

the past worries him, for he is afraid of what he will learn. He is one of those folk who — and we must understand how he feels — prefer to forget a terrifying adventure.

We must not judge this avoidance of proof as lending any weight towards negating the validity of his story. Quite the contrary. And I myself have frequently found that sincere individuals who have been forced against their will to undergo experiences with non-humans retain a bitter memory of it, and finally come to feel a sense of shame regarding this interlude with the Unknown by which the even tenor of their existence has been violated. This attitude of theirs is one that I respect, for it is an integral part of that sense of personal liberty that, having once suffered unwitting violation, one is not inclined to see subjected to voluntary attack. *The prey that I stalk is the UFO ... not the witness.*

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

While on vacation in Var last year, my wife and I

travelled along the stretch of road where this case occurred, and we received the account of it directly from our French hosts, Monsieur and Madame J.B-D. Monsieur J.B-D. had secured the French text, never published before, directly from the author, Jean-Louis Forest, an experienced UFO investigator of more than thirty years standing who was previously a colleague of the eminent French scientist and Ufologist Dr René Hardy, and who is one of the founders of the *Institut Mondial Des Sciences Avancées* (IMSA, *Institute of Advanced Scientific Studies*.)

We are furthermore much indebted to Madame Marguerite B-D., who furnished the basic translation into English, requiring from us only the usual editorial finishing touches.

Our readers will already be familiar with claims that vehicles have been taken up off the ground by UFOs and either carried for long distances inside them or held below by clamps or grappling devices, for over the years we have published at least half a dozen such cases, the last being T. Scott Crain's *UFO Lifts Woman's Car*, in FSR 29/6. G.C.

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## THE "TWO LOST HOURS" OF MADEMOISELLE HÉLÈNE

*Gordon Creighton*

ABOUT ten years ago our old friend and correspondent Jean Bastide, of Aix-en-Provence, France, sent me the text of an item which had appeared in the newspaper *Le Dauphiné Libéré* of July 12, 1976.

According to that story, a twenty-year-old French lady, (not at first named) of Hostun, in the Département of Drôme, had had a 'UFO' experience and "lost two hours" during the night of June 10/June 11 of that year. She had not dared at first to speak of it to anybody "because I was afraid that everyone would laugh at me".

We did not publish the case in FSR at the time, as I still hoped to secure further details. Some years later I got in touch with one of France's most vigorous Ufologists, Mme. Geneviève Vanquelef, author of an excellent book, *OVNI, INTERVENTIONS, CAPTURES* (1984), about which I plan to say more later. In the meantime, I am very happy to record, we have published (FSR 30/6) Mme. Vanquelef's account of the fresh discoveries about the close-encounter case at Talavera La Real in Spain, and she has become one of FSR's valued Consultants. She lives down in the South of France, at Argelès-sur-Mer (Pyrénées Orientales).

In November 1985 I wrote to ask Mme. Vanquelef for her opinion on the case, and in reply she

kindly sent me a copy of her notes on it, which I now translate below:—

*Case of Hélène Giuliana.* ("Pont de Martinet": in the Commune of Chatuzange, Dept. of Drôme, South-Central France.)

*Date of Case:* During night of June 10/June 11, 1976.

The affair was mentioned on Channel 3 of French Radio on August 24, 1976, and there were several reports in the press. Particularly in the newspapers *Le Dauphiné Libéré* (July 12, 1976); "*Le Progrès*" (August 13, 1976); *Nostradamus* No. 230 (September 1, 1976); and *France Dimanche* (date not given. G.C.)

*Lumières Dans La Nuit* carried a very brief account of the case in their press survey on page 24 of LDLN No. 159 (November 1976) as follows:—

June 11, 1976. Near Romans (Dept. of Drôme) (very summarized). At about 1.30 a.m., Mlle. H. Giuliana was returning home in her car. On the road from Romans to Hostun. Car stalls and lights got out. At 20 m. from her, on the road ahead, a very bright luminous orange shape. Great fear; covers her eyes with her hands. When she removes her hands, nothing to be seen. When she is at home, she realizes that it has taken her more than two hours to cover a distance that usually takes ten

minutes. She agrees to submit to hypnosis, and, under same, reveals that two small beings took her from her car, bound a cloth round her forehead, and carried her towards the light. She is taken into a room with a rounded ceiling and a fiery floor, and is laid on and attached to an iron table. One of the two 'dwarves' uses an object to draw a series of luminous rings on her pullover. She is then taken back to her car, which 're-appeared' before her. The beings depart towards the luminous object, which takes off very rapidly into the air.

(*"Dauphiné Libéré"*, July 12, 1976.

*"Le Progrès"*, August 13, 1976.)

In the course of a subsequent article dealing with the investigation of cases under hypnosis (unfortunately I did not make a note of the No. of *LDLN* in which it was),<sup>1</sup> there was further discussion of the Giuliana case, and the claim was made that the first interrogation of her under hypnosis had not been conducted sufficiently carefully and that, consequently, it was not possible to list the case among those held to be most believable.

*Nevertheless, in my opinion, there are three factors which argue strongly for the authenticity of the story:—*

- (1) The subject was in deep trance. Thus, unless there had been a deliberate intention to falsify all the data right from the start, the witness's account (however 'fantastic' it might have seemed at the time) must have been spontaneous and sincere.

- (2) The hypnotist made this declaration: "In all good faith, I can only record the events as the subject has described them, and I affirm that *at no moment was she in any way influenced*, and that it is impossible for her, voluntarily or consciously, to have been imagining or inventing, or lying."

- (3) The events as related, as well as her descriptions of the beings and of the interior of the UFO, agree completely with those given in numerous testimonies of other cases collected subsequently. The year 1976 was fertile in incidents of this sort.

*However, in view of the negative attitude of the majority of the French Ufologists towards this case, I did not include it in my book.*

*A fresh inquiry into the case would be very interesting. (And in fact it is very possible that one was done by Alain Gamart,<sup>2</sup> a veteran investigator and correspondent for the OURANOS Group, who regularly make a check to verify all close encounter cases reported in France. I am not sure about this. I believe that the OURANOS REVIEW reprinted the whole story, but unfortunately I do not possess the OURANOS issues for that period. G.V.)*

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*The full text of the case as published in NOSTRADAMUS No. 230 (September 1, 1976):—  
(Translation: G.C.)*

# UFOLOGY: KIDNAPPED BY EXTRATERRESTRIALS WHAT ARE WE TO THINK OF THE ADVENTURE EXPERIENCED, NEAR VALENCE, BY THIS TWENTY-YEAR-OLD GIRL?

*By Patrick Forestier*

THE story that we publish below may appear unbelievable, dumbfounding. But, as you will see, there are level-headed folk who think it likely to be true. A scientist with a doctorate in Nuclear Physics is not easily persuaded that the Moon is made of green cheese... Whatever the explanation for it may be, the adventure lived by this young girl deserves our attention. What was it that *really* happened that night? Was there truly an intervention by beings from Elsewhere? At any rate, one thing is certain: we are faced with a

mystery. And so it was incumbent on us at NOSTRADAMUS to look into the matter...

IS THERE ANY REASON WHY HÉLÈNE GIULIANA SHOULD HAVE BEEN LYING? There could have been no earthly reason why she should have been making it all up. And, what's more, in point of fact, she couldn't have been making it all up, *for she was hypnotized.*

In the districts around Valence, these statements by Hélène Giuliana have provoked varying reactions,



each one more impassioned than the rest. But even the most sceptical have been obliged to yield before the evidence: namely that, during the night of June 10/June 11 last, something extraordinary happened on RN (Route Nationale) 539, at the "Pont du Martinet", some few kilometres from Romans.

Hélène Giuliana is a young girl of 20 who lives with her parents, farming people, at Hostun, in the Département of Drôme. Hélène, her hair worn short in the boyish style, her features finely and delicately cut, is reckoned by all who know her to be an intelligent and well-balanced girl. She is employed in the home of Monsieur Bouvier, the Mayor of the village of Hostun, who speaks highly of her in every way. Aware of the problems of the day, she is not one of these girls who are crazy over films and science-fiction stories. She prefers the Saturday-night dance, like most of those of her age, and the generally care-free life of the normal 20-year-old.

Nevertheless, Hélène has experienced an adventure such as few humans have lived through so far: *she has been inside a flying saucer.*

On June 10 last, together with another girl and two young men, Hélène drove to Valence in her white 4L (Mini-Renault).

She often goes to the cinema during the week. On the Thursday in question, they were going to see the film "*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*".<sup>3</sup> Then, on the way back, in Romans, from midnight to 1.00 a.m., she had a drink with her friends, and then set out for her home in Hostun, 20 kms. distant. Generally it takes her twenty minutes to do this bit of the road, which she knows by heart. At night, the traffic on this National Highway is heavy, with lots of trucks. At a spot some 6 kms. from Romans, the road follows the left bank of the river Isère, and crosses a bridge known as the Pont de Martinet.

Suddenly, the engine begins to miss...

"At the moment I thought I had run out of petrol", Hélène says, "But then of course, I remembered that I had already filled up just before going to the cinema. The thought of a mechanical failure didn't enter my mind, because my car has always run well."

Well, anyway, a few metres further on, the car stalls, and the lights go out. And then the phenomenon appears... terrifying: As Hélène tells us: "At 25 metres from me, above the bridge, I saw a dome-shaped orangy-red glow. I don't know why, but instantly I thought I was going to die, and I put up my hands to cover my eyes."

Then, a few instants later, she looks again. And the glow has vanished. Terrified, Hélène heads for home.

She is so scared that she misses a signpost that she has known for years, and so adds two kilometres to her journey.

Arriving home, she rushes into the bedroom of her sister and wakes her up. And the sister, startled, exclaims: "*Hélène! But what's going on! See what time it*

*is! It's four o'clock in the morning!*"

Hélène is dumbfounded. Impossible — she thinks. It can't *possibly* be 4.00 a.m. Why, she has only left her friends in Romans half an hour ago! And herein lies the mystery, and the question that everybody is going to ask! *What has Hélène been doing during these two hours, that she doesn't even remember anything about it!*

### The Truth Must Be Known

Next day she tells her parents about her experience, and then she tells her employer, the Mayor. The news spreads rapidly around the region, and she is contacted by André Revol, of Saint-Marcellin, who is the local representative and investigator for the OURANOS UFO Study Group.

André Revol suggests to her that she have a session of hypnosis with Monsieur Stéphane Dey of Grenoble, who has already done hypnotic work in the USA and Canada. After much hesitation, Hélène finally agrees: for after all, she too is anxious to know the truth!

And, on July 22, the hypnosis session takes place, at Saint-Marcellin. And Hélène has astounding things to say. And when, after she is awake again, André Revol repeats to her, in her own words, what she had said, she flatly refuses to believe him.

Then the experiment was repeated, on August, 18, this time before a TV team from French Television, Lyons. Present also were Monsieur Chaloin, one of the pioneers in French UFO research; Dr Pierre D — holder of a doctorate in Nuclear Physics; André Revol; the hypnotist Stéphane Dey; and two local journalists from the newspaper *Le Dauphiné Libéré*, Gérard Moulinet and Jean Louis Ruchon.

For forty minutes, Hélène Giuliana repeats, word for word, what she had said under hypnosis the first time. Not once does she contradict herself.

The questions are put to her by the hypnotist Stéphane Dey and the journalist Jean Louis Ruchon. Her answers are as follows:—

"I see a light... my eyes hurt. I see two dwarves who come over to the car and open the left-side door. They carry me towards the light. I look back, and my car has vanished. I enter the machine through an iron door. In height the dwarves come up to my waist. They are wearing a dark one-piece suit... black. They have great big eyes. They are ugly looking."

At this point, Stéphane Dey hands Hélène a pen and a sheet of paper, and she slowly begins to draw what her unconscious mind is seeing. Then she continues:—

"The room is high and rounded. Everything is of iron. I'm scared. They lay me out on a sort of table and put what look like a sort of handcuffs on my feet and hands, and a sort of towel over my forehead."

"There are white lights, red lights, and yellow

lights in the room . . .

"Suddenly, one of the dwarves traces out circles on my pullover with a sort of box resembling an electric torch. Then I find myself outside again. The craft has three legs about three metres high and there are lights flashing on and off on the underside . . ."

"Are they going to come back?", asks Jean Louis Ruchon. Hélène replies: "I don't know. Anyway, not immediately. There are too many folk around me. Maybe in six months' time . . ."

The experiment is over. Hélène wakes up, and asks for a glass of water. When she listens to the recording of her statements, transmitted on Tuesday, August 24 by *FR 3*, Lyons, she finds it impossible to believe it.

And yet . . . it is hard to believe that the girl could have lied twice, and said precisely the same thing both times. But, of course, there are many other worrying features to the story too. To begin with, there is this loss of two hours. And then there is the question of the car, which could not possibly have stood there right in the middle of the road all that time without attracting the attention, so it would seem, of one of the passing drivers.

At the present moment, her pullover is undergoing examination at the Atomic Energy Centre in Grenoble, with a view to ascertaining if it bears any detectable traces. A third attempt with hypnosis is assuredly planned for the very near future, this time with eminent scholars and specialists present.

For the moment, Hélène Giuliana is trying to pick up the threads of her daily life again, just as if nothing had happened. But the entire village is talking about the affair and, as always, certain nasty people are starting to doubt the sincerity of the young girl.

True, or false? . . .

*At any rate, one thing is certain: something quite extraordinary really did happen that night. But what was it?* NOSTRADAMUS leaves you, the readers, to judge.

#### COMMENT BY EDITOR, FSR

In her letter to me, Mme. Geneviève Vanquelef says that everything in the NOSTRADAMUS article, as given above, is correct in the sense that it is based upon the various newspaper accounts of the time. However, she adds that there are a few important features which the NOSTRADAMUS article failed to mention. Namely:—

- (1) That the dwarves had five fingers, and wore gloves.
- (2) That there were curving walls around the table, with lots of buttons.
- (3) That the dwarves were trying hard to explain to her something that she could not understand. One of them seemed to be irritated by her lack of comprehension. She has the impression that he kept repeating "... 3 ... 3." She subsequently

interpreted this as an indication of time: "three months to go . . . three months for the return", and that consequently she would see them again in six months' time.

As for this talk about "a third round of hypnosis"; is there any need for me to mention that nobody in the French media seems ever to have referred to that, or even to have referred to the Giuliana case again. It looks as though it was killed stone-dead, from which I think we can conclude that it was found genuine enough. Too genuine for comfort! G.C.

#### FOOTNOTES

- (1) I have looked through all the issues of *LDLN* since the autumn of 1976, but I too have been unable, so far, to trace this further discussion of the case.
- (2) Nor have I been successful yet in contacting M. Alain Gamart.
- (3) French title: "*Vol Au-Dessus D'Un Nid De Coucou*". (The English word *cuckoo* has also a humorous connotation in our language, which the French do not share. Otherwise, we can be certain that the yokels and local village-wits in Drôme would have had plenty more fun at poor Hélène's expense!) G.C.

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# AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS AND UFOs: A REVIEW OF SOME UFO-RELATED AIRCRAFT DISASTERS

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Many writers who try to prove that UFOs are hostile use as evidence reports of UFOs that allegedly have contributed to the destruction of civilian and military aircraft. Almost without exception, says Mr. Crain these writers "scramble their facts, creating the illusion that a UFO was the primary stimulus for the accident. In most cases, this simply is not true".

In an effort to balance the scales, so to speak, this report attempts to give readers an objective review of the facts in four well-known UFO-related aircraft disasters. — EDITOR

## I. THE MERKEL CASE

In January, 1956, an F-51D aircraft piloted by Lt. Colonel Joseph Lee Merkel, a member of the 123rd Fighter Interceptor group in the Kentucky Air National Guard, crashed and Merkel was killed after a UFO was reported.

Although very little is known about what really happened to Joseph Merkel, recently a censored version of the official aircraft accident report has been released. A copy of that report was obtained in 1980 from the Department of the Air Force, Norton Air Force Base, California, through the determined efforts of veteran UFO researcher Barry Greenwood of Stoneham, Massachusetts.

Whether or not a UFO was responsible for the crash is uncertain. Even the official report does not seem to make a clear determination as to the cause of the crash. The officer in charge of sanitizing the report for public consumption made a point to censor any information regarding the type of accident this was, and the conditions affecting the crash.

Some of the facts that are known about the case can be found in the accident report.

The pilot took off from Standiford Field, Louisville, Kentucky, at 14.50 CST, 31 January, 1956, on a local VFR clearance to perform a maintenance test flight for a carburettor and propeller change. The flight was proposed for one hour duration with two hours and thirty minutes fuel aboard. Climb to 20,000 feet was made and contact was established with Oak Hill Air Defense Command Radar Station. A course was set for Terre Haute, Indiana, and the pilot informed Oak Hill he was at 20,000 feet at 15.01 CST.

Everything was going smoothly until some unusual things began to happen. As the flight was continuing,

the pilot was informed by Oak Hill he was fading on their radar-scope. Merkel reported he had Terre Haute in sight. At 15.24 CST Oak Hill received a call from Merkel stating he was returning to Louisville, on a heading of 1350 at 34,000 feet climbing to 35,000 feet.

Now things get particularly interesting. The report states, "the pilot was informed of an aircraft approaching from the right". Whether the aircraft was one of ours or was a UFO was not indicated. "The pilot stated he did not have the aircraft in sight and the 'blip' faded from the radar scope." Which blip faded from Oak Hill's scope? It sounds like it could have been the unidentified aircraft, but since the report isn't clear about which blip was fading off, it could have been Merkel's. The report then states communication between Oak Hill and Merkel ended at 15.35 CST. Since a transcript of the conversation between Oak Hill and Merkel was absent in the report released to the public, we are left in the dark as to what was discussed those few minutes before impact. The report does indicate Merkel's last communication was received in a normal voice.

The accident raises some interesting questions. Who was tailing Merkel moments before he crashed? Could the object have been a contributing factor in the accident?

These facts we are sure of:—

1) Merkel was flying in close range with an unidentified aircraft which he could not see or was not permitted to see minutes before he crashed.

2) The UFO is not identified in the accident report that I received.

3) The impact occurred at 15.35 CST on the farm of Ormel Prince near Bloomington, Indiana.

4) Prince told the Aircraft Accident Investigating Officer, Grady Bishop, that he was pretty sure the aircraft exploded in the air.