

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, ЗВМ, 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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## 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,  
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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,  
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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,  
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# UFO OVER A GREEK TAVERNA

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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.

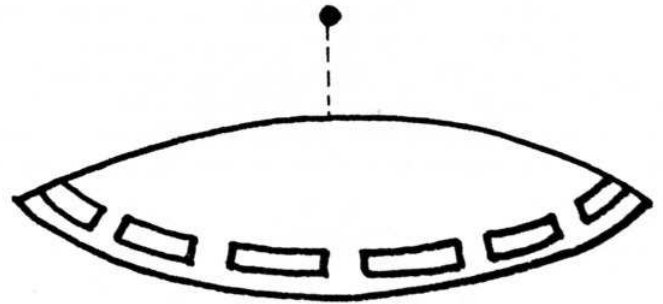
Catherine (who is 27, and who is also employed at the embassy as a passport and visa officer) was the first to notice something unusual.

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