

ANOTHER AMERICAN "BOOMERANG" REPORT FROM 1981

In FSR 30/3 and 31/3 we published lengthy accounts of the huge "boomerang" craft allegedly seen by between 30,000 and 50,000 people in New York State over the period 1983-1985. In 31/1 we also gave Antonio Ribera's report on a similar sighting from Cataluña in 1984.

Several readers have now pointed out that, when we are considering "boomerangs", the famous "*Lubbock Lights*" of August 21, 1951, should not be overlooked, and we entirely agree, and we hope to be able to say more on this matter in due course.

In the meantime, we recall yet another interesting and well-known American "boomerang" case from 1981, when a huge object of this type is said to have swooped down over a factory. The details of the affair are as follows:—

Workers on a repair gang at the Morenci copper-smelting plant in Arizona claim a massive spacecraft swooped on the factory in January 1981. It seemed to be examining one of the two 650-foot smokestacks by beaming a light ray down on it.

The four men who were repairing the other stack said the UFO was shaped like a boomerang, *and as big as four football fields*. It had 12 small red lights on its surface, in addition to a large white searchlight beam underneath.

"It just sort of stopped in mid-air above the smokestack and shone the big light right into it", said workman Randel Rogers, 20. His colleague Larry Mortensen added: "I have never seen an airplane hover like that. I got the feeling that it wasn't aggressive. Certainly it did nothing to frighten us. Whoever was in it was friendly."

A third member of the gang, Kent Davis, said that during the craft's examination of the stack, one of the red lights at the edge of the 'boomerang' suddenly

darted away at fantastic speed, returning after a few moments. The whole object then turned, without warning, and shot off like a rocket.

The UFO was also seen by 100 members of a high school marching band who were holding a practice session on the football field of Morenci High School, just over a mile away. Director Bruce Smith said: "I looked up and saw all these lights in the shape of a V. There was no sound. It hovered for a few minutes, then disappeared high into the sky".

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Dr Hynek: A Correction

Dear Editor, — Your issue No. 31/5 was one of the most interesting you have produced — articles as well as Editorial. I was especially interested in the photographs and analysis of the "rings" (Pat Delgado), and in Dr Sarbacher's letter.

However, in the letter from me about Dr Hynek, printed on page 28 of that issue, there is a slight mix-up, due, I suppose, to my obscure "Frenghish". What I had meant to say was, of course, that (1) when visiting Dr Hynek at his home in Evanston, I saw him at the Dearborn Observatory — the one near the lake — of which he was the Director. And (2) he also took me to the Yerkes Observatory, the one with the huge lens-telescope (which is an entirely different observ-

atory) where he was attending a conference.

While Hynek was in the conference, I was left alone inside the cupola of the Yerkes telescope, and thus it was that I had the opportunity to examine in detail the wonderful old machine. It was a great moment in my memory.

Yours ever,
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France.

August 20, 1986.

The Mystery Swirled Rings (1985)

Dear Editor, — As you will recall, I visited the site at Alresford with you* in the summer of 1985 soon after the rings there had appeared. I was greatly impressed by the formation, and am certain that this is a phenomenon of no known cause. The pho-

tographs in FSR 31/5 are excellent, and could not be bettered — (even by the M.O.D.).

These circles could not be produced by natural causes. *Whirlwinds (or "wind devils") only occur in hot conditions and in daylight — they are never seen at night.*

Helicopters would cause the plants below to be bent straight out from the centre equally all round — like the spokes of a wheel.

Jet machines, hovering, would leave an area of "scorched plants", and sometimes droplets of paraffin appear on the ground below.

Other alleged causes are trailing cables or anchors of balloons. The effect of these would be totally different from the circles.

Moles (another alleged cause!) produce tiny hummocks!

Archaeological sites are marked by changes in the colour of vegetation.

As for whirlwinds, these would only produce irregular areas of flattening in the line of movement.

I rule out hoaxes emphatically, as these circles could not be produced by any known mechanism.

Yours,
(Dr.) Bernard E. Finch,
(FSR Consultant),
851 Finchley Road,
London, N.W.11
August 12, 1986.

* See photograph on page 26 of FSR 31/1. EDITOR

Quantum Mechanics, etc.!

Dear Gordon Creighton, — Phyllis D. Hall and I enjoyed very much Paul Whitehead's article on Quantum Mechanics in FSR Vol. 31, No. 1, but he failed to make the important distinction between thought generating matter, or matter generating thought. The same holds true for the writings of Dr. Fred Alan Wolf, the theoretical physicist whom Whitehead quotes in his article. So I'm taking the liberty of enclosing an article,* *Quantum Consciousness, A Trap for the Unwary*, embracing my own thoughts on the subject — a good follow-up on Whitehead's work. I hope you find it interesting and useful.

Those of your readers who are not afraid of occult science should find the Diagram II Chart of great interest, in suggesting that flying saucers travel between planets.

Yours sincerely,
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Orewa, Hibiscus Coast,
New Zealand.
May 16, 1986.

*Phew! — I have some knowledge myself of the Kabbalah and of these etherial speculations of the Theosophists, but I fear that the "Evolutionary Chains" of "Man, Whence, How, and Whither" would be rather heavy going for the majority of our readers, and in any case pressure on space precludes our publishing it at present. — EDITOR.

The Jinn and the Dolmen

Dear Mr Creighton, — Having read "The Jinn & the Dolmen" (FSR 31/4), I pondered for a while on the likelihood of the basic facts of that report being true.

I received the one word: "FAKE"*.
Best wishes,
Sincerely,
A.G.E. Mobey,
54 Kingston Road,
Ewell,
Epsom, Surrey.
June 19, 1986.

* A nice *comforting* solution which no doubt many of our readers will rush to embrace. EDITOR

From a good friend and supporter of FSR

Dear Gordon Creighton, — Hurrahs and bravos for your article in FSR 31/2, "The Bagshot Heath Case in the British Press". Well — I will answer your "call to arms" with my obvious renewal, plus two new subscriptions for my friends, which I enclose herewith.

Yours sincerely,
James Ross (FSR reader since 1967),
307 Martin Avenue,
Pittsburgh, PA 15216,
U.S.A.
February 26, 1986.

Another Letter from a Friend in the U.S.S.R.

Dear Mr Creighton, — I was much glad to see my letter published in your splendid journal (Vol. 30, No. 3). Though no foreign publisher has yet responded to the advertisement for the book by Dr A.D. Ursul and myself, "The Problem of Extraterrestrial Civilizations", I have got several letters from FSR readers all over the world. These letters proved to be of great interest to me.

You will find here enclosed a recent publication of mine dealing with the problem of the astronomical lore of the Dogon. It is a subject which I have been studying for a long time, and I hope the article will be of some interest to you.

With all my best wishes,
I remain,
Sincerely yours,
(Dr.) Vladimir V. Rubtsov,
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July 25, 1986.

P.S. I note with pleasure that the list of your Journal's Consultants and

Correspondents has got much longer during recent time. It is a very good sign of the growing significance of FSR. I wish you and your colleagues every success in your noble work!
V.V.R.

Thought-provoking

Dear Sir, — I enjoy tremendously your editorials and articles in *Flying Saucer Review* and always anticipate the arrival of your magazine as a refreshing experience of thought-provoking, objective reporting.

FSR makes a unique and invaluable contribution to knowledge of a topic which unfortunately many people still consider controversial or even suspect. Our biggest problem, as readers of the most prestigious journal of ufological research, is not so much the irrational fear of our opponents as our own complacency. We are not content with these bewildering mysteries, but would be even less content without FSR shedding light on the matter.

I consider *Flying Saucer Review* so important that I am willing to pay double the subscription rate. Please send me two copies of each issue. I intend to find six new subscribers for you per year by giving the extra copies, with an explanation of why one should subscribe, to the most likely prospects I can find. I hope other readers will do the same!

Yours truly,
Harry A. Wallenberg,
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April 15, 1986.

Fine support, for which we are indeed grateful. — EDITOR.

And Support from another FSR reader "right from the very start"

Dear Editor, — I have pleasure in enclosing my subscription for FSR and wish you and the publication every possible success through the difficult times which lie ahead. Your efforts to enlighten — *light* being the operative word — your readers are much appreciated; your subtle — and often

not-so-subtle — comments are not wasted, believe me.

Your vigorous editorship has been a tonic to the old girl, and, speaking as someone who has read it from the very start and seen the amazing way in which our common interest has developed, your strong grip and leadership are very necessary.

With best wishes,

Mike Stuttle,
The Wayside Cottage,
Belchamp Otton,
Nr. Sudbury, Norfolk.
June 6, 1986.

These are the sort of people we can't let down . . .

Dear Editor, — I wish to congratulate you on a job well done in ensuring the continuation and high quality of FSR.

I am enclosing a donation of US\$25.00, to help with expenses, and I am also trying to drum up some new subscribers for you.

Keep up the good work, and thanks!

Sincerely,
Bob Miller,
111 Bladen Road,
Baltimore, MD 21221,
U.S.A.
April 22, 1986.

A remarkable suggestion

Dear Mr. Creighton, — As regards the urgent need to keep FSR alive, perhaps I have got the wrong kind of friends — but whenever I recommend FSR to them, the only result is that they insist on *borrowing mine!**

As an alternative means of increasing circulation, may I suggest that each reader who really cares about FSR should place a small advertisement at his/her own expense in the most suitable publication in his/her part of the world.

If you approve of this idea, perhaps you would compose a short advertisement which could be used in this way.

Thank you, Mr. Creighton and FSR staff, for your dedication.

Very best wishes,
(Mrs.) June Hill,
P.O. Box 541,
Cannington,
W. Australia 6107.
April 24, 1986.

**This puts us in mind of the stalwart reader who wrote to tell Charles Bowen*

that he was doing a fine job for us, because he always lent his copy of FSR to about a dozen other people! — EDITOR.

The New "A.V.B." Case in Brazil

Dear Gordon Creighton, — Speaking for myself and also on behalf of Brazilian Ufology as a whole, I wish to thank you for your fine long article in FSR 31/3, setting the record straight and giving your complete translation of the work done by Luiz Rosário Real in this case.

I have always reminded my fellow-workers in Brazil that we owe much, if not the whole of our fame (or name), to FSR, and thus to the person behind this fine journal who over so many years has produced such outstanding work — both in volume and in quality.

Sincerely yours,
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June 6, 1986.

Personality Changes after UFO Experiences

Dear Editor, — In the Mail Bag Section of FSR 30/5, Graham Conway of British Columbia wanted to know if anybody is studying the *personality alteration effects* in people who experience "Close Encounters".

I have been looking into this aspect for many years — since 1955 — and have had considerable correspondence with quite a number of level-headed researchers, some of whom have *themselves* been "encountered". I've also had the opportunity to get acquainted, directly, with eight of them. (In this figure I do not include any regarding whom there is any shadow of doubt as to the reality of their "encounters" . . . (And I've met some of *them* too!)

By 1956 I was already a bit alarmed at personality changes in some of these people (especially those who thereby came into the public eye) as they displayed the signs of deliberately seeking recognition. There was a general tendency among them to "balloon off" on "ego-trips", and establish

personal followings, as self-styled "Authorities" on a great subject on which in fact they knew little more than the vast majority of the public, the "un-encountered".

On the other hand, I observed that those who remained out of the limelight also experienced personality changes. On the whole, these seem to have proven *positive, in the long run*. There was the initial shock affecting attention-span, interests, and often the health and sleep for some time. *In time, most of this group have widened their mental and spiritual horizons immensely, become more 'World-Citizen' conscious, and taken up some constructive task (beyond their own regular jobs) that is community-oriented.* Some have changed their jobs in course of time to more creative fields.

Not all of those who came into the public eye were overwhelmed emotionally, although some have been more traumatized than others, *and this can occur even when two persons are sharing the same 'encounter'.* I don't feel free to name two of my friends who reacted and responded to the same 'encounter' so differently — the one coming quite 'unglued' (and becoming inimical to the UFO theme) — and the other lighting up with fascinated enjoyment, *following upon which her natural ESP faculties became enhanced.*

I am not trying to say that ALL 'close encounters' are intrinsically benign. However, I have observed, over these many years, that the individual's *response* to the 'encounter' can determine whether the result is shattering — with difficult or incomplete recovery — or whether the experience proves enriching, and alters the bent of that life for the better.

All in all, in the earlier years I was inclined to judge or assess the resulting changes in personality and in behaviour *much too soon*. Profound changes in those persons' orientation to Life often take place following upon the 'encounters', but these changes can take years to work out before the gain is visible.

I don't know whether anyone has yet written a book on this aspect of the UFO experience, but I agree with Graham Conway that it is needed!* And I heartily agree with you, Editor, that anyone delving into this should handle it with *prudence* — and also with *compassion* — which is a rare trait in humankind.

Yours sincerely,

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August 30, 1985.

*See in this connection George D. Fawcett's letter on personality changes, in FSR 31/2. — EDITOR.

The Parasites

Dear Sir, — I have had some further thoughts about the possible motivations of entities, especially in view of Mr. R. B. Day's letter (FSR 31/3) in which he suggests that they might be "simply scaring us to death in order to feed off our fear".*

Perhaps they have to make use of our emotional energy in order to manipulate us: that is, that they can only manoeuvre us by using what we are made of, which is a ragbag of thoughts and feelings, not minds that are ordered, and clear, and precise.

This could then manifest as the brand-new Buick cars and airships, etc., appearing here, out of chronological order. This would also fit in with their apparent ability to flit from one plane or level to another, from physical to astral, etc. Rather than risking to be seen handling us *bodily* — i.e. *physically* — they would then be using our astral, etheric, emotional, and mental counterparts (i.e., our subtle bodies) which, as I have suggested, are probably in a worse state than our physical ones are!

I too have noticed the almost total lack of interest in the subject of UFOs on the part of most people. I have, for example, produced copies of FSR at my place of work, and mentioned it to

my friends — of whom I have many — in the Animal Liberation Movement, which is one of my own principal activities. But they are all completely casual about the whole thing.

I know, on the other hand, that if I were to be suddenly shown FSR for the first time, I would be "bowled over by it", and would demand more to read. But these people to whom I have shown it just flick through the pages and don't even read it. It's truly amazing. "*The sleeping masses*", Gurdjieff called them, and that is what they surely are!

I wonder whether you think that the recent nuclear accident in Russia was "their work"? Well, it has at least woken some people up, and forced them to face a few realities in *this* world instead of wallowing in their usually apathetic stalls. But perhaps it's not really their fault after all!

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Buckingham,
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May 11, 1986.

*Miss Buckingham has hit another nail on the head, but she won't be very popular if she talks about it, so much prudence is advisable. Perhaps there will be other occasions when we can say more on this rather dangerous aspect. In the meantime, it is worth bearing in mind that, according to the remarkable view propounded by the Indonesian Sufi Master, Muhammad Subuh, the present parlous state of mankind is primarily due to the fact (and this is not mankind's own fault) that they are occupied — taken over from below, by Lower Forces. In such a weak and im-

paired state, it is not surprising that they should be wide open to the attentions of any parasitical critter that chooses to batten on them and tap them for those subtle energies that we engender. If you look at matters in this light, a great deal about our situation ought to become a lot clearer. — EDITOR.

"Malice Abounding"

Dear Dad, — I think you will be amused by a thing that I have just been shown which is called *The Northern UFO News* (issue No. 118, March/April 1986). In it the editor, Jenny Randles, boasts of how she recently blocked Bill Davey of the *Sunday Mirror* from contacting you. She says she refused to give him your ex-directory 'phone number when he was imploring her for it, her reason being that

"Gordon Creighton's ideas were away out on a limb and it was not in the best interests of serious ufology for me to put him in touch."

As you know, what is really funny about all this is that I was at school with Bill Davey and, if I am not mistaken, I was sitting in your house one evening talking to him (and you) somewhere around the date when the passage quoted above was probably written!

Philip (Creighton),
London, N11.
August 31, 1986.

Yes indeed — perfectly true! Bill Davey had first contacted me, about the Bagshot Heath UFO case, on September 25, 1985, and he lives just a couple of miles down the road from me at Denham. (See attached photostat of a page from my address-book.) EDITOR

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