moreover, it was raining at Fatima on that day. The VM was, however, visible only to three young children (Lucia, aged 10, Francisco, 9, and Jacinta, 7) who had already had five previous contacts with the VM (on May 13, June 13, July 13, August 13 and September 13, 1917).

Two well-known French ufologists, Jacques Vallée (cf. *The Invisible College*) and Paul Misraki (cf. *Des signes dans le ciel*), stressed the importance of the Fatima incident to the comprehension of the UFO phenomenon. And the Fatima apparition is by no means unique. Paul Misraki is a devout Catholic, but he unflinchingly accepts the VM-UFO connection. And your French counterpart *Lumières Dans La Nuit* recently ran a series of articles on the VM-UFO linkage (cf. LDLN 205, 206, 207, 208 and 209).

Mrs Druffel states that many close encounters with UFO entities often cause irreparable psychological/physical damage. She forgets that many such encounters have *also yielded beneficial results such as miracle healing*. Obviously, the so-called Good and Evil are skilfully mixed in these manifestations. This is just another way of the Paraphysical Intelligence to *put us off the scent*.

Mrs Druffel asserts that the Church never fears Truth about anything. Well, how about the infamous Inquisition that tortured and killed countless so-called "heretics" for more than 650 years? Galileo Galilei narrowly escaped being burnt at the stake for declaring what the Ancient Egyptians had already known 2,000 years before him: the earth rotates around the Sun. More recently, even Darwin and Einstein were vehemently attacked by churchmen.

And the *Third Secret of Fatima*, revealed to Lucia by the VM in 1917 but transmitted to the Vatican only in 1930, was to be made public in 1960. The late Pope John XXIII, however, decided to put off publication for 20 years, but in 1980, Pope John Paul II did not release it. Apparently, the Third Secret of Fatima frightened all the four Popes into silence. It presumably contains dire warnings about World War III and the demise of the Catholic Church.

I disagree with the multi-origin theory on the UFO phenomenon. The UFO and all other paranormal/religious phenomena are *transdimensional* manifestations of one and the same *neutral* Superintelligence located outside our four-dimensional physical/material universe of which we are eternal captives. All our scientific advances can only be made within the framework of our space-time continuum, and anything existing beyond it will forever remain out of our ken.

No, my letter is not pot-pourri. I take an overall approach to the UFO phenomenon (and not a fractionated one adopted by many ufologists). If the Irish were free-thinkers like me, there would be no religious turmoil in Northern Ireland. All fanaticism, religious or political, is not only absurd but dangerous.

The message which the UFO and paranormal/religious phenomena are trying to convey to us is that *we have to radically revise our ideas about so-called "God."* Mrs Druffel's views are parochial and conventional. Why should God be exclusively Christian?

Yours sincerely,

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December 3, 1981

Identifying Soviet sightings

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Regarding Creighton's account of the sensational June 14, 1980 Soviet UFO:

The reports are devoid of any truly useful information (such as azimuth, elevation, angular size, and actual GMT), being replaced instead with purely subjective (and notoriously unreliable) interpretations of distance and size and sub-object location. Experienced UFO investigators should recognise the futility of any attempted analysis based on such poor data.

The most fascinating aspect of this sighting is its apparent correlation with an apparition which occurred within an hour or two over Argentina just after local sunset. An orbiting object surrounded by a vapour cloud (venting propellants following rocket burn?) could easily account for the visual stimuli, but *which* object?

As I have attempted to communicate to FSR before, a useful line of in-

quiry is connected with Soviet secret space launches. The infamous Petrozavodsk "Jellyfish UFO" of Sept 20, 1977, turned out to be the launching of Cosmos-955 from the Plesetsk Cosmodrome (see the Christmas 1981 number of *New Scientist*), a solution quite happily accepted by the USA UFO community.

The June 1980 event occurred at a time of year when objects launched eastwards from Plesetsk are in sunlight (due to the solstice "White Night" phenomenon) and also visible as far south as 40° N lat. The most promising candidate is Cosmos-1188 booster stage; I am currently obtaining the tracking data needed to verify or refute this hypothesis.

Yours in research,

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March 29, 1982

Gordon Creighton writes:— *The Russian UFO story was written by Henry Gris, not be me, and the responsibility for its accuracy lies with him. FSR is a form of discussion and I am a translator, in this case, of Gris's report, in order to make it available to our readers.*

We are well aware that the story lacks scientific details such as azimuth, etc. If, and when, we ever secure such, we will publish them. However, as Dr Pierre Guérin points out, it is worth remembering that plenty of scientists will still refuse to accept any evidence, however scientific (see my Crack in the Universe interview with Guérin).

As for the Petrozavodsk case our sources were Russian newspapers only, such as Pravda (Truth). We published translations of what was being claimed. If it turns out to have been a terrestrial phenomenon (rocket launched on Earth) we shall gladly publish this. We have no emotional investment in Petrozavodsk or indeed in any other UFO case, nor do we need any emotional investments. Our case for the existence of UFOs is too good for that to be necessary!

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It so happened that on the day I discussed Mr Oberg's letter with Mr Creighton, an article had already been received at West Malling from Dr Pekka Teerikorpi of the Turku University Observatory in Finland. The article deals with the Petrozavodsk and June 14,

1980, reports from the Soviet Union. It was forwarded to me from West Malling a few days later. Readers who have not already done so, will read Dr Teerikorpi's notes ("Soviet 'UFOs' identified as satellite launchings") elsewhere in this issue, and will see that Mr Oberg's observations have been confirmed. I am thankful that this matter has now been settled for us by a scientist who is prepared to look carefully at the evidence, and to weigh up the facts for as well as against that evidence, — EDITOR]

A puzzle, more or less

Dear Sir, — Jenny Randles' books have impressed me with her attention to clarity and accuracy, but her letter in Vol. 27 No. 5 refers to 150% fewer UFO sightings in 1980 than a previous year. Was this a printing error? As I see it, if we take a figure, say 1000, then 100% of 1000 is 1000: so a reduction of 100% would mean that whatever the figure was, it was reduced to nil. It is when I am asked to visualise the figure being reduced by 150% that a gentle boggle starts up in my mind. Perhaps it means that there were so many fewer sightings that there were actually *more* than before?

Yours faithfully,

J. G. Halliday,
Maidstone,
Kent

April 10, 1982

On psychological and physical damage: also alien intelligence

Dear Sir, — 1. The letter by Ann Druffel on pp. 27-28 of FSR 27-3, is admirable indeed. May I, however, be allowed to add a few remarks to what Mrs Druffel wrote?

It is of course true that *many* UFO encounters have led to psychological and physical damage to *some* witnesses; in several of my articles published by the now defunct Canadian journal CUFOR (later merged with JUFO, Toronto), under the title "The Interpretive Dilemma" in 3 parts (CUFOR 4-1, 4-2, 4-3), I have discussed this matter of favourable *versus* unfavourable after-effects in witnesses. (The matter is far from being as simple as one gathers from Mrs Druffel's letter). There have been certain encounters which have resulted in a dra-

matic rejuvenation of the witnesses, and in an improvement of their I.Q. (cf. Maceiras in the Argentine, &c.). Therefore, it is somewhat misleading to attribute only *unfavourable* after-effects to UFO encounters. On the other hand, it is equally misleading to say that alleged Marian apparitions have yielded only beneficial results: one has only to read the Revd. Fr. Cristiani's little book on Satan, to see that undesirable things have on occasion occurred at such times, and in such places. One should, here, bear in mind also the hysterical screams of the bemused children who alone claimed to "see" the Virgin at Garabandal, in Spain; upon returning to their normal state, they were questioned about their former terror, and they replied that the Blessed Virgin had shown them some of the horrible things that would happen to this world. A committed Roman-Catholic will need to perform some theological rationalising, if he or she is to attribute such an apparition to *Divine* intervention.

2. Regarding the most interesting article on pp. 25-27 of FSR 27-3, by Mr Ahmad Jamaludin, dealing with the various levels of intelligence displayed by UFO-nauts, might I remind readers of two things here:—

a) Mr. Aimé Michel's penetrating statement to the effect that, when we are dealing with a non-human (i.e. extraterrestrial) intelligence, we *must expect* that many of the entities' actions and reactions should seem "absurd", to us.

b) In FSR 16-6 (November-December 1970), I published an article called "UFOs and ESP," in which I discussed certain reasons why we may *think* that we are hearing our native languages spoken by UFO-nauts. I followed this up with a further article entitled "A few coincidences and two postscripts," in FSR 19-3 of May-June '73. In Ostrander's and Schroeder's fine book *Psychic discoveries behind the Iron Curtain*, we find confirmation of my thesis, *viz.* that a sufficiently deep state of hypnotic trance can at times completely by-pass the language-barrier, leading us to "understand" statements made in a strange language, while we *think* that they are couched in our language. See also my earlier articles "F.S. Occupants and S.S.P." in CUFOR 3-1; "Where Cheshire Cats outgrabe," in CUFOR 3-6; and the above-mentioned three-part article "The Inter-

pretive Dilemma," in CUFOR 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, — for further discussion of all these matters.

Yours faithfully,
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That "sac of silence" surrounding MIB encounters

Dear Sir, — In Dr P. M. H. Edwards' article "MIB Activity reported from Victoria B.C.", (FSR Vol. 27, No. 4), the author made comment to the possible cause of the apparent lack of activity and signs of life during an MIB visitation.

May I provide an alternative suggestion?

A fly on the wall candidly witnessing an interview between a contactee and the MIB phenomenon would, I postulate, see the contactee apparently conversing with himself rather than with two or more gentlemen of whom we know so little. Around him, town or city life would continue to bustle along as always. To the contactee, all frames of human familiarity within his immediate environment would be grossly manipulated. A busy street or a city precinct would be devoid of people, traffic and any sort of movement and a state of limbo would exist within the mind of the contactee.

I feel that the MIB exist only as a subjective hallucination within the subconscious mind of the victim and created and controlled by the intelligence behind the UFO phenomena.

There have been many past cases involving MIB activity where no physical evidence has been found, where MIB, together with their means of transport, have mysteriously vanished into thin air and without a trace — much to the total amazement of the witness.

The hallucinatory techniques I have mentioned could be carried out with ease by any talented stage hypnotist, and I feel sure that it's not beyond the technology of the intelligence behind the UFO phenomena to do likewise — but remotely.

Yours sincerely,
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Storms in a teacup

Dear Sir, — I am still attempting to fathom out the purpose of Pat Delgado's article in FSR Vol. 27, No. 5, entitled "Cheesefoot Head Mystery Rings." From the nature of the text one assumes that (Mr/Ms) Delgado was intending initially to investigate the cause of the circles, but reading it repeatedly only informs me that all that was achieved was to publicise them through the press and TV, thus creating misleading and highly speculative stories. Absolutely no regard was given by the author or the editor to the serious investigative work carried out in these very same circles by the Hampshire UFO Group, SCOPE, nor to the resulting article that appeared in *The Probe Report* Vol. 2, No. 3. (December 1981). To ascertain dimensions by measuring a small photograph shows a distinct lack of initiative, considering Mr/Ms Delgado was no more than a stone's throw from the circles themselves, and a trip down into them would not have been too demanding. Such actions would have shown that the actual diameters of the circles were 62 feet (not 52) and 26 feet (not 17), give or take an inch.

SCOPE's investigations were inconclusive, but assistance from Dr G. T. Meaden of the Tornado and Storm Research Organisation showed that a whirlwind explanation was very feasible, which became evident upon analysing weather conditions for the relevant period (again something that was ignored). The weather conditions, plus the geographical and topographical peculiarities of the location offered an explanation as to how such a formation of circles could be caused and full details of the mechanics were published in the aforementioned *Probe Report* and in Dr Meaden's *Journal of Meteorology* Vol. 7, no. 66.

What now concerns me is that the sum result of this inadequate contribution to your magazine could mean that people in the four corners of the world may now be under the impression that UFO activity caused mysterious circles in a Hampshire field, whereas in all probability UFOs are as far afield from the circles, as the circles are from the Joyce Bowles encounter which for some reason was marked on the accompanying map.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Mrzyglod,
Editor "The PROBE REPORT",

[For the information of our readers, and Mr Mrzyglod, I record that our subscriber, Mr Delgado, drew my attention to the Cheesefoot Head mystery rings in a telephone call, and mentioned that he had alerted the TV companies to them. When he offered to obtain a photograph for me, I asked him if he would be prepared to write up a short note for me — which he did. Nowhere did he claim that the rings were made by a UFO, although he did mention that a "UFO Society" chairman had done so, only to be greeted with derision. He also mentioned other explanations that had been suggested. It will be noted that Mr Delgado rightly and properly refused to take the "initiative" and vandalise the farmer's standing crop by trampling his way down to the rings, which Mr Mrzyglod suggests he should have done. I am glad he avoided that because my main interest in this puzzling but somewhat inconsequential matter lay on the fact that three sets of apparently similar mystery rings lay in a straight line across the map of Hampshire. If they are all caused by tornadoes then stranger still! — EDITOR]

Reputed views of former NASA scientist

Dear Mr Creighton, — Thought you might be interested in these passages from Chas Berlitz *Doomsday 1999 A.D.* published by Doubleday & Co., Garden City N.Y., copyright 1981.

On pp204-5:— "Considering the difficulty of getting individual or other planets to understand a message it is evident that mathematics and geometry, existing independently of language and alphabetical or syllabic writing, would be a logical start. Maurice Chatelain, a prominent investigator of the French messages has pursued this theory to a startling conclusion. Within the angles and inner area measurement of a double hexagon reportedly left by a UFO at Marliens, Côte d'Or, on May 10, 1967, he has been able, through the use of trigonometry and a computer, to detect that the outer surfaces give Pi^2 in metres, and that the surface of the inner hexagon gives $Sq. root of Pi$. He has verified this independently of the metric system through measurements, comparisons, and the relationship of the angles involved."

Then on pp 206-7:— "In assessing ET communication with earth, Maurice Chatelain has the advantage of

considerable experience in communication through space. During the '60s, over a period of five years, he was Chief of NASA Communications Systems and, prior to that, Chief of Data Processing Systems at the North American Aviation Plant at Downey, California. Chatelain, like a number of other personnel at NASA, and other government agencies, no longer bound by security regulations, is definite about the presence of UFOs in space and their activities during the U.S. space shots."

According to Chatelain:— "All Apollo and Gemini flights were followed at a distance and sometimes quite closely, by space vehicles of ET origin. Every time it occurred the astronauts informed Mission Control who then ordered absolute silence."

In Chatelain's opinion, some of the space travellers may come from our own solar system, specifically from Titan, a planetary moon of Saturn having a physical condition among the planets most comparable to that of Earth. He points out that when our space probe passed over Titan its radio communication was interrupted and its photographic equipment stopped functioning almost as if it were passing through a security zone — but one not imposed by commands emanating from Earth.

You may already know Mr Chatelain, or at least be familiar with his thoughts on the subject. But if not, I thought you might like to follow up on these quotes. He sounds like a good candidate for an article in FSR. That line about "no longer being bound by security regulations" intrigued me!

Hope this matter will be of interest to you.

Yours sincerely,
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Thoughts prompted by Dr Finch on Dinosaurs

Dear Sir, — The short article by Dr Bernard E. Finch, "Dinosaurs . . . Not Humanoids?" which was published in FSR Vol. 27, No. 4, prompts the following comments. Although I missed the original transmission of *Death of the Dinosaurs* I was sufficiently intrigued by the review of the programme, which was published in *The Daily Mail* the following day, to watch the repeat. The television critic of that newspaper had also noted the striking similarity between a model of a predicted twentieth century dinosaur and the aliens of *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

A remarkable coincidence, however, is one thing, and its interpretation another, so I would like to propose an alternative to the extra-terrestrial hypothesis suggested by Dr Finch. Consider the following points:—

1: The champions of the "nuts and bolts" hardware school sometimes assert that the UFO phenomenon must represent a technology that is a product of an intelligence far superior to our own (see p.18 of the same issue of FSR for example), and it is perhaps significant that if those great lizards had survived then their descendants would have enjoyed a further **sixty million years** of evolution.

2: The adaption of our alleged visitors to our environment is so remarkable that if they do indeed exist it is inconceivable that they did not evolve on a twin of this planet.

3: We know of just one planet, this one, where the dinosaurs demonstrably did exist, so why invoke a hypothetical alien alternative?

These considerations, and others, make me wonder if the UFO phenomenon ought to be interpreted as a privileged glimpse of what might have happened if history had run a different course, and if the apparent technology of the UFOs might be rep-

resentative of a *terrestrial* rather than interstellar transport system. This may offend the staunch supporters of the extraterrestrial hypothesis, but it is not too far removed from the ideas of certain theorists, John Keel in particular, and it does have the distinct advantage of eliminating the question of interstellar travel from the problem.

Further evidence which tends to support this new hypothesis can be found in Sir Victor Goddard's *Flight towards Reality* (Turnstone Books 1975). He cites two well known cases of "time warp" experiences: his own, when he apparently flew over the airfield at Drem as it would be four years later, and the two elderly English ladies who allegedly saw the garden at Versailles as it had existed a century before. However, he then tells us something which does not frequently appear in other accounts (p.129-130) **The buildings that he saw at Drem in 1935 only ever existed on paper**, the ones that were actually built followed a different plan, and the eighteenth century garden of Versailles likewise never had a physical existence, **its only reality was a plan that was never implemented**. Sir Victor Goddard invokes his own pet theory of "thought forms" in order to provide his readers with some sort of explanation, but alternative time tracks are equally worthy of consideration in speculation of this order. As Damon Knight said in his autobiography of Charles Fort (*Charles Fort, Prophet of the Unexplained*, Victor Gollancz Ltd 1971, p. 161):—

"It is perhaps easier to believe that all possible universes co-exist, side by side, in a five-dimensional space time framework."

Yours faithfully,
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told the geologists that he would "give them 10 million years and not a day longer" for the age of the sun. Perhaps if Kelvin had been more of a philosopher, he might have pondered whether the fossils were telling him something. Likewise, perhaps we should ponder whether the UFO phenomenon is telling us something.

Mind and Matter

The UFO phenomenon is experienced largely through human consciousness and the human psyche. Laboratory physics attempts to work with "objective reality," but suppose there exists a class of phenomena in which subjective variables enter in the first order? How do we handle their study?

Eugene Wigner, the noted Princeton physicist, wrote that "the present laws of physics are at least incomplete without a translation into terms of mental phenomena. More likely, they are inaccurate, the inaccuracy increasing with the role that life plays in the phenomena considered . . . As we consider situations in which consciousness is more and more relevant, the necessity for modifications of the regularities obtained for inanimate objects will be more and more apparent."

It is becoming increasingly apparent to those who seriously study the UFO phenomenon that some modification in approach and methodology is necessary. Do events in the mind represent interlopers from a parallel reality? Or, indeed, are they themselves such parallel realities? Should we look to distant star systems for the solution to UFOs or much closer to a metaterrestrial rather than an extraterrestrial hypothesis?

The paranormal or "psychic" aspects of the UFO phenomenon have generally been taken as sufficient reason for dismissing the entire subject, but such dismissal smacks of scientific irresponsibility. Erwin Schroedinger wrote: "A scientist should be curious and eager to find out." I would hold that we have accumulated enough UFO data over the past three decades to be truly curious about it.

To Explain the Inexplicable

There is indeed a growing, although still far from overwhelming, interest among scientists in the intriguing mystery of the UFO phenomenon — it just will not dry up and blow away as most of us once expected. In 1976, P. A. Sturrock surveyed the membership of the American Astronomical Society, asking whether the UFO phenomenon deserved scientific study. Among the 1,356 respondents, 23 per cent re-

plied "certainly," 30 per cent "probably," and 27 per cent "possibly" — a total of 80 per cent at least mildly in favour. Seven respondents stated that they were actively studying the problem. Surprisingly (perhaps only to those unfamiliar with the UFO scene), 62 respondents stated that they had witnessed, or had obtained recorded evidence of, an event they could not identify and that they thought might be related to the UFO phenomenon.

Another recent example of scientific interest comes from the USSR Academy of Science. Preferring the term "anomalous atmospheric phenomena," Gindilis, Men'kov, and Petrovskaya report that "the substantial percentage of observers who have adequate qualifications attracts attention: scientific workers, engineers, pilots (52 per cent). Contrary to the widespread fallacy, there is a highly significant percentage of astronomers among the observers (7.5 per cent)."

Finally, attention should be called to GEPAN (Groupement pour Etudier les Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Nonidentifiés), a government-supported scientific team within the French space agency CNES (Centre Nationale des Etudes Spatiales) that is systematically studying the UFO phenomenon. France is the only country to have officially undertaken such a project. (Characteristically, perhaps, only French UFOs are studied.)

When what was once believed to be a passing craze has instead proved persistent, provocative, and vexing, we may well heed the words of the astronomer Pierre Simon LaPlace two centuries ago: "We are so far from knowing all the forces of nature and the various modes of their action that it is not worthy of a philosopher to deny phenomena only because they are inexplicable in the present state of our knowledge. The harder it is to acknowledge the existence of phenomena, the more we are obligated to investigate them with increasing care."

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World round-up

*of news and comment
about recent sightings*

England

Lozenge-shaped UFO watched by policemen at Milton Keynes

The national newspaper *The Sun* of March 25, 1982, told, in a report by John Kay, how, two patrolling policemen started a big security flap yesterday . . . after a close encounter with a mystery object in the sky.

"Ministry of Defence chiefs ordered a top-level probe into the lozenge-shaped UFO the cops saw humming and hovering over a town.

"They want to know if there are any 'defence aspects' to the sighting.

"The yellow-coloured object loomed into view in Saxon Street, Milton Keynes, Bucks., at exactly 4.35am.

"Patrolmen Sgt. Ian Victory and PC Anthony Underwood brought their Panda car screeching to a halt when they saw the object's flashing red and blue lights.

"The UFO gave off a low humming sound and they could clearly see its sub-structure before it vanished.

"Sgt. Victory, 45, said: 'They all laughed at us when we told them back at the police station. But I definitely saw it — and I've never seen anything like it before.'

"Milkman Richard Wait, 28, watched the UFO with the two policemen. He said: 'There was no way it could have been a plane.'

"Milton Keynes police chief Supt. John Burton said: 'These are two experienced officers and I've no reason to doubt their integrity.'

"A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: 'We are making a full investigation.'"

West Germany

Police report UFOs with light beams

According to a report in the newspaper *Abendpost Nachtausgabe* of March 17, 1982, Darmstadt received a UFO visitation at 9.30 p.m. on March 14. TV pictures were distorted, lights began to flicker, there was crackling

on Police loudspeakers, and scores of eyewitnesses observed strange vivid green flying objects over Messel. Among the witnesses there were also eight policemen at Arhellgen.

The main excitement was along the Messel-Darmstadt motorway, where a number of UFOs were seen behind a clump of trees. The witnesses were four policemen. The five craft were elliptical in shape, with glass cupolas on the upper part and "searchlights", and were enveloped in "flickering green light".

The electricity in Darmstadt fluctuated strongly, and on the radarscopes at the nearby U.S. Forces Base the unidentified craft were visible for half an hour before disappearing.

T.V. Professor *Heinz Haber interviewed eyewitnesses on the local TV programme and said: "I don't believe in UFOs. The reports of things over Messel would naturally be found to have an explanation if we went into the matter." He agreed that extraterrestrial life probably existed, but considered it highly unlikely it could ever get here, owing to the problems posed by Time and Space.

Credit and thanks to reader **Werner Tiefel** of Mainz.

*Translation from German by **Gordon Creighton**, who asks: "What on earth is a TV-Professor? Is he an expert on the subject of Television, or is he one of the professional pontificators on all subjects of whom we have so many in Britain?"

East Germany

"Ufonauts" — but no UFO-encountered on the outskirts of Berlin

In a special report received from reader and UFO investigator Frau Ilse von Jacobi of Munich last November, it is learnt that a mystery object flew over East Berlin a few days previously, emitting green sparks and a good deal of noise. It landed near Bernau, 30 km N.E. of Berlin, in East German territory. According to the authorities of

the Berlin Observatory it was simply a meteorite, while other versions suggested it was a Soviet rocket that had perhaps incurred damage or gone out of control. As it landed near Bernau it was rumoured to have caused an explosion, possibly through striking a factory.

Frau von Jacobi reports, however, that she had the great good fortune to interview a Berlin businessman, Hans Schlösser, a salesman for an electrical firm, who had an even stranger story to tell. He said that he and his fiancée had been in a bus which was coming from West Germany and was travelling along the West German *Autobahn* (motorway) at about the time of the alleged landing. Herr Schlösser, it seems, is not unfamiliar with the subject of UFOs, being an investigator himself, and he said that, near a bridge over the *Autobahn*, he and his fiancée, and all the other bus passengers, beheld two strange figures approaching. They were about 1 metre 60 cm in height, and clad in the glittering sort of silvery space suits and helmets that are so familiar a feature of UFO occupant reports. Each was wearing a chain which ran from the helmet down as far as his belt, and in their hands they each had an object described as resembling the *Stoppschild* (Stop! sign) carried by German railway stationmasters.

As the two personages slowly came down from the bridge on to the *Autobahn*, their appearance was so extraordinary that the bus driver slowed down to a walking pace so as to get the fullest possible view of them. The impression prevailing among the other bus passengers seems to have been that they were Russian astronauts, but Herr Schlösser would have none of this, and said they were assuredly UFO entities, since they looked just like the beings so many people claimed to have seen in close encounters. He said: "They must definitely have been the occupants of the UFO, who would on no account want to fall into the hands of the Soviets."

M.P.'s NEAR-GAFFE (OR HOW A CAT PEEPED OUT OF THE BAG)

"Mr. Harold Wilkinson, Tory Member of Parliament for Woking, was asked at a public meeting at Frimley last week: *'Why is the Government trying to hush up the sightings of flying saucers?'*

The question came from an elderly woman sitting in the front row of a packed village hall. She added: *'Whenever these visitors from Space are sighted, newspapers and television are ordered not to report the fact. Why is the public not kept informed?'*

Mr. Watkinson, who resigned as Minister of Defence in last year's Cabinet reshuffle, replied: *'Before I left the Ministry, I had to sign a large number of papers promising never to reveal certain facts I had learned as Minister of Defence. The subject of flying saucers may be included.'*"

From the files of the *Camberley News* of
March 15, 1963.

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.

The Salzburg Conference

Dear Sir, — I would like to point out that the *First UPIAR Colloquium on Human Sciences and UFO Phenomena*, held at Salzburg from July 26 to 29 of this year, has clearly demonstrated that there is a growing interest in the psychology and parapsychology of the UFO Phenomenon. At the same time, however, its physical aspects are well recognised and by no means neglected.

Yours sincerely,
Luis Schönherr
Geyrstrasse 55
A-6020 Innsbruck,
Tyrol,
Austria
August 16, 1982

[Readers will find an account elsewhere in this issue of reports that the U.S. Government may be waking up to the enormous importance of Parapsychology and may plan to allocate funds for work in this field. Needless to say, in the USSR, Parapsychology (like Defence and Military Equipment!) seems for a long time past to have been high on the priorities list as far as funding is concerned. — ED.]

Nottingham UFO Society

Dear Sir, — As you and many of your readers are aware, the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society have been, and are still, involved in the investigation of a large number of possible UFO sightings which took place in the early hours of August 31st 1980, around the Ashbourne area of Derbyshire. The UFOIN report file number for this case is 8009.

As yet, despite two years of intensive research, we have still not found an answer to this case, and it remains on file as unidentified. To try to bring this case to a satisfactory conclusion one way or another, we wish to recruit the assistance of your readers, in so much as we would like to obtain details of any UFO reports from any location in the United Kingdom, with particular emphasis on the west and north west areas, during the time period from 20.00 hours on the 30th of August 1980 to 04.00 on 31st August 1980.

It is hoped that in the interests of scientific research, individuals and organizations will make this information available, free of charge, although we are prepared, if required, to pay for

photo-copying of reports and postage.

Any available information should be sent to me, S. W. Henley, Investigations Officer, 443 Meadow Lane, Nottingham NG2 3GB.

Yours sincerely,
S. W. Henley,
July 24, 1982

Exploding Soviet satellites

Dear Sir, — Soviet ocean reconnaissance satellites have occasionally exploded mysteriously. A search of records by Nicholas Johnson shows that one such explosion occurred over Peru before dawn on May 17, 1977 (at 05.17 a.m. local time) as the satellite Kosmos-838 orbited from north to south. No other explosions occurred over populated regions at night. Nobody knows why they happen.

QUESTION: are there any 'UFO reports' from Peru for that morning, May 17, 1977, which could provide a visual description of the mysterious violent break-up of the Soviet satellite?

The precise point of disintegration was 75°W, 09°S, and the satellite's

motion azimuth was about 150 (East of South). Its altitude was 438 kms., velocity 8 km./sec., launch date: July 2, 1976, from Tyuratam; UN Registry Code 1976-63A. Considering its motion, it might have been visible in Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina as well.

Shall be grateful if you will please check your files for possible sightings of this Space event.

James Oberg,
Rt. 2 Box 350,
Dickinson, Texas 77539
May 25, 1982

The Marian Apparitions

Dear Sir, — I wonder what Ann Druffel means (FSR 27/3) by 'genuine Marian apparitions'? Does she mean that the *real* Virgin Mary *really* appeared? This is of course compatible with Catholic teaching (Mary having been assumed bodily into Heaven when she died, there's nothing to stop her returning in the body if she chooses), but it begs the question, how to distinguish between genuine and non-genuine appearances. Lie-detector tests would not be easy to apply, and any Dark Force capable of simulating a BVM sighting would have the know-how to buck them anyway.

I wonder, too, does Ms Druffel suggest that it is exclusively the genuine apparitions which yield 'beneficial results'; might not non-genuine visions prove equally efficacious, on the placebo principle? Medieval theologians had a hard time explaining how it was that some witches undoubtedly produced beneficial results such as cures: they managed the trick by alleging that Satan starts by doing good in order to win our confidence, after which he's got us in his clutches and can do what evil he chooses. So Ms Druffell shouldn't let herself be fooled: those short-term beneficial results could be a smoke-screen for long-term malevolence.

The series of articles by G. Cornu currently appearing in LDLN irrefutably demonstrate a correlation between Marian apparitions, solar phenomena, and UFOs. Thus, there was a dramatic increase in Marian visions in 1947, precisely when UFO reports abruptly escalated. Cornu, it's true, doesn't distinguish between genuine and non-genuine apparitions, but it would certainly seem that either (1) who/whatever is responsible for the UFO

phenomenon must also take blame/credit for the Marian visions, or (2) the visions are Heaven's counter-measure to UFO activity, UFOs being (as many believe) instruments employed by the Dark Forces as part of the massive arms build-up for the Final Battle of Armageddon.

All this threatens to lure us into the paranoid quicksands of ufology in which so many worthy ufologists have already foundered; yet the basic facts are solid enough. It is the attempt to interpret them in terms of a closed belief-system which is dangerous. Assertions as to what God can or can't do (eg Ms Druffel's assertion that 'he has no need for amusement') are harmless conjectures in themselves, but they can lead to a dogmatic attitude of mind which seeks to force the UFO into this or that traditional scenario. The history of ufology is littered with such attempts, but just as the UFO out-manoeuvres any terrestrial aircraft, the UFO phenomenon dodges any attempt to pin it down within any existing belief-structure.

Yours sincerely,
Hilary Evans,
11 Granville Park,
London SE13
November 27, 1981

The Druffel-Kaneko Debate

Dear Sir, — For the sake of those FSR readers who may have tired of the Kaneko-Druffel controversy in past issues of "Mail Bag" column, I'll try to make this brief. It is interesting that an exchange of letters on a "controversial" subject often results in the participants' views pulling closer together.

Mr. Kaneko charges that I have never studied the Fatima affair and its apparent ufological aspects. I've read about this situation since 1944, and in the current *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UFOs* by Ron Story (available from Compendium Books who advertise in the frontispiece of every FSR issue), I wrote the article about Fatima in that encyclopedia. My thinking on the Fatima affair concurs in many respects with Mr. Kaneko's.

Also Compendium Books offers for sale *THE TUJUNGA CANYON CONTACTS*, a book which discusses the joint ufological/paraphysical factors in a group of South California close encounters and so-called "abductions". I co-authored the book with D.

Scott Rogo. Mr. Kaneko's idea of a "Paraphysical Intelligence" concurs closely with many ideas set forth in that book.

I would refer him also to the *MUFON UFO JOURNAL*, published by MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155. My monthly column in that journal is anything but "parochial and conventional".

Regarding his comments on the AF-CIA joint research on 50-55 computer-analyzed photos of UFOs in flight (none of which have been released to the public), it is entirely possible, as Mr. Kaneko suggests, that these "craft" were photographed in a temporarily physical state, but are not extraterrestrial as we commonly think of the term. The majority of UFOs *do* seem to fall into the class of "temporarily physical", though I think we must *logically* leave room for the possibility that some UFOs exist in our own space-time as we ourselves do, for this would be necessary to explain the crashed saucers and frozen alien bodies which seem to be secreted in the US government private storehouses.

The main difference between us seems to be that Mr. Kaneko has convictions that a neutral Paraphysical Intelligence is responsible for all UFO manifestations. I feel that the omniscient, omnipotent Being which we in the Western World call God is ultimately the Cause of all phenomenon, UFO or otherwise, but that there are many orders of beings in the scale of creation between Man and God, just as there are many orders of beings between man and inanimate objects. Some of these creatures, superior to ourselves by reason of being less material and more paraphysical, seem to be involved in the UFO phenomenon.

All researchers cannot think exactly the same about a mystery as involved and shrouded as UFOs. Mr. Kaneko is entitled to his opinions, as I am entitled to mine. We are all searching for the truth. I appreciate the chance to correspond with Mr. Kaneko via this column, for it is only by extended conversation that we can see we are all objectively seeking answers, and that the eventual conclusions will probably encompass all our ideas in some way which is not yet fully understood.

With best regards,
Ann Druffel,
257 Sycamore Glen,
Pasadena, CA 91105 USA
August 21, 1982

The Claims of Herr Meier

Dear Sir, — In your Bookshelf No. 14 (FSR Vol. 27, No. 6) you mention *The Meier Incident* by Kal K. Korff of Ground Saucer Watch, and state “Meier’s American supporters who originally accepted his wild stories and cleverly faked pictures and are now seen wriggling about trying to unhook themselves.” This claim is not supported by facts! Indeed, only recently I met these American supporters, mainly Lt. Col. Wendelle C. Stevens, Thomas K. Welch, Lee J. Elders and his wife Brit Nilsson-Elders. Far from trying to unhook themselves, they arrived here with a movie crew from Hollywood, and they shot a film about Billy Meier.

I also understand they went to Court against Ground Saucer Watch and won their case.

Another recent visitor to Billy Meier was Shirley Maclaine whose new book, *Out on a Limb*, will hit the bookshops in January. I’m sure she will mention her visit and give her opinion about this case.

I have just finished reading a very interesting book entitled *The Prophecies of Pope John XXIII* (original version is *Le Profezie di Papa Giovanni*, by Pier Carpi) which contains the following sensational prophecy — especially if we consider that it dates from the year 1935:-

“The signs are increasing. The lights in the sky appear red, blue and green, rapidly. They will grow. Someone comes from afar and wants to meet the people of Earth. Meetings have already taken place. But those who really saw, remained silent.”

Undoubtedly many hoaxers have entered the UFO field, but in view of the above prophecy, I think that among the many hoaxers there may also be a few genuine ones.

Sincerely yours,
Frank B. Stuckert,
Allenbergstrasse,
CH-8712 Staefa,
Switzerland

Grave Doubts about Retrievals of the Third Kind

Dear Sir, — I am very skeptical of Leonard H. Stringfield’s allegations about “Retrievals of the Third Kind”

(FSR 28-1) for the following reasons:

1) Within our Solar System, the Earth is the only life-bearing planet.

2) Any visits by extraterrestrials coming from other star systems by means of *crashable nuts-and-bolts* spacecraft are precluded not only by Einstein’s theory of relativity but also by the impossibility of their ever identifying our Sun among the 250 billion stars that compose the Milky Way galaxy.

3) The UFO phenomenon is worldwide. How come then the alleged UFO crashes have occurred exclusively in or near the United States? What about the rest of the world?

4) If the crashes were indeed real, then the US would have made immeasurable advances in science and technology by studying the crashed UFOs and their dead occupants. The US would then have achieved such overwhelming superiority in all fields over the USSR and the rest of the world that US foreign policy would be entirely different. For instance, the US would not be wasting its time on SALT talks with the USSR.

5) By the very nature of his job, the US President has access to all top-secret information, including any alleged UFO crashes. How then can one explain the patently absurd fact that, in 1977, Jimmy Carter officially requested NASA to activate UFO research? NASA, of course, refused.

6) There is nothing to substantiate the anonymous death threats which L. H. Stringfield claims to have received after delivering his MUFON paper. After all, he is still alive.

7) There is nothing to prove that his “sources” are reliable or even real. It is easy to make them “vanish without a trace”, if they never existed in the first place.

8) If his “sources” are indeed real, then he must have been fooled by a grand hoax staged by the US authorities or the UFO phenomenon itself — something akin to the notorious Ummo affair.

Yours sincerely,
Julian H. Kaneko,
18, rue Le Corbusier,
CH-1208 Geneva, Switzerland
September 3, 1982

[Who says the alleged UFO retrievals “have occurred exclusively in or near the United States”? — ED]

Gerald Light

Dear Sir, — Your footnote “13” in *FSR v 27* 4 is incorrect in listing Gerald Light as a “prominent” American. Beyond this one famous letter, originally printed by the Borderland Science Research Associates, nothing is known of Mr. Light. BSRA is a fairly far out group, even by Adamski standards, receiving messages from the “Inner Council” since 1946 through (principally) trance medium Mark Probert. [*Flying Saucer Pilgrimage* by Bryant and Helen Reeve devotes chapters 17 & 18 to the group].

Given Ike’s subsequent medical history, a reasonable explanation for “vanishing” would be a slight heart irregularity. Mr. Light’s letter is printed — apparently in full — on pages 116-118 of *The Roswell Incident*. You will note that the luminaries are given a scrutiny of “six hours” after arriving at the base. This is not the way it’s done.

And especially not to Cardinal McIntyre!

There is only room to briefly note how unfortunate it is that the Soviet material is available only through a tabloid lens.

Yours truly,
William H. Banks,
3616 Emerson St., No. 6,
Oakland, Ca. 94610, USA
June 22, 1982

[It looks very much as though ALL material about UFOs is only available nowadays in the USA “through a tabloid lens”, because the allegedly more reputable and bigger papers have stopped printing anything on the subject! Maybe Mr. Banks can get this state of affairs altered? Meanwhile FSR, as a forum of discussion, will continue to seek as much ventilation of our subject as possible by publishing UFO reports from as wide an area as possible. It is up to readers to produce their proof that what is said by a tabloid is necessarily any falser than what is said elsewhere. — EDITOR]

World round-up

of news and comment
about recent sightings

England

Clent Hills, West Midlands.

At 12.45 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, 1982 a thirteen-year-old schoolboy, Michael Jones, observed a strange diamond- or lozenge-shaped object moving steadily westwards over the Clent Hills, "at about twice their height" (hills are over 1,000 ft. high). Using binoculars he was able to see that its shape resembled "two casserole dishes joined together, the top one silver, the bottom one red". He could not estimate its speed or its distance, but thought it might be about 10 ft. thick and between 20 and 30 ft. long. It was a very warm, clear day, with no wind. He detected no sound from it. The most extraordinary feature of it was that the object was spinning, "moving in various directions as if on a spindle". It gave the impression of being solid, metallic. Total viewing time: a little over two or three minutes.

Credit to percipient Michael Jones and investigator Raymond E. Cox (BUFORA) who visited him and compiled the report.

Canada

La Presse (Quebec, French Canada) of July 24, 1982, reported that Stéphane Lebeau, aged 16, and Michel Cousineau and another youth and a 25-year-old woman named Denise Labre had seen a UFO, as big as a large helicopter, hanging silently or flying around at a height of 200 ft. above a nearby field at 2.00 a.m., at Sainte-Dorothée, near Laval. The object was projecting a powerful beam of white light down on to the field, and it bore all around its edges coloured lights which, flashing in sequence, gave the impression that it was rotating. After emitting a dull sound it then vanished from sight behind buildings.

Shortly after returning to their tent, the youths heard strange sounds which they described as "electronic beeps". Going out again and sweeping the maize field with a pocket torch, they caught sight of a face. François Cousineau then arrived with a more powerful spotlight, with the aid of which an entity was seen again. Said

Stéphane Lebeau: "It was five or six feet high, with a huge brown head, and orange eyes, bigger than ours". Movement was heard in the maize, and what seemed like a sudden whirlwind enveloped them in dust. The whole party were seized simultaneously with stomach pains and fled into the house which was close by. Denise Labre, who works at night on ambulances, confirmed to the press that the youths were white with terror.

Credit: R.W.J. Anstee, Montreal.

Sweden

According to a report in the autumn of 1980 in the Swedish newspaper *Norrländska Social-Demokraten*, on the night of September 5/6, 1980, two fishermen were out in their boat off Likskär and Sandöklubben (Luleå Archipelago, at top of the Gulf of Bothnia, north-eastern Sweden) when a huge glowing sphere appeared and appeared to land at Klubbviken after flying around in the sky over their boat a number of times. They spoke of seeing a row of glowing windows. Subsequently they found huge tracks on the beach at Klubbviken, like the tracks of a caterpillar tractor, but the strange part about it was that these tracks began suddenly in the sand and ended suddenly, (as might be expected of something that had come down there from the sky and taken off again). The fishermen said a small piece of rock fell in their boat and Swedish geological authorities have ruled that it is of volcanic origin.

Credit: Ake Franzén of Skärholmen, Sweden.

Maine, USA

"Killer UFO prowls sky above terrorized farming community."

Under this headline the *Weekly World News* (August 2, 1982) published in California, carries an article by Joe Berger about events allegedly occurring in a hilly, lightly populated rural area around Starks, in Somerset County, Maine, (far N.E. of the U.S.A.).

Bud Hendsbee, aged 54, a veteran member of the police force, claimed a UFO "as big as a house and ablaze with blinding lights" had forced his pickup truck off a hill, and said the thing had been hanging around in that area for months past. He said: "Whatever it was, it was the most incredible thing I have ever seen. It made damn sure we didn't get over that hill! It hovered there in the air and beamed a light at us that was so bright it lit up the whole hill. Every time we started up the hill, it came right at us and drove us back. It was something I hope I never run into again."

Hendsbee, a Somerset County sheriff's deputy for 23 years, was driving home with his wife from a restaurant when they saw the terrifying craft. "When we came to this hill on Route 43, we saw this glaring ball of light hanging there, very still, in mid-air. The beam came through our windshield so bright we could barely see. Three times we tried to go over that hill, and every time it wouldn't let us by. It was about as high as the top of a power-pole, but the light was so tremendous that we could not make out the actual object itself. Finally, we managed to turn around and head for home another way — and, believe me — we were happy to get out of there."

Somerset County Sheriff Bill Wright said he was certain that Bud Hendsbee and his wife Helen were telling the truth about their encounter. He said: "I know these people too well, and I know they'd never make up a story like that — I wouldn't even consider the possibility. Bud doesn't drink, won't touch a drop of it, and he's too old to smoke wacky weed, so I'm sure what he said happened really did happen. We've been getting reports like this for some time now."

A few hours later, Kimberley Landry, a 24-year old nurse and mother of two, died when her speeding car crashed off the road in the same area into heavy trees. Investigators believe a UFO may have been pursuing her, for otherwise why on earth would she have been wearing sunglasses in the dead of night? The dead woman knew the road well and

had not been drinking.

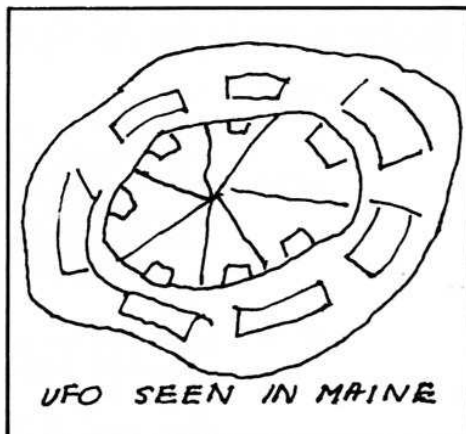
According to Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Centre (Seattle), for months past encounters with UFOs have been frequent in the hilly, sparsely settled areas of Maine. Lloyd Haggart, an electronics engineer and member of the Paranormal Phenomena Research Group agreed and said: "The practical data and the technical data all seem to indicate that these are legitimate UFO sightings".

An ironworker, Kenos Henry, says that the terrifying UFO has zoomed so often over his home that he is now too frightened to stay in it after dark. "The thing just doesn't want to leave me alone, and it has my dog scared to death," said Kenos, aged 26. "One night it came right over my house so close that I felt like I could almost reach out and touch it. It was big, and looked like two half-spheres with bright lights that seemed to stretch up and down. Those lights had a silver centre, and as it got real close I could see it also had spinning red and blue lights. I ran to my car and got out of there and never looked back. I know people are going to say that I'm nuts, but I'm not crazy, and I wasn't drunk. I know that thing was there."

Three other young adults — Arti Corrieri, Mike Daigle, and Lisa Preble, all residents of Starks, Maine, also encountered the mysterious phenomenon near the very spot where the Hendsbees had their ordeal. Said Mike Daigle, a 25-year-old sawmill worker: "Its lights were terrifying, and it wasn't going to let us up that hill — and I have no idea why! We were shaking in our boots when that unbelievable beam of light focused on us. We left in a hurry, because, whatever it was, it wasn't playing around."

One woman resident of the small town said that almost the entire population of the place had seen the bizarre craft, but that many are reluctant to talk about their hair-raising experiences. "They are afraid they will be ridiculed," she said.

Credit: Gerald Garces, of Rialto, Calif., who expresses much anxiety about this report and links it with the Brazilian report (FSR Vol.27, No.5, page 5) that four hunters had been killed by UFOs.



Comment.

This is the sketch made by one of the young witnesses in Maine, as reproduced in the newspaper quoted from above. It may be thought somewhat reminiscent of the drawing by the Brazilian bank official Filomeno Bida de Oliveira after he had had a particularly nasty experience with one of these things which came and hovered about 50 metres above his head when he was on a fishing expedition in the State of Minas Geraes on August 17, 1965. (See *Mysterious Physiological Effects of Flying Saucers*, in FSR Vol.13, No.4).

Incidentally it may be of interest to some readers to know that Starks is not so very far from the spot where, on the night of September 19, 1961, Barney and Betty Hill had *their* little frolic. (With a team from Plesetsk, no doubt.) Like FSR reader Gerald Garces, I have no great predilection for UFOs, judging by what I have learnt about them so far. So, for Mr. Garces' sake, and for the sake of all the good folk of Maine, I only hope that the gentlemen from CSICOP are right. If CSICOP are right, the next time something unpleasant turns up over Maine the people there will be able to sleep on peacefully in the blissful knowledge that it is only those pesky Soviets from Plesetsk at it again. — G.C.

Japan

The *Daily Yomiuri* (English-language paper in Tokyo), August 5, 1982, carried an AFP report from Jakarta that a retired Indonesian Air Force pilot had seen two "flying saucers" hovering over the Galunggung

Volcano in Western Java on the night of July 22, 1982.

The pilot, Lt. Col. J. Sumarsono (ret.), aged 66, told the daily paper *Terbit* that he saw the two radiant reddish-yellow objects in the evening, coming in at a fast speed from the direction of Jakarta. They hovered for about ten minutes over the Galunggung Volcano (which is still active) before disappearing rapidly.

As he watched the two objects from his home at Bandung, he said large numbers of other people also came out of their homes and observed them.

Credit: Y.J. Matsumura, CBA International, Japan.

Tibet

According to a UPI report from Peking in the *Sunday Sun-Times* (Chicago ?) for September 13, 1981, Chinese officials believed a UFO seen over Tibet on July 24 of that year might have been identical with one seen a few hours later above San Diego, half way around the world.

Said a Chinese Xinhua News Agency report of August 5 from Washington:— "The observation of the identical UFO on the opposite side of the Earth on the same day provides a clue for exploring the UFO Puzzle". The report went on to say that a bright object surrounded by a ring of blue-white light had been seen over Tibet some 11 days earlier. The light of the object was said to be of variable brightness, dimming and then flaring up again. The Chinese agency quoted the UFO Education Center (sic) in Valley City, Calif., as reporting that an American technician witnessed a similar object on the same night. "It was round or slightly egg-shaped in the centre, with well-defined Saturn-like rings", he was quoted as saying. "The ring closest to the craft was an intense blue-white, something like hot metal".

The Chinese said the two reports from the two locations, Tibet and USA, "were similar in terms of shape, colour of the light, estimated diameter of the rings, sound, and duration of the observation".

Credit: Pierre G. Rothstein, Skokie, Illinois, USA.

up as a cosmic guru. Somewhere beneath all this there is an interesting case history for the psychiatrist and psychic investigator. Although the writing is too disorganised to appeal to a wide readership, this book may however be of interest to the specialist student of abduction literature.

Books dealing specifically with UFO occupants are surprisingly rare. We can only recall *The Humanoids* and a couple of books by the Lorenzens. Now French researcher **Eric Zurcher** has written **Les Apparitions D'Humanoïdes** (published by Editions Alain Lefeuvre, price not known; write to the publisher at 29, rue Pastorelli, 06000 Nice, France). It is subtitled "202 encounters of the third kind" (all in France), and Zurcher has meticulously divided and sub-divided his data so as to extract the maximum comparable information from it. We learn that there are eight main groups of entities (illustrated), that 79 of the encounters took place in the extraordinary year of 1954, that 25% of witnesses were children or students, and much other information relating to the entities themselves, their craft, the witnesses, the locations of the sightings, and so on. Comparisons are made with the creatures of folklore, with visions of the Virgin Mary, and with paranormal phenomena, and conclusions are drawn with reference to hypotheses such as the ETH (in French 'HET'). No stone seems to have been left unturned, and we can only wish that an English

translation of this useful book was available for those many potential readers who will be discouraged by the thought of having to dust off their French dictionaries.

Full references are given, we are glad to see, but two notable omissions are an index, and full details of the 202 encounter cases. These are listed briefly in one line apiece, giving date, time, place, name of witness, and the author's main source of information. Ideally the details of each encounter should have been summarised as well, but we realise this could have added, at say four a page, 50 pages to an already full book of 328 pages. Nevertheless, this is a valuable book, and Zurcher's idea could usefully be taken up by researchers in other countries.

To read only UFO books is to have a blinkered outlook, especially in the 1980s when many researchers are realising that aspects of "paranormal" research contain clues to the nature of UFOs. Anyone wishing to widen their knowledge could do no better than start by obtaining the Society for Psychical Research's Study Guide No.4, **Books on the Paranormal: An Introductory Guide** which has been compiled by **Nicholas Clark-Lowes**, the S.P.R.'s Librarian (price £1/U.S. \$2.50 including postage, from The Secretary, S.P.R., 1 Adam & Eve

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C.U.N. address correction

Dear Sir, — With reference to FSR Vol. 25, No. 4, Page 6, may I state that the precise address of Italian Centro Ufologico Nazionale (C.U.N.) and of its official journal *Notizario UFO* for overseas contacts (Foreign Relations Secretariat) is as follows: C.U.N., Via Magenta 49, 10128 Torino, Italy.

Several publications did indeed refer to a Rome P.O. Box, which is not our address, but our publisher's one instead. As for the old "Via Vignola 3, 20136 Milano" address (referred to in the same issue of FSR, Page 3), it is no longer operative, although mail will be forwarded to us from there.

Thanking you for this clarification, let me wish the best UFO magazine in the world another 25 years of life.

With compliments,
Edoardo Russo,
Foreign Liaison Officer,
Centro Ufologico Nazionale,
Via Magenta 49,
10128 Torino,
Italy.
June 11, 1980.

A complaint from BUFORA investigator

Dear Sir, — The highly imaginative and rambling account of the CE2 (Taylor Case) at Livingston by Messrs. Keatman and Collins includes an incidental comment that I was contacted by the press and that I stated that the phenomenon encountered was possibly ball lightning. The implication is that I did nothing else.

In fact I have conducted a most thorough investigation of this case, and was at the scene of the incident the day after it occurred, before any snow fell. Thus, unlike Keatman and Collins, I saw the ground markings before they were permanently obliterated. A preliminary, but full and accurate account of the case can be seen in *Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena* (Vol. 1/2; Mar 1980), but a full report will be available later as a BUFORA Case History. But my task was not made any easier by the unwarranted interference of so-called investigators from south of the border.

The attribution to me of a ball lightning explanation is apparently derived from a report in *The Sunday*

Express, which is not accurate and oversimplifies. Keatman and Collins have never checked this report with me, nor have they ever asked for my views on the matter. My personal views are not necessarily those of BUFORA.

Yours faithfully,
Stuart Campbell,
Scottish Investigations
Coordinator (BUFORA),
4 Dovecot Loan,
Edinburgh EH14 2LT,
Scotland.

Copyright to curb discussion?

Sir, — In light of what Jenny Randles has written concerning the aims of UFOIN (FSR.25.4.1979, pp28-29), I find it extraordinary that a UFOIN-sponsored report "Physical Assault by Unidentified Objects at Livingston," by Messrs. Keatman and Collins, which appears in FSR.25.6.1980, pp2-7, should be followed by a copyright claim on behalf of the investigators which also seeks to prevent public discussion of the material in the report.

As a member of UFOIN myself I do not recall the organisation vesting copy-

right of investigations undertaken on its behalf in themselves, and while I can understand the need to prevent commercial exploitation of a report by bodies outside ufology which may wish to profit from the work of ufologists, I find it difficult to see any sense or reason in an attempt, which cannot work, to prevent serious discussion of an interesting case.

If ufology is to be taken seriously the last thing it should be attempting is to curb discussion; indeed in scientific circles the interchange of conflicting ideas is of vital importance. In the case of the Livingston event another investigator, Stuart Campbell, who is referred to in the Keatman-Collins paper, has also published a report in which there is data which conflicts with that presented by the UFOIN report, eg. Keatman and Collins state the large object to have been "resting silently on the ground," while Campbell states that it "was hovering" (*Journal TAP*.1.2.1980, pp43-46). Which report is correct? Only an interchange of views can establish this, but Messrs. Keatman and Collins, unlike Mr. Campbell, want to prevent discussion by a blanket copyright claim.

In point of fact while Keatman and Collins may be able to claim copyright on their own report they cannot prevent discussion, nor do they have an exclusive claim to the facts of the case. Copyright legislation, in so far as I understand it, permits reasonable discussion for purposes of review or criticism. However, this fact should not be taken as mitigating what is all too clearly an attempt to prevent the case being discussed, an act which does little credit to its authors and reflects badly upon UFOIN.

Yours faithfully,
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Nottingham NG2 3GB.
June 10, 1980.

Support for Stringfield

Dear Sir, — I feel I must comment on the opinion of correspondent A. J. Papard (FSR 'Mail Bag' Vol. 25, No. 6). He seems to be of the impression that if the US military had had a UFO intact for about 30 years then they would have been able to copy it. However he does not seem to appreciate what technical progress really means.

If, for example, a present day American jet fighter was to fall into the hands of, for example, the Russians, the latter would be able to learn and copy from it.

However if the same aeroplane were "time travelled" back even 50 years, the military experts would be able to identify some parts but would learn very little from it. The mechanical engineer would be fascinated by the engines, but how would he copy a titanium part when he

has no knowledge of the material. The control of the engines and many other functions would be performed by boxes containing integrated circuits each of which would contain the equivalent of about 100,000 of his triode valves in a space of about a square millimetre.

This is obviously only one example! What would have Leonardo da Vinci have done with this aeroplane? He would probably have realised that the seat was to sit in!

If the US and other countries have UFOs in "captivity" they would certainly be meaningless to them, which is the one reason why they would be so scared. My congratulations to Mr. Stringfield on an excellent series of articles.

With regard to the Livingston incident has anyone compared the hoof prints left by the two spheres with the "Devil's hoof prints" which occurred in Cornwall at about the turn of the century (I have no sources to look up exact dates)?

With many thanks for FSR I am,
Yours sincerely,
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Seestrass 15,
CH 2563 Ipsach,
Switzerland.
June 9, 1980.

Interstellar "nuts and bolts" spacecraft impossible

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I don't believe a word of "Retrievals of The Third Kind" (FSR Vol. 25, Nos. 4, 5 & 6) by Leonard H. Stringfield. The reason for my scepticism is quite simple:

If UFOs were so imperfect as to crash on to our soil, they would logically be incapable of covering vast interstellar distances for which even the speed of light is far too slow. Interstellar travel is out of the question for any mechanical "nuts-and-bolts" spacecraft (cf. Einstein's theories of Relativity).

I don't think the U.S. authorities are withholding any UFO data from the world public. They just don't know the answer to the UFO enigma any more than we do, except that it is of parapsychical nature.

Yours sincerely,
Julian H. Kaneko,
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CH-1208 Geneva, Switzerland.
June 3, 1980.

On the nature of the "Parapsychical Intelligence"

Dear Sir, — The more letters I read in FSR of the calibre of that emanating from Mr. Julian H. Kaneko (Vol. 26, No. 1, Spring 1980), the more I become convinced of the validity of the Karmic claims in respect of birth, death and rebirth.

I would contest most strongly, therefore his assertion that the "Parapsychical Intelligence" to which he refers in his letter, is neutral, or indeed that it is neither God nor Devil. There is no such thing as Cosmic neutrality, material or immaterial, physical or spiritual, since the Cosmos itself, in all its implications, is wholly dependent on the ever-present activity of opposing forces. As such, therefore, there can be no such thing as the doctrine of agnosticism, since the sum total of the process we call life is the realisation that good and evil are most certainly *not* "purely human concepts," but that they exist in Nature and are wholly relevant to the way one lives.

And with regard to the last paragraph of his letter, I would wholly support Hilary Evans' theory that parallel universes, or perhaps we should call them dimensions, do indeed exist. Indeed I have in my possession a tape recording I made when interviewing a local farmer who is clairvoyant, and who has on many occasions encountered Nature spirits during his solitary walks around the lonely hills of Pembrokeshire.

These denizens of our planet's "other dimension" are as natural in the overall scheme of things as are God and the Devil. However, I could perhaps agree with Mr. Kaneko's assertion that "parallel universes are neither superior nor inferior, but equal to our universe." The one disconcerting element in this degree of universal 'sameness' is the fact that some of the inhabitants of our analogous dimension seem to be much more advanced technologically, intellectually and even physically than Homo Sap. himself! The remainder are, theologically and secularly, cast much in the same mould as Man is.

Yours truly,
R. Jones Pugh, M.R.C.V.S.,
"Parkland Place",
St. Brides View,
Roch,
Haverfordwest, Pembro.,
West Wales.
July 9, 1980.

Laser projection of UFO images

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I found J. G. Adams article "Projection of Humanoid Images" (FSR Vol. 25, no. 6) interesting throughout, and a quite acceptable explanation to account for the cases selected.

An additional point of value and something which, I might add, would be part and parcel of the "Holograph" theory, is the possibility that holographic images are used to produce the diversity of shapes and types of UFOs reported.

If images of aliens or entities could be projected into open space, is it not feasible that some of the "objects" themselves are also projected images?

Also, movie-like projections produced

by UFO entities have been reported by percipients involved in "abductions" in recent years, two that come to mind are the "Dapple Gray Lane" and "Aveley" incidents (FSR Vols. 23 Nos. 1 & 2; Vol. 23, no. 6 and Vol. 24, no. 1 respectively).

Yours sincerely,
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June 12, 1980.

Italian entity's "double"?

Dear Sir, — May I refer to the sketch of the entity allegedly seen by Sig. Zanfretta, which appears on page 7 of FSR Vol. 26, No. 1 (Spring 1980).

This entity is quite similar, if not exactly the same as, a creature used in an old horror film.

If my memory serves me correctly the film was called *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*, and it was made, I think, about 1955. Perhaps some FSR reader who is into horror movies could look this matter up.

Yours faithfully,
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London SW8.
July 7, 1980.

A projected image?

Dear Sir, — In the last issue received of FSR (Vol. 25, No. 6) the article by J. G. Adams on "Projection of Humanoid Images" brings to mind an incident observed by myself at sunset on November 4, 1954. I recorded detailed notes of the sighting.

The link with Mr. Adams' theory is as follows:

What I saw was something that resembled the rear nozzle of a jet motor

belching flames. It was immense and silent. The most intriguing thing was that the "flame," which I estimated at about 50 yards in length, appeared "fixed" in the sky, like a drawing, although it was travelling. It was not like a flame from a blow torch flickering at its edges. Instead, it was clear cut in detail.

The observation I made was also reported in our papers by two boys who said they had seen a football type object [*rugby football?* — ED] at approximately the same time. The object was reported to have windows or port holes. It was in the same direction as the object I saw. Furthermore, some Air Force men at Taieri airfield also reported a sighting in a continuing line with the boys' and my sighting. But as I stated, I only saw the strange "flame" issuing from the huge jet nozzle.

Yours faithfully,
F. J. Burton,
Dunedin,
New Zealand.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS ON THE RIZZI CASE

Gordon Creighton

SIGNOR WALTER RIZZI, the author of the following article, is, as readers see, of Austrian-Italian parentage, and lives in that part of the Austrian Tyrol which was incorporated into Italy after World War I. His mother-tongue is evidently Italian, and, as he admits, his German is not quite 100% accurate, and there are a few passages — fortunately not important ones — where I have had to do a little guessing about his precise meaning.

The Rizzi story came to me in December 1979 from FSR readers Hans Hermann Markert and Frau Daphne Markert, of Mannheim, Germany. (Daphne Markert is British-born, being the daughter of the well-known UFO investigator and FSR reader Mr. Ian Norrie, an engineer and Cambridge graduate, who lives and works in Mexico City and whom some of us had the pleasure of meeting when he was visiting London a couple of years ago).

It seems that Herr and Frau Markert first learnt of the Rizzi story when they heard Rizzi lecture about it in Germany in October 1979. They had the opportunity to speak to Rizzi after his talk, and from his general manner and behaviour, and his vivid way of narrating his experiences, they were left with the very strong feeling that the man was genuine. They are still in constant touch with him and are still investigating the case.

They then sent the whole of the material on to me, plus sundry other items, such as maps of the landing area and a number of Rizzi's colour slides of the landing site and vicinity.

Herr Markert explained that in passing this material to me it was his hope that FSR might be able to extend the

investigation still further and give their critical evaluation of the Rizzi case. Such a course, regrettably, is not within our power. The scene of this close encounter — if it happened — lies far from Britain, and is said to have occurred twelve years ago. It is obvious that, however many investigators we had and however much money we had to spend, we should probably never be any the wiser. This UFO report, as indeed do all close encounter claims, **stands or falls by the inner feeling we get as to the integrity and probity of the alleged percipient.**

I have been "sitting on" the Rizzi case for the past six months, ruminating on it and wondering what, if anything, we ought to do about it. My personal feeling is that the story could very well be true. If so, then the report is of great importance, for the Rizzi story contains a "message" for mankind. This message is unpalatable, to say the least. But it is a message that happens to be borne out by an increasing volume of corroboratory evidence coming from the most diverse quarters, and from individuals who by no means all "believe" in UFOs or know anything about the UFO Phenomenon.

I came finally to the decision that I ought to take the trouble to translate the report in full and submit it to the Editor of FSR for possible publication. For *Flying Saucer Review* is not, nor has it ever claimed to be, anything other than a **forum** wherein UFO accounts and UFO-related claims might be ventilated and discussed. If I were to go on "sitting on it," our readers might in all probability never hear of Signor Rizzi. If the case is published,

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.

The Devils

Dear Mr. Creighton, — As you stated in *A Brief Account of the True Nature of the 'UFO Entities'* (FSR 29:1), Christian writers have opted to steer clear of any appraisal of the devilries masquerading as UFO phenomena. Exceptions there are — notably *Encounters With UFOs* by John Weldon & Zola Levitt (1975) and *UFOs and the Christian* by Rev. Eric Inglesby (1981) — but such rarities are not found on the UFO shelf in general bookshops, and Christian bookshops tend to have no UFO shelf.

Apart from simple ignorance, there may be some positive (if largely unconscious) reasons for this reticence on the part of those who might be expected to have most to say. Those whose lives have been renewed in Christ feel less inclined to advertise the mechanics of demonic bondage than to spread the good news that brings release; while it would be clearly irresponsible to expose the

'deep things of Satan' to persons (including many nominal 'Christians') who are not 'reborn in the Spirit'.

The explicit references made by St. Paul to the '*demons of the air*' and the '*elemental spirits of the universe*' seem to have been tempered by such considerations. When he wrote, '*We have to struggle not with blood and flesh but with the angelic Rulers, the angelic Authorities, the potentates of the dark present, the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly sphere*', he did not go on to relate juicy encounter and abduction cases but immediately drew up a strategy of defence: '*So take God's armour, that you may be able to make a stand on the evil day*' (Ephesians 6:12-13). Paul knew that only the sealing of the Holy Spirit provides an effective shield against the terrors and allurements of the 'powers'. '*For I am certain that... neither angels nor principalities... nor powers of the Height or of the Depth... will be able to part us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord*' (Romans 8:38-9).

Why not? Paul claimed to have once been 'caught up into the third heaven' and wrote that *the risen Christ is established 'in the heavenly sphere, above all the angelic Rulers, Authorities, Powers and Lords'* (Ephesians 1:21). Christ shares his perspective with his faithful and enables them to see the 'powers' as they often are: '*gods who are really no gods at all*', '*weak and beggarly elemental spirits*' (Galatians 4:8,9).

All this seems to have been understood perfectly well by the filling-station attendant in the Brazilian 'Rat-Faces' encounter (FSR 29:1) when, overwhelmed by the enthrallment cast upon him by the UFO, he '*knew that God would help him*'. (The two principal witnesses had no such faith and were severely tampered with. Do we who pore over these accounts subtly expose ourselves to any lesser danger, and do we have any greater defence?)

Alongside your quote from C. S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* there

might stand another passage that sheds an alarming prophetic light upon the moral dilemma of Ufology. The senior devil Screwtape gloats over the diabolic plot against mankind: 'I have great hopes that we shall learn in due time how to *emotionalise and mythologise their science to such an extent that what is, in effect, a belief in us will creep in while the human mind remains closed to belief in the Enemy.*' (Here 'the Enemy' = God.) These words were written (by a Christian exercising his imagination along the divine perspective) in 1941 — six years before Kenneth Arnold's sighting and eleven years before Adamski's first encounter!

Yours sincerely,
Malcolm Dickson,
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Sawley, Long Eaton,
Nottingham NG10 3HA.
October 24, 1983

N.B. New Testament quotations are from *The Moffatt Translation*, which follows the original Greek. Malcolm Dickson.

Note by Editor, FSR

For years the *Moffatt Version* of the *New Testament* (1913) certainly stood quite unchallenged as the best English rendering of the original Greek. However, I think the *New English Bible*, issued in 1961-1970 by the Joint Committee on the New Translation of the Bible, is marginally even better. For example, see their rendering of the crucially important passage in *Ephesians*, Chapter VI, verses 12 and 13, for which Malcolm Dickson has given the *Moffatt* version above. This *New Translation* reads:-

"For our fight is not against human foes, but against cosmic powers, against the authorities and potentates of this dark world, against the superhuman forces of evil in the heavens. Therefore, take up God's armour; then you will be able to stand your ground when things are at their worst..."



The famous passage is the one that everyone knows so well and that was rendered in the *Authorised King James Version of the Bible* as:-

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore . . ." etc.

It has long been my contention that this vague and totally anodyne rendering, with "against spiritual wickedness in high places" instead of "super-human forces of evil in the heavens" (i.e. "in the skies") for the Greek words

πρὸς τὰ πνευματικά τῆς πονηρίας ἐν τοῖς ἑπουρανίοις

was nothing less than a perfectly deliberate COVER-UP of the crucial fact that there are evil and demonic creatures constantly cruising around in our skies.

For what do the words "wickedness in high places" convey to the average person? Surely they will always be taken as nothing more than a suggestion that there is corruption and infamy of some sort or other among the human social and political ruling classes! The *King James Version* carried no hint whatsoever of the truth about the existence of the demons.

Incidentally, the Catholic Church's *Latin Vulgate* version, although it purports also — at any rate in my Oxford (Clarendon Press) edition of 1911 — to be based on the *King James Version*, nevertheless seems to have had it right. For it has, instead of the weak and unsatisfactory "cover-up" phrase "against spiritual wickedness in high places", quite correctly, "contra spiritualia nequitiarum in caelestibus" ("against the spirits of wickedness in the skies") so you couldn't get it more right than that. — G.C.

"Paranoia"

Dear Sir, — I am sorry to see that your offices have become infected with one of mankind's oldest afflictions: xenophobic paranoia, the all too human instinct to fear anything different to ourselves, and to judge strangers by the worst, rather than the typical members of their group.

How else can we explain the Editorial in FSR Vol. 28 No. 4? It insinuates, without the slightest evidence, that "something out of the Pit" is conditioning our film-makers to portray

likeable aliens. As evidence of the aliens' hostility we are told of Felipe Martínez, who was felled by a paralysing weapon when he rushed towards a UFO shouting: "Amigo! Amigo!" (which the aliens were expected, of course, to understand).

In the Kelly-Hopkinsville case, you might remember, the first "goblin" advanced with its arms above its head, a gesture commonly used among humans to mean: "I am unarmed and come in peace." It was promptly given two barrels of a shotgun. When the goblins finally left, two hours and 200 shot-gun rounds later, their "victims" raced to town and spread the story about how malign aliens had been harassing poor, inoffensive human beings.

Vol. 28 (1) carried the headline: "Extraterrestrial Dwarves Attack Farm Worker". What nasty creatures these E.T.s are — to stun a person with a ray gun merely because he'd thrown a cane-knife at them!

Just what have the ufonauts done to warrant all this acrimony? The above-mentioned Editorial talks of "terrifying experiences with utterly unprepossessing and non-human creatures." In other words, they don't look like us, so people who see them tend to get scared out of their wits. Savages have been known to display the same reaction to their first sight of white men. This is a defect of human nature, not the fault of the aliens. Very rarely has any rational basis been recorded for the fear.

The ufonauts' greatest sin is their insensitivity (or is it ignorance?) regarding the possible psychological effect of their temporary abductions, but the abductees are never physically harmed, and they are often granted the relief of an artificially-induced amnesia.

If there is one theme that runs through the annals of Ufology it is that UFOs make most of their appearances far away from human habitation, in the night when few humans are abroad, and that violence is practically never offered to the natives they meet. There are a few exceptions, of course, but the record shows that the ufonauts have a better control over the rogues of their own society than ever we did over ours. Or have we forgotten the deplorable history of the contact of civilised and uncivilised races on Earth?

Finally, may I suggest that we stop

greeting our visitors with shotguns and cane-knives. One of these days one of those E.T.s will be carrying something more powerful than a stungun.*

Yours sincerely,
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Brighton, Brisbane,
Queensland,
Australia.
July 24, 1983

[*We don't doubt it one bit! — ED.]

That "E.T." Film

Dear Sir, — The ultimate impact of these two movies, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and "E.T.", has been to destroy all public interest in the subject of UFOs. Apparently Mr. Spielberg succeeded in convincing everyone that the UFOs are extraterrestrial and quite benign. Having accepted these "answers", the public has gone on to thinking about other things . . . namely trying to survive the steadily disintegrating economic situation.

Magazines and books on the subject of UFOs no longer have any audience here, and the various UFO conventions held annually no longer attract members of the general public . . . no matter how much publicity they receive.

With a couple of multi-million-dollar motion pictures Mr. Spielberg has managed to achieve what the U.S. Air Force debunkers and Menzel and Sagan and Co. had been unable to achieve after thirty years of effort.

Yours sincerely,
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New York, N.Y. 10024,
U.S.A.
August 17, 1983

Canadian Cover-Up

Dear Sir, — FSR Vol. 28, No. 5 contained two items that caught my attention, namely the Editorial and the letter from Mr. J. Philip Jay. The former deals with every citizen's "need to know" all State secrets. The latter refers to an apparent (organised?) movement, aimed at getting rid of evidence relating to UFOs, or at hiding it.

I thought that you might be interested in a recent experience of mine concerning these matters.

Being the northern neighbour of

the United States, we frequently adopt customs and legislation that they initiate. (Need I add that not all of it is welcome?)

A year ago, the Canadian Government, in its democratic wisdom, saw fit to cease debate and to pass into law a "Freedom of Information Act". However this was held in abeyance for one year "so that Government departments might adjust to it". (You are free to place your own interpretation on that statement!)

This summer the long awaited documents became available. I arrived at the library to find three publications containing 727 pages in all. Being simple-minded, I looked under headings such as "Flying Saucers," or "UFOs". As you can well imagine, nothing was listed.

Feeling certain that the Canadian Government had to have SOMETHING, SOMEWHERE, if for example only Wilbur Smith's recorded work at Shirley Bay, I pondered methods of locating it. Available choices being ESP, witchcraft, and dowsing, I chose the latter as being provenly most reliable.

After a few brief attempts we zeroed in on the *National Research Council* in Ottawa (*Information Act*, section 780). Then the pendulum hovered over *Planetary Sciences* . . . "the section carries out basic research on physical processes and phenomena occurring in the upper atmosphere and Near Space "... EUREKA!... A magnificent total of nineteen lines is given over to the various divisions within *Planetary Sciences*.

In due course the requested material arrived, I having filled out a form that demanded specific information concerning such things as dates, names, publications, authors, etc. Presumably, if you haven't anything to start with, you won't get a solitary item, despite the obligatory small accompanying contribution to Government coffers.

So far several items are noteworthy. The obtained material was placed in the custody of the Canadian National

Research Council in *June 1982*. Much of it is originally from Police, military, naval, Air Force, and Air Traffic Control sources, also civilian reports are included. Much of this information goes back to 1965.

One authoritative document stated that the Steve Michalak file is the most extensive and complete, containing between 125-150 pages. I accordingly sent off for this (*Non-Meteoritic Sightings # 345 . . . # 670-200*) requesting EVERYTHING. When the collection of documents arrived, it contained *113 pages* only. This much-travelled path and rehashed tale, still makes interesting reading in the original state. But what is missing evokes even more intriguing speculation. So much, then, for "*Freedom of Information*" Acts!

I discussed all this with a friend who is also interested in UFOs. When he asked whether any of his own reports were included in the material I had received from the National Research Council and I replied in the negative, he said: "*I wonder then where they are hiding all OUR stuff? Because we are sending in to them bucketsful of UFO material each month!*"

Our own sources advise us that the Canadian Government is systematically collecting UFO material and related information, each and every day, from various groups that are orientated to receiving it.

Clearly the material released to me by the Canadian Research Council is simply a case of "tokenism".

I just wonder which warehouse they are storing all the really good stuff in!

Yours sincerely,
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Canada.

August 24, 1983

**The UFO phenomenon is not
amenable to scientific study**

Dear Sir, — Dr. Pierre Guérin does

not seem to realise that there is no comparison between the UFO phenomenon and the meteorites (FSR 28-5).

The meteorites are fragments of interplanetary debris, i.e., mere physical/material objects that are perfectly amenable to scientific study. They do not interact with the human psyche. As such, they could be accepted by the scientific community.

The UFO phenomenon, on the contrary, is of a totally different and infinitely more complex nature. Its physical/material aspects, however undeniable they may be, are merely an infinitesimal fraction of the Paraphysical Whole. Our physical science, equipped to deal only with the physical, will NEVER be able to cope with the paraphysical.

As for the distinguished European physicist whose letter you published in the MAIL BAG of FSR 28-5 and whose identity I can easily guess, he does not appear* to have grasped the paraphysical nature of the UFO phenomenon, either. But, as a physicist, i.e., physical scientist, he can only deal with the physical. The paraphysical is entirely beyond his domain. In fact, it will forever remain beyond the scope and ken of any human, whatever the level of his or her intelligence.

The famous Fátima affair — the joint apparition of the so-called Virgin Mary and a UFO (dancing Sun) at Fátima, Portugal on October 13, 1917 — provides an indisputable clue as to what lurks behind the UFO and other paraphysical/religious phenomena. The trouble with humankind (including most UFO buffs) is that no one, except a handful of enlightened ufologists, attaches any importance whatsoever to the Fátima apparition and its ufological implications, although it is by no means unique.

Yours sincerely,
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CH-1208 Geneva,
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July 18, 1983

[*Who's being dogmatic now?]

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.

The truth about UFOs and radar over New Zealand

Dear Sir, — I have been reading an article in your magazine [FSR Vol. 26, No. 2, 1980] by Kevin Berry on *The Kaikoura Controversy* which, unfortunately, perpetuates some inaccuracies that were introduced during the initial reporting of the incident in the newspapers.

The true facts of the "happening" on the night of December 21/22, 1978 (somewhat abridged) are as follows.

At 0025 the flight service officer at Blenheim airport rang the Air Traffic Control Centre at Wellington to enquire if they knew of any aircraft in the vicinity of Cape Campbell as they could see lights in the sky in that direction.

Wellington knew of no aircraft — (NOTE: at night all aircraft are required to notify Air Traffic Control of their intention to fly) but had targets on the radar in that direction.

Wellington checked for weather balloons, ships — some targets were positively identified as ships — but the unknown echoes still remained.

At 0050 Wellington's attention was drawn to an echo tracking S.E. from Wellington at a constant 120 kts to a position 65 miles out, where it stopped but remained "painting" on radar — even with MTI switched in.

MTI — moving target indicator — eliminates all targets from the screen except those having a radial velocity of less than 15 kts: hence puzzle number one, for the object was holding its position on radar: therefore if stationary it should not have shown, so — was it spinning maybe?

Argosy SAE piloted by John Randle took off from Blenheim for Christchurch at 0110 and on the way South saw some unusual lights in the Clarence area, which they described as single lights about the colour and intensity of a car's headlights pointing downwards, they did not see the target at 65 miles from Wellington, although this moved towards the aircraft to about 15 miles East of its position, but **did** see it on their radar.

Argosy SAF piloted by Vern Powell left Blenheim for Christchurch at 0314. The aircrew were asked by Wellington to look for the objects in the Clarence area, and saw these, but then Wellington saw the "large" target move 20 miles West towards the aircraft at 0325.30 secs. It

was seen by the pilots who described it as a massive big light — sometimes red, but mostly a brilliant white — about 2-3,000ft above them.

The aircraft levelled at 10,000ft and the light then appeared level with them. Then for the next 10 or so minutes during which the Argosy flew straight and level at 210 kts the object "paced" the aircraft 25 miles to the East of it.

Then, when 60 miles out of Christchurch, the crew saw a return on the aircraft's radar which left a trail (which when seen visually by the crew was described as intense blue-white like deep ice light) and which crossed 15 miles on their screen in 5 seconds = 180 miles per minute.

Argosy SAE left Christchurch at 0310 bound for Auckland flying the reciprocal of the Southbound route in order to "have another look."

Between Kaikoura and Clarence several radar and visual sightings of lights were made, some of which may have been fishing vessels, but some were moving at speeds of up to 130 knots.

Then at approx 0400 Wellington advised the Argosy of 5 strong targets in a line behind the aircraft, whereupon the aircraft did an orbit, and saw the lights — again described as being like car headlights — and also a powerful flash of five seconds which lit up the sea.

And that is, of necessity, a brief summary of EXACTLY what happened on the night of December 21/22, 1978.

Should any of your readers wonder about my qualifications for correcting Mr. Berry's article, I can only say that I was the Senior of the two radar controllers on duty in the Wellington Air Traffic Control Centre that night, and I must say the mood that night was such that after a while both my colleague Andy Herd and I felt "I wonder what's going to happen next!"

Should any of your readers be interested in a full narrative of both these events and those of December 31 when the UFO seen was filmed may I refer them to the book *The Kaikoura UFOs* by Neil Illingworth and Captain Startup, published by Hodder and Stoughton, which is a description of the events taken from the recollections of all of us involved, from Air Traffic Control Logbooks and radio tapes — both of which are legal documents.

It can be obtained from:—

HUYSER BOOKSHOP,
THE WILLIS STREET VILLAGE
COMPLEX,
WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.

at a cost including surface mail of NZ\$18 (add another NZ\$7 for airmail postage).

Thank you, Best wishes
Yours sincerely

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Wellington 3,
New Zealand.
November 14, 1980

P.S. I have no connections with the Huyser bookshop other than that of a customer.

Zanfretta's contamination?

Dear Sir, — May I refer to the article "Italian night-watchman kidnapped by UFO," which was published in *Flying Saucer Review*, Vol. 26, No. 1 (Spring 1980) and Mr. A. Ryan's related letter (Vol. 26, No. 3, p. 21). It is indispensable to specify that the "Zanfretta case" is still under inquiry by some Italian researchers, although the case is maintained as "egoistic" cover-up by some local ufologists. At this time, in consequence of the "delicacy" and complexity of the case, it's impossible to express any judgement on the objective reality of Zanfretta's experiences.

After the first encounter referred to by FSR in the Boccone article, it seems that Zanfretta has experienced other incidents of abduction, but very few particulars are known to us in consequence of the above-mentioned cover-up. It is true that Zanfretta's entity is quite similar to the "monster" that appeared in the old film *The Creature from the Black Lagoon* (1954), and this had already been remarked upon by some Italian UFO researchers.

It is almost certain that Zanfretta was really sincere when he related his "experiences" (even if it is really difficult to estimate the role played by "subjectivity" in his "encounters"), but there is the possibility that he has been, unconsciously, plagiarized* by the persons who have taken an interest in the case for various motives.

As already said, it is impossible, for the moment, to express any judgement on the case. I think that these exact statements are necessary to avoid

creating easy enthusiasms or wrong interpretations by the foreign researchers who cannot know the entire story of this complex and atypical abduction case.

Yours sincerely,

Paolo Toselli

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November 10, 1980.

*[Does our correspondent mean "contaminated"? — ED]

Omission corrected

Dear Mr. Bowen, — A footnote was added to the manuscript for my article on "UFO Odours and Origins," FSR Vol. 26, No. 4: Angel's hair cannot be Nitrogen pentoxide. The vapour pressure of N_2O_5 increases from about 51mm at $0^\circ C$ to atmospheric pressure at about $30^\circ C$. Thus, N_2O_5 disappears rapidly near room temperature. Moreover, it is extremely reactive with atmospheric moisture, changing over to liquid nitric acid.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Olsen

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United States of America.

December 15, 1980.

World Round-up item: "Did UFO attack oil plant?" (FSR Vol. 26, No.4)

Dear Editor, — The report [which FSR reprinted] was quoted in many Australian newspapers. A copy of the original *New Straits Times* account is enclosed, together with a Reuters statement saying that the report is a hoax.

The last line of the *New Straits Times* reads "Datuk Alagenda was not available for comment. He had previously stated that the fire was caused by a mosquito coil" (or words to that effect)*

Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Hough

UFO Research,

P.O. Box 6 Lane Cove,

New South Wales 2066, Australia.

December 20, 1980.

*[I confirm that the photocopy was indecipherable at this point — ED]

The Reuters statement referred to in Dr. Hough's letter was signed by Mr. David Skinner, Chief Representative for Malaysia, and was in reply to a Mr. J. M. Brill who, presumably, had written on behalf of UFO Newsletter Service (Farish and Dyke) of Arkansas, USA who — again presumably — had sent a copy to Dr. Hough.

"... This was not a Reuter report but came from another Agency.

"I did some checking today and found out, by accident, that this story was a hoax inflicted by a person of my acquaintance on a gullible reporter that this particular person had found to be irksome. There was a fire but the UFO attack story was a definite hoax..."

On classifications of phenomena

Sir, — Lade's new definitions (FSR., Vol. 26, No. 4; p. 26) are less than helpful; moreover, he fails to give references to Hynek and to what he calls "the recent attempt" (by whom?).

"Extraterrestrial": as used by Lade begs the question; these "objects" (?) suggest different things to different people.

"Illusion" is a psychological term meaning "false perception" (forget about conjuring). A hoax is something different; namely, deliberate chicanery.

"Supernatural": a theological term misused by the ignorant to refer to paranormal phenomena. By Lade's unacceptable definition all UFOs and "Saucers" could be called "supernatural."

"Obfuscator": e.g., LADE, John M.

Yours etc.,

Manfred Cassirer

(Formerly Chairman, Physical Phenomena Committee, Society for Psychical Research.)

December 10, 1980.

Speculations on the UFO phenomenon and the Vatican

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Many UFO buffs have accused the American authorities, especially the CIA, of concealing the truth about the UFO phenomenon. Such accusations are groundless and smack of paranoia. The U.S. government is saddled with a host of other far more pressing problems. The job No.1 of the CIA is to fight its Soviet counterpart, the KGB, and not to waste its precious time and American taxpayers' money chasing an elusive parapsychical phenomenon such as the UFO which, moreover, does not constitute any danger to the United States.

It is the Vatican that maintains the ostrich-like attitude toward the UFO phenomenon. The Fatima affair (the joint appearance of the Virgin Mary and a UFO on October 13, 1917) and many other similar apparitions to date have demonstrated beyond dispute that the Marian apparitions and the UFO phenomenon are caused by one and the same Immaterial Entity which the Vatican calls "God" and I call "Parapsychical Intelligence." The Vatican must know quite a lot about the

UFO phenomenon but keeps mum for understandable reasons. The disclosure of the truth about the UFO phenomenon will deal a death-blow not only to the Catholic dogmas but to Christianity as a whole.

We must discard the false idea that the Marian apparitions symbolize something holy or sacred. Just like the UFO phenomenon, they are nothing more than a metaphysical farce staged in a masterly manner by the Parapsychical Intelligence which amuses itself by manipulating us at will. This Intelligence also entertains us with lake monsters (such as the famous Loch Ness monster), humanoids, gnomes, leprechauns, ape-man (such as Bigfoot or Snowman), men-in-black, ghost airplanes/helicopters/ships and all sorts of so-called paranormal phenomena: mediumism (Jesus Christ, Muhammad, Buddha, Uri Geller, Matthew Manning, Edgar Cayce, etc.), haunted houses, poltergeist, possession, spontaneous combustion, vampirism (such as animal mutilations), the Bermuda Triangle, miracle healing (at Lourdes, Fatima, etc.), stigmata, reincarnation, pseudo-coincidences, etc. But we humans are just too stupid to understand all these parapsychical jokes.

All religions thus rest upon very shaky foundations and will collapse like houses of cards at the slightest revelation of the Truth. Hence the sheer absurdity of religious fanaticism such as the one that convulses Northern Ireland and animates Ayatollah Khomeini as well as the born-again evangelist/creationist movement in the United States.

Your sincerely,

Julian H. Kaneko

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October 2, 1980

Queries on the Theory of Relativity

Dear Sir, — With reference to Mr. Julian H. Kaneko's letter in Mail Bag. (FSR Vol. 26, No. 3), concerning his disbelief in "Retrievals of the Third Kind," I feel that the point he raises concerning interstellar travel difficulties by "nuts and bolts" spacecraft, because of Einstein's Theory of Relativity, may be worthy of further discussion. Although I am no expert in the field of physics, I would like to raise a question about the theory that, to me, does not seem to make sense. As far as I understand it, the theory implies that the closer an object approaches the velocity of light, (3×10^8 m. per sec) The greater will become its mass, until, at 3×10^8 m. per sec., this would become infinite, thus rendering it impossible to exceed, or even reach, that velocity.

I seem to recall reading some years ago

that it had been calculated that the total amount of sunlight photons falling upon the Empire State Building in New York on an average summer day would be equal in mass to about three sheets of typing paper, (approx. 10gm.) which is a very small amount. Yet, according to the Relativity Theory, it should be infinite, since the light has struck the building at the critical velocity.

Does this not mean that the theory is invalid on that point, and that the alien spacecraft could, if necessary, exceed this velocity after all?

If so, this might put it into the category of "paraphysical" phenomena, as Mr. Kaneko believes, since the time dilation effects of near-light velocities predicted by Einstein have been proved correct by the study of comparative half-life measurements of identical radioactive substances, using a centrifuge technique.

Thus, what might seem like ten thousand years on earth might seem a matter of hours or days to the interstellar astronauts, so they would, almost literally "have all the time in the world" to reach us. Maybe, if there is a flaw in my argument, Mr. Kaneko or another reader will be able to enlighten me as to what it is.

At any rate, is it really logical to automatically assume that, just because a few of these craft have crashed, they would be incapable of interstellar flight?

It is a bit like saying that the American-manned lunar flights of the late sixties and early seventies were completely foolproof. But we all recall, surely, the hazards that were faced by the crew of Apollo 13!

Yours sincerely,
Maurice G. Jackson
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Attleborough, Norfolk.
October 8, 1980.

CIA cigar?

Dear Sir, — I wonder if any other FSR reader noticed an interesting article in the *Sun* newspaper a few weeks ago? Apparently the CIA admitted that the U.S.A. had a 50 to 60ft. long aircraft, which is invisible to radar, and which had flown operationally over the U.S.S.R. This left me with three interesting thoughts.

1. No longer can the USAF debunk visual sightings of UFOs should there be no radar traces to back them up;
2. Did the technology for this evolve from a crashed UFO retrieval?
3. The "Philadelphia Experiment" must surely be seen in a new light with the disclosure of this information.

Yours faithfully
I. M. Hammond
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Boston, Lincolnshire.
October 5, 1980.

A "bash" back at Mr. Clarke

Sir, — No doubt many UFOlogists (me included) would have, with great interest tuned in to ITV on November 4, 1980, for Arthur C. Clarke's "bash" at UFOs.

Mr. Clarke's conclusion was that UFOs don't exist on the evidence that earth's radar, monitoring the skies, doesn't detect them leaving or entering our earth's atmosphere.

May I comment on this conclusion: earth's radar is not programmed to pick up such objects or else it would pick up every piece of space debris, and meteors, and the screens would be full of unwanted information, so hindering the

monitoring of the all important satellites.

Having said that, it's still possible the UFOs might not even come from outside the earth (as goes the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis — ETH); they could come from inside the earth or from secret bases on it.

Many UFOs are seen entering or leaving the water (¼ of this planet is water and who knows what goes on down there). These craft are often referred to as Unidentified Submarine Objects (USO) and it should be remembered the famous Hickson and Parker abduction took place near water.

They could even come from other dimensions or from the future, who knows.

So come on Arthur C., don't dismiss UFO's on such flimsy evidence; remember the witnesses (many of whom are highly technical people — scientists included) and the photographs and films of these objects in flight.

After all that I must say that, apart from our friend's narrow-mindedness, I found the programme interesting and enjoyable — especially the report on the Livingston, near Edinburgh, incident, involving Bob Taylor, who encountered a UFO and occupants (??) in a lonely wood.

Keep up the good work on your interesting and informative magazine.

Yours sincerely
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November 29, 1980.

THE ANTHROPOMORPHIC ENTITY AT VILLA CARLOS PA2 (Continued from page 17)

his gestures in any way feminine.

g) In the opinion of María Elodia, the entity was a "being of flesh and bone." There was nothing about him to suggest that he was a mechanical doll or a robot. He did not resemble a TV image, but something completely material that was walking along in contact with the ground.

h) The fingers of his right hand and his toes emitted small beams of light of a sort of pale blue colour. The beams did not produce a luminous aura around the end of his arms and feet, but seemed to come from his fingernails and toenails — if he had any. (If he had toenails they were of course not visible, being hidden by the one-piece garment.)

These beams of light were of a pale blue shade for a distance of up to two or three centimetres from the end of each hand or foot, i.e., in the area closest to the fingers and toes, but then assumed a whitish tinge, until at about a distance of ten or fifteen centimetres the beams were

dispersed. These light beams were permanent, not intermittent.

The left hand of the entity, which grasped the sphere, did not appear to produce these beams. For when the light of the sphere was extinguished María Elodia did not see any beams coming from that hand. But the beams of light from the feet and from the right hand remained visible right up to the entity's departure from the room.

i) On the back of the right hand the entity was wearing what looked like a sort of gauntlet covering the four fingers, leaving the thumb free (Figure 15). It was of a dark brown hue and seemed to be attached to the fourth finger by a sort of ring or handle. It looked as though made of leather and was about 10 cms wide and about 2 cms deep.

j) The entity never ceased for a single moment the to-and-fro swinging movement of his left arm bearing the

(Continued on page 30)

encounter with some decidedly lascivious and also decidedly repellent female creatures from a UFO. Is this Russian story about the young man in Mexico just an echo or a re-hash of A.V.B's case, or the Colombian cow-herds, or Truman Bethurum's or is it genuinely something new? Can any of our Mexican readers and colleagues please help us to throw some more light upon the affair?

17. Over the years Brazil has had more than its fair share of fantastic UFO stories, and FSR has carried a very good selection of them. But what is this? Is it a new case, or is it too a garbling of something else? There are several cases on record (USA, Chile, Canada at least, to my recollection) where entities are said to have asked for water and FSR has just published another one from South Africa (FSR Vol. 24, No. 2). So can any Brazilian reader or investigator please help us with further information about this alleged case of the giant who strode into a Brazilian restaurant with his jugs at the ready?
18. Can any Brazilian or American colleague or reader please confirm whether they know anything about this story concerning Armstrong and the strange mine in Brazil?

19. This story about the Rocky Mountains lit up at night by vast batteries of searchlights is a real humdinger, and sounds just about the balmiest we have heard yet, except for the idea launched by the late and most respected researcher Major Donald Keyhoe who thought he might be able to lure UFOs into landing here by means of mock-up plywood "UFOs" scattered around! (As if anybody could be so zany as to imagine the UFOs need any encouragement — when they are flying about and landing here day and night — or as if anyone could imagine the UFOs can't find their way in to land here without the help of *landing lights* from us!) Apart from the sheer absurdity of such ideas, they are at least valuable, inasmuch as they reveal how completely self-centred and conceited we Earthlings are! We are, quite genuinely, totally incapable of grasping the elementary idea that there might be other folk around who are a deal smarter than we are!

20. These Russian initial letters, ЗБМ, stand for some American organization, but for the life of me I cannot come up with any idea as to what they stand for. Is it another Russian term for NASA? This initial-mania received a big fillip from Communist Russia, but has now reached global epidemic proportions.

COMMENT

From the version now circulating in France and the United States of America it appears to us — though we can not be quite sure about this — that the French and the Americans are taking it that the whole of the article was a TASS report which went out in *Izvestiya* and *Socialist Industry*. We feel, however, that TASS only reported on the Petrozavodsk incident of September 20, 1977, and not on the Azhazha lecture, which was probably given some time in 1978.

EDITOR

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.

Dr. Morrell's cow rejected

Dear Sir.— I find Robert Morrell's statement in his "Observations on the Humanoid Encounter at Rainford" (Vol. 24, No. 3) that "...what we have is nothing more than a rather blown-up instance of mistaken identity," a little strange.

The description of the humanoid by the witnesses (Vol. 23, No. 6) is quite clear and consistent, and Dr. Morrell's conclusion that what was seen was a cow that had strayed on to the road seems quite preposterous.

He seems to imply that the witnesses were somewhat intoxicated, although the original account of this case states that the police who actually spoke to the witnesses, were able to confirm that the men were *not in any way intoxicated*.

As an alternative Dr. Morrell suggests that the story could have been invented, to divert attention from their intoxicated condition, after they had to stop for help owing to an asthmatic attack suffered by one of their party. I would suggest that such a tale

would more than likely suggest to a good many people that those relating it were indeed intoxicated.

The "cow" explanation has been used by the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society fairly recently. Although I do not have press cuttings of the matter I recall that some months ago a witness living near Crich, Derbyshire, reported seeing a strange light which appeared to land in a field. Subsequent investigation by the Society (according to the *Derby Evening Telegraph*) led them to the conclusion that it could well have been a cow in a field. The witness was not impressed.

In conclusion I feel that Dr. Morrell is being far too critical of the original report of the Rainford Humanoid, which I felt was quite clear and concise.

Yours faithfully,
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February 8, 1979.

A view of the UFO Phenomenon

Dear Mr. Bowen,— Four significant facts stand out in the UFO phenomenon: 1) around-the-clock appearances of UFOs somewhere in the world, 2) bewildering variety of UFO shapes, 3) undeniable existence of a link between the UFOs and the so-called paranormal phenomena and consequently 4) presence of one and the same intelligence behind the UFO and paranormal phenomena.

The adherents of the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH) persist in seeing in the UFOs nothing but extraterrestrial spaceships and speculate uselessly on their "propulsion system" disregarding the incredible diversity of UFO shapes. The ETH enthusiasts forget that they are merely anthropomorphically extrapolating our present mechanistic and materialistic science and technology.

In my view, interstellar travel, for which even the speed of light is far too slow, would only be feasible in an *immaterial* way, e.g., in the form of mind travel.

There is no doubt that the extra-terrestrials exist, but those among them who are sufficiently advanced to have mastered the technique of interstellar travel would not resort to such primitive materialistic hardware as space vehicles. They would travel *immaterially*. For so highly advanced beings, we earthlings would not be interesting enough to justify their persistent and never-ending visits, all the less because our solar system would not be the sole object of their galactic explorations.

UFOs are, however, sighted around the clock somewhere in the world. One is therefore forced to the conclusion that the intelligence lurking behind the UFO phenomenon is not extraterrestrial but *paraphysical*, i.e., located on a plane of existence higher than that of the extraterrestrials. In this respect, let's not forget that we share with the extraterrestrials the same quadridimensional plane of existence. *The UFOs and the extraterrestrials are therefore two entirely different entities, and there is no relationship between the two.*

The *Paraphysical Intelligence* takes all conceivable and inconceivable forms. By appearing in the form of flying saucers and humanoids, it fools us into thinking that we have extra-terrestrial visitors. Forgetting the age-old saying that appearances are deceptive, the ETH enthusiasts have walked straight into the trap. This *Paraphysical Intelligence*, which is neither benevolent nor malevolent, makes fun of us by transmogrifying itself into the Virgin Mary, the Loch Ness Monster, the Big Foot or the Men In Black, and by causing all sorts of so-called paranormal phenomena: the Bermuda Triangle, haunted houses, poltergeist, possession, vampirism, spontaneous combustion, miracle healing, mediumisticity, etc. What we call "Good" and "Evil" are skilfully mixed in these diverse manifestations of the *Paraphysical Intelligence*. Or, to put it more bluntly, Good and Evil are purely human concepts and do not exist in Nature.

Sincerely yours,
Julian H. Kaneko,
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Switzerland.
February 6, 1979.

Common Venus Error

Dear Mr. Bowen,— At the present moment we are witnessing one of the biggest UFO flaps for some time. A good start for a new year and for the UFO investigator. Also the start of a big headache for all Governments of this planet, this will mean more de-

bunking, more cover-up and more lies.

As a member of a small UFO group I feel it my duty to point out a remark made by Mr. Norman Oliver on a sighting reported in our local newspaper the *Express and Star* which occurred on Sunday 31.12.78. A UFO was seen and reported by several people all over the Midlands. After ruling out an aircraft in trouble the police suggested the object was a meteor, which I thought was fair comment, but for Mr. Oliver to suggest it was Venus is ludicrous. The object was seen between 7.00 p.m. to 7.15 p.m., and Venus rose at 4.30 a.m., and could still be seen after dawn.

I suggest Mr. Oliver should check his facts before making such a statement to the press. UFO investigators must be as thorough as a policeman and, if this is Mr. Oliver's statement, and not a misquote by the Press, then no wonder UFOs get ridiculed when contradictory statements like this appear.

One of the members of our group put a theory to me which I might add bears some thought: the recent UFO flap only seemed to occur or even hot-up after the USSR and USA landed probes on Venus in December.

Yours sincerely,
S. G. Harris
Flat 1, 15 Brettell Lane,
Stourbridge
West Midlands.
January 24, 1979.

Mr. Harris forwarded a photostat of the newspaper item which appeared in the Express and Star on 3 January 1979. The observers all spoke of the fiery object seen between approximately 7.00 and 7.15 p.m., and it seems very much as though they saw a re-entry burn-up of the satellite launcher which was also observed in Scotland and the North of England on the evening of 31 December 1978. Yet Mr. Oliver is quoted as saying: "people have probably seen the planet Venus. It is particularly visible over Britain at present from 4.30 a.m. to 6 a.m." I have an uneasy feeling that it could have been the newspaper people who got their a.m.'s and p.m.'s muddled when they spoke to Mr. Oliver. It was thus that, knowing the object was observed over most of the country, he settled for Venus.
—EDITOR

New Light on the MIBs

Dear Sir, — There are two schools of thought about the Men in Black. Some researchers — Gray Barker for example

— believe, rightly I think, that they represent some ultra-secret state security outfit. A currently more fashionable view is that they are extra-terrestrials, or "ultraterrestrials" (or their creatures), *playing* at being government agents.

Interesting light is shed on this question in Edward J. Epstein's recent book *Legend: The secret world of Lee Harvey Oswald*, for it seems that the MIB's put in an appearance shortly after Oswald's defection to Russia in 1959.

Epstein writes (Arrow edition, p. 101):

"Delgado vividly remembers a group of civilians in dark suits arriving in November with stenographers and literally taking over their headquarters company to question Marines about Oswald. One by one they were ushered into their captain's office."

The MIB's seemed chiefly interested in establishing the extent of Oswald's knowledge of classified radar information. One odd feature of the investigation was that "none of the Marines was told...who the investigators were." Epstein rapidly established that the men were not from the FBI, which did not open its investigation until the following year, but after that, he ran into a brick wall. In a lengthy note he writes (p. 314):

"In the course of my research, the Marine Corps, which was otherwise extremely co-operative, searched its files but found no trace of the investigation. The Office of Naval Intelligence and the Naval Investigative Services replied to my Freedom of Information request by stating that the report of the investigation was not in their files. The CIA has also denied to me that it conducted such an investigation. Finally, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations... also denied partaking in any such investigation.

The mystery deepens when one considers that Epstein's book was written with the active co-operation of former high-ranking CIA officers. If men like Richard Helms and James Angleton were unable to hazard a guess as to their identity, the MIB's must have been a very esoteric bunch indeed.

I make no further comment, but simply present this information for what it is worth.

Yours faithfully,
Brian Burden
300 Church Street,
Cocking,
Brainfree,
Essex.
February 1, 1979.

UFO OVER A GREEK TAVERNA

Jenny Randles

Data ratings: July 22 1978 Chalandri, Nr. Athens, Greece MED Level C

RAYMOND DAWSON is employed by the British Embassy in Athens, and is well settled in that country, having lived there for many years. His wife Kiriakoula is Greek, and he has a married daughter, Mrs. Catherine Dawson-Alexakas. Her husband is a doctor.

Mr. Dawson has had a passing interest in UFOs for some years, but never expected to see one. After his encounter his interest intensified, and he came to subscribe to FSR. He wrote to tell us of his sighting, and I took the matter up because of the potential interest of the case. I exchanged several letters with him and he was very helpful in answering all my questions. Furthermore he kindly persuaded his wife and daughter — who were also witnesses — to provide statements and drawings.

The summers in Greece can be very hot, and it is the custom to forsake the inferno of the city and drive out to a country taverna for an evening meal. This often takes place late in the evening, as many Greeks stay out in the country at their "Summer Villas" until the morning.

On Saturday, July 22, 1978, it *was* very hot. The temperature was still in the eighties in the evening, and so Mr. Dawson, his wife and their daughter decided to go for a meal at a taverna situated on pleasant wooded slopes a few miles from the city. It is in a district known as Chalandri, with attractive mountain and green landscaped surroundings. They had their meal in the open, and by 11.15 p.m. had finished and were waiting, without hurry, for the bill so that they could settle the account and drive home.

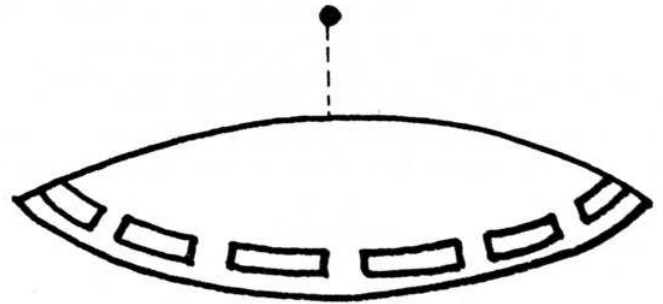
Catherine (who is 27, and who is also employed at the embassy as a passport and visa officer) was the first to notice something unusual.

As she says: "It was a clear evening, and we were just finishing our dinner when I heard a humming noise above me. I turned to see what it was, because I was most curious to see what manner of craft would be flying so low over mountains, and especially when there is no airport in that area. What I saw was a very big, dark, round-shaped object that was almost touching the TV antennae on the buildings. There were lots of square windows around it, and a red light on top."

For a few seconds Catherine was shocked, but then she recovered and called to her parents. They both looked up and saw it. At first all they could pick out were flashing lights, which floated to and fro from left to right after which they began circling. They too could tell that it was close and very low.

Mr. Dawson was unsure what to make of it. He turned round to see both his wife and daughter staring at the object, but before they could really

decide what it was it had vanished. Catherine called out: "It was a UFO," and Mrs. Dawson suggested that they should pay the bill quickly and go after it in the car. This they did. Nobody else in the taverna appeared to have noticed the object.



Catherine's first sighting over the Taverna

The Dawsons drove around the corner, and within a couple of minutes of their first sighting saw the UFO again. They approached the traffic lights and stopped. Catherine remarked that it was odd that there was no other traffic about. Everything was still and quiet. They had been to the area many times before and even at that time in the evening it was normally very busy.

When Catherine pointed it out again, Mr. Dawson stopped the car. However, he left the engine running because he wanted to see if the presence of the UFO would affect it (it did not — the engine ran normally). They all got out of the car and climbed a wall at the side of the road for a better view. At this point there are slight discrepancies in their statements as to what was now seen. Catherine and her mother more or less agree to the following sequence.

When first seen on the second viewing the object was like a round disc with a red light on top and a row of windows along the side. These seemed to rotate. The UFO was basically hovering, but rocking from side to side — as if floating on a breeze and there was no sound at all at this stage. Then suddenly the object changed to a cross shape, made up of myriad multicoloured lights — lavender, yellow, pink, white, amber — all soft colours. Then it changed again to a dark cigar shape with "catherine wheels" of light around what appeared to be the front end. There were about five rings of lights spinning quickly around, and again the soft colours of differing hues. Apparently it looked quiet breathtaking.

It was at this point that the first signs of other life were noticed. A small boy crossed the road. They called out to him, but he did not respond. Then the object was gone, circling away beyond nearby

MAIL BAG

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Dr. Hynek's article

Dear Sir, — I found Dr. J. Allen Hynek's article 'The UFO Phenomenon: Laugh, Laugh, Study, Study' in *FSR*, Vol. 27 No. 6, most intriguing because it gave a precise overview of his approach to the UFO subject.

However, I was puzzled by one or two points which I hope you can clear up for me.

In the first half of his article Dr. Hynek acknowledges that a majority of UFO misidentifications could be due to our worries about population, resources and technology and as such constitute 'signs of the times'. And he goes on to point out that an extreme orientation towards a belief in UFO visitors leads to the formation of "space people" cults led by people who claim visits to Mars and similar exotic locations.

To justify investigation into Ufology, other than by psychologists and sociologists, he points out that such 'emotional, even neurotic aspects of the UFO scene... impugn the integrity and perhaps the competence, of our scientists, pilots, engineers, and others judged sane and responsible who have related sober albeit incredible accounts of UFO encounters'.

So he makes a distinction between responsible, sane, "UFO observers" and emotional, mentally unstable, "UFO believers." Which goes along with his view that, with enough discriminative research and investigation, some aspects of a new empirical phenomenon will be found, eventually.

He then goes on to note the 'paradoxical dualistic' aspects of the sightings made by the responsible UFO observers e.g. they report seeing apparently physical objects which do not obey the known laws of physics.

This leads him to note that subjective variables are at work, indeed, he wonders if UFOs are 'events in the mind' generated by interlopers from some 'parallel reality'. He boldly states 'The UFO Phenomenon is experienced largely through human consciousness and the human psyche'.

It is at this point in his article I become puzzled. How does Dr. Hynek differentiate between "UFO obser-

vers" and "UFO believers" if there are subjective variables at work? From his text I can only see that the criteria depends on whether you are a scientist, pilot, engineer, or a similarly qualified person. But people who have such occupational roles are still subject to emotional problems, even delusions as in the case of Kelvin which Dr. Hynek mentions, as much as lesser mortals. Thus, why should events in their minds be any more valid than the mental events in the minds of the "UFO believers?" Because if we are being manipulated by external forces why should we attempt to use 'normal' standards of sanity and insanity, when we are not responsible for what we perceive in certain circumstances?

One argument might be that instrumental evidence supports the claims of the "UFO observers", but does not support the "UFO believers'" case. But in my opinion such evidence is poor, whichever cause it supports. In fact, Adamski's photographic evidence is as 'good' as anything anybody else has been able to provide!

If we are able to be ruled by parsimony of explanation, and employ the simplest possible explanation available, then it would seem that the two groups are experiencing the effects of the 'signs of the times' phenomenon to varying degrees depending on their psychological status. Such an explanation is efficient because it does not invoke the intervening variable of some 'external' force or forces involved in our cognitive processes, and can account for the paradoxical dualism inherent in many UFO reports.

I hope you can clarify some of the points made above.

Yours faithfully,
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July 2, 1982

Dr. Hynek's article

Dear Sir, — In his article, *The UFO Phenomenon: Laugh, Laugh, Study, Study* (Vol. 27, No. 6), Dr. Hynek claims that Claude Poher was able to show a statistical correlation between UFO events in France and the vertical component of the geomagnetic field as recorded at the Chambon-La-Forêt Geophysical Station. Poher certainly did claim 'a good statistical correlation between disturbances of the earth's [magnetic] field and UFO observations during one month in... 1954' (see C. Poher: 'Time Correlations Between Geomagnetic Disturbances and Eyewitness Accounts of UFOs' in *FSR*, Vol. 20, No. 1, pp 12-16), but that he demonstrated the correlation is doubtful.

1) Poher made a comparison between UFO reports emanating from an area up to 100km round Chambon-La-Forêt since 1886 (the date from which magnetic measurements were available) and 'abnormal' fluctuations of the field. He stated that the UFO reports came from 'private specialised organisations' but did not name them. We have no idea of the quality or reliability of these reports. He did not explain what was meant by 'abnormal' fluctuations nor did he describe the causes of normal fluctuations. The result of this study was that there was no direct correlation.

2) Despite this negative result, he proceeded to compare UFO reports for 1954 with recordings of the field at Chambon-La-Forêt. These UFO reports (635) came from all over France, none, so far as we know, from anywhere near the magnetic observatory. These reports were taken from Saunders' catalogue, but again we do not know the quality of the reports. His Figure 3 compares (for 1954) the number of disturbances of the magnetic field per month with the number of UFO reports per week. It shows a peak UFO report rate in October coinciding with a peak magnetic disturbance rate. But it also shows that another peak in the disturbance rate (in February and March) is *not* associated with any rise in the UFO report rate. Despite this Poher claimed 'a

good correlation for the two phenomena for the month of October'; such a correlation is meaningless if it is not consistent throughout the year!

3) A comparison was also made for the (peak) month of October (Figure 4), although Poher here refers to the 'distribution' of UFO observations. Since there are no data on the geographical distribution of the reports it is not clear what Poher means. Instead of comparing the number of UFOs per day with the number of disturbances of the magnetic field, Figure 4 compares the reports with the *intensity* of the disturbance on a particular day! It is not clear how this relates to the number of disturbances. Poher claimed that during the first half of October there was a 'fairly good correlation of reciprocal variations'! (I assume he means inverse correlation). His graphs shows both direct correlations (Oct 4) and inverse correlations (Oct 21); there is no overall correlation. What is clear is that while the number of UFO reports steadily declines during the month, the intensity of the field fluctuations remains fairly constant. What can be deduced from that? The whole graph is meaningless!

4) Interpreting his Figure 4, Poher claimed that with 40 visual observations (Oct 4?) the peak to peak disturbance of the field attains about 30 gammas ($1 \text{ gamma} = 7.957 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Am}^{-1}$). But Figure 4 shows that the disturbance of the field on October 4 was about 5 gammas! (It is not easy to read Poher's graphs.) From this conclusion Poher somehow constructed a log/log graph of the size of the field disturbance versus the distance of a UFO (*sic*) from the observatory at Chambon, this despite the fact that he had previously told us that the UFO reports around the observatory did not correlate with any disturbance of the field (item 1 above). If there was no correlation then Figure 5 could not be constructed. The source of the UFO data in Figure 5 is not given. While Poher infers that Figure 5 is constructed from the data in Figure 4 (based on the 635 French reports), his caption to Figure 5 indicates that it is based on the UFO reports he obtained from private UFO organisations! Furthermore, the limit lines, which Poher drew on Figure 5, do not appear to be justified by the data points plotted, and his conclusion that a UFO at 10km should produce a disturbance greater than 400 gammas is absolutely unjustified.

5) Poher offers no evidence that the variation in the strength of the magnetic field (as measured at Chambon) is at all related to any particular UFO event. He admits that since the observatory is surrounded by forest 50km across, no reports were received nearer than 30km. Since the field continually varies, for very many reasons, there is no reason to suppose that the fluctuations are related to the UFO phenomenon. There must be grave doubt that Poher's conclusions are valid, and a suspicion that the results are contrived to accord with a preconceived hypothesis.

Yours sincerely,
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July 4, 1982

The UFO Phenomenon: Just a tip of the Paraphysical Iceberg

Dear Sir, — I read with interest Dr. J. Allen Hynek's article entitled "The UFO Phenomenon: Laugh, Laugh, Study, Study" in FSR Vol. 27, No. 6.

Dr. Hynek is quite right in taking a dim view of the extraterrestrial hypothesis. In fact, this "nuts-and-bolts" theory has done enormous disservice to Ufology.

However, Dr. Hynek focuses on the UFO Phenomenon to the exclusion of other paranormal/religious phenomena. His attitude is understandable in view of his background, but his approach allows him to see only one tip of the Paraphysical Iceberg. There are many other tips that seem disparate but are in reality linked together in an invisible way: ghost hitchhikers (always female and solitary, appearing around midnight and to 2-door cars only), ghost airplanes/helicopters (always noiseless and without identification marks), lake monsters (appearing even in recently created artificial lakes), yetis (always leaving gigantic footprints that begin and end abruptly), men-in-black (always vanishing into thin air), Marian apparitions, miracle-healing, animal mutilations, spontaneous human combustion, poltergeists, mediumism, pseudo-coincidences, etc., to name just a few.

These individual tips are, however, of secondary importance. Of prime importance is the Invisible Iceberg it-

self. We must always bear in mind that the UFO Phenomenon is not an isolated, independent entity and that it is by no means celestially oriented. *The UFO Phenomenon may well turn up in our bedroom or bathroom!*

The UFO Phenomenon's physical/physiological effects vary widely from percipient to percipient and from case to case. This wide variation is deliberate and designed to *put us off the scent*.

Yours sincerely,
Julian H. Kaneko,
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CH-1208 Geneva, Switzerland.
July 11, 1982

Those Dinosaurs

Dear Sir, — In response to Mr. M. H. Martin's letter (FSR Vol. 27, No. 6) concerning the dinosaurs, I am inclined to ask timidly why we cannot propose — as one possible working hypothesis (I do not necessarily *believe* it) — that the Ufonauts are indeed descended from a reptile or other species that did evolve to a high level and long ago left this planet (or at least left its land-bound environment), only to return to visit it, off and on, over the 65 million years since the disappearance of the great reptiles?

Such a hypothesis would explain the physical structure of the foetus-like humanoids in abduction reports and alleged retrievals, would not require travel across vast stretches of interstellar Space, and would not have to appeal to time-travel and/or parallel universes.

Such a theory would presuppose that such a parallel evolutionary process would have produced a creature with a sophisticated technology, including seeming materialization/dematerialization capabilities, and an extensive knowledge of and use of *psi*. They would have appeared on the fringes of human history, would perhaps have influenced our genetic stock, and might have interfaced with us, as in the airship appearance of 1896-97.

This theory would only ask us to admit that we do not yet know the entire story of evolution on our planet.

Sincerely yours,
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USA
September 18, 1982

M.P.'s NEAR-GAFFE (OR HOW A CAT PEEPED OUT OF THE BAG)

"Mr. Harold Wilkinson, Tory Member of Parliament for Woking, was asked at a public meeting at Frimley last week: *'Why is the Government trying to hush up the sightings of flying saucers?'*

The question came from an elderly woman sitting in the front row of a packed village hall. She added: *'Whenever these visitors from Space are sighted, newspapers and television are ordered not to report the fact. Why is the public not kept informed?'*

Mr. Watkinson, who resigned as Minister of Defence in last year's Cabinet reshuffle, replied: *'Before I left the Ministry, I had to sign a large number of papers promising never to reveal certain facts I had learned as Minister of Defence. The subject of flying saucers may be included.'*"

From the files of the *Camberley News* of
March 15, 1963.

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.

The Salzburg Conference

Dear Sir, — I would like to point out that the *First UPIAR Colloquium on Human Sciences and UFO Phenomena*, held at Salzburg from July 26 to 29 of this year, has clearly demonstrated that there is a growing interest in the psychology and parapsychology of the UFO Phenomenon. At the same time, however, its physical aspects are well recognised and by no means neglected.

Yours sincerely,
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[Readers will find an account elsewhere in this issue of reports that the U.S. Government may be waking up to the enormous importance of Parapsychology and may plan to allocate funds for work in this field. Needless to say, in the USSR, Parapsychology (like Defence and Military Equipment!) seems for a long time past to have been high on the priorities list as far as funding is concerned. — ED.]

Nottingham UFO Society

Dear Sir, — As you and many of your readers are aware, the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society have been, and are still, involved in the investigation of a large number of possible UFO sightings which took place in the early hours of August 31st 1980, around the Ashbourne area of Derbyshire. The UFOIN report file number for this case is 8009.

As yet, despite two years of intensive research, we have still not found an answer to this case, and it remains on file as unidentified. To try to bring this case to a satisfactory conclusion one way or another, we wish to recruit the assistance of your readers, in so much as we would like to obtain details of any UFO reports from any location in the United Kingdom, with particular emphasis on the west and north west areas, during the time period from 20.00 hours on the 30th of August 1980 to 04.00 on 31st August 1980.

It is hoped that in the interests of scientific research, individuals and organizations will make this information available, free of charge, although we are prepared, if required, to pay for

photo-copying of reports and postage.

Any available information should be sent to me, S. W. Henley, Investigations Officer, 443 Meadow Lane, Nottingham NG2 3GB.

Yours sincerely,
S. W. Henley,
July 24, 1982

Exploding Soviet satellites

Dear Sir, — Soviet ocean reconnaissance satellites have occasionally exploded mysteriously. A search of records by Nicholas Johnson shows that one such explosion occurred over Peru before dawn on May 17, 1977 (at 05.17 a.m. local time) as the satellite Kosmos-838 orbited from north to south. No other explosions occurred over populated regions at night. Nobody knows why they happen.

QUESTION: are there any 'UFO reports' from Peru for that morning, May 17, 1977, which could provide a visual description of the mysterious violent break-up of the Soviet satellite?

The precise point of disintegration was 75°W, 09°S, and the satellite's

motion azimuth was about 150 (East of South). Its altitude was 438 kms., velocity 8 km./sec., launch date: July 2, 1976, from Tyuratam; UN Registry Code 1976-63A. Considering its motion, it might have been visible in Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina as well.

Shall be grateful if you will please check your files for possible sightings of this Space event.

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The Marian Apparitions

Dear Sir, — I wonder what Ann Druffel means (FSR 27/3) by 'genuine Marian apparitions'? Does she mean that the *real* Virgin Mary *really* appeared? This is of course compatible with Catholic teaching (Mary having been assumed bodily into Heaven when she died, there's nothing to stop her returning in the body if she chooses), but it begs the question, how to distinguish between genuine and non-genuine appearances. Lie-detector tests would not be easy to apply, and any Dark Force capable of simulating a BVM sighting would have the know-how to buck them anyway.

I wonder, too, does Ms Druffel suggest that it is exclusively the genuine apparitions which yield 'beneficial results'; might not non-genuine visions prove equally efficacious, on the placebo principle? Medieval theologians had a hard time explaining how it was that some witches undoubtedly produced beneficial results such as cures: they managed the trick by alleging that Satan starts by doing good in order to win our confidence, after which he's got us in his clutches and can do what evil he chooses. So Ms Druffell shouldn't let herself be fooled: those short-term beneficial results could be a smoke-screen for long-term malevolence.

The series of articles by G. Cornu currently appearing in LDLN irrefutably demonstrate a correlation between Marian apparitions, solar phenomena, and UFOs. Thus, there was a dramatic increase in Marian visions in 1947, precisely when UFO reports abruptly escalated. Cornu, it's true, doesn't distinguish between genuine and non-genuine apparitions, but it would certainly seem that either (1) who/whatever is responsible for the UFO

phenomenon must also take blame/credit for the Marian visions, or (2) the visions are Heaven's counter-measure to UFO activity, UFOs being (as many believe) instruments employed by the Dark Forces as part of the massive arms build-up for the Final Battle of Armageddon.

All this threatens to lure us into the paranoid quicksands of ufology in which so many worthy ufologists have already foundered; yet the basic facts are solid enough. It is the attempt to interpret them in terms of a closed belief-system which is dangerous. Assertions as to what God can or can't do (eg Ms Druffel's assertion that 'he has no need for amusement') are harmless conjectures in themselves, but they can lead to a dogmatic attitude of mind which seeks to force the UFO into this or that traditional scenario. The history of ufology is littered with such attempts, but just as the UFO out-manoeuvres any terrestrial aircraft, the UFO phenomenon dodges any attempt to pin it down within any existing belief-structure.

Yours sincerely,
Hilary Evans,
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November 27, 1981

The Druffel-Kaneko Debate

Dear Sir, — For the sake of those FSR readers who may have tired of the Kaneko-Druffel controversy in past issues of "Mail Bag" column, I'll try to make this brief. It is interesting that an exchange of letters on a "controversial" subject often results in the participants' views pulling closer together.

Mr. Kaneko charges that I have never studied the Fatima affair and its apparent ufological aspects. I've read about this situation since 1944, and in the current ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UFOs by Ron Story (available from Compendium Books who advertise in the frontispiece of every FSR issue), I wrote the article about Fatima in that encyclopedia. My thinking on the Fatima affair concurs in many respects with Mr. Kaneko's.

Also Compendium Books offers for sale THE TUJUNGA CANYON CONTACTS, a book which discusses the joint ufological/paraphysical factors in a group of South California close encounters and so-called "abductions". I co-authored the book with D.

Scott Rogo. Mr. Kaneko's idea of a "Paraphysical Intelligence" concurs closely with many ideas set forth in that book.

I would refer him also to the MUFON UFO JOURNAL, published by MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155. My monthly column in that journal is anything but "parochial and conventional".

Regarding his comments on the AF-CIA joint research on 50-55 computer-analyzed photos of UFOs in flight (none of which have been released to the public), it is entirely possible, as Mr. Kaneko suggests, that these "craft" were photographed in a temporarily physical state, but are not extraterrestrial as we commonly think of the term. The majority of UFOs *do* seem to fall into the class of "temporarily physical", though I think we must *logically* leave room for the possibility that some UFOs exist in our own space-time as we ourselves do, for this would be necessary to explain the crashed saucers and frozen alien bodies which seem to be secreted in the US government private storehouses.

The main difference between us seems to be that Mr. Kaneko has convictions that a neutral Paraphysical Intelligence is responsible for all UFO manifestations. I feel that the omniscient, omnipotent Being which we in the Western World call God is ultimately the Cause of all phenomenon, UFO or otherwise, but that there are many orders of beings in the scale of creation between Man and God, just as there are many orders of beings between man and inanimate objects. Some of these creatures, superior to ourselves by reason of being less material and more paraphysical, seem to be involved in the UFO phenomenon.

All researchers cannot think exactly the same about a mystery as involved and shrouded as UFOs. Mr. Kaneko is entitled to his opinions, as I am entitled to mine. We are all searching for the truth. I appreciate the chance to correspond with Mr. Kaneko via this column, for it is only by extended conversation that we can see we are all objectively seeking answers, and that the eventual conclusions will probably encompass all our ideas in some way which is not yet fully understood.

With best regards,
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August 21, 1982

The Claims of Herr Meier

Dear Sir, — In your Bookshelf No. 14 (FSR Vol. 27, No. 6) you mention *The Meier Incident* by Kal K. Korff of Ground Saucer Watch, and state “Meier’s American supporters who originally accepted his wild stories and cleverly faked pictures and are now seen wriggling about trying to unhook themselves.” This claim is not supported by facts! Indeed, only recently I met these American supporters, mainly Lt. Col. Wendelle C. Stevens, Thomas K. Welch, Lee J. Elders and his wife Brit Nilsson-Elders. Far from trying to unhook themselves, they arrived here with a movie crew from Hollywood, and they shot a film about Billy Meier.

I also understand they went to Court against Ground Saucer Watch and won their case.

Another recent visitor to Billy Meier was Shirley Maclaine whose new book, *Out on a Limb*, will hit the bookshops in January. I’m sure she will mention her visit and give her opinion about this case.

I have just finished reading a very interesting book entitled *The Prophecies of Pope John XXIII* (original version is *Le Profezie di Papa Giovanni*, by Pier Carpi) which contains the following sensational prophecy — especially if we consider that it dates from the year 1935:-

“The signs are increasing. The lights in the sky appear red, blue and green, rapidly. They will grow. Someone comes from afar and wants to meet the people of Earth. Meetings have already taken place. But those who really saw, remained silent.”

Undoubtedly many hoaxers have entered the UFO field, but in view of the above prophecy, I think that among the many hoaxers there may also be a few genuine ones.

Sincerely yours,
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Grave Doubts about Retrievals of the Third Kind

Dear Sir, — I am very skeptical of Leonard H. Stringfield’s allegations about “Retrievals of the Third Kind”

(FSR 28-1) for the following reasons:

1) Within our Solar System, the Earth is the only life-bearing planet.

2) Any visits by extraterrestrials coming from other star systems by means of *crashable nuts-and-bolts* spacecraft are precluded not only by Einstein’s theory of relativity but also by the impossibility of their ever identifying our Sun among the 250 billion stars that compose the Milky Way galaxy.

3) The UFO phenomenon is worldwide. How come then the alleged UFO crashes have occurred exclusively in or near the United States? What about the rest of the world?

4) If the crashes were indeed real, then the US would have made immeasurable advances in science and technology by studying the crashed UFOs and their dead occupants. The US would then have achieved such overwhelming superiority in all fields over the USSR and the rest of the world that US foreign policy would be entirely different. For instance, the US would not be wasting its time on SALT talks with the USSR.

5) By the very nature of his job, the US President has access to all top-secret information, including any alleged UFO crashes. How then can one explain the patently absurd fact that, in 1977, Jimmy Carter officially requested NASA to activate UFO research? NASA, of course, refused.

6) There is nothing to substantiate the anonymous death threats which L. H. Stringfield claims to have received after delivering his MUFON paper. After all, he is still alive.

7) There is nothing to prove that his “sources” are reliable or even real. It is easy to make them “vanish without a trace”, if they never existed in the first place.

8) If his “sources” are indeed real, then he must have been fooled by a grand hoax staged by the US authorities or the UFO phenomenon itself — something akin to the notorious Ummo affair.

Yours sincerely,
Julian H. Kaneko,
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September 3, 1982

[Who says the alleged UFO retrievals “have occurred exclusively in or near the United States”? — ED]

Gerald Light

Dear Sir, — Your footnote “13” in *FSR v 27* 4 is incorrect in listing Gerald Light as a “prominent” American. Beyond this one famous letter, originally printed by the Borderland Science Research Associates, nothing is known of Mr. Light. BSRA is a fairly far out group, even by Adamski standards, receiving messages from the “Inner Council” since 1946 through (principally) trance medium Mark Probert. [*Flying Saucer Pilgrimage* by Bryant and Helen Reeve devotes chapters 17 & 18 to the group].

Given Ike’s subsequent medical history, a reasonable explanation for “vanishing” would be a slight heart irregularity. Mr. Light’s letter is printed — apparently in full — on pages 116-118 of *The Roswell Incident*. You will note that the luminaries are given a scrutiny of “six hours” after arriving at the base. This is not the way it’s done.

And especially not to Cardinal McIntyre!

There is only room to briefly note how unfortunate it is that the Soviet material is available only through a tabloid lens.

Yours truly,
William H. Banks,
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Oakland, Ca. 94610, USA
June 22, 1982

[It looks very much as though ALL material about UFOs is only available nowadays in the USA “through a tabloid lens”, because the allegedly more reputable and bigger papers have stopped printing anything on the subject! Maybe Mr. Banks can get this state of affairs altered? Meanwhile FSR, as a forum of discussion, will continue to seek as much ventilation of our subject as possible by publishing UFO reports from as wide an area as possible. It is up to readers to produce their proof that what is said by a tabloid is necessarily any falser than what is said elsewhere. — EDITOR]

World round-up

of news and comment
about recent sightings

England

Clent Hills, West Midlands.

At 12.45 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, 1982 a thirteen-year-old schoolboy, Michael Jones, observed a strange diamond- or lozenge-shaped object moving steadily westwards over the Clent Hills, "at about twice their height" (hills are over 1,000 ft. high). Using binoculars he was able to see that its shape resembled "two casserole dishes joined together, the top one silver, the bottom one red". He could not estimate its speed or its distance, but thought it might be about 10 ft. thick and between 20 and 30 ft. long. It was a very warm, clear day, with no wind. He detected no sound from it. The most extraordinary feature of it was that the object was spinning, "moving in various directions as if on a spindle". It gave the impression of being solid, metallic. Total viewing time: a little over two or three minutes.

Credit to percipient Michael Jones and investigator Raymond E. Cox (BUFORA) who visited him and compiled the report.

Canada

La Presse (Quebec, French Canada) of July 24, 1982, reported that Stéphane Lebeau, aged 16, and Michel Cousineau and another youth and a 25-year-old woman named Denise Labre had seen a UFO, as big as a large helicopter, hanging silently or flying around at a height of 200 ft. above a nearby field at 2.00 a.m., at Sainte-Dorothée, near Laval. The object was projecting a powerful beam of white light down on to the field, and it bore all around its edges coloured lights which, flashing in sequence, gave the impression that it was rotating. After emitting a dull sound it then vanished from sight behind buildings.

Shortly after returning to their tent, the youths heard strange sounds which they described as "electronic beeps". Going out again and sweeping the maize field with a pocket torch, they caught sight of a face. François Cousineau then arrived with a more powerful spotlight, with the aid of which an entity was seen again. Said

Stéphane Lebeau: "It was five or six feet high, with a huge brown head, and orange eyes, bigger than ours". Movement was heard in the maize, and what seemed like a sudden whirlwind enveloped them in dust. The whole party were seized simultaneously with stomach pains and fled into the house which was close by. Denise Labre, who works at night on ambulances, confirmed to the press that the youths were white with terror.

Credit: R.W.J. Anstee, Montreal.

Sweden

According to a report in the autumn of 1980 in the Swedish newspaper *Norrländska Social-Demokraten*, on the night of September 5/6, 1980, two fishermen were out in their boat off Likskär and Sandöklubben (Luleå Archipelago, at top of the Gulf of Bothnia, north-eastern Sweden) when a huge glowing sphere appeared and appeared to land at Klubbviken after flying around in the sky over their boat a number of times. They spoke of seeing a row of glowing windows. Subsequently they found huge tracks on the beach at Klubbviken, like the tracks of a caterpillar tractor, but the strange part about it was that these tracks began suddenly in the sand and ended suddenly, (as might be expected of something that had come down there from the sky and taken off again). The fishermen said a small piece of rock fell in their boat and Swedish geological authorities have ruled that it is of volcanic origin.

Credit: Ake Franzén of Skärholmen, Sweden.

Maine, USA

"Killer UFO prowls sky above terrorized farming community."

Under this headline the *Weekly World News* (August 2, 1982) published in California, carries an article by Joe Berger about events allegedly occurring in a hilly, lightly populated rural area around Starks, in Somerset County, Maine, (far N.E. of the U.S.A.).

Bud Hendsbee, aged 54, a veteran member of the police force, claimed a UFO "as big as a house and ablaze with blinding lights" had forced his pickup truck off a hill, and said the thing had been hanging around in that area for months past. He said: "Whatever it was, it was the most incredible thing I have ever seen. It made damn sure we didn't get over that hill! It hovered there in the air and beamed a light at us that was so bright it lit up the whole hill. Every time we started up the hill, it came right at us and drove us back. It was something I hope I never run into again."

Hendsbee, a Somerset County sheriff's deputy for 23 years, was driving home with his wife from a restaurant when they saw the terrifying craft. "When we came to this hill on Route 43, we saw this glaring ball of light hanging there, very still, in mid-air. The beam came through our windshield so bright we could barely see. Three times we tried to go over that hill, and every time it wouldn't let us by. It was about as high as the top of a power-pole, but the light was so tremendous that we could not make out the actual object itself. Finally, we managed to turn around and head for home another way — and, believe me — we were happy to get out of there."

Somerset County Sheriff Bill Wright said he was certain that Bud Hendsbee and his wife Helen were telling the truth about their encounter. He said: "I know these people too well, and I know they'd never make up a story like that — I wouldn't even consider the possibility. Bud doesn't drink, won't touch a drop of it, and he's too old to smoke wacky weed, so I'm sure what he said happened really did happen. We've been getting reports like this for some time now."

A few hours later, Kimberley Landry, a 24-year old nurse and mother of two, died when her speeding car crashed off the road in the same area into heavy trees. Investigators believe a UFO may have been pursuing her, for otherwise why on earth would she have been wearing sunglasses in the dead of night? The dead woman knew the road well and

had not been drinking.

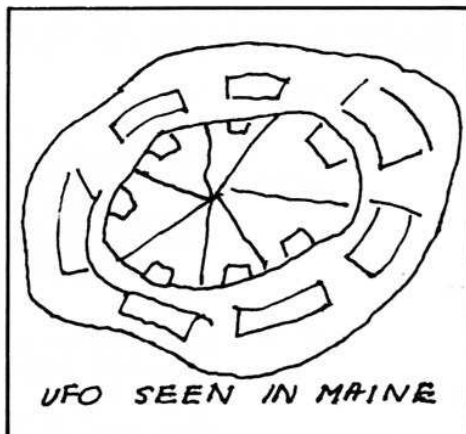
According to Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Centre (Seattle), for months past encounters with UFOs have been frequent in the hilly, sparsely settled areas of Maine. Lloyd Haggart, an electronics engineer and member of the Paranormal Phenomena Research Group agreed and said: "The practical data and the technical data all seem to indicate that these are legitimate UFO sightings".

An ironworker, Kenos Henry, says that the terrifying UFO has zoomed so often over his home that he is now too frightened to stay in it after dark. "The thing just doesn't want to leave me alone, and it has my dog scared to death," said Kenos, aged 26. "One night it came right over my house so close that I felt like I could almost reach out and touch it. It was big, and looked like two half-spheres with bright lights that seemed to stretch up and down. Those lights had a silver centre, and as it got real close I could see it also had spinning red and blue lights. I ran to my car and got out of there and never looked back. I know people are going to say that I'm nuts, but I'm not crazy, and I wasn't drunk. I know that thing was there."

Three other young adults — Arti Corrieri, Mike Daigle, and Lisa Preble, all residents of Starks, Maine, also encountered the mysterious phenomenon near the very spot where the Hendsbees had their ordeal. Said Mike Daigle, a 25-year-old sawmill worker: "Its lights were terrifying, and it wasn't going to let us up that hill — and I have no idea why! We were shaking in our boots when that unbelievable beam of light focused on us. We left in a hurry, because, whatever it was, it wasn't playing around."

One woman resident of the small town said that almost the entire population of the place had seen the bizarre craft, but that many are reluctant to talk about their hair-raising experiences. "They are afraid they will be ridiculed," she said.

Credit: Gerald Garces, of Rialto, Calif., who expresses much anxiety about this report and links it with the Brazilian report (FSR Vol.27, No.5, page 5) that four hunters had been killed by UFOs.



Comment.

This is the sketch made by one of the young witnesses in Maine, as reproduced in the newspaper quoted from above. It may be thought somewhat reminiscent of the drawing by the Brazilian bank official Filomeno Bida de Oliveira after he had had a particularly nasty experience with one of these things which came and hovered about 50 metres above his head when he was on a fishing expedition in the State of Minas Geraes on August 17, 1965. (See *Mysterious Physiological Effects of Flying Saucers*, in FSR Vol.13, No.4).

Incidentally it may be of interest to some readers to know that Starks is not so very far from the spot where, on the night of September 19, 1961, Barney and Betty Hill had *their* little frolic. (With a team from Plesetsk, no doubt.) Like FSR reader Gerald Garces, I have no great predilection for UFOs, judging by what I have learnt about them so far. So, for Mr. Garces' sake, and for the sake of all the good folk of Maine, I only hope that the gentlemen from CSICOP are right. If CSICOP are right, the next time something unpleasant turns up over Maine the people there will be able to sleep on peacefully in the blissful knowledge that it is only those pesky Soviets from Plesetsk at it again. — G.C.

Japan

The *Daily Yomiuri* (English-language paper in Tokyo), August 5, 1982, carried an AFP report from Jakarta that a retired Indonesian Air Force pilot had seen two "flying saucers" hovering over the Galunggung

Volcano in Western Java on the night of July 22, 1982.

The pilot, Lt. Col. J. Sumarsono (ret.), aged 66, told the daily paper *Terbit* that he saw the two radiant reddish-yellow objects in the evening, coming in at a fast speed from the direction of Jakarta. They hovered for about ten minutes over the Galunggung Volcano (which is still active) before disappearing rapidly.

As he watched the two objects from his home at Bandung, he said large numbers of other people also came out of their homes and observed them.

Credit: Y.J. Matsumura, CBA International, Japan.

Tibet

According to a UPI report from Peking in the *Sunday Sun-Times* (Chicago ?) for September 13, 1981, Chinese officials believed a UFO seen over Tibet on July 24 of that year might have been identical with one seen a few hours later above San Diego, half way around the world.

Said a Chinese Xinhua News Agency report of August 5 from Washington:— "The observation of the identical UFO on the opposite side of the Earth on the same day provides a clue for exploring the UFO Puzzle". The report went on to say that a bright object surrounded by a ring of blue-white light had been seen over Tibet some 11 days earlier. The light of the object was said to be of variable brightness, dimming and then flaring up again. The Chinese agency quoted the UFO Education Center (sic) in Valley City, Calif., as reporting that an American technician witnessed a similar object on the same night. "It was round or slightly egg-shaped in the centre, with well-defined Saturn-like rings", he was quoted as saying. "The ring closest to the craft was an intense blue-white, something like hot metal".

The Chinese said the two reports from the two locations, Tibet and USA, "were similar in terms of shape, colour of the light, estimated diameter of the rings, sound, and duration of the observation".

Credit: Pierre G. Rothstein, Skokie, Illinois, USA.