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## EDITORIAL

Although I have a huge pile of important other material waiting to go into FSR, I have decided to devote a lot of space once more to the reports of the "chupacabra" in the Island of Puerto Rico which — so the authorities on that Island declare — is something totally new and unknown and inexplicable.

But somebody is lying. Because, as is shown by the material that I give, below, on pages 14-20, I was already translating and publishing reports about the activities of this creature in Puerto Rico twenty-two years ago. G.C.

# ALIEN ABDUCTION — THE OMINOUS TRUTH OF OUR DAY

© By DON WORLEY (INDIANA), FSR CONSULTANT

An astounding thing is happening. Helpless humanity is in pawn to it. Earth's Governments are impotent before it.

We know that the UFO enigma is incredibly vast and complex. Within it, we have the human abduction syndrome, which is also very extensive and mind-boggling. With so much happening, one is obliged to select certain data for explanation. Most of what you read in this article will be from my own case-data, gathered over a period of 31 years as a field-investigator and researcher, and involving a total of 100 abductions on which I have worked. I will take a very brief and limited look at the situation under three main headings:-

- [1] How much abduction is occurring?
- [2] Is there undeniable evidence that this is indeed happening?
- [3] My compassion for the abductees.

### [1] HOW MUCH ABDUCTION IS REALLY GOING ON?

Estimates run from hundreds of thousands to possibly millions. Important in the estimates is the fact that there is an unknown percentage of our citizens *who do not suspect that it has happened to them!* I have by accident discovered some of these folk myself and it has convinced me that there is a great unknown total in this classification.

Another element in the equation is the fact that once you have been "chosen", or "selected" — usually in babyhood — there is no escape. At least not until

they are finished with you, or you get up into your 50s maybe. This shocking ability of theirs to find an abductee again, no matter where, is most un-nerving.

In my "Kim" case (Illinois) the lady had been "picked up" or "taken" in two West Coast States. Then she moved to Illinois, where she hoped that she had at last escaped. But no — she had *not* — and they also "selected" her little daughter.

This child always referred to the Aliens as "That nice Mister" or, maybe, "them bad little Misters.". "Kim" herself had never discussed the subject of "Aliens" anywhere in the presence or vicinity of the child, but one day she chanced to leave a copy of Whitley Strieber's book *Communion* where the child was able to catch sight of it, and was able to see the face on the dust-cover. The child at once seized the book and hugged it, and said "Mister! It's Mister! Momma, he loves me!"

This lawless kidnapping of an innocent little girl makes me mad, and it is sad to see the helplessness of the parents.

In my "Andrew" case (Arkansas) the cotton-candy-haired "Nordic" and frail little "Grey" type aliens followed this man, formerly resident in England, to the USA! And now they have begun to pay attention to his wife and his son too! So, when making our estimates, we must remember the "repeater-factor", and also realise that loved ones and kin are often to be included in the grand total.

A very important consideration when we are estimating possible abduction totals is also the feature of

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“group-takings”, or “mass-abductions.”

I sometimes read of such cases in the literature of the subject, and I have a few such in my own cases. In the case of “*Bridget*” (Indiana) two persons recalled a particular incident when a whole crowd of people were seen by them, standing like *zombies* near a fish-shaped UFO. An hour and a half of time was lost, and then at the end of the event they both saw the same crowd of people dispersing back to their homes on a near-by street.

In my subsequent investigation of the case and of the area, I was totally unable to find a single soul in that area who remembered that anything had happened there that night!

In my “*White*” case (Indiana), the lifetime abductee told of two incidents that were multiple in nature. One of the incidents took place at a swimming-pool, where everybody was put into “*suspended animation*.” One by one they were all taken up through a large tunnel-like apparatus extending down from the UFO.

In my “*Witsken*” case (also in Indiana) the victim described to me how, one evening, he and his neighbours from the apartment-building were all assembled beneath a huge UFO. He remembered entering the UFO via a circular porthole at the bottom. Inside the UFO were his neighbours from the apartment-building, all sitting around on benches and looking as though they were “frozen stiff”.

Some of the data suggests that in the course of their abduction activities some of the aliens are getting confused about “*who wore what*” among their abductees!

John Carpenter, the renowned investigator-researcher from Missouri, has listed a number of these sometimes humorous episodes, and I also have some in my files. In my “*Apache Indian*” case (Idaho) the lady awoke sometimes with her clothing on *inside out* or on *backwards*, and once inside someone else’s panties!

This made her furious, and she “would like to know what is going on.” (See FSR 39/4, Editorial ).

One husband kept replacing his wife’s nightgowns, hoping that she would not have been seen by anybody floating naked over the neighbourhood.

One woman was wearing her new “*Victoria’s Secret*” nightgown when taken from her bed, and returned in a man’s oversized shirt! (What man, one wonders, awoke to find himself in her “*Victoria’s Secret*” nightgown? And what did he tell his wife?)

Another abductee returned home wearing a tee-shirt instead of her nightgown. The logo on the tee-shirt read “*13th Tsukuba Marathon*.” (If you can solve this riddle, please let me know.)

My next case I call the “*Way-Station Case*”. The abductee began to recall some very strange things that had happened on his parents’ farm in Nebraska when he was a child. There were, he said, strange devices inside their house, and he found the behaviour of his parents so weird that later he came to believe that they must have been under alien control!

Sometimes, in the summer seasons, a disc-shaped craft would land not far from the house. And sometimes people, even children, would be brought into the house from the UFO. His parents seemed to be involved in

“*getting them back into society*”.

“*Little Grey*” type entities were around, and also tall, bald, human-looking beings in white clothing who spoke good English.

One tall blue-eyed being, he recalled, was so big that he had to stoop to get in through the door of their house. And he remembered an episode when his mother gave this same entity some thong-shoes for his bare feet!

So, knowing as we do the awesome skills of these cunning aliens, we are obliged to acknowledge that there are “group-abductions” or “mass-abductions” and to include them in any attempted estimates of a total.

### [II] IS THERE UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS REALLY HAPPENING?

**Y**es. There is a quantity of physiological and topographical evidence, as well as a tremendous amount of human testimonial evidence that this is taking place. Most important of all is the visible evidence on human bodies and also the physical environmental. Let us take a look, for example, at my “*Brandenburg*” case, and my “*White*” case, both of which show undeniable proof of this sort.

#### THE “BRANDENBURG” CASE

**O**n June 8, 1991, this man, of Centerville, Indiana, went out into his back garden to see what his dogs were barking about, and found himself caught in a beam of light from a UFO. He turned to run away, but the next thing he knew was that he was standing inside the UFO. On the other side of the chamber stood two six-foot tall “*Greys*”, studying him. They approached him, and as they did so he heard a “mental voice” which kept assuring him that he would not be hurt. Then suddenly one of them extended its arms towards him. Thinking that the entity wanted something from him, Mr. “*Brandenburg*” handed him a \$20 bill that happened to be in his pocket.

(This was money lost. They examined the money, but he never saw it again!)

A second time the tall “*Grey*” reached out, and this time it grabbed him by his right wrist. A short, black, pen-like object appeared and was moved vertically three times just over the skin on the inside bend of his arm. Next he understood that he was to go and sit on a device resembling a chair. The “*Grey*” then held a silver object about the size of a cigarette pack near the man’s left temple. This was the start of a period of “missing time”, that would amount to 13 hours.

The man finally awoke in his bed “feeling as though he had had a very bad night out”. His nose bled, and his urine was thick and discoloured.

When I made my investigations of this case, which occurred only seven miles from my own home, I was able to observe on the man’s arm three purple marks, five inches long, which appeared to be beneath his skin. In the back-yard of his house I made a careful examination and took photographs and checked for radiation and for magnetic deviation and I took samples from the two



circular burned patches in the grass, each 16 inches wide, on each side of the spot from which he had been "zapped".

### THE "WHITE" CASE

This case occurred to the west of Indianapolis (State of Indiana) in July 1959. "Sarah", the abductee, had often been in the company of "wispy-necked friends" ever since her childhood. And she remembered how, when she was a little girl, her "special Grey friend", Zanna, along with several other "Greys", would "fly her and her sister out of their upstairs bedroom and up to the UFO."

On one occasion, she recalled, the aerial party had suddenly halted in mid-air when something or other alerted them, and she saw the "Greys" stretch their necks three or four inches as if sensing something."

The next morning, as the girls played on the front-room floor in their home, they had laughed and tried to "stretch their own necks" as their "Grey" friends had done. The parents, watching this, could only conclude that their little daughters "had had another of their wild dreams."

On the night mentioned, in July 1989, "Sarah" saw an orange glow out by the road, and settled back in her feather-bed happy that her "friends" had not forgotten her. A neighbour, Mr. Lowery, who had just got up to go to the bathroom, also observed the scene, and saw a craft, described by him as "bun-shaped", hovering just off the ground beside the road.

The next day, a large circular area of weeds and grass at the spot was found to have turned brown. Subsequently it was noted that when snow fell, it always melted on that spot. At the site a small metal telephone post had been bent down.

These two cases which I have given are only representative of numerous others elsewhere where physical evidence of one sort or another shows up.

I will now move on to a discussion of the amazing people dubbed "*electromagnetic affecters*."

If you yourself possess this extraordinary faculty or talent, and are not yourself aware of being an "abductee", please get in touch with me at 1051 Beech Street, Connersville, Indiana 47331, USA. There is something in these individuals that works this "magic" with street lights or other electromagnetic systems. And it must be attributable to the alien implants that have been secreted inside these individuals. A seemingly unintended and undetectable by-product of the implantation process.

In my "Witsken" case, the man often causes street lights to go out when he passes beneath them, whether in his car or on foot.

I have checked him with my own radiation and magnetic detection instruments, and have found absolutely nothing to explain it.

Similarly, in my "Alice" case (Maryland) I found that street-lights, turnpike signs, outside shop and store signs, go dark; TV sets malfunction; computers lose power; and radios hiss and crackle.

In my "Sandra" case (Georgia), the lady turns street-lights

on or off from as far away as 50 - 100 feet..

### THE IMPLANTS

Let me move on now to the *implants*. Directly related to the implants are the skin disruptions, which surely qualify as good physiological evidence. I have viewed some of these, and they are a disturbing sight. There is a wide variety of them, but three principal types which we have are (1) the "scoop-mark", (2) the tiny puncture, and (3) the straight line cut. When I viewed the neat four-inch-straight line scar on the back of the head of a law-enforcement person in a county to the south of here, I thought to myself "*what tricky, skilful devils!*" It didn't heal as rapidly as wounds usually do, and that is how he came to discover it.

The puncture types are often in a line or pattern. If they are only twin punctures, I call them the "snake-bite" kind. In my "Richard" case (Oklahoma), when he got the "snake-bite" type on his neck, he had an MRI done. And, sure enough, the specialist had good grounds for being puzzled. Right on the man's brain-stem there was a thing that should not have been there!

The favourite way to insert an implant seems to be by crashing through the upper sinus cavity. Consequently there is a lot of nose-bleeding among abductees. However, an implant can be *anywhere*. In the case of my Illinois farmer, after 15 years had elapsed he pinched out a tiny grey-coloured disc from the rear underside of his penis.

### DETAILS OF IMPLANTS REMOVED

At a private medical facility in Granada Hills, near Los Angeles, California, Dr. Roger Leir and a surgical team removed implants from four persons in August 1995 and May 1996. Thirty observers watched on close-circuit television. In the two August 1995 cases, the implants were removed from the toe of a woman and from the hand of a man. Encased in thick, dark membranes, the implants were so tough that a scalpel could not cut them. In the case of the man, the object taken from his hand was of the size of a canteloupe seed. The object removed from the woman's toe was T-shaped.

Once dried and cut open, the two implants revealed tiny magnetic pieces of shiny black metal. Under ultraviolet light they glowed a brilliant green.

Further electrical, chemical, and microscopic analysis is being done on them.

### TWO HUMAN TESTIMONIALS

In the area of human testimonial evidence, I will mention two cases. These are extensive, "high-strangeness" cases, and I can give only sketchy details.

In my "Pamara" case (Indiana) let me state that this woman knew nothing whatsoever about abduction or "foetus theft" or "babies in fluid", etc. She and her family were abducted near Abington, five miles northeast of my home here in Connersville, Indiana. When "Pamara" got home again she was in such a state that she cowered on the floor of the car and she crawled into the house from there. *She knew that previously she had*

definitely been pregnant, because her foetus had shown clearly on the ultrasound. However, a hurried visit to her doctor now resulted in confirmation that she was "empty".

In describing her ordeal, "Pamara" said: "I was clamped on a table with legs spread and knees up. On the side of the table was a machine with a tall jar filled with clear liquid and many wires coming out of the top. The instrument that they used on me was a three-foot long silver wire with a rounded tip that came out of the bottom. The four aliens ("Greys") around the table had their hands on me at different places. I was scared, but in my mind they kept telling me they were not going to hurt me. I felt great pain and cramping when they inserted the humming tip inside of me. They sucked my baby out of me".

Later she was shown large jars of clear fluid with tubes and wires going to them. She described the scene this way:

"The babies were almost normal except for their eyes and shape of head. (Drew a typical "Grey" head and eyes.) They were a little red, like a new-born baby. They were the size of a 5 or 6 month foetus, and you could tell they were not full term. They had normal feet and hands and a belly-button".

A belly-button? So clearly human mothers must first have been harbouring these hybrids, and then the aliens reclaim the child, with time to spare. But - shouldn't a larger head be showing up on our doctors' ultrasounds?

My second testimonial case is about a series of events spanning the early 1970s, which happened in rural southern Tennessee.

This is a line-up of such an unbelievable situation that anyone must realise that *nobody* would make up a wild tale like this and expect anyone to believe it! I alone have preserved the full details of the case, which actually proved to be a forecast of things due to come in the 1980s and 1990s. The case involves repeated abductions; captive persons who came to the craft when mentally summoned; false predictions and instructions that left the participants looking like fools; screen-memory space-rides; displays of large sums of money for a so-called propulsion diagram; friendly treatment by one type of "Greys"; and threatening, heavy, oriental figures dressed in black suits and driving black Lincoln Continental autos that occasionally would vanish instantaneously.

## COMPASSION FOR ABDUCTEES

I have been able to be a valuable help to many of the abductees, and I often thank God that I am permitted to do it in this life. Often isolated, puzzled, deeply troubled, abductees do not know where to turn for help. And the typical "chosen one" will experience two or maybe three distinct stages.

First comes the denial/fear stage, and this is the crucial time when they need someone who understands, and who can inform and advise them, having first of

course determined that they are indeed abductees.

To some abductees the world can become a frightening place. If I, or someone else with similar skill and experience, could have found that insurance man in Dallas, Texas, who leapt out of the window, I know for a positive fact that we could have saved him.

The same applies to the Mississippi engineer and the Colorado businessman who had similar problems.

Three of my abductees have been able to return home from mental hospitals after short stays there. One of them had fled to a nearby fire-station in search of help and the men there had responded by calling for the men "men in white coats" to come and take him away!

Another poor fellow had begun to talk in *Sanskrit*, the ancient Indian "language of the Gods", and that had of course landed him in trouble!

One is inevitably driven to wonder how many hapless abductees there are who have failed to recover and are consequently languishing tragically in such institutions.

## CONCLUSIONS

Abductee cases run all the way from "quiet and seldom" to "intense and stunning". Last year I worked on the "Cloud" case (in Indiana) for MUFON. This abducted man had been totally normal prior to his abduction, then, after it he had *grand-mal* epilepsy, which under medication was finally controlled down to *petit-mal*. And his two dogs ended up even worse than he did. Their skins turned red, their hair fell out, and they both died.

After abductions I notice that some women suffer with gynaecological problems. Or even worse than that. Two women of whom I was most fond and whom I miss most deeply, were Karla Turner and Ann Livingston. Suspicion concerning the causes of their deaths runs high among all UFO researchers.

I have spoken above of the *first stage* of human adjustment to abduction. The *second stage* is that of acceptance and learning. It is in this stage that most abductees remain, in varying degrees of unease.

The *third stage* is that of the "loving, alien-trust-ing experiencers". There are not too many occupants of this third stage, and most of those in it are the folk who have encountered the "Nordic" type of aliens. Some of them maintain, throughout their lives, altered-states contact with these "beautiful looking beings." (Personally I cannot visualize myself as fitting into this group. *Because I have come to the conclusion that it is by their ACTIONS and not by what they tell us or show us that we must judge the aliens.*)

When you contemplate the frightening certainty and the relentless nature of human abduction by aliens you know in your very marrow bone that there ought to be alarm bells sounding everywhere. Instead, *they are not*. And the tragic policy adopted by Governments keeps our slumbering populace sleeping on while the silent, secret, invasion continues ■

# ONGOING "MARIAN" PHENOMENA OVER BRAZIL: "HYSTERIA", OR "UFOs"?

*(Translation from Portuguese. G.C.)*

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**T**here have already been several "Apparitions of the Virgin Mary" recorded from the interior of Bahia State. However none of them was ever the subject of an ecclesiastical verification affirming that a miracle had occurred. The fact of the matter is indeed that, in almost every municipal region in this State, it is quite a common thing to meet persons who say they have seen the Virgin, or at least "have felt Her presence". This is an anciently rooted phenomenon which in the popular mind has always been interpreted in a religious or in a mythological fashion and attributed to saints, deities, and other personages embraced within the belief systems of the various peoples experiencing such apparitions.

Consequently there are various lines of approach in attempting to explain the phenomenon. The Church affirms that it is a miracle coming from Heaven; the psychologists explain it as an hallucination born of collective hysteria; while the scientists assert that it is some sort of meteorological manifestation, etc., etc. The Ufologists, in their turn, support the theory that in reality the Virgin is an extra-terrestrial visitor and they offer various pieces of evidence in justification of this point of view.

There are a number of solid pieces of proof attesting to the ufological veracity of the so-called Marian Apparitions which are constantly occurring throughout the whole world. In recent times, the North-East of Brazil has been a frequent target of such phenomena. One of the areas of maximum incidence has been our north-eastern State of Ceará, and principally in the vicinity of the town of Baturité. There have been hundreds of eyewitnesses who have seen - and many have also photographed and filmed - UFOs passing through the skies there, burning vegetation and causing climatic changes. But most impressive of all the evidence is the great number of contacts with aliens that have been recorded there by the groups of ufological investigators. [See issue No. 34 of Brazilian UFO Magazine, and the translations from it which have been published in FSR Vol.40, No. 4. ED.FSR.]

The fact of the matter is that a great many people have been perturbed by these "Apparitions of the Virgin", and the recent increase in such miraculous happenings has been sowing confusion right across the board among all sorts of folk from Italian Catholic authorities to even psychologists and sociologists, who attribute the

phenomenon of course to the crisis in present-day human society. For example, the sociologists link the tears of blood shed by the image of the Virgin in Siracusa (Italy, 1950s) to an electoral struggle that was raging with unparalleled violence at the time between Communists and Christian Democrats!

Nevertheless, the apparitions weren't as frequent then as they are now, and were then occurring only in a few places in the world.

## ASSESSING THE TOTAL

At the present time, the phenomenon is so widespread and so abundant, everywhere in the world, that not even the Church can keep a full record of it all. As

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# GIGANTIC "BAT-SHAPED UFO" OVER LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT(1996)

For years past we have been receiving a stream of rumours and hear-say stories about mystery craft which seem to hang around and haunt such places as Britain's two big airports at Heathrow and Gatwick (and also, needless to say, other airports around the world.)

The British newspaper *The People* of July 7, 1996, carried such a report, about a giant "bat-shaped" UFO that was apparently watching as passenger aircraft were landing at Heathrow. The mystery craft was reportedly spotted by a London man and his wife as it passed over their home at Hammersmith.

Chris Rowe, aged 31, and his wife Leisa, 33, a trained nurse, told how they had watched with amazement as the UFO hovered beneath the principal glide-path of planes about to land at one of the world's busiest airports. They also claimed that they subsequently saw several military helicopters flying to and fro over the course followed by the big UFO.

The sighting allegedly had occurred as long ago as an evening in May, 1996. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe said that the "bat" was also seen by some of their friends.

Mr. Rowe said: "There was no engine noise from it; no flashing lights; nothing. It was a clear night, so

we got an excellent view of it. It was about 30 or 40 metres in length, and was surrounded by a bright white light. I telephoned to a friend who lives near the airport, and he and a colleague of his saw it more closely. It looked circular, but on closer inspection it had a bit missing... like the "Batman" symbol on TV. The Rowes made a video recording of the "bat", and watched it for about half an hour.

After that, they saw two more objects appear, one of them seemingly a smaller version of the "bat". Chris Rowe's friend said: "The smaller of these two other craft was performing aerobatics at an enormous speed. It was "looping the loop", and going from side to side and up and down, and was amazing. Then suddenly the other smaller object appeared, with two single flashing red lights. We thought it was a plane, until we realized it was going in the opposite direction to the flight-path."

The total sighting had lasted some 40 minutes. Was the "bat" simply another huge "FT"? (See the review of Omar Fowler's new Booklet, on Page 22) ■

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far as the top ecclesiastical hierarchy in Rome are concerned, all potential miracles must always be viewed with maximum prudence. They assert that about 90% of the phenomena reported as miraculous are either due to collective hysteria or have their origins in lies. In order to assess the veracity of those phenomena that they do regard as sacred the Church have established a commission which gives its verdict on each case. Obviously this has to pass through the sieve of various priests, bishops, and cardinals of the Vatican.

In Brazil, ours being a very "mystical" country, the phenomenon is interpreted in various ways. In the North-West, where the apparitions take place before thousands of poor, simple, uneducated folk, the religious myth prevails.

Nevertheless, there is intensive investigative work going on — performed by the UFO research groups sent there — most particularly our own CPU (Centre for UFO Research) - who report on the delicate shifts or changes in attitude of the local populations. The CPU is performing an important job by this sort of monitoring in the Serra de Baturité area of Ceará, just as another investigation group, the G-PAZ (Zenith Aerospace Research Group), are doing on the Chapada Diamantina (Diamantina Plateau) in the State of Bahia. Both groups are engaged in recording UFO phenomena and gathering statements from eyewitnesses ■

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# "NOW THE BAD NEWS: THIS IS UTOPIA!"

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Such was the theme of an eye-catching article in the *Guardian* on August 20, 1993, by their Science Editor Tim Radford.

The main points of the article are as follows:-

Utopia may already have arrived, and human evolution may now be heading towards its end.

The forces of mutation and natural selection which have changed species over aeons of time may possibly no longer be acting upon us humans, according to an address given on August 19, 1993 by one of Britain's top biologists to the International Congress of Geneticists being held in Birmingham.

The speaker was of course our famous Professor Steve Jones of University College, London, author, Reith lecturer, and visiting professor at many universities including Santa Barbara, Harvard, Flinders (Australia) and several others.

He said that the authors of several well-known "*Utopias*" - Aldous Huxley, H.G. Wells, George Bernard Shaw - had all been either related to or close friends of geneticists, and all three of these authors had been concerned that "something terrible and biological" was going to affect the future of mankind.

Professor Jones said that we humans are a great curiosity for the zoologists. **For example, we are the only species in our group.** (the only other mammal having this distinction being the aardvark!).

But, he went on, evolution is a machine that has generated diversity by means of mutation and natural selection. Useful mutations are preserved, and bad ones deleted by the environment. All sorts of factors, including radiation and chemical poisoning, cause mutations in cells, inevitably engendering fears that man may now be poisoning his own environment. But, he added, nuclear power workers show fewer blood cell mutations than do coal miners!

He explained that the environment contains many of these 'mutagenic' chemicals, *but the most dangerous of all is in lettuce!* "So, all these food freaks are doing the wrong thing. The first artificial chemical on the list is about number 30!"

He said that most natural selection is effected by disease and that basically mankind had won the battle against disease. \*

Two people out of three die because of the genes they are carrying, but those genes kill them now only after they have passed them on, so natural selection doesn't apply.

A third force working for mutation, he said, was

*inbreeding*. A thousand centuries ago, when the world held a smaller population than London does today, people lived in small communities and intermarried. This too he said had come to an end.

He concluded with a take-home message: namely that, through social change every force of evolution had now lost much of its power. *Utopia is already here.*

\* NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR

Phew — what a 'clanger' about defeating disease — and from a top biologist too! In the three years that this piece has been lying in my in-tray awaiting a slot in FSR, the newspapers of the world have been filled with terrifying reports about the massive "come-back" of tuberculosis and malaria and meningitis, the spreading of AIDS and Lassa fever and Ebola fever due to rapid air transport — and the emerging immunity against antibiotics of several of the commonest bacteria such as *Staphylococcus Aureus*.

Not to mention, of course, the awful flesh-eating bacterium, mad-cow disease (BSE), CJD, scrapie, and Heaven knows what else. And yet, right up to now, we are apparently still filling animals and fowls with hormones and antibiotics, feeding ground-up diseased cattle carcasses to other cattle despite the fact that cattle are herbivores, tampering with our own genetic system with which Providence — or whatever you like to call it — has endowed us, breeding mice with human ears sticking out of their backs, and finally, to cap it all, **talking of plans to produce human sperm through animals in order to compensate for the rapidly falling sperm-count which is itself (if not due to *aliens*, as some folk think!), far more likely to be due to our own chemical pollution of the entire Planet.**

Professor Jones, by the way, is a staunch materialist - atheist. He says that when you're dead and on the slab, you're dead and on the slab. And that's that!

An inspiring mentor for our rising generation, most of whom long ago ceased to have anything to believe in. Except, perhaps, drugs, sexual excess or unnatural sex, and their own mad, wild, pop "songs" and pop "music"

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## I. FSR IN TOP 5% OF WEB SITES

(As already reported on page 9 of FSR 41/1)

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We in turn give our congratulations to FSR's "Web Master" Dean Ladds, a keen FSR reader who created the site for us. Dean has put *Point Survey's* badge on the site, and, like us, is delighted with the international response to FSR on the Internet.

## II. FSR WINS ANOTHER TOP INTERNET AWARD!

**F**SR has won another prestigious award, the second since we launched our Internet site a few months ago with a great deal of help from our Consultant Dean Ladds. Thanks to Dean for this latest award:

In early August 1996 I received an email which announced that FSR had received a top 4-star rating from *Magellan*. *Magellan (USA)* is part of the McKinley Group, which was founded in 1993 "by a team of international publishers, technologists and information specialists."

*Magellan* specialises in compiling a directory of Internet sites and reviewing them. So far it has reviewed 40,000 out of 2 million in its directory.

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## III. NOW FOR THE THIRD ITEM

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# A STRANGE TALE FROM MISSOURI (1954)

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**H**undreds of strange tales are reaching FSR from all over the world. The one told here is perhaps the strangest. Whether you believe it or not, we think it worth publishing; for it is one which appears to be developing, and if true may lead to one of the answers we are seeking about the origins of Flying Saucers.

The author, Buck Nelson, is a farmer living in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri, USA, miles from the nearest town. Our first mention of his experience was given in the following note on page 3 of our very first issue, FSR 1/1, Spring 1955:

## BUCK NELSON'S FIRST LETTER

"A flying saucer has landed in Missouri", claims rancher Buck Nelson in a letter dated January 22, 1955, to *Flying Saucer Review*.

He writes: "I saw it over me as low as 100ft. before it landed on the back of my 80-acre ranch about 800 to 1,000 ft. from my house.

"I had a very clear, close-up view when it was directly over me at the back of my house near the kitchen door. It flew low and stood still in the air for several minutes.

"I rushed into the house to get my reflex camera, but when I returned it had raised up into real low clouds with two other such craft.

"I took several snaps with my camera", he added. "One snap shows two space ships among the clouds fairly clear.

"The picture of the saucers and the story were published in the newspaper here. Many people came to see me in cars from all over the States of Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas, as well as scientists and astronomers from New York and California.

"All claimed them to be Flying Saucers (Space Ships) from another world outside our Solar System".

(Buck Nelson's fuller account, given now below, is in reply to our request to him for elucidation.)

## BUCK NELSON'S SECOND LETTER

**I** was listening to the radio around 4pm on July 30 last year (1954) when a high-pitched noise and what appeared to be a foreign tongue cut across the programme. I listened for a few minutes and then turned the volume down and tried to tune in to get the programme more clearly; but the noise, mixed up with the babble of the unknown language, persisted.

At the same time I heard my pony raising Cain outside the house and my dog barking and scratching the door to attract my attention. I went out and what I saw astonished me.

A huge disc-like object, at least 50 feet in diameter, was hovering over the house about 100 or 200 feet up. Then it moved off and dropped below the trees 800 to 1,000 feet from the house and landed. I am pretty sure of that because the grass, which I examined later, showed where it had touched down.

In the meantime I went for my camera, but by the time I returned to the open the disc had climbed away into the low clouds to join two others. *I took three snaps, but only one showed any strange craft in the air. Yet every time I took a picture I saw two or more discs in the viewfinder.* All three objects seemed to play around the clouds, alternately hovering, turning right and left, and rising and descending sharply.

I had a close enough view to see why they were able to make such sharp turns. The ships, which were of a dark aluminium colour, were built with a revolving centre core which seemed to swivel so that one part always pointed in the direction of travel. The discs themselves never turned.

The most extraordinary and frightening experience during this visit, however, came when I tried to signal the one that had come nearest to me. A bright beam of light, much hotter and brighter than the sun, was thrown onto me, jolting me with a current that threw me to the ground.

Because I suffered from lumbago and neuritis, I was afraid to move and get up, and of getting another jolt. I just watched the discs until they disappeared. When I did get up, however, I was amazed to find the pains had gone. They haven't bothered me since. I believe there must be some connection between this and the incidents mentioned in the spring number of *Flying Saucer Review*, where American and French jetplane crews experienced intense heat in their cockpits when they approached Saucers.

The pictures I took were sent to the United States Air Force, but they were returned three months later without comment. It seems that the Air Force here do not believe in Saucers, or at least try to tell the public that they don't.

There was no sign of the Saucers again until mid-day on February 1 this year, when the three returned. One of them circled low over the house and someone spoke to

me in plain English over some kind of public address system. I was asked to hold my arm up high to answer "Yes" to any of their questions and to ask any questions by concentrating and thinking clearly anything I wished to ask.

Their first question was: "Are you friendly?" "Yes", I answered, and raised my right arm.

"Can we land on your place and not be molested? It may be necessary to land now and then."

I told them they could do so at any time as my ranch is heavily timbered and lies a 25 mile round trip from the nearest town and a long way from my nearest neighbour.

Then I asked: "Will you land and let me see you and talk to you?"

"Yes, sometime!"

"Can I go with you to your home on another planet?"

Again they answered: "Yes, sometime," and added, "There are many others from here on Venus."

"Are Mars and the Moon inhabited?"

"The Moon is not inhabited, but many planets have a colony of their people living on and exploiting it. They are living underground and in bubble houses."

As the ship flew around the house it keeled over enough for me to be able to see through the transparent dome into the cabin. One man was at a control desk lit up with flickering coloured lights, while two others stood up to a circular rail. They were of normal height, but very *big-boned*, heavily built and muscular.

An odd thing happened on this visit. I had been digging a spring near where the space ship had landed on the previous occasion and had piled a lot of soft *yellow* slate-like rock — we call it shale — near the hole. The spacemen loaded the lot and took it away with them.

I never saw them do it, but I cannot think of anyone except them wanting to take it away. There is lots of it around here and, as far as I can see, no one on this Earth would bother about that pile. Anyway, they must have taken it. Why? I am having the rock inspected and analysed to see what it might contain.

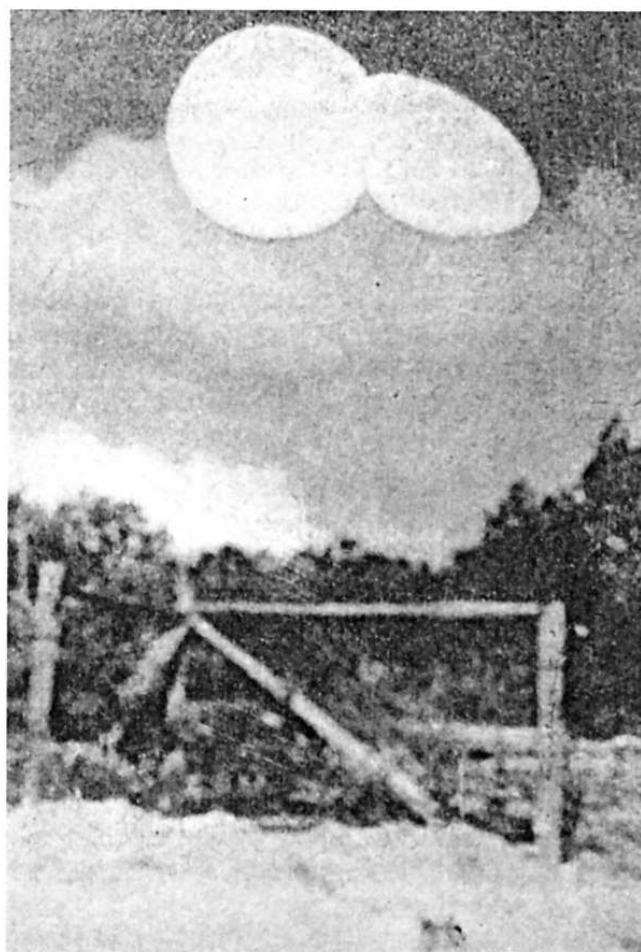
On March 5 I had them visit me personally in my house. When they arrived they were wearing nothing, but carried their clothing over their arms. After shaking hands they dressed in purplish-blue one-piece overalls with low necks and short sleeves.

Between this visit and the next, on March 22, two UFO investigators from Chicago called and spent three days with me. During that time they set up three flares in a triangle and a light beam with which they hoped to attract the attention of the Saucers. They tried on two nights running without success, although we heard a faint noise that may well have been the space ships.

The investigators told me the reason why the Saucer crew had arrived in the nude was to show friendliness and to prove to me that I was talking to real men.

The March 22 visit was a brief one at night, when I was told that they had tried to approach the flares and light beam but had been worried by a jet.

I hope to see them often, to travel in space with them and to see Venus and the Moon. I hope to be able to go and return, with the evidence safely printed on the films I will take with me.



One of Buck Nelson's photographs

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On the other hand I can assure you that we and our readers all around the world are far, far more interested in hearing about the operation of the "*Monty Python Foot*". So we shall take enormous pleasure in reporting all the details of your own approach to me, and, needless to add, this is why I am so delighted to have heard no more from you.

Yours sincerely , Gordon Creighton

Surely, dear FSR readers, all this makes far, far more "interesting reading" than any of our absurd and tedious UFO reports!■

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# VAMPIRE "CHUPA-CHUPAS" IN PUERTO RICO (1995): PART II

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(Translation from Spanish. G.C.)

[Continuation of Jorge Martín's article in *Evidencia OVNI* No. 8. (For Part I, see FSR 41/1 EDITOR)]

## THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF THE PUERTORICAN "CHUPACABRAS" (OR ANOMALOUS BIOLOGICAL ENTITY", AS JORGE MARTIN CALLS IT)

1. A crest of spines of varying lengths, running from the top of the head to the lower part of the back.
2. Eyewitnesses claim that these "spines", or "little wings", normally lie flat against the body but can also rise up and at times vibrate, producing a powerful hum. They also change colour, from black to red, to orange, to green, to yellow, to blue, to violet.
3. The body of the creature is covered with short, fine spikes resembling hairs, but much straighter, and grey-



ish-black in colour. Like a chameleon, the creature's hair and skin change colour, taking on the colour tones of its surroundings.

4. It has two very powerful feet which enable it to run at great speed, and perform great and agile bounds, as has frequently been observed by numerous

eyewitnesses. Its feet appear to have claws.

5. Its approximate height is between 4ft and 5 ft, but when walking it often has a more 'bent-over' posture and therefore seems shorter.

6. The head is medium-sized and pear-shaped, with the cranium broad at the top and with the jawbones quite pointed.

7. It has no ears, but only small auditory holes. The nose consists of two little holes. Its mouth is just an opening with no lips, and it has large fangs.

8. Its eyes are large, and slanted, of a deep reddish-orange colour, and, as some eyewitnesses say, have vertical black pupils (of reptilian or feline type).

9. It has small thin arms and hands with three or four fingers with sharp claws. From the abdomen down as far as the leg muscles the creature is broader and stronger.



(Translation from Spanish. G.C.)

**RESOLUTION No. 5012 of NOVEMBER 9, 1995, PRESENTED TO THE 12th LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATED FREE STATE OF PUERTO RICO BY HONOURABLE MEMBERS JUAN E. LOPEZ AND JOSE NUNEZ GONZALEZ**

**REFERRED TO THE COMMISSION**

### RESOLUTION

To order the Agricultural Commission of the Chamber of Representatives carry out a thorough and exhaustive investigation in order to clarify the unknown phenomenon and assess the damage caused by the so-called "chupacabras" to the nation's farmers.



**Resolución de la Cámara de Representantes de Puerto Rico No. 5012 Presentada  
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**RESOLUCION**

Para ordenar a la Comisión de Agricultura de la Cámara de Representantes realizar una investigación profunda y exhaustiva para aclarar el fenómeno desconocido y contabilizar los daños causados por el denominado "chupacabras" a los agricultores del país.

**EXPOSICION DE MOTIVOS**

En los últimos meses se han reportado en Puerto Rico numerosas muertes y ataques a animales que permanecen sin explicación alguna. Estos ataques se han perpetrado en distintas partes de la Isla. El número de casos ha aumentado recientemente y la comunidad puertorriqueña ante la alarmante situación reclama acción del Gobierno.

Las muertes han sido atribuidas a un animal que se ha denominado el "chupacabras", a raíz de un incidente que se informó a la policía donde una cabra perteneciente a un agricultor fue hallada muerta en un solar alledaño a la carretera que conduce al Barrio La Torre en Sabana Grande. Al animal le faltaba el ojo izquierdo y presentaba una herida extraña en el pescuezo por donde se le extrajo toda la sangre.

## EXPOSITION OF MOTIVES

During recent months there have been reports in Puerto Rico of numerous deaths of animals and attacks on animals for which there is as yet no explanation.

These attacks have been perpetrated in various parts of the Island. The volume of cases has increased recently and, faced with this alarming situation, the Puertorican Community demands action by the Government.

The deaths have been attributed to an animal which folk are calling the "*chupacabras*" on the basis of a case, reported to the Police, in which a farmer's goat was found dead on land bordering the highway leading to Barrio La Torre in Sabana Grande Municipality. The animal was lacking its left eye and bore on its breast a peculiar wound through which all of its blood had been extracted.

The first reports of suspicious deaths of animals appeared in areas of Orocovis and Corozal, two municipalities in the central part of the Island, in the middle of this year. \* Cases have also been recorded in the municipality of Canóvanas, on the north-eastern coast, and in Fajardo in the east, Gurabo, in the centre, and Naranjito, also in the centre. And in recent days residents of the Municipality of Lajas and of the Bellavista region of the municipality of Ponce discovered four dead cats and five dead dogs, and claimed these had all been victims of the animal known as the "*chupacabras*".

People who say they have seen the animal have described it to the Police as three feet in height, with claws on all four limbs, a round head, large eyes, and a body totally covered with black fur. So far the creature has not been captured, and the number of cases all over the Island is steadily rising, for which reason it is presumed that there may be more than one of the animals.

In view of the damage to the farmers, who depend on their animals for their work, and of the potential threat that a phenomenon such as this represents for our community in general, the Chamber of Representatives considers it to be imperative that the investigation be made.

### RESOLVED THEREFORE BY THE CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PUERTO RICO:-

Article 1. The Agricultural Commission of the Chamber of Representatives is instructed to carry out a deep and exhaustive investigation in order to clarify the mysterious phenomenon, and assess the damages caused to the country's farmers by the "*chupacabras*."

Article 2. Within 45 days after this Resolution is approved, the Agricultural Commission of the Chamber of Representatives must submit to this Legislative Body its report on the investigation, together with its conclusions and its recommendations.

\* **NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR** :This is of course complete and utter nonsense, because, as long ago as June 1974, I was translating and issuing, in FSR, identical reports of animal and bird mutilations in Puerto Rico which

had come to us from our then Correspondent there, the engineer Sebastián Robiou Lamarche.

In all, my early Puertorican reports were six, and they were in:-

1. *FSR Case Histories*, No. 17 (June 1974)
2. *FSR* 22/5 (Feb. 1977)
3. *FSR* 22/6 (April, 1977)
4. *FSR* 23/6 (April 1978)
5. *FSR* 25/3 (September 1979)

Subsequently, in *FSR* 27/1 (June 1981) I translated and published (6) Jorge Martín's *The Chicken Poachers on Puerto Rico* and, finally, more recently, I have produced translations of (7) Magdalena del Amo-Frèixedo's *Current Happenings on Puerto Rico* (*FSR* 36/4, 1991) and (8) her *Puerto Rico, An Area of Extraterrestrial Experimentation?* (*FSR* 39/1, 1994).

For its general interest, I now reproduce below Nos. (2) and (3) of the series, namely my early report, *UFOs And Mysterious Deaths of Animals*, published originally 19 years ago in *FSR* 22/5 and 22/6 ■

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# UFOs AND MYSTERIOUS DEATHS OF ANIMALS (1975)

## Part 1: THE ANIMAL DEATHS IN PUERTO RICO

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Frequent attempts have been made to correlate the appearance of UFOs with the mysterious deaths or disappearances of animals in certain regions of the world.

A famous case is that of "Snippy", the horse found mutilated at Alamosa in the State of Colorado, USA, in November 1965, and whose mysterious fate has been linked by various investigators with UFO happenings in that part of the country.

The year 1973 saw, both in the USA and in the whole of Latin America, what was possibly the most important UFO Wave of recent times. During the following year, 1974, it was the turn of Europe to have abundant UFO sightings.

Following a similar pattern, mysterious deaths of animals began to be reported, from January 1974 onwards, from various American States, notably Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado, Oklahoma and Minnesota. (See *APRO Bulletin* Vol. 23, No.4, January-February 1975. Also Jerome Clarke's article "The Strange Case of the Cattle Killings," in *Fate* for August 1974.)

More recently, on March 4, 1975, the influential newspaper *The New York Times* reported "numerous mutilations of animals in the northern part of Texas and in Oklahoma" and stated that Governor David Boren of Oklahoma had launched an enquiry into the question of mysterious deaths of animals.

In many of the cases the dead animals have been found to lack an organ (an ear, the tongue, the nose, the tail, or the reproductive organs) and the mutilations have been carried out "with the skill of a professional". Such, in fact, was the conclusion of Professors of Medicine in the University of Minnesota after they had performed numerous autopsies on the carcasses of such animals (see *Replica*, Miami, Florida, March 19, 1975). Furthermore, it was noted that the dead animals all appeared to be "completely without blood, as though the body had been drained by a needle".

Here in Puerto Rico, between February and July of 1975, numerous cases occurred of deaths of animals in

almost identical circumstances *and coincidentally with the occurrence, in the selfsame geographical region* as dozens of UFO cases and of cases of other phenomena held to be related to UFOs. In the course of our enquiries we have conducted scores of interviews, made many laboratory studies, and spent months of time on analyses and sifting the material. What follows below is, in concentrated form, the gist of our work, which may well throw an entirely new light upon the UFO phenomenon.

### THE MYSTERY KILLINGS

The first deaths took place before February 25, 1975. Then, from that date onwards, innumerable strange killings of animals began to be reported from the area around the town of Moca in the north-western corner of the Island of Puerto Rico. Then, at the end of March 1975 there came the first report from nearby Aguadilla, and cases began appearing gradually in other areas too.

Already in March the term "The Vampire of Moca" had been coined and was current among the people, this being the alleged cause of the strange animal killings. These reports were headlined in the chief daily papers. One journal, *El Vocero*, which gave extensive publicity to the killings, called upon the Government, in an editorial on March 15, to investigate the enigma, and reverted to the same theme in its editorial of March 21.

As a possible explanation for the deaths that had occurred up to then consideration was at first given to *snakes*. Dr. Juan A. Rivero, the herpetologist at the University of Puerto Rico, investigated the cases and stated on March 22, that the deaths of cows, goats and birds "definitely were not caused by any snake". On the same date, Saturday, March 22, Senator Miguel A. Deynes Soto, President of the Agricultural Commission of the Puerto Rico Senate, visited the Moca district, together with Attorney-General, Victor Calderón, and the Police Commandant for the Western Region, Colonel Samuel López. The theory that snakes might have been the possible cause having been ruled out, the authorities now began to think that the "Vampire of Moca" was some mentally unbalanced human. And so public promises were made that he would speedily be captured and brought to justice. So far as we know however, up to the present time no charges have been brought against anyone...



On the following day, March 23, veterinarian Mariano Santiago, of the Federal Department of Agriculture, said of his investigations that he had come to the conclusion that he was unable to explain the causes of the "strange wounds" found on the bodies of the animals. After that there arose a widespread popular belief that the mystery deaths were the work of "vampire bats". So once more Dr. Juan A. Rivero himself, author of various works on the zoology of the Caribbean Region, had to make it clear, in statements published on April 7, that that possibility was ruled out too.

Meanwhile, a few days previously, Police Superintendent Astol Calero Toledo had declared "I don't believe in vampires!" But he was quite unable to give the newspapermen an explanation for the dead animals.

On April 9, Sr. Felipe N. Rodríguez, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, stated that "the situation is pre-occupying - and occupying all the time of — my Department". And another spokesman, Sr. Isaías Fernández, Federal Meat Inspector, said that he "did not know the reason for the deaths of the animals."

Throughout the month of April further cases were occurring around the Metropolitan Area of San Juan itself, coinciding in time with various UFO sightings in different parts of the island. In July there were more cases of animal mutilation in the area where they had started, Moca. Up till today no official report whatsoever has been made giving any attempt to explain the mystery killings.

## THE FEATURES OBSERVED

The undermentioned observations are valid in all the cases that have occurred:

1. The animals are killed during the night, usually in the early morning hours.
2. In almost every case, the owner of the animals, even when he is sleeping quite near to them, perceives no noise or alarm among the animals themselves.
3. **In some of the cases the owner is awakened by a "loud screech" or by what sounds like the flapping of the wings of a gigantic bird. In a few of the cases the owner states that he saw "a strange animal" fleeing immediately after the attack on his animals.**
4. The animals give the appearance of having died as a result of the wounds received, although in certain other cases these do not look as though they are sufficiently serious to have caused death.
5. The wounds on the animals seem in many of the cases to follow a definite pattern. They look as though they have been produced by a sort of *punch* or sharp pricking instrument which cuts though all organs or bones that it encounters in its path. The wounds seem to vary according to the size of the animal. In the case of birds, the diameter of the wounds is about one quarter of an inch; in cases of goats, the diameter is over an inch. The depth of penetration of the wound also varies in many cases. But what is above all particularly curious to note is that *there is never a drop of blood anywhere around the wound*. Furthermore, the wound remains open: that is to say, it is as though the instrument producing the wound

has simultaneously extracted any flesh or organs which it encountered in its passage.

The positions of the wounds vary, but in the majority of the cases they occur near the neck of the animal or in its thorax.

6. In addition to the wounds, some of the animals also have their neck completely broken. And in a number of cases there is also mutilation of organs. The case that has been studied in this respect (Case No. 12) was handled by Dr. Angel de la Sierra, a biophysicist in the University of Puerto Rico. He reported that the cut inflicted on the ear of the piglet in question "is similar to what is done in experimental surgery for the purpose of investigating defects in hearing".

7. In various of the cases, the killings have been "selective". That is to say, in pens where there were other birds or animals, only one species has been killed. None of the other birds or animals show any sign of wound or attack.

8. The list of animals killed, and their percentages, is as follows:

Domestic fowls		
(hens, cocks, guineafowl, etc.)	182	57.8%
Ducks	40	12.70%
Goats	33	10.50%
Rabbits	20	6.38%
Geese	18	5.70%
Cows	8	2.55%
Sheep	5	1.59%
Pigs	3	0.96%
Dogs	3	0.96%
Cats	1	0.32%

As can be seen, the bulk of the victims are domestic fowls. If we consider ducks, rabbits and geese also as domestic animals kept in pens, then the total amounts to 82.58%, which indicates that the marked preponderance of the mystery killings involve animals kept in pens and hutches.

9. The cases occurred in both rural and suburban areas.

10. In cases 7,15,22,23, and 37, the owners of the animals say they saw "a strange animal, very hairy, running away..." Or they say they heard "**a screech, as though from a gigantic bird,**" or a "loud hum," or a "deafening noise," or "a loud flapping noise." Case no. 7 was investigated in very great detail. Don Cecilio Hernández, aged 65, lost a total of 35 chickens over a period of several nights. On the last of these occasions he saw "what looked like a woolly dog, ...with no legs or head... running off towards the hills silently". And he adds: "I have never in my life seen such a sight. It looked just like a mass of wool running along."

11. The following other cases are not directly linked with the deaths of animals, but they do all involve accounts of strange animals:

a. María Acevedo, of the Barrio de María district in Moca, says that one night (12.30am) early in March she heard "a strange animal on the zinc roof of her house". She could hear it walking about and "pecking". Then it flew off with a "**terrible screech**".

b. Pellín Marrero, of Rexville, Bayamón, told the press that he had seen a "**whitish-coloured gigantic condor**"

or vulture" flying around over the region, (March 25.) c. On March 26 the workman Juan Muñiz Feliciano, of Barrio Pueblo, La Sierra Sector, Moca, said that, when returning home at 10.00pm he had been attacked "**by a terrible greyish creature with lots of feathers, a long thick neck, bigger than a goose**", which he reckoned to weigh about 50lbs. When he called out to his neighbours and began throwing stones at it, it flew away.

On that same day, March 26, Olga Iris Rivera and Bárbara Pantoja, both of the Nemesio Canales housing complex, said they had seen a "**gigantic bird flying around among the clouds.**"

12. The majority of these cases of mysterious animal deaths were the subject of Police investigations, but so far nothing has been published regarding the results of their investigations nor has any attempt been made to explain the cause of the mystery killings.

## SOME OF THE MORE ENIGMATIC CASES

1. The most mysterious and puzzling case in the Moca region, and the one that has been the subject of most investigation, both official and private, is the one that occurred at the farm of Sr. Héctor Vega Rosado.

On the morning of March 18, Señor Vega found two of his goats dead, each with a wound from some sharp instrument under the thorax and on the upper part of the haunches. Next day, March 19, he discovered to his great surprise, that there had been a repetition, with ten goats dead, seven wounded, and ten missing. The report of this received great publicity.

Sr. Luis R. Urbina, Radiation Instructor with the local Civil Defence authorities, was quoted as having found evidence of radioactivity. This report caused much alarm. Some few days later, Señorita Mildred Cabán, a radiation technician, stated that she had found a count of 0.005 in the same area. Our own investigations on March 22 showed however that the radiation detected with a Geiger counter was normal for the region in question.

The farm of Sr. Héctor Vega Rosado, where these goats had been killed, is to all intents and purposes quite open, being separated merely by a wire fence from the small adjacent road which links the farm with Barrio Pueblo, a district of Moca. There is no electric lighting in the area. Anyone who studies the area will find it extremely difficult to comprehend how anybody, even with the assistance of others, could catch ten goats there in the open field in the middle of the night and kill them with some sharp stabbing weapon and wound seven more and carry off a further ten. The wounds on the goats all lie around the thorax and are almost an inch deep. In some of the animals the wound goes right through the body, and yet there is no sign of any blood around the wounds.

Although Sr. Vega himself thinks it possible that some unbalanced maniacal person might have caused the deaths, our own view is that, considering all the circumstances, the solution is not so simple as that. The Police, for their part, have published no conclusions about the case.

2. Before going to bed, Señor Buenaventura Bello was in

the habit of going out to feed the geese which, as a pastime, he kept in the back-yard of his home in Los Angeles, Carolina (part of the Metropolitan Area of San Juan, Puerto Rico). And so, as usual, he went out to the geese at 12.30am on April 5, though he noted at the time that one of his dogs, who always went with him, this time preferred to remain at a distance, "**barking insistently at something or other**".

Later that morning, at about 8.30, Sr. Bello found his ten geese and three pullets all dead and scattered in a circle. When the bodies of the geese were examined, it was found that each of them had a deep stab wound one-quarter of an inch in diameter, from which the feathers had been removed.

One of the dead geese was found in the back-yard of the neighbouring house, which was unoccupied at the time. This goose, unlike the rest, had had the upper part of its body cut right off "**as though with a very sharp instrument**".

Sr. Bello immediately informed the Police, who in due course conducted an extensive investigation, as also did the Federal Department of Agriculture, who took away several of the dead geese for examination. Thereafter, Sr. Bello's dogs "**refused to go out into the yard, however much you tried to push them,**" and would not do so until several days had elapsed.

A curious point to note is that Sr. Bello's bedroom is right next to the yard where the geese were kept. Despite the fact that these birds are extremely prone to giving the alarm at the least sound, and are in fact used in many places as "watchmen", on the night in question Sr. Bello heard not the least noise, whereas he had always done so on previous occasions when attempts had been made to steal his geese.

On March 8, while in the kitchen preparing a meal, Sr. Bello heard, for a brief moment, a strange and "**extremely penetrating**" noise, which astounded him. Straight away, one of his two dogs started to bark frantically, "**as though there was something in the room**". The dog continued to bark in this fashion until the strange noise had stopped. The witness was unable to give any explanation for the noise, any more than there is any explanation as to what or who could have killed his geese in so strange a fashion.

In the course of our investigations we managed to have one of the geese x-rayed and to have an autopsy performed on it by a well known pathologist who prefers to remain anonymous. The result of this examination shows that the bird received two stabbing wounds, which penetrated to a depth of more than an inch and destroyed the adjacent organs, while at the same time in some fashion cicatrizing the wound so that no blood would flow from it. The wounds are a quarter of an inch in diameter and appear to converge inside the bird's body.

Neither the body of the goose which we have examined nor the site showed any radioactivity in excess of what is normal for the area, nor were any other traces found. It has been impossible to establish the cause of the wounds, though everything indicates that both wounds were inflicted on the bird simultaneously, causing instant death ■

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## Part 2: UFO Sightings in Puerto Rico

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**T**he first of the cases with which we will deal took place in January, 1975. The witness failed to give the precise date. Señora A.A. (she wishes to remain anonymous) was asleep in her home in the Garden Hills sector of San Juan when she was suddenly awakened by a strange sound. It was a powerful intermittent hum, accompanied by another constant hum which appeared to be of lower frequency. The electric fan in the bedroom suddenly stopped. Alarmed at this, Sra A.A. took the daughter who was sleeping with her, collected her other child, and they all went to another room and shut themselves in.

A few moments later, the loud hum stopped and the electric fan started up again. Sra A.A. had seen nothing. She had merely heard the hum, which scared her.

A few days later, in the patio of her house, near the swimming pool, her gardener found three strange marks forming a triangle. Around that time she also learned that on the same night when she had heard the weird hum, the family in the house next door had seen an intensely bright light above the palm tree in front of the house. The light itself was not unbearably bright, but it had other lights, green and red, with it and it seemed to have "bright holes" in it. This strange light had remained there for about ten minutes and then moved away and disappeared from view in the west.

This case has been the subject of intensive investigation. The three marks found in the patio were three inches deep and four inches wide, and formed an equilateral triangle with each side measuring 44 inches. Engineer Oscar Hernández of the Foundation Engineering Laboratories made a profound study on the spot and in his laboratory, covering all aspects of the terrain. As a result of his study, he was able to establish that an average weight of around 14,190 lbs. would have been required to produce such holes on that type of soil. So far, no grass has grown again on the areas where the marks were, despite the fact that no signs of burning were detected there. Likewise no signs of abnormal radioactivity were detected in the area.

The next case was on January 12, 1975, when Señor Pedro Vega Avilés stated that he had seen three objects "brighter than the stars" travelling southwards in a zigzag motion near San Sebastián at about 5.30 am.

### MOCA

On March 12, when the reports of mysterious

deaths of animals at Moca had already begun, a farm worker from Moca named Luis Torres Aldaondo, and his son and daughter-in-law plus eight neighbours, all saw, passing overhead at tree-top height at about 9.30 pm, "something that looked like a Police screen, of various colours, and spinning like a top". Then it suddenly began to rise as it moved off eastwards. The witnesses said it looked as though it was made of "shining silver" ... and that it was "bigger than the house". The sighting lasted but a few seconds before the object was lost to sight among the clouds.

On March 21, just a few days after the mysterious killings of goats which we have already described, and when there had already been a dozen or so of similar cases, a party of witnesses, Señor Carlos Santiago and his wife and one of their daughters, were driving in their car when they observed a UFO which passed at great speed and very low over the El Mamey district of Moca. The object appeared to be "incandescent" and was soon out of sight. On March 24, Dr. Juan Sánchez Acevedo at once wakened his wife, but by then the noise had moved away and seemed to be fading out. They saw nothing.

Round about the same period in March, three witnesses, Arnaldo Rullán, Carlos Rullán and Alexis Fernández, reported having found "an area of flattened reeds, circular, as though some heavy flat-shaped object had settled there." And elsewhere in the same town of Moca, at the sports-field, while they were watching a game of soft-ball, three witnesses, Teodoro Quiñones Muñiz, Norberto Méndez, and Jorge Ramos, saw "a greenish-blue disc descending from the sky". They then saw it perform a sharp turn and move off rapidly towards the east. (The dates of these last two happenings have not been established.)

**During the days that followed, various witnesses said they had seen a weird bird at various places in the Metropolitan Area of San Juan, and meanwhile reports were still coming in of strange killings in other towns on Puerto Rico.**

### SAN JUAN

On March 21 came the first sighting (of the current wave) of a UFO over San Juan, the Capital. It was at 9.30 in the morning, when a group of people walking along in Santurce saw "a saucer shaped object moving off towards the North, in the direction of Isla Verde". They said it was travelling at the height of an aeroplane, but at a staggering speed, and that it had a dome "which



seemed to be metallic”.

Three days later, on March 24, near Puerto de Tierra, in the same area of San Juan, two girl secretaries, Antonia Cintrón and Paquita Martínez, were returning to work from lunch at 1.00 pm when they saw “a stationary luminous object ... which afterwards began to move slowly, emitting brilliant flashes of light”. They added “It was something very strange; not an aeroplane; it seems it must have been what they call a ‘flying saucer’ because it was oval and silvery coloured”.

**April 6 is a very important date. This was the date of the first strange case of dead animals in the Metropolitan Area of San Juan itself, i.e. the case of Sr. Bello's ten geese, which we have already described above. And, also on this same date came the first close-sightings of a UFO right in the centre of San Juan.**

### **DISC JOCKEY'S ENCOUNTER**

That night, Willie López was working as a disc jockey with Radio Station WBMJ (Radio Rock), located in the Darlington Building at Miramar, when he heard three very loud blows on the outside window behind the controls. (The radio station is on the top floor of the building in question.) Going over to the window, the young López saw a luminous figure in rapid movement which seemed to hide behind one of the external columns of the building. Then, remembering that he was all alone in the studio, he telephoned a friend, José Manuel, who lives in the same multistorey building. However, by 10.45 pm his friend had still not arrived, so Willie López, unable to contain his curiosity any longer, went over and opened the window suddenly. And he beheld, right in front of the building, and on top of the adjacent cooling tower, “a luminous white object, or rather a yellowish-white object, saucer-shaped, about forty feet in diameter,” and only about three or four feet from his building. In the interview which he gave to the press Willie López said he had noticed it was “making a rocking movement”. The UFO itself was stationary, the rocking movement was slight, and the UFO's luminosity was constant. Alarmed, Willie López slammed the window shut, and then instantly stopped the music he had been broadcasting, and told the listeners what he had just experienced. (Some days after this incident, the young disc jockey was still suffering from nervous shock and under treatment with sedatives.)

At 10.50 pm (precisely the same time) on Tuesday, April 8, when López was in the studio, along with announcer Raymond Rosado and Rosado's wife, and just as they were about to go on the air with a piece of promotion based on the events that had happened two days previously, they heard the whole air-conditioning system of the building start to vibrate. As they described it, “it seemed as though the whole place was about to collapse”.

Meanwhile, just as this was happening at the studio, out at Guaynabo, where the radio station's actual transmitters are located, things were also happening. Rafael Pérez, Efraín Camacho, José A. Soto, Wito Castro, and Johnny Acevedo all saw a shining object descend

and produce a powerful explosion, as a result of which it seems that the whole district, including the WBKJ (Radio Rock) transmitter, was without electricity for twenty minutes. The object that fell made a crater several feet wide and the ground at the spot remained hot for several days. While the possibility of its having been a meteorite naturally cannot be ruled out, does there not seem to be a strange element of coincidence about this whole business?

### **POWER FAILURE**

On April 11 there were sporadic power failures in various parts of San Juan. On the day following, April 12, a group of eyewitnesses saw a UFO “resembling the rotunda on the Capitol” near Paquita's Place, a restaurant in the Piñones district, to the north-west of San Juan. And on April 17, again at Moca, a lady named Wanda Feliciano, and her brother Elly and his companions Félix Cruz and Rosaura Vargas, claim to have seen a UFO. (This date too coincides with the strange deaths of animals in various places.)

### **WEIRD CREATURE, ANIMAL EFFECT AND ANOTHER MUTILATION**

On April 18, Orlando Franceschi, janitor at the San Lucas Hospital at Ponce, claims to have had a personal encounter “with a horrible monster that he would never be able to forget”, right in the back-yard of his own home. Coming out of the bathroom, at 8.00pm, he was just about to go to the ice-box for some water when, looking out through the window that gives on to his back-yard he saw what at first he took to be a dog pass by. Astonished, since he knew his own dog was tied up not far from there, he seized a shovel which was standing near the door and stepped outside. “Arriving round at the back of the house, I saw nothing, but when I came back... I saw it coming towards me. . it was the same thing that I had seen go past the window; with long ears, a long nose too; the mouth wasn't very visible, but I noticed a slit with no lips, two black blobs which were its eyes, the jawbone of an ape .... and it was walking the way ‘zombies’, do, swaying from side to side. It was an amazing sight .... I felt it was going to attack me, so then I hit it with the shovel. It was about four feet or so from me .... it was very small, let's say about 4ft. 8 inches high .... I hit it on the chest with the shovel and the blow sounded a hard one. On feeling the blow from me, it backed away, but it made no sound.... it moved as though it was floating. I said to myself: ‘this is no vision’.... and I hit it a second time with the shovel and again it backed away. When I hit it the third time, I was in a rather uncomfortable position... I can't explain it exactly, but I fell, as though I hadn't hit him. I fell just because of the weight of the shovel. I tried to get up again, but, I don't know if it was through fear .... I had no strength. I felt there was something that wasn't in me. I looked around and the creature was gone. Then my strength came back. There was a zinc sheet in the neighbour's fence between the two houses, and this had been pushed through on to the other side, as though it had escaped, through there. I can't of course swear to this, I don't know whether it

flew away or whether it just disappeared. While all this was going on, my dog didn't bark even once".

After this episode (transcribed by us here from his original taped statement) Señor Franceschi, who is aged 26, went back into the house, where were his mother, his wife, and his two daughters. Seeing the distraught state he was in, the family at once called the Police, who launched an investigation, the results of which have not been divulged. Franceschi remained under sedation for the next two days. Immediately after the incident, five young men who were returning that same night from the Glenview housing estate said they had seen a "strange dwarf" and pelted it with stones. It is to be noted that a cock was killed that same night and was found near Franceschi's house. It displayed the same characteristic wound as were found on the other dead animals and which we have already described.

A week later, Señor Franceschi started hearing voices which, as he said, "I am absolutely sure were not imaginary". And he went on: "I heard what sounded like somebody speaking to me, and this voice said to me that on Saturday, May 31, all Christians should meet together to pray. I heard the voice repeat this to me seven times. It said that the churches must remain open, so that there would be nobody who had not prayed ... and that if this was not fulfilled even worse things would happen than are happening now".

In fact nothing did happen on Saturday, May 31, though lots of people heeded the exhortation which Señor Franceschi had had published in the newspapers.

### **JUAN DIAZ AND COSMO**

Let us however return now to previous events. On the day following the Franceschi case, that is to say April 19, Señora Alda Isabel Vázquez de Figueroa and her daughter Camille observed a UFO at Las Corozas, a suburb of Juana Díaz, a town near Ponce. Said the eyewitness: "It was around 10.15 pm. I was just tidying up, and then I went to get a dress to iron it. I opened the door leading to the patio, and I saw a vivid orange light hanging stationary above the garage. It was quite near, and I stood there quietly, watching. I remained there like a statue for I don't know how long — maybe five minutes — and the light remained in the same spot. The thing was bigger than an automobile wheel... Then it rose up a bit, quite silently. The body of the thing was very orange and its brightness was enormous. Then it moved away and was concealed behind the mountain, but still leaving the whole area lit up".

On some subsequent date after April 20, which we have not been able to establish precisely, Señora María Socorro Janer and her husband saw an object "shaped like a cupola, with a vivid bright light", when they were travelling by car near the town of Cosmo, not far from where the last case had occurred.

### **ARSONLOO?**

On April 29, at 3.30 am, Señora Juana Vázquez and her children were awakened by something that lit up

their house in Peñones, a suburb of San Germán. One of the most astonished members of the family, Ivan aged 17, said that they got up and looking out of the window, saw "a bright object stationary over their lavatory". Señora Vázquez and her children, Jennie, Luis, Pastora and Ramonita confirm this.

The UFO was shooting out "flashes of blinding light" which made it impossible for them to make out the precise shape of the object. The lavatory caught fire and the witnesses heard some "faint sounds". Then came other sounds that were "louder and of higher pitch", and the UFO shot upwards and vanished.

The latrine continued to burn and the fire was put out with the help of the neighbours who came rushing up immediately. One of the neighbours, Rubén Hernández Blas, an agricultural worker, said he had seen the UFO as it was moving away. This case created a great commotion in the whole district and was thoroughly investigated by the Police.

Other residents in the district reported that on the same night they had noticed a great deal of disturbance among their domestic animals, especially the dogs, which had barked furiously. Other reports, unconfirmed, indicate that two cows were found dead at the time, in very mysterious circumstances, right inside the suburb of Peñones.

### **CUPEY**

The area of activity seems to have moved, and at 4.30am on May 4, a Señor R—, residing at Cupey, to the south of the Metropolitan Area of San Juan, "saw a UFO with a big intensely yellow pulsating light on one side (the extreme right from his point of view) and another less vivid light at the other side, plus a row of eight rectangular lights," stationary at a distance of about 1,500ft. from his suburban home. He at once aroused all his family, who all watched the phenomenon for 45 minutes until they grew weary and went back to bed. The following day they went back to the spot where the UFO had presumably landed and they found an area, some 25 ft in diameter, which "seemed to be burnt". They observed moreover some strange marks, shaped like feet with only three toes. These were 14 inches long and tapering from a width of 4 inches at the back to 19 inches in front. These marks seemed to be in a straight line, and spaced at intervals of 50 inches. Along with these marks, the witnesses also found some "scratch marks" on the ground. This case, which received no publicity, was investigated by Electrical Engineer Heriberto Ramos.

### **PROFESSOR'S VIEW**

May 17 brought two high-altitude sightings. One of them was seen from Las Crobas, Fajardo, by Gustav Zeissic, a Doctor in Astronomy and Professor of Physics at the University of Puerto Rico. Others with him who saw it were Julio Peignand, a professor of Psychology, Luis A. Delgado de León, a sculptor, and José F. Delgado Ramírez, a banker.



## LOW LEVEL UFOs

On the same day, May 17, at 9.30 pm, came another low-level sighting of a UFO, sighted from two places in the Metropolitan Area of San Juan. At Park Garden in Rio Piedras, Mérida Méndez was in conversation with Georgina and Norma Toro in the back-garden of the two last-named. Norma suddenly saw an object ... "round and yellow and all with a very powerful light," and shouted to her two friends to look. The UFO was stationary at an angle of about 60 degrees of elevation, above a neighbouring house. They noted that the object consisted of three parts, and that the middle part had some "windows" which emitted a brilliant green light. Suddenly, as they watched, the UFO started "to rise, at an angle, rotating as it did so, and making a 'pu-pu-pu' sound". They also saw that as the UFO rose a red light came on inside it.

After the UFO had climbed higher in the sky it remained there circling around over the area for some minutes. It then disappeared from sight.

On that same night, May 17, approximately one hour later, a UFO, flying slowly and very low, was seen from the Miramar sector, in the same part of the suburbs of San Juan, by a professional man and his wife who prefer to remain anonymous.

On May 24, at 9.50 pm, not far from the same area, the Ortiz de Rivero family reported that they too had seen a UFO flying low, "with blinking red lights". As it moved off towards the south-west the light then became a vivid white. The witnesses stated that on its central part it had what they described as "elliptical skylights showing a yellow glow."

## PILOT'S REPORT

After this last sighting, the nature of the reports changes and they now refer generally to UFOs seen at great heights over more distant regions of the island, such as Maricao, San Germaldo, and Cayey-Salinas. On Wednesday, June 18, two commercial air pilots informed the press (anonymously) that they had seen UFOs over Villalba, and over the area around San Sebastián. In one case, said one of the pilots, "Some weeks ago, between Barranquitas, Villalba and Ponce, I saw two white lights and one red one stationary in space. The red light was flashing, and the two white ones very brilliant. The time was about 11.00pm. The object — or the lights — were towards the northwest, that is to say, nearer to Ponce. Then at one point the UFO started moving up and down, as though simulating impulses, and flashes began coming from the lights". Amazed at what he had seen, this pilot called up the Air Control Centre to ask whether there was any plane or helicopter in the area, but the reply was that there were none.

## REMARKS AND CONCLUSIONS

1. Nobody, either privately or officially, has succeeded in establishing the cause of the deaths of the animals. Official Police investigations took place. Also investigations by the Department of Agriculture and by Federal Agencies. The conclusions were ... silence.
2. It is not possible to establish categorically a link be-

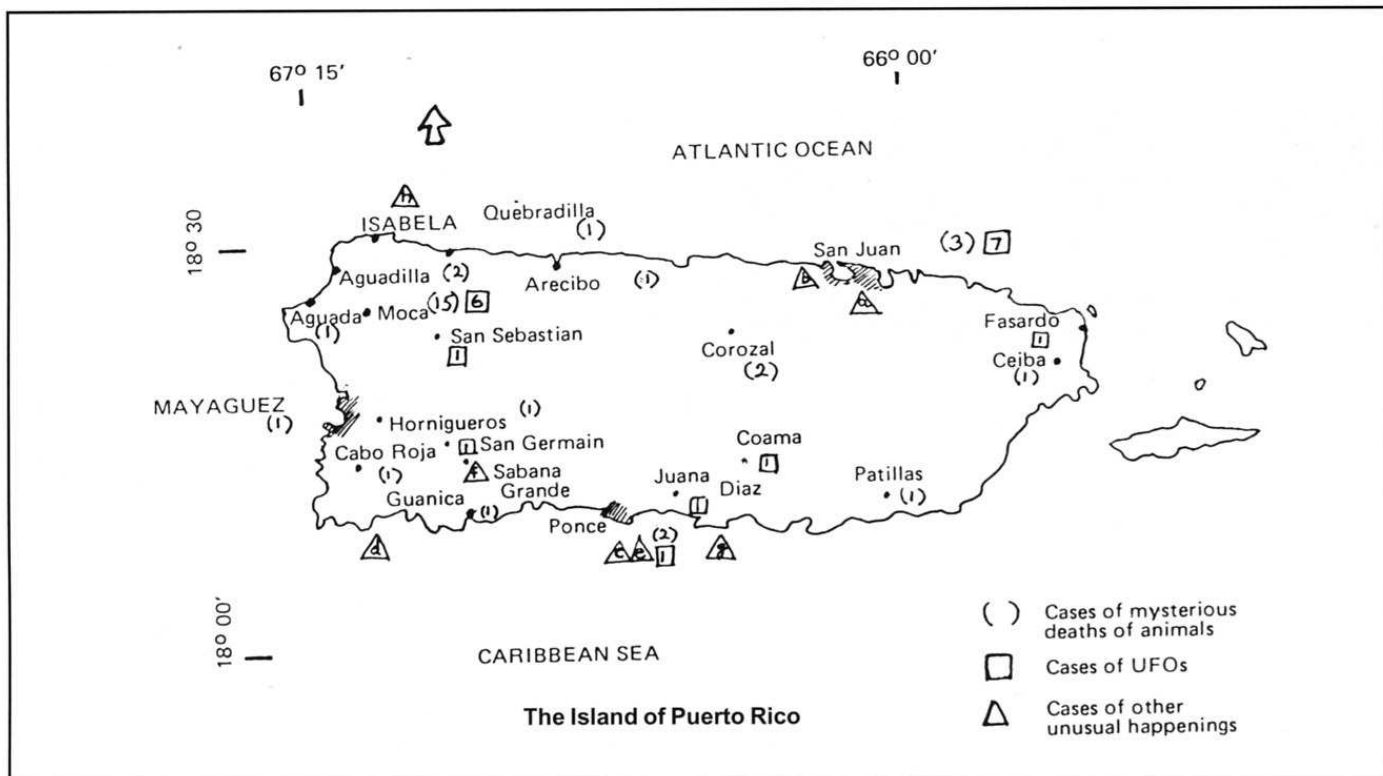
tween the mystery deaths of animals and the UFO sightings. However, it must be emphasised that both of these phenomena were occurring simultaneously, and practically in the same chronological order, in certain definite geographical zones.

3. The UFO cases started at the beginning of the year. The strange deaths of the animals began to be reported before the end of February. In the towns of Moca both the phenomena — UFOs and animal deaths — were occurring simultaneously, and when sightings of UFOs outside the Moca area began to be reported, so too did the strange deaths of animals in other places also begin to be reported. Around the end of July, 1975 came the last cases of strange deaths of animals in Moca, as though a cycle were closing. *Since that date we have no further cases of either phenomena.*

4. We think we can safely say that 1975 has been the peak year so far as Puerto Rico is concerned for the weird and strange. In addition to the UFO phenomena and the strange deaths of animals **and a number of reports of sightings of an enormous bird**, which we have quoted above, we have also had the undermentioned happenings of a strange nature:

- a. January 14, 1975, at 2.30pm a mysterious explosion was heard throughout almost the entire Metropolitan area of San Juan. The Puerto Rico National Air Guard (i.e. the Air Force) deny that any machine of theirs broke through the sound barrier over the city and caused this spectacular noise. The cause remains unexplained.
- b. On that same day, January 14, at 7.30 pm Señora Isabel Dávila of the Santa Juanita residential estate at Bayamón claims to have heard a strange moaning noise and to have seen tears of blood gushing from the eyes of an image of the Sacred Heart. This happening received widespread publicity over a period of several weeks.
- c. January 23: Señora Dionisia Arteaga reported that on this day her son Radamés saw blood coming from a picture representing The Almighty which hangs in her residence in the Dr. Pilá housing complex in Ponce.
- d. February 22. A search was called for after a boat failed to return to the town of La Parguera. Six days later, on February 28, the boat was found drifting in the Canal de la Mona, with everything in complete order, the engine in perfect condition, but both the occupants, two young professional men from the district, missing.
- e. March 6. Another strange explosion of unknown origin shook the town of Ponce. It was heard practically all over the town.
- f. From the beginning of March reports of fresh "miracles" began to come from the town of Sabana Grande, where there is a Sanctuary for religious pilgrims — due to the fact that on May 25, 1953, the Virgin is alleged to have appeared there. These new reports of "miracle cures" continued over the following weeks.
- g. April 1. The press reported that a sailing boat had been found without its crew. The boat had put to sea a few days previously from Guayamar, on the South Coast of Puerto Rico, and the Coast Guard had mounted an energetic search for it.
- h. June 20. Some wax remnants on a porcelain plate are





allegedly converted into an image of the Virgin del Carmen. This event is reported to have occurred at Isabela, in the home of Arturo Gonz  les and his wife. According to the report, Father Ignacio and Father Elias, priests of the local Catholic Church in the town, accepted the existence of the image as authentic.

5. What is above all evident from all this is that we are seeing what we might term *a new phase of activity by the UFO Phenomenon*. The UFO Phenomenon is now manifesting itself more openly; it is ceasing to be rural, and in many cases it is now a town phenomenon; there are more low-altitude sightings; there are three cases with physical marks left on the ground, one of these being the alleged incendiarism in an outside latrine. The UFO theme is the subject of frank and open discussion in the organs of the press. And, above all, it is now connected in the mind of the public with the killing of animals.

In conclusion, I must add that the work of compiling this Report has been made possible thanks to the co-operation received by me from:

**Salvador Freixedo. S.J.**

William Santana Font, Architect.

Noel Rigau, Agricultural expert

Oscar Hern  ndez, Engineer

Heriberto Ramos, Engineer

Alfonso Mart  nez Taboa

Carlos Alvarado

Freddy Badillo Javariz

Francisco Mar  n

Jos   Vargas Lisboa

Osvaldo Laurido Santos

Rafael Portela ■



**Co-Pilot's sketch**

## GIANT "CIGAR" CRAFT SEEN OVER THE USA (MAY 1995)

**O**n the evening of May 25, 1995, a passenger plane of the America West Company took off from Tampa, S.W. Florida, bound for Nevada.

At about 22h30, when over the Texas/New Mexico border areas (i.e. roughly somewhere near the famous site of "Roswell"! G.C.) and flying at 39,000 ft., through a violent storm, the Captain and then later, also his Co-Pilot, noticed a row of eight lights on their starboard (right) side.

A series of powerful lightning flashes followed, and enabled the pilots to see that the lights were along the body of an immense dark cigar-shaped object which the Co-Pilot estimated as possibly being some 300 to 450 ft. in length, while the Captain thought it might have been even longer — as much as 500 ft.

The nearest Air Control post (at Albuquerque, N.M.) said they detected nothing there on their radascopes.

However, a US Air Force pilot flying at 27,000 ft. radioed that he had seen the object on his port side, at a lower altitude, but gave no other details.

At 22hr45 one of the Albuquerque controllers contacted the North American Air Defence Command (NORAD), who confirmed that they themselves had picked up an unidentified radar echo from that same sector. The target observed by them was behaving strangely, successively halting for brief stops and then brusquely accelerating again. Its accelerations were computed at between 1,000 mph and 1,400 mph. A NORAD spokesman said the Captain had described it as "a pretty interesting thing out there — right out of the X-Files. I mean — it's definitely a UFO, or something like that".

MUFON's verdict was that the case "must be classified as a genuine unknown", and one of their experts, Walter N Webb, was stated to be making a thorough investigation of it.

SOURCES:-

⑩ America West Airline Case, by Richard Hall, in MUFON JOURNAL No.336 (April 1996).

America West Airline Case, May 25/6, 1995. Interim report by Walter N. Webb ■

## BOOK REVIEWS

### IN THE BLOOD, GOD, GENES AND DESTINY

Steve Jones. Harper Collins, 1996 .Hardback  
ISBN 000 2555115 Price £20.00  
By Eve

Professor Steve Jones addresses problems which preoccupy many of our discerning FSR readers: good and evil, crime, free will and original sin, although not of course extraterrestrial! His book is full of interesting information. Here are some examples:

The blood, it seems, carries no DNA and therefore no genes. The greatest data base we have for genetic information was built up by the Mormons, because they wanted to convert past generations to their faith!

The Jews have genes so rare that their movements can be traced across the world.

There is a full discussion of the genetics of melanin, and the politics of race, discussing new claims.

Prince Charles has a connection with William the Conqueror, but then, probably, so do you!

Mutations produce children with up to eight chromosomes with only a single Y which means their sex-life will be confused. I know of a Jack Russell terrier who had a complete set of both organs, a very muddled dog indeed.

As late as 1992 the Red Indian tribe of Pequots expanded their gambling business and began to spend their profits on helping poorer Indians. This set off millions of claims to Indian ancestry. Since they are all blood group O and have a small change in the mitochondria, this could be quite easy.

So how did I come to have a son with blood Group O?

### BOOK REVIEW: OMAR FOWLER'S 'THE FLYING TRIANGLE'

By Paul Whitehead

Omar Fowler has gained a reputation for dogged and thoughtful research since he founded SIGAP (THE SURREY INVESTIGATION GROUP INTO AERIAL PHENOMENA) in 1967, and as a result has unearthed many unusual and fascinating UFO cases. Since moving to Derbyshire in 1990 and founding his new Phenomenon Research Association there, he has continued his work; little did he know that that area was to become the focus of a new and deepening mystery.

Flying Triangles were first observed over the eastern seaboard of the United States in 1983.\* Then they made several dramatic appearances over Belgium in 1989-90. In 1991 and 1992 they were observed over Japan. Meanwhile, in 1990, they were seen over Russia,

and began re-appearing in the USA a little later.

Then reports began to reach UFO research groups in the UK that huge flying triangles were being reported over Britain. Specifically, sightings have become concentrated around Derbyshire.

What can the triangles be? In his 24 page report, entitled *The Flying Triangle Mystery*, Omar Fowler gives a history of the subject before detailing many cases local to Derbyshire, and several cases from other parts of the country.

After analysing witnesses' observations, Omar lists typical characteristics of these "craft". They can, for example, hover motionless and then accelerate away at hundreds of miles an hour within seconds. They may apparently observe an area and shine beams of light down to the ground. They can be silent, or emit a low hum or drone. They may appear immediately after a flash in the sky similar to "sheet" lightning. **They may not be what some people think they are — secret terrestrial military craft — says Omar.**

The craft can be huge; "gi-normous" is a typical comment. (A term much used by the younger generation in Britain today.)

For those who want to gain a greater insight into what Flying Triangles ("FTs") might be, or simply wish to read the many cases covered by Omar, his report is recommended reading.

Priced at £3.50, including p & p, for U.K. readers, the Report includes colour simulations of sightings.

For USA and elsewhere overseas, the price is £4.50, including cost of airmail.

Send cheque or money-order (made out to Phenomenon Research Association) to Omar Fowler, 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby, DE24 9HR, England.

Reports of UFOs — particularly of "FTs" — can also go to the same address.

#### NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

\* I feel very certain that a survey of the earlier issues of FSR, which date from 1955, will turn up a few cases of big "FTs" seen long before 1983.

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# THE "MONTY PYTHON FOOT".

© By GORDON CREIGHTON

[I give below a few disconnected 'snippets', from the distant and also from the very recent past (not so very disconnected if you study them carefully) which I imagine cannot fail to be of some interest to readers of FSR, because they "throw quite a lot of light here and there".....

Friends and readers have of course frequently remarked on the fact that never, anywhere in the entire British media — newspapers, TV or radio — will you normally ever see so much as the slightest mention of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW or of its editor, whereas pretty well everyone else gets plenty of mention. And the more ridiculous the organization or the person the more often it is usually mentioned. All of which has been carefully arranged.

It is now, I estimate, roughly about 15 years since I was last permitted to participate in any TV or radio programme. (Whereas, previously to that, I had been in more than 40.) The sole exception involving a mention of FSR appears to have been the recent item in the *New Statesman* described at length below, and you can see for yourselves how that one ended!

It was evidently due to a grave blunder on the part of an enthusiastic journalist (maybe a freelancer?) and he will presumably have received a severe wiggling for it. However it would be entirely wrong for you to imagine that this state of affairs is seen by us as 'sad' or 'unsatisfactory' or depressing'. Far from it! For it looks, quite patently, as though *somebody, somewhere*, greatly dislikes what we are doing and saying *and what it is that we stand for*.

As Ann Druffel wrote to me ten years ago: "IT LOOKS AS THOUGH YOU MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT TO HAVE MERITED SUCH VITUPERATION!"

As regards the scene outside Britain, it is seemingly no different, for as Salvador Freixedo recently told us (FSR 40/3, page 26) when he sought biographical and other details about me in the UFO year books and reference books he found that there were none. In other words, like certain proscribed individuals in the former Soviet Union, I am an "un-person", or a "non-person". (This technique has also been applied with some success by the authorities in the USA in at least two cases known to me, and I feel sure that the idea is not exactly unknown over here in Britain.)

In my case, the ban on any reference to me also extends to any letter I might write to a newspaper about such matters as Communism or the situations in Russia and China, on which I can claim to have specialized knowledge and some expertise.]

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I. Right at the very outset of FSR's existence, on page 8 of its third issue (July/August 1955), our Founding

Editor, Derek Dempster, published this extraordinary piece of news:

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH ASKS FOR SAUCER DETAILS

According to *Sunday Express* columnist Ephraim Hardcastle, the Duke of Edinburgh has asked that all flying saucer reports received by the Air Ministry in London should be duplicated and sent to him. Surprised, Hardcastle said: "I had not realized that the Duke of Edinburgh's interest in mechanical contraptions extended as far as flying saucers".

Whether by accident or intention, Hardcastle has elevated the status of saucers from the usual run of explanations to that of 'mechanical contraptions.' Such is the power of Royal patronage. The Duke's interest in unidentified flying objects is not recent. When young Stephen Darbishire visited London after photographing a saucer near his home at Coniston, Lancashire (February 15, 1954, Editor), he was summoned to report his experience to one of the Duke's aides at Buckingham Palace.

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II. All this, as our older readers will remember, was 'quite especially extraordinary' because, in his Editorial in issue No. 2 of FSR (May/June 1955) Derek Dempster had also just said this:

**Government statements on Flying Saucers have always been confusing, and the general consensus of opinion has been that officialdom was just as anxious to know the answer to the riddle as anyone else. But last month something happened to give rise to the belief that Whitehall did in fact have the UFO answer. The Air Ministry announced that the results of a five-year probe into Flying Saucers by the Royal Air Force had been submitted to high-ranking officers, but that it was never to be revealed to the public for security reasons.**

(N.B. Derek Dempster, FSR's first Editor, had himself recently been a Pilot Officer in the RAF).

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III. The next item that we would like to highlight today is a report on page 24 of FSR Volume 9, No. 5 (September/October 1963), in which the FSR Editor (by then Waveney Girvan, a publisher) revealed something else very interesting about the Duke of Edinburgh:

The well-known U.S. family magazine *McCalls*, for June 22 1962, had carried an article entitled "HOW QUEEN ELIZABETH II ENTERTAINS HER FRIENDS", and the article had also discussed Prince Philip's interests. It said this: "He (Prince Philip) talks animatedly of new inventions, argues farming techniques with Lord Dorchester, yarns about sport — hunting, polo, yachting, cricket - discusses sputniks, atom bombs, space



travel. The subject of flying saucers came up at one dinner party. 'I'm sure they exist', Philip insisted. 'All the evidence points to it. So many people say they have seen them. You should read the book *Flying Saucers Have Landed*'.

This report in *McCalls* of June 22, 1962, has been quoted only once or twice since then, but I am surely committing no great indiscretion if I refer to it again here, for the fact is that, *years earlier* — eight years earlier, to be precise (i.e. in 1954), when it was announced in some of the London newspapers that a group of people were planning to launch a journal to be called FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, the Honourable Brinsley le Poer Trench (later to be the Earl of Clancarty) who was at that time in charge of our advertising and public relations, heard from both the Duke of Edinburgh and his uncle Lord Louis Mountbatten of Burma that they would like very much to receive the journal. They were both at once put on to our Free List, and the Duke has consequently been receiving his regular copy of FSR at Buckingham Palace ever since (41 years now), while Lord Mountbatten also went on receiving his copy right up to the day when our biggest enemies murdered him.

(The Duke of Edinburgh's copy of FSR is moreover *not the only one* that goes to Buckingham Palace).

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IV. Our next fascinating snippet of information is as follows:

The British left-wing weekly, THE NEW STATESMAN, erstwhile flagship-journal for Kingsley Martin and Co., and the old, now "busted" British Commies (still planning a worldwide come-back, however. So watch for it!) has recently taken to running a half-page every week about the INTERNET, by Richard Belfield. And, surprise oh surprise, in their issue for July 12, 1996 — a totally astounding thing to see in this oh so politically *correct* of broadsheets — Mr. Belfield appears to have taken leave of his senses! For, *in shameless defiance of the standing instructions that no reference to myself or to FSR is to be permitted anywhere in the British media, this is what, on page 31, we read. And it is by no means so uncomplimentary to us as many might have hoped:*

#### THE NET

#### RICHARD BELFIELD TAKES A TRIP TO THE HEAVENS TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BIZARRE WORLD OF UFOLOGY

It is probably not that surprising, but the UFO sites are some of the most popular on the NET. *Flying Saucer Review*, a magazine first published in 1955, is now on-line ([www.cee.hw.ac.uk/~80/~ceewb/fsr/fsrhome.htm](http://www.cee.hw.ac.uk/~80/~ceewb/fsr/fsrhome.htm)) and already in the top 5% of most visited sites. TUFOP — The Ultimate UFO PAGE — ([www.serve.com/tufop](http://www.serve.com/tufop)) has been on-line longer and is one of the most popular sites on the Net. (I was visitor 928,142). The CUFON Files ([www.tcet.unt.edu/~chrisl/cufon-pg.htm](http://www.tcet.unt.edu/~chrisl/cufon-pg.htm)) has dozens of declassified documents going back over 50 years. *Flying Saucer Review*, which claims Prince Philip among its subscribers, is produced in England, with help from

70 experts worldwide. It has a splendid collection of more than 100 UFO-related pictures on the Net. What is most remarkable about these snaps is the similarity, whether they were taken in Tianjin in North China in 1942 or in Argentina in 1977. The cynic would say that's because they are all fakes, copies from the same fantasy. That's possible — and the TUFOP pages have an interesting psychological profile of UFO sighters, which could explain some of this. "But what about the cover-up?" the ufologists reply. And this is where the Net is at its best.

Some of the UFO sites not only offer good quality pictures (which can be downloaded quickly) but also plenty of declassified documents from the CIA, the FBI, the National Security Agency, and other American government departments. CUFON — that's the Computer UFO Network — has declassified documents from the 1950s onwards. There is some rich and fascinating material here, though some of the early papers make you want to reach for the dustpan and brush to sweep away the dust of cold war paranoia. **But the more recent material suggests that the world's governments take UFOs seriously, even if most of the rest of us don't.**

The problem is that you don't have to scratch very deeply before you are into crop circles and crazy talk. As Gordon Creighton, the editor of *Flying Saucer Review* warns: "These sons of Belial are unfortunately still very much with us and aiming for a big and conclusive triumph soon."

And I don't think he is talking about John Redwood and the Vulcans.

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V. Hoping to correct the slight inaccuracies in Mr. Belfield's article, I sent the following letter to the Editor of the NEW STATESMAN:-

Sir,

July 15, 1996

Richard Belfield's article on The Net (page 31 of your current issue) is incorrect on two points and requires amendment.

He says that *Flying Saucer Review* "claims Prince Philip among its subscribers". We would never "*claim*" any connection with Prince Philip, and in the course of our 40 years of existence we have never done so, out of consideration for his interests. (It was *he* himself who, *years ago*, in an interview published in *McCall's* magazine in the USA, revealed his interest in the subject and advised uninformed folk to read *Flying Saucers Have Landed*).

Nor was Prince Philip ever an FSR *subscriber*, and we would never dream of asking him to be one. The facts of the case are that, when it was announced in London newspapers in 1954 that a group of us were planning to publish a journal on this subject, we at once received requests for it from both Prince Philip and his uncle Lord Louis Mountbatten, who already knew a very great deal about such things, and both began to receive courtesy copies of the journal, the Prince until now, and Lord Mountbatten until he was murdered by the IRA.

Yours faithfully

Gordon Creighton Editor, *Flying Saucer Review*.  
IS THERE ANY NEED FOR ME TO ADD THAT

THIS LETTER FROM ME TO THE EDITOR OF THE "NEW STATESMAN" WAS NOT PUBLISHED BY HIM, NOR WAS IT EVEN GRANTED THE MINIMAL COURTESY OF AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT? AND IT IS IN FACT A MATTER OF RECORD THAT NO EDITOR OF ANY BRITISH NEWSPAPER OR PERIODICAL HAS DISPLAYED THE COURTESY OF ACKNOWLEDGING OR OF ANSWERING *ANY LETTER* FROM ME DURING THE THIRTEEN YEARS AND EIGHT MONTHS SINCE I TOOK OVER THE EDITORSHIP OF FLYING SAUCER REVIEW IN NOVEMBER 1982. WE SEE THUS THAT THE BANNING AND BLACK-OUT INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING OBEYED VERY CLOSELY INDEED.

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VI. The next highly interesting snippet about which I am sure our readers will like to know is that, a day or so after the appearance of Mr. Belfield's piece in the *New Statesman*, I received a 'phone call from an excited journalist named Nicholas Hellen who said he was with the *Sunday Times* and wanted to know whether (a) it was true, as Mr. Belfield, of the *New Statesman* had said, that we "claimed" Prince Philip as a subscriber and (b) whether it was true that we had once published a report about the landing of a flying saucer, with occupant, at Broadlands, the estate of Lord Louis Mountbatten?

I replied patiently that it was not true that Prince Philip was one of our subscribers, since he had originally *asked for FSR* even long before the first one came out, and that in any case we would not have dreamed of requesting him to be a subscriber. Secondly, I said, I was revealing nothing new by admitting that he received our journal, since he himself had "leaked" his interest in flying saucers in an interview published in *McCall's Magazine* in the USA as long as 34 years ago (June 22, 1962), and widely quoted since then. **Also, even earlier than that, he had asked the RAF in 1955 for copies of all UFO reports.**

As for a UFO landing on Lord Mountbatten's estate at Broadlands in the 1950s, I confirmed to Mr. Hellen that *Flying Saucer Review* possessed the fullest account of the case, and had published it *fifteen years ago*. Upon hearing this, Mr. Hellen appeared to get even more excited, and began to talk about coming to see me to get the whole story. When I hear folk from the TV or radio or newspapers prattle like this about "coming to see me", or about "contacting me again", I have learnt to attribute no importance to their blather, **BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THEY WON'T TURN UP** whatever the apparent enthusiasm. (During the past two years or so I have had about 20 such approaches, either by 'phone or by letter, *and not one of them has ended in a visit*. So I knew well enough what to expect from Mr. Hellen.)

When I 'phoned back to Mr. Hellen a day or two later to say that I had now located the FSR article about the Broadlands landing, his enthusiasm had already clearly evaporated. He said that his Editor now felt that there was so much pressing national news that particular weekend, that they had decided to wait for a day or so, and that then he would contact me again and fix the visit.

Of course there has been total silence since then. Clearly my mail and my telephone are under excellent surveillance.

**THE "MONTY PYTHON FOOT" — AS WE TERM IT AT FSR — HAD, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDING INSTRUCTIONS RE. CREIGHTON AND FSR, DESCENDED WITH ITS USUAL SPLENDIDLY RESOUNDING CRASH. THE BRITISH K.G.B. WAS AT WORK. (IF ANY FSR READER FONDLY IMAGINES THAT HE LIVES IN A SOCIETY THAT IS ANY FREER OR ANY BETTER THAN THE U.S.S.R. WAS THEN HE IS INDEED NAIVE.)**

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VII. As my parting shot, I sent the following letter to Mr. Nicholas Hellen of the *Sunday Times*. *Needless to add that it also has been totally ignored.*

BUT IT CERTAINLY LOOKS AS THOUGH SOMEBODY AT THE *SUNDAY TIMES* HAS "GOT EGG ON HIS FACE" OVER THIS MATTER, AND I AM DELIGHTED. INCIDENTALLY THIS IS NOT THE FIRST "MONTY PYTHON" ON A *SUNDAY TIMES* APPROACH TO ME. I RECALL THAT THERE WAS ALSO ONE, QUITE A FEW YEARS AGO, FROM A YOUNG GENT THERE WITH AN ARISTOCRATIC HYPHENATED NAME (Something — Lord). There was all the usual guff about being "interested," about wanting to have copies of FSR (always *free* of course), and the terminal silence.

My reply to Mr. Nicholas Hellen: The Sunday Times

Dear Mr. Hellen, July 25, 1996  
I have been busy, but I simply must not let the opportunity pass to tell you how delighted I have been to hear no more from you or from the *Sunday Times*.

While, as you may know, we have devoted over 40 years to the recording of certain sorts of "phenomena", there is *one* particular "phenomenon" which, above all others, interests us and our readers, and that is the phenomenon of the British KGB in action, and what we call "the *Monty Python Foot* crashing down".

All communications in this country are under excellent control, and for years past we have known that no telephone conversation or posted document involving us goes unrecorded and unstudied. So, when you telephoned to me I instantly assumed that I would hear no more. (This has occurred about 20 times during the last two years when people from the Media have telephoned or written to me, often at great length, have professed to take an immense interest in all that I have to say, promised forthwith to contact me, and of course are never heard from again.)

**You might perhaps imagine that our main interest, here at *Flying Saucer Review*, lies in the receiving and chronicling of so-called "UFO Reports". To a certain extent, that is still correct, although the overwhelming flood of reports has, we admit, become pretty boring.**

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# LORD HILL-NORTON SPEAKS AGAIN

[For readers of FSR, Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Hill-Norton, GCB, requires no introduction. You will all know of his career. Look him up in *Who's Who*. He has held all the highest naval and defence posts that this nation can offer. And all who have read Timothy Good's two books, *Above Top Secret*, (1987) and *Beyond Top Secret* (1996) will know that the Admiral has long been a close observer of "our subject". Lord Hill Norton has come to some very important conclusions. These conclusions are conveyed in the correspondence which I now publish below. It is to be hoped that, having seen the contents of this issue of FSR, everyone will read and ponder Admiral Hill-Norton's words very carefully. Editor]

Dear Gordon Creighton

I recently circulated, with good results, the attached memorandum to a few people I know who share my concern about UFOs, and I am encouraged to believe that it would now be useful to bring it to the notice of others who might reasonably be interested, such as readers of your journal. This would help us to assess the extent of public concern which actually exists about the contemporary UFO situation.

If you feel able to give some publicity to this, as I hope you may, I shall naturally be very glad to hear from any of your readers (or anyone else) who might care to get in touch.

Subject of course to your editorial policy in such matters, it would be helpful if you would kindly ask people to write simply to:

Lord Hill-Norton  
c/o The Old Store  
Athelney  
Burrowbridge  
Bridgewater  
Somerset TA7 0SE

We shall hope to answer everyone, but, with no financial resources, SAEs would be welcome.

Yours sincerely

(signed): Hill-Norton

## UFO CONCERN

**I**t has been suggested that I should take the initiative to establish an informal group of sensible and re-

spected people who are genuinely concerned with the implications of the UFO phenomenon now manifest world-wide, including Britain. The aims of such a group would include the dissemination of information based on facts, not fiction, together with recommendations for appropriate action. I have been personally interested in this baffling but challenging problem for many years, and I am in touch with several others who share my view that strenuous efforts should now be made to address it.

The available evidence indicates that alien, non-human intelligences and influences are operating increasingly amongst mankind, frequently in a manner which should cause real concern, not only from a national security standpoint, but also because (whatever they are) these "UFOs" actually appear in a physical, material sense. Reported contacts with them have seldom been beneficial, even if sometimes they have appeared to be so.

It has been suggested that the subjective influence of UFOs is essentially a **religious** matter, because any sort of contact made at the personal level frequently has some sort of religious, spiritual dimension, and quite often such experiences are definitely antithetical to orthodox Christian belief. Opinions may well differ as to the precise nature of these occurrences, and also what, if anything, can be done about them.

In any case, my associates and I consider that the time may well be ripe to form an informal group which can both assess latest developments, and attempt to recommend appropriate action to deal with the problems involved. It is my present view that the first — and perhaps the most difficult — task will be to persuade the public that there really is a problem, and a serious one at that.

I should be glad to hear from anyone who shares these views, and would like to support the initiative outlined above. Suggestions for practical steps which might be taken to further these aims would also be welcome ■

## LATEST NEWS — BRAZIL (VARGINHA)

Despite vast clouds of gas, hot air and sheer speculation, there is nothing really substantial *yet* to add to our report on Page 20 of our last issue (FSR 41/2) regarding capture of small unidentified creatures in Brazil. However, Brazil's three top investigators, A.J. Gevaerd, Ubirajara Franco Rodrigues, and Vitrio Pacaccini, do claim they already have, in great detail, a most extraordinary story. How true or not, we must just wait and see. As soon as they feel it is safe for eyewitnesses and can publish, we shall translate it.  
G.C.