

be a bright star — but then it descended and hovered over the two terrified men, focusing its light on Boro.

“When it descended it was so bright that night became day,” Ferreira told *The Enquirer*. “I got frightened and climbed down from the tree I was in — my favourite hunting spot.

“The UFO cruised around us and stopped right above the tree Abel was in. It was like a giant truck tire, all lit up and spinning around and doing something bad to Abel, because he was shaking with fear.

“I decided to run for help, but then I heard the screams from Abel. I turned around and saw all that light from the UFO was surrounding him and his body was all glittering.

“I don’t know how I managed to run, but I got home and passed out. The next morning I went to Abel’s house and he hadn’t come home. His family and I went to the spot (where he had last seen Abel) and there he was — dead. His body was all white.

He didn’t have a drop of blood in him. The UFO — it sucked Abel’s life, like a space vampire.”

The next report told how Anastacio Barbosa stated that he and his friend Raimundo Souza ran for their lives when a large object dropped from the sky and beamed a light at them in the woodlands. Raimundo tripped and fell, and before he could rise the light focussed on him. Barbosa prayed, and ran. Raimundo’s body was found next morning: it was totally white.

The third victim was José Vitorio, who was lying in a hammock in the woods, with his hunting companion nearby. Suddenly a flying object descended over the hammock and shone brightly. The companion ran for help, but when they returned Vitorio was found to be dead.

The witness to the fourth killing was José dos Santos who fired five shots at a UFO which, he alleged, was chasing him. He contrived to escape.

Dos Santos had seen a friend working at the top of a hill when an object appeared and shone a beam of light at him. Said Santos: “He received a shock and came rolling down the hill. He went crazy for three days. He was terrorised. Then he died.”

Credit: **Gerald Garces** of Rialto, California.

*[Our only wish is that responsible local investigators could double-check such a seemingly crazy story. There is evidence in the “Enquirer” account of much hysteria in the town, and among its officials, and we are left with a suspicion that the police chief supports the UFO theory either as a cover for his actual line of enquiry, or because he has no other ideas. The main difficulty, of course, is that enormous distances are involved, even for Brazilian investigators who, if they were based in Rio de Janeiro, would be faced with a journey of about 1200 miles each way, and into some pretty wild country, — EDITOR.]*

# 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.**

## UFO flap in Turkey

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Since mid-December 1981 a major UFO-flap has been occurring over Turkey. As this phenomenon is still continuing with most interesting sightings being reported from certain regions of Turkey nearly every day, I have not been able as yet to finalise its documentation. Therefore for the present I can

only give you an outline of the said flap in the form of a list of sightings.

Although the UFO-flap has stirred much excitement among the Turkish people, and the state officials at Aksaray, Niğde called for a thorough scientific investigation at the site, on January 14 two scientists tried to deny the phenomenon on TV without even taking the trouble to visit the locations. And just before the scientists’

TV interview began, a UFO appeared over Havsa, Edirne, and next day, as listed above, three sightings occurred one after another in central, western and north-western Turkey. In the long run I hope to document the Turkish flap in detail, and send you a copy of my report.

This UFO-flap is certainly related to the Supreme Function Turkey is going to carry out in the very near

Date	Location	Time	Brief Info
from 15 Dec '81 till 9 Jan '82	Aksaray, Niğde	mostly around 7.30 pm	mostly a bright egg-shaped object
late Dec '81	Mugla	?	— — —
1 Jan '82	Adana airport	7.00 pm	Saucer-shaped
4 Jan '82	Istanbul	11.30 pm	Alt: 100 m. — Green
6 Jan '82	Eceabat, Canakkale	?	Bright objects
10 Jan '82 and 14 Jan '82	Havsa, Edirne	around 9.30 pm	Egg-shaped at 500 m. Mushroom shaped
15 Jan '82	a-) Niğde b-) Havsa c-) Izmir	7.30 pm 9.30 pm 11.30 pm	Elliptical Two bright objects Flaming object

future. Please watch out for the events and phenomena due to occur in and over Turkey.

Yours sincerely,  
**Halûk Sarıkaya, the Director,**  
Science Research Center,  
Istanbul,  
Turkey  
January 18, 1982

**A little good news is as good as a tonic!**

Dear Sir, — Enclosed is a cheque from a colleague who has finally decided to buy his own copies as a result of reading the appeal in one of the recent issues of F.S.R. It may be worth repeating it. Perhaps if you asked for suggestions from regular readers you may receive some that have real merit. Yours faithfully,

**A. Smith,**  
Aberdeen,  
Scotland  
January 18, 1982

*[Welcome to the colleague! Meanwhile, any suggestions from regular readers? — ED.]*

**A thought for this issue**

Dear Mr. Bowen, — The group of people who will first manage to harness the fear of cosmic forces, and emotions surrounding UFO contact, to a political purpose, will be able to exert incredible spiritual blackmail.

I hope that FSR will report on the events in Brazil in a future issue.

Our friends in Parnarama may be trying to put something over on us. Could this be a re-enactment of the "UMMO Affair"?

Yours sincerely,  
**Jerry Garces,**  
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January 29, 1982

*[The alleged encounters at Parnarama, State of Maranhão, Brazil, are included in our World Round-Up column elsewhere in this issue — ED.]*

**Corrections from  
Dr. P. M. H. Edwards**

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Might I just point out three small errata? —

1. Page 8, line 28 right side, please change "another-craft" to read:

"mother-craft."

2. Page 9, line 55 left side, please add the word "to" at the beginning of the line, — to make sense.

3. Page 11, line 10 right side, it says: "(see arrows on diagram)"; but you or someone omitted to print Grant's diagram of the "interior of the circular room in which he found himself, in his dream"; so those words in parentheses refer to a non-diagram!

Yours sincerely,  
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February 11, 1982

*[I regret the fact that the phrase "see arrows on diagram" was not deleted. The diagram was omitted for two good reasons: first there were considerations of space availability; secondly, I found it rather complicated and confusing, and as both our available artists were out of action at the same time, and the task was left to me, I decided to leave well alone and rely on the written word! — EDITOR]*

**The Rendlesham affair and  
the "recession in UFO reporting".  
Also the Hastings UFO Explanation**

Dear Sir, — I wish to comment on two items in the current issue of FSR (Vol. 27, No. 4).

On page 21 Gordon Creighton adds a footnote to the Juan Benítez article on 1980 Spanish cases requesting to know where the evidence is for a December 1980 British UFO wave. I would refer Gordon to my "A Policeman's Lot" article in FSR Vol. 27, No. 2, where I make reference to the period November 21 to 28, which seems to have been the focus of the wave so far as Britain is concerned. During that period (unparalleled in my recollection as an active investigator) a remarkable number of high strangeness cases were squeezed into a few days. They included two contact cases (the only ones in 1980), a radar-visual over Flyingdales early warning station, two chases (one involving police across several counties), an object over a North Sea Oil Rig and an EM interference/animal disturbance low level object in the East Midlands. Some of these have been in FSR, others will no doubt appear in due course. In December itself, there was relatively little activity but there was the intriguing affair at Rendlesham Forest.\*

In my opinion this burst of activity is exceedingly important for several reasons. Firstly, there was *no* media stimulus for it. The fact that a knowledgeable (but not investigative) ufologist, such as Gordon, had no inkling that a mini-wave had occurred, proves the point in itself. What is more it came during a year when UFO sightings were almost non-existent (about 150% fewer than in a mundane previous year). Almost all the important UFO events to occur in Britain during that year (and for most of 1981 for that matter) were sandwiched into this tiny time slot.‡ It can scarcely be coincidence, I would argue. And I would like to see a sociological or psychological theory that can explain it too! In my current writing project, *UFO Reality*, I make play on this fact, suggesting that it is truly one of the most significant pieces of evidence we have of a genuine *external* enigma. For this kind of mini-wave has happened before and is never recognised until afterwards. I coined the term "Crazy Days" to cover such eventualities. If, as Juan Benítez says, the phenomenon was repeated in other parts of northern Europe then the importance is doubly emphasised. Would Sr. Benítez care to produce a report on the progress of this wave for FSR? I might then produce one on the pattern of the UK "Crazy Days." The comparison would be rather interesting, and I think rather important.

Secondly, I would refer to reader Mrs. P. M. Tustin's letter and press cutting about the Royal Greenwich Observatory and their "explanations" of UFO reports, in particular the case of October 4, 1981, from Hastings, reproduced in FSR on page 25.

It might interest Mrs. Tustin, and other readers, to know that not everyone at Greenwich seeks to cast doubt on ufology. Indeed I do not know if anyone does. For Phillip Taylor, one of the scientists there, is in fact a UFOIN investigator! Phillip (no relation to the Taylor cited in the newspaper item) investigated this case for us and produced a marvellous case study which proves beyond all reasonable doubt that the two women *did* view the moon (just as his Greenwich colleague had admittedly "guessed", when asked for an "instant quote" by the press). Phil finds this conclusion hard to understand, to say the least, because the case is a complex one with severe physiological effects. Neither witness believes him, of

course. But the facts of the matter give no room for doubt. His investigation is actually of considerable importance to ufology (and will be published somewhere I trust). For it throws into doubt the whole question of the UFO/IFO interface and leaves me just as baffled as Phil as to *how* the moon can conceivably lead to such a fantastic observation. I doubt very much that the answer is as simple as some sceptics would like us to believe.

Finally, I would express my appreciation (on behalf of many British investigators I am sure) of Charles Gibbs-Smith and his work. His loss deepens the sadness of an already sad year, for late 1981 also saw Britain lose Dr. Geoffrey Doel, for a long time a faithful servant to scientific ufology in this country.

Yours sincerely,  
**Jenny Randles,**  
Birchwood,  
Cheshire  
February 3, 1982

#### Editor's notes

*\*This will be included in (probably) the next issue of FSR, when the heavy*

*volume of sub-editing that is needed can be undertaken.*

*‡I suggest, with all due respect, that all this would seem to confirm everything Gordon Creighton and I have been saying, or writing, during the past two years; it certainly doesn't refute it.*

#### On sawn-off "cigars"

Dear Sir, — I very much enjoy Mr. Creighton's articles in FSR. He does so much for Ufology by being able to translate from so many languages.

I have just read his article *A Gigantic "Cigar" over the Atlantic*, (FSR Vol. 27, No. 3). I have had about five reports from people who described long cylinders with "cut-off" ends, which they thought were anything from 400 ft to over 1,000 ft in length.

The report which I think would interest you most was given to me by a Mrs. Watt-Preen. This lady's mother was aged 93 when I interviewed them both in Sussex. In 1903, in the old days of the British *Raj* in India, the mother was living in a bungalow on the Nilgiri Hills in south-western India. She told me how, at about 2.00

p.m. on a very sunny, warm, clear day, she was standing on her verandah when "... a long, long cigar-shaped gleaming craft sailed majestically past the house. Along the entire length of the centre part of the machine were white railings. It passed over the garden, and quite close to the verandah."

Another report of a "cigar-shaped craft" came from a Mr. Roger King whom I met around 1962-1964. He told me that at dusk on July 17 or 18, 1955 he had been taking his dog for a walk through fields, woods, and open countryside near his home at Meopham, Kent, when he suddenly began to feel uneasy, "as though being watched." Then he noticed that the hairs on the dog were standing up stiff. He looked around and up, and there, to his horror, was a long cigar-shaped craft with "rounded, squarish" windows along its full length, which he estimated to be more than one and a half times the length of a field — about 300 to 400 ft, he thought. He could see at the windows the shadowy figures of beings seemingly watching

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## A 1949 BRAZILIAN CONTACTEE — Part 1

*Richard W. Heiden*

**The claims of Senhor Restier, eyed suspiciously by researchers, were first presented in FSR Vol. 22, No. 4, in a short item by Gordon Creighton based on a newspaper report, and entitled "Soaking wet 'space flight.'" The detail was far from complete, and even date and place were not known.**

**T**HE witness in this interesting case was a 23-year-old bachelor named Mário Restier, who lived and studied in Barra Mansa, in the Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro. Although it took place back in 1949, the incident was not made public until 18 years later, and the full story has not been told in English until now.

Mário was returning home from his father's place in Volta Redonda (also in the state of Rio de Janeiro) on the afternoon of December 4, 1949. He had not gone too far when, at 5.00 o'clock, he noticed a discoidal object 15 metres in diameter and 12 metres tall. It was silently flying over a group of trees, to land 10-15 metres from the highway. Surprised, he was even more startled to hear a voice saying (in Portuguese) "Don't be afraid. Do you want to know what it is? We know that you trust us."

As Mário approached (he realised he would not be able to escape anyway), a door in the craft opened and two crew members, about his height (just over 1.65 metres) appeared and beckoned to him in a friendly

manner, as if inviting him to enter. They had a type of Roman skirt, and a round cap or helmet covered their heads.

The first thing that Mário asked them was if they believed in God, to which they immediately replied, "God is only one." Having more courage, the young man entered the saucer, being led through a corridor to a room with panels full of screens, squares, and buttons. When some of these buttons were pushed, diagrams appeared in the luminous phosphorescent squares that explained the locomotion of the space ship.

They invited him to take a trip. Mário responded that he would accept on the condition that they bring him back safe and sound. They agreed, and put him, dressed as he was, in a type of urn or bathtub, full of a liquid they said would eliminate the discomfort of large accelerations and also nourish the body. Only his eyes and nose stayed out of the liquid.<sup>1</sup>

Hearing the crew say they were going to take off,

Mário quickly fell asleep. When he woke up they told him they were already arriving. They asked him to come out of the urn, and took him to an adjoining compartment, where his soaked clothing and wet body immediately dried, as though by magic. They gave him to wear the same type of clothing as they had (which caused a very pleasant sensation on the body), and also identical shoes, which had wires connected to a wide belt that formed part of the clothes.<sup>2</sup>

Looking out one of the portholes, Mário saw that they were arriving at a type of space-port, from which were coming and going ships just like the one that had brought him. He looked around at his travelling companions and was startled to see them seated on a sofa, with heads and trunks bent forward, motionless, completely "switched off," as if they were two dolls.

At that moment the door opened and some people, kind and smiling, greeted him, uttering with a musical voice Portuguese phrases like "We are pleased with your coming . . . You are the third . . . We are at your service!" It was explained to him that they learned our languages by picking up our radio and television transmissions. The people were all tall, between 1.80 metres and 2 metres in height, and radiated good health, good humour, and happiness, so he was sure they were flesh-and-blood beings, and not robots like the other ones. They were dressed like the two robots, however, in greenish-coloured outfits with a wide pocket on the left side.

They took Mário to visit some factories and various stores. He walked on the streets, but during the stroll he saw people also walking some 10 metres up in the air. The clothing of these people was between blue and green in colour. The eyes (which were black or green) and nose of the residents of the planet were normal. They had small mouths; Mário did not take notice of any teeth. They lacked body hair, and wore a type of cap on their heads. The percipient saw pretty-looking women and also children, whose hands were always held by adults — he did not see any children playing by themselves. Vehicles glided on suspended roads.

Mário entered a large museum where there was a

room reserved for the planet Earth, which, strangely enough, was labelled "EARTH" in Portuguese ("TERRA," which is also the Latin word), next to which was a word in the language of the planet. They pushed some buttons, projecting on a screen images related to earthlings — our character, our feelings of ambition and violence, and our level of evolution. They told him that thousands of millions of years ago Earth had been near their planet. When an enormous celestial body approached, Earth was taken away to another solar system. They also said that their world was near the constellation Orion (our name for it), and that Russian astronomers had already located it.

They answered Mário's questions by saying that Einstein's theory is correct, but with some small restrictions: that the Universe was finite and space was curved; in their vehicles they could not travel straight nor leave Space, which, however, could be accomplished by the "vital energy of the body" (which Mário thought might mean the soul). They also spoke of the possibility of "several vital cycles," which he interpreted as a possible reference to reincarnation.

Gigantic transparent domes, through which was seen a blue sky, completely covered the city. No sun was seen, but there was a diffused illumination that seemed natural. The average life span of the people there was 300 Earth-years, because they ate purified food that did not leave residues. Mário ate some in a meal in a small room in one of the factories — it tasted like candied squash.

#### Notes

1. Cf. Betty Andreasson. See Raymond E. Fowler, *The Andreasson Affair*, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1979, pp. 71-72.
2. Cf. "Tiny" the MIB, reported by John A. Keel. See Keel's article in *Flying Saucer Review* special issue no. 2 (June 1969), "Beyond Condon . . ." p. 60, and his book *The Mothman Prophecies*, Saturday Review Press (E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc.), New York, 1975, p. 91. Also Ivan T. Sanderson, *Uninvited Visitors*, Cowles Education Corporation, New York, 1967, p. 163.

[This article will be concluded in our next issue — ED]

## MAIL BAG

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him, and light was beaming down from the windows. The object was only about 100 ft above him, and it followed silently as he and his dog ran for dear life across the fields, over a stile, and across a road and up the slope of Meopham Green to his house, "The Old Forge." As he and the dog stumbled in through the door, the

machine was right over some of the houses on the Green. Mr. King said he drew all the curtains and hid in terror. He was quite alone in the house at the time.

A further local account of large cigar-shaped objects came to me from Mr. Ronald Neal of Swanley, Kent, who reported that, also on July 17, 1955, he (aged 15 at the time) had been playing a ball game with his friend Colin Drayton (aged 10 at the time) when they saw "two enormous

cigars" high in the sky, being circled by six smaller craft, all also cigar-shaped. The two boys had stood for a while, watching the scene, until finally all eight objects had climbed so high that they were lost to sight.

Yours faithfully,  
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