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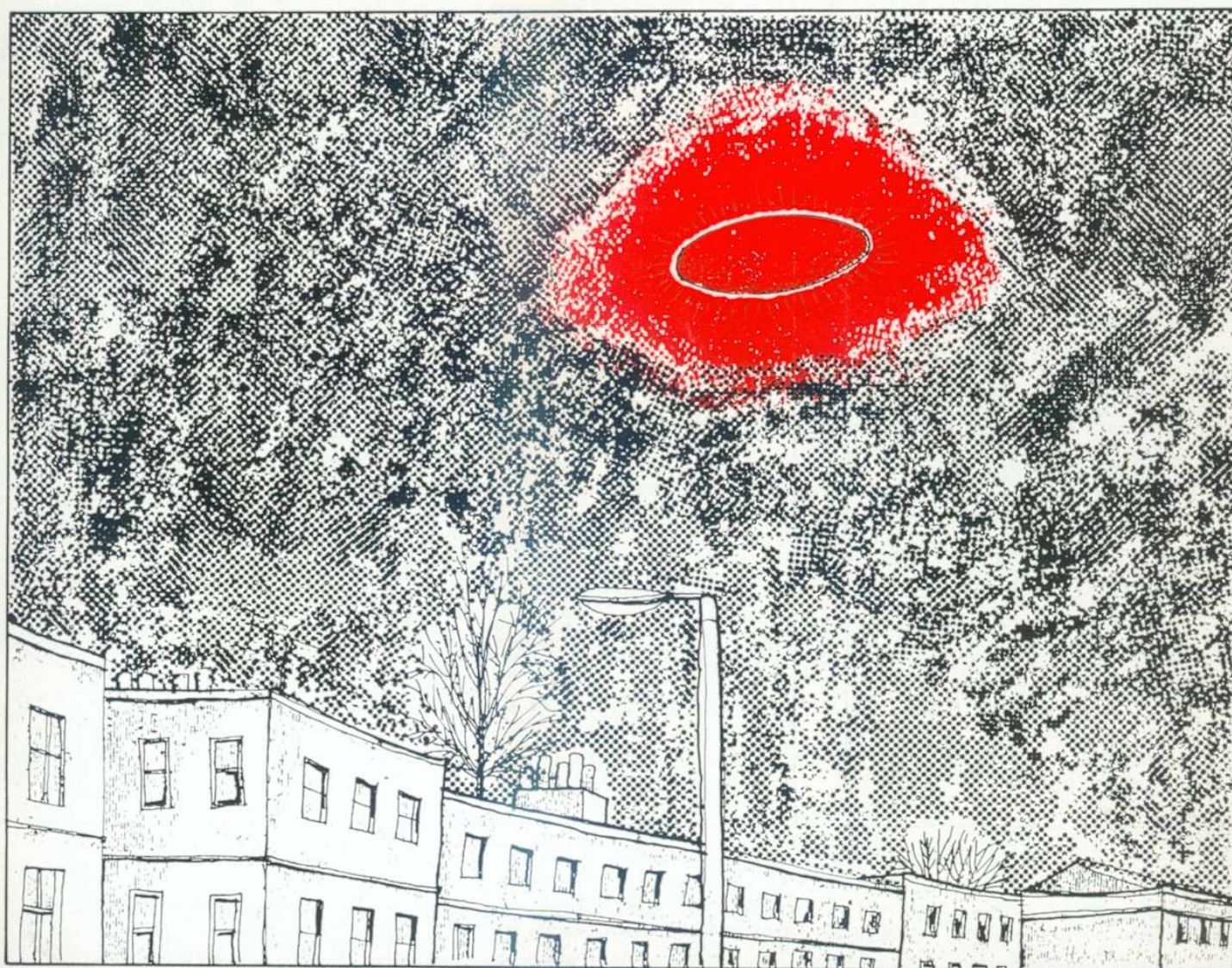
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## HACKNEY UFO

The UFO moves slowly to the NNE at an estimated altitude of between 1,000 and 3,000ft over Hackney at 11.35 p.m. on November 21, 1970. Specially reproduced by Pauline Bowen from Douglas Lockhart's sketch.



# Hackney Flurry of UFOs

by Sqdn. Ldr. Alastair Prevost

Our contributor, now retired from the Royal Air Force, reports follow-up investigations on incidents that received some publicity not only in the local newspapers, but also in the national press, on radio and television.

ON Saturday, November 21, 1970, at 11.35 p.m., a glowing orange-red object was sighted over Hackney, London, by several people. In the company of two friends, Mr. George Butters and Mr. Peter Holder, I interviewed two of the witnesses at their residence in Downs Park Road, Clapton, E.5.

## The witnesses

Mr. Douglas Lockhart is aged 32 and a free-lance writer. He lived at one time in the Aberdeen area and has not lost his Scottish accent. We found him earnest, yet open, frank with a likeable personality. He has read four books on the subject, the "standard" works of Adamski, Keyhoe, Menzel and Jung. He has a very enquiring mind and a wide selection of books. His verdict on the subject is: "They are still Unidentified Flying Objects". Some ten years ago, near Aberdeen, he saw a formation of three red, pulsating objects, but at that time dismissed them as aircraft. The following day the Scottish papers were full of UFO sightings.

Miss Maureen Boyle is about 24, attractive, and with a slight Irish accent. She is secretary and P.A. to the Editor of the occult magazine *Man, Myth and Magic*. She had little or no previous knowledge on the subject of UFOs other than from the occasional news item in the papers. She was extremely helpful during this interview, giving clear, precise answers, sometimes in disagreement with Lockhart.

Mr. Bryan Haddon, a friend of Lockhart who lives at the same address, was a part-of-the-time witness to the sighting. About the same age, or perhaps a little older than Lockhart, he is a psychotherapist in a mental hospital and also treats heroin addicts. *He was not interviewed.* Since his experience he has enquired several times whether there have been any further developments.

## The Sequence of events

(i) **Inside the house.** At 11.32 p.m. Maureen Boyle was watching television with Douglas Lockhart when she saw something out of the corner of her eye, and her attention was drawn to a bright orange light "hovering" far down, and apparently above, the southern end of Clarence Road (see fig. 1). In actual fact, this light may have been much further to the south, but steadily approaching them along the assumed track drawn on the accompanying plan (fig. 2). It was interesting enough for her immediately to focus her full attention on it, at the same time saying: "Look at that!"

Douglas jumped up and pulled back the lace curtains

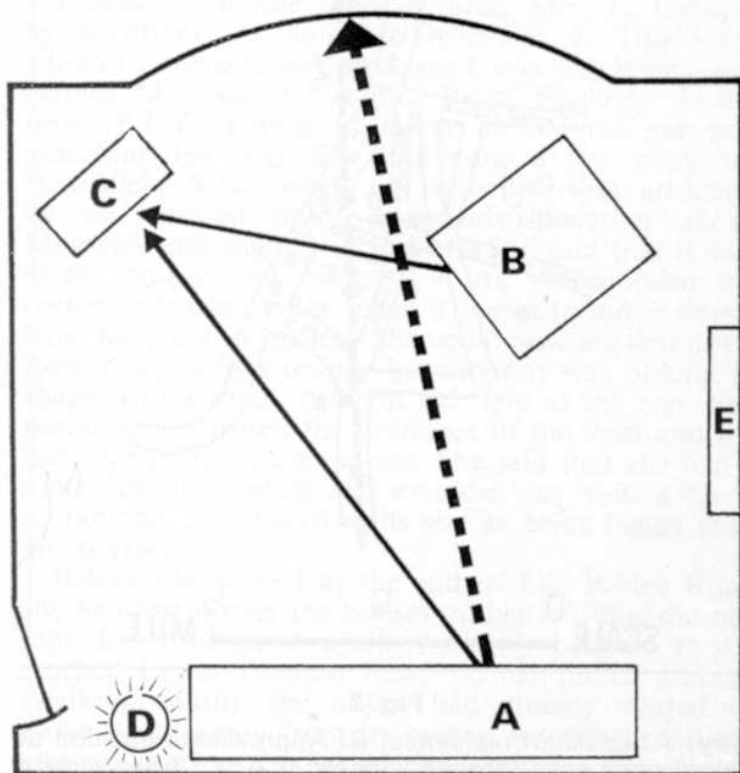


Fig. 1

Plan of Douglas Lockhart's lounge at 97 Downs Park Road

Key: A: Settee from which Miss Boyle first saw the object; B: Position of Mr. Lockhart; C: TV; D: Dimly-lit table lamp; E: Fireplace

(see fig. 3). It then took them only a few seconds to leave the room and run out onto the street just outside the house.

They described the object at this stage as being very much bigger than when first seen through the window. Then, it was like a deep orange ball of about the same brilliance as the street lighting and gliding slowly towards them. Incidentally, the street lighting is white in colour.

(ii) **In the street immediately outside the house.** Once outside the house Maureen Boyle was struck by the absolute soundlessness of the object. Douglas Lockhart was impressed by the incredible smoothness of its travel. They agreed in principle on the general description of the object which at this stage appeared to be four times the size of the reflection of the street lamp just on the opposite side of the road—an impressive size.

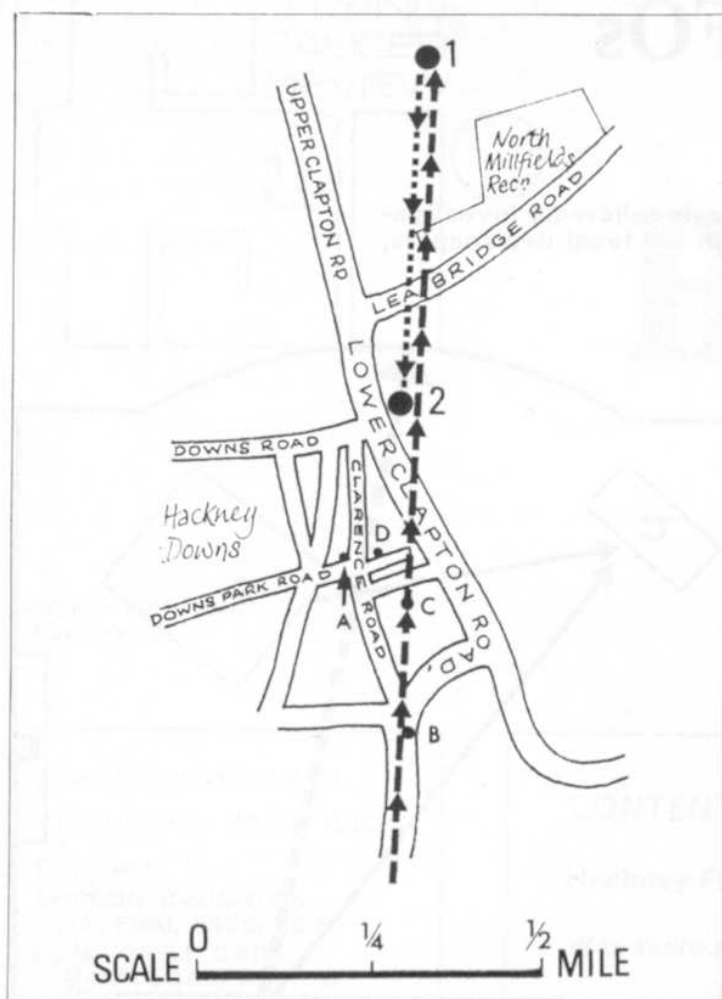


Fig. 2

**Key:** A: Lockhart residence; B: Approximate position of object when seen through window at A; C: Approximate position of object when first observed by Lockhart and Miss Boyle from street; D: Dairy

1: First hovering position (where also first seen by Mrs. Oxford). UFO then returned along path indicated by dotted line (Mrs. Oxford watched this move from Lea Bridge Road) to 2

2: Second hovering position before UFO again moved to the North beyond Lea Bridge Road

N.B.: Mr. Lockhart and Miss Boyle were standing in Clarence Road between A and D when they observed the UFO hovering at pt. 1 and then return to pt. 2 before making off to the North

The object appeared to consist of a central nucleus surrounded by a corona. The nucleus was oval in shape and was of a diffused mixture of orange and red, which remained constant in both colour and intensity of luminosity. Around it was a slightly diffused black line or edge, distinguishing it from the corona.

The corona was described as being blood-red by Douglas, and as orange-red by Maureen, but they agreed that the colour of the setting sun would be a fair description. The edge of the corona was lacerated, or irregular. Douglas described the overall shape as being "top and bottom heavy", i.e. like two deep soup plates placed one upside down on top of the other. The length of the corona was about twice its depth. He also maintained that it underwent a subtle change

in colour from a deep to a lighter tone (a gentle pulsating?), but Maureen did not notice this.

They agreed that throughout there was no sound and that the object must have been at an altitude of between 1,000 and 3,000 feet. The angle of elevation at this stage was about  $55^\circ$ , and its apparent size was described as that of a single decker bus seen at a distance of 100 yards.

(iii) **Round the corner in Clarence Road.** The object was sliding or gliding slowly along on a straight course. This meant that they had to run round the corner into Clarence Road to get a better view. They had to stand in the centre of the road because of a large van that was parked on the left-hand side.

The object proceeded on a N.N.E. course almost parallel above Clarence Road, keeping to the same altitude. When it appeared to the two observers to reach the end of Clarence Road (in point of fact, from

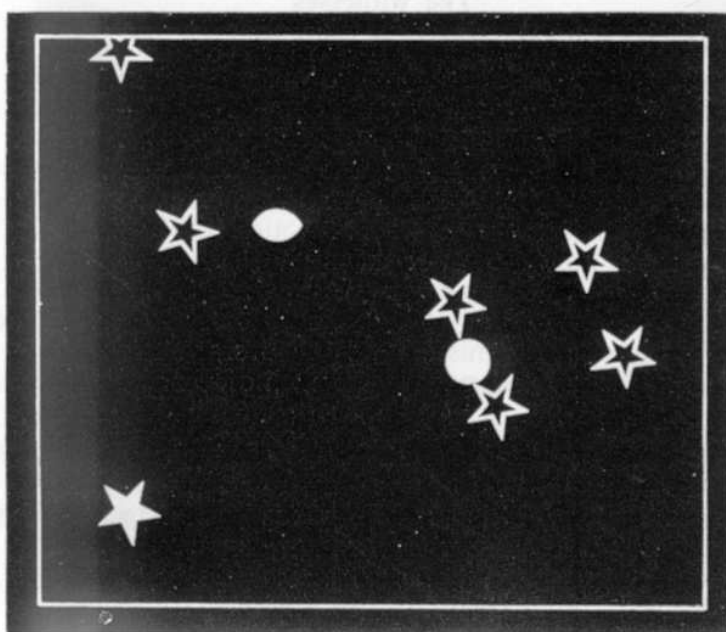


Fig. 3

**View through main centre window of bay window showing grouping of street lights**

**Key:** ☆ Street lights (white)  
● Object first observed at 11.32 p.m. in this position  
★ Red public house sign which was used as a guide to the size of the object  
○ Approx. position of object when first seen from outside the house.

the evidence of another witness, Mrs. Oxford, it was then approximately over Millfields), they saw it stop. Maureen then noticed a street clock which indicated 11.35 p.m. Just prior to stopping they agreed that the colour and shape changed to that of an orange ball (probably because it was very much further away). It remained stationary for about 5 to 10 seconds.

Douglas then suddenly remarked: "Look, it's coming back." He said that it came back exactly on its original track, a  $180^\circ$  reversal. Its colour and shape remained that of an orange ball and its size remained the same.

(iv) **Maureen fetches a third witness.** At this stage Maureen decided to run back into the house to fetch

Bryan Haddon as an additional witness. In the meantime, Douglas had estimated that the object could not have moved back more than about 100 yards (I think this was just an apparent distance from the point of observation; probably it was more like 300 yards) before stopping and hovering for the second time, again for about 5 to 10 seconds. By this time the other two had arrived.

Maureen remembers first saying to Bryan, in the house: "Come and look at this peculiar thing in the sky," and Bryan immediately went with her, without protest. On seeing the object he exclaimed: "Good God! What's that?"

They now saw the object begin to move off again on its original course but still at the same silent, gliding speed, and at the same altitude. Almost immediately, Maureen said, she thought that she could see it tilt slightly as it then began to take on a slight swerving course, left and right, disappearing behind the chimneys of a tall block of flats. Bryan confirmed that the object appeared round, and of an orange hue.

#### **Total time of the sighting**

Douglas and Maureen agreed that from the time that Maureen first saw the light through the window, to the time all three of them saw it disappearing over the roof-tops was a total period of approximately seven minutes.

Eleven days after the event they were still in agreement over basic details and still regarded the whole affair as being far from a normal experience, and indeed, not attributable to known phenomena or man-made objects.

#### **Meteorological Report for 2300 hours on November 21, 1970 from the London Weather Centre**

##### **Wind**

Surface—Light south to south-west

3,000 feet—225°/30K

##### **Cloud**

Amount—2/8

Base—20,000 feet

Small amount of cumulus at 8,000 feet about midnight.

#### **Confirmation by other witnesses**

The following Monday, November 23, the *Hackney Gazette* carried a report of the sighting by Mr. Freddy Gould of Kingsland Road, E.8. That day, Maureen Boyle and Douglas Lockart were interviewed by a team from Thames TV and their story was put over on Eamonn Andrews' programme *Today* at 6.10 p.m. It included a further witness, a man who lives in Curtain Road, near Liverpool Street Station, who saw the lighted object very low down, oval-shaped, and with flashing perimeter lights (pulsating corona?).

Part of the interview took place in the street, watched by the proprietress of the grocer's shop which is almost opposite Lockhart's residence. Afterwards she told him that at about the same time that evening, both she and her husband had seen an unusual light shining in their window, behind their pink curtains in their bedroom. The room had been slightly illuminated by this light, which then disappeared, but soon came back

again, finally going for good. They did not get out or bed to investigate. Their bedroom, which is on the third floor, faces almost up Clarence Road, their shop being on the corner of Sladen Place and Clarence Road.

During the *Today* interview, a woman from a tailor's shop, situated about 15 yards from the dairy shop, described the object as a "big ball". Two children were also interviewed by the *Today* team. They said that they had been told by another child that he or she had seen the object.

I interviewed one other witness, Mrs. E. Oxford, by telephone on Sunday, December 6. This lady, whom I guessed to be middle aged, was very honest and helpful. She lives at Fletching Road, Hackney. At the time of her sighting, at about 11.30 p.m., she was exercising her dog. She had gone a few paces up Wattisfield Road when her attention was attracted by an unusual light, apparently hovering above Millfields and slightly to her left. She said that it was bright orange and rather low. As she rounded the corner into Lea Bridge Road it began to move slowly from her right to her left. She could now see that apart from being bright orange in colour it was oblong in shape with a small, brilliant red light at the rear. She particularly stressed the brilliance of the light and the fact that there was no sound. She said that she had a most uncanny feeling and that she was waiting for it to explode. She described its size as being bigger than an aircraft.

Before she arrived at the end of Lea Bridge Road she had lost it over the houses on her left. She did not look for it or see it again, probably because as she reached Lower Clapton Road on her return journey (walking south), the object had already started to move north again from its second hovering position, and walking on the left of the street her view would have been masked by the houses on her left.

#### **Earlier Hackney incidents**

On Friday, November 20, 1970, Mr. and Mrs. Knapp of Blenheim Avenue, Ilford, were visiting friends in Hackney. Twice during the course of the evening an unusual flashing red object was sighted. I interviewed Mrs. Knapp by telephone on Friday, November 27 and Monday, November 30. She appeared to be a very sincere witness and gave a description to the best of her ability. Her husband, who was with her throughout the evening, did not appear to be interested at the time of the sighting. He had been an Anti-Aircraft gunner during the war and subsequently said to his wife: "If that thing had been in my sights during the war, we would have shot it down; it was at about 2,000 feet" (in both sightings).

#### **The first sighting, outside Hackney Hospital**

At 7.20 p.m., on getting out of the car, Mrs. Knapp was attracted by an unusual flashing red light. This was accompanied by four distinct steady white lights.

The light cluster was travelling as slow as, or slower than a glider. There was no sound at all. Mrs. Knapp stated that there were aircraft about that night and that there was no doubt in her mind that this was not a jet

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# Was There a Landing Near Warminster?

by Eileen Buckle

ON a cold, wet, mid-November afternoon three members of the FSR team, namely Charles Bowen, Bryan Winder and myself, went to Warminster to investigate a report of a landed UFO said to have been seen not far from the town. Arthur Shuttlewood, the well-known Warminster journalist and author of two books\* first alerted us to this case and on our request he kindly arranged for us to meet the witness, twenty-eight-years-old army truck driver Barry Canner. The conclusion we reached by the end of the afternoon was that this was a "light-weight" case but one, nevertheless, which had some interesting aspects, and we felt the visit very worthwhile.

A pleasant and informal conversation with Barry took place over the dining table of a High Street restaurant. A Yorkshireman, whose home-town was Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Barry was sparing in his words, of rather quiet disposition but not without a sense of humour. What I noticed about him particularly was his inward-looking, almost dreamy-looking eyes. He seemed clearly of the introvert type and on his own admission was a "lone-wolf", often going out alone. Cross-country running is one of his main spare-time activities, and we had already learned he had trained for a time under Mary Rand, the Olympic Gold Medallist. It was whilst on a training run on a lonely trackway that he spotted an unusual-looking object in a field.

The first question put to the witness was whether or not he had read anything about UFOs, either before or since making his sighting. It turned out that he had been given a few magazines, some two months before we met him, by Bob Strong, an enthusiastic UFO investigator well known for having teamed up with Arthur Shuttlewood in his night-time skywatching vigils, and one who has also claimed innumerable sightings. These magazines were in his car and he afterwards showed them to Charles Bowen. They were: *The Merseyside UFO Bulletin*, *Cos-Mos* magazine and *BUFORA Journal*; he had not seen *FSR*.

Barry Canner knew Bob Strong well, because they both worked in the same kind of job as civilian truck drivers for the Army. Bob talked a lot about his sightings and Barry, who had kept quiet about his experience for three days, said the reason for his silence was that he had waited until he found Bob. He wanted to tell Bob about it, as he was knowledgeable on these matters. He did not inform the police, he said, for fear of them laughing at him. Bob Strong subsequently introduced Barry to Arthur Shuttlewood, whom he had never met before, and thus we came to hear of the case.

\* *The Warminster Mystery*, published by Neville Spearman Ltd., 112 Whitfield St., London WC1; also *Warnings from Flying Friends*, Portway Press, 17 Portway, Warminster, Wiltshire. Mr. Shuttlewood says he is working on a third book, which, he states, will include Barry Canner's story.



Barry Canner on the path down which he returned from his practice run

## Description of the sighting

Barry Canner described the incident carefully, perhaps a little hesitantly, as follows. It occurred on September 28. That evening he left his car at the side of a trackway at Lord's Hill. He knows this path well and often uses it for running practice as it is quiet and he is bothered by no-one. He began his run at about 8.00 p.m. and returned to his car at about 9.30 p.m. By this time it was quite dark. A few stars were out, but there was no moon visible.



Barry at the gate looks at the spot where he claims the strange object was standing

As he was nearing the car he noticed a weird-looking object some ten yards away to his left in a field alongside the lane, and which had not been there when he set out. He claimed that despite the darkness he had been able to make out the details of the object quite clearly. This was due, he said, to a faint pinkish glow it emitted, rather like that given out by a luminous watch dial at night. The shape was like a biconvex oval, rising up to a projection at the rear which looked rather like an exhaust pipe. At what could have been the forward end was a dome-shaped window, and at one side were three triangular markings which might have been portholes; these, evidently, gave out more light than the rest of the object and the light was more of a whitish hue. The length of the object was about 14 feet, and its diameter 12 feet (Barry drew diagrams in our presence, saying that he thought himself a good judge of size and distance); three legs supported the structure from underneath, the ground clearance being 6 feet and the total height above the ground being 11 feet. There was also a cylindrical hatch projecting from the undersurface and reaching to within 2 feet of the ground.

Bryan Winder, a design engineer, was particularly interested in the structure of the legs which were said to taper from a diameter of about 2 feet at the top to about 3 inches at the extremity. He asked if the legs would be in the same relation—were the structure an



Barry in his car

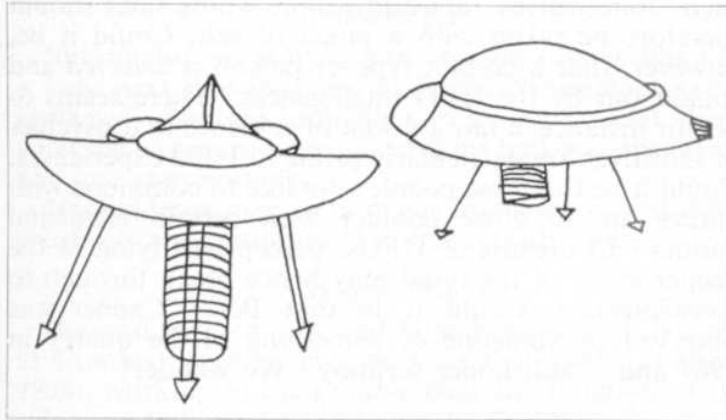
He theorised that “they” had been attracted to his “streamlined” car, a Singer *Chamois Coupé*. After eyeing the strange contraption for what he estimated to have been five to ten minutes, he jumped into the car and fled homewards, covering the distance from Lord’s Hill to Warminster in “record time”.

Later, we went to the site at Lord’s Hill to see the place for ourselves. We followed Barry Canner up the trackway, and parked by a gate which marked the spot where he claimed he had stood at closest proximity to the object. This had apparently been resting in a slight hollow in the field adjacent to the lane, which was lined by a wire fence. The field, which sloped downwards into a valley, was now freshly ploughed. It was a very open kind of terrain with rolling downs, and the few scrubby bushes alongside the lane would have afforded little cover for any person. We did not stay long. The cold wind and the rain forced us to beat a hasty retreat to our cars.

On the way back to the town, Barry collected a friend of his, Mr. Andrew Pritchard, who joined us over tea. Andrew is quite interested in UFO reports, but told us he had reservations about the copious reports of incidents allegedly taking place in the Warminster district.\* However, he said he had noticed Barry was quiet and looked unwell during the few days following his experience.

#### The personality of the witness

Barry Canner told us he had been to Millfield School (a public school† in Yorkshire) and naturally we



The object which puzzled and alarmed Barry Canner, reproduced from his own sketches. The inconsistencies between front and side views are obvious

aircraft—as that between the nosewheel and the two wheels behind it. The reply was in the affirmative, but Barry added that there were *no* wheels; instead, each leg terminated in a foot or pad in the shape of an equilateral triangle of side  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet. These, he said, had made 2 inch-deep impressions in the dry, chalky soil. Did he go back afterwards to look for these impressions? The reply to this was that he returned to the spot with Bob Strong who brought along his camera; whether any pictures came out in the poor light at the time of this visit was not known.

We asked if there was any movement of the object, or any sign of life seen. Barry said there was none whatsoever, and because of this he had become growingly uneasy. He was sure that it was a machine from outer space, and he felt he was being watched.

\* We told him we were convinced that there had been some UFO events near Warminster, and showed him the July/August 1970 issue of FSR which includes the photographs taken from Cradle Hill.

† Equivalent, for example, to an exclusive “private” school in the U.S.A.

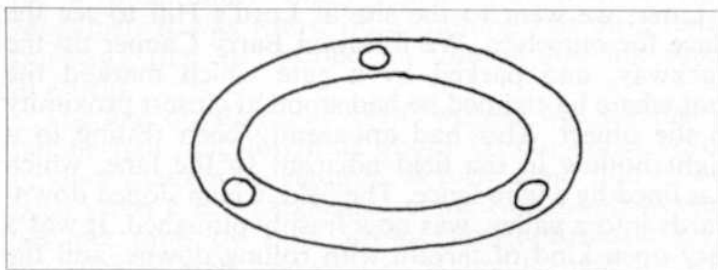


wondered why he was now working as a truck driver. Had he had any illness? He declared he had had no serious illness or nervous trouble. At school he was always more keen on sport than on academic subjects. On leaving school he had joined his father's business, but when this closed down he came to Warminster and he worked with the lions at Longleat. His love of outdoor life made him choose this job, and for similar reasons he chose his present occupation, which he said he enjoyed.

Charles Bowen was interested to know whether he had had any unusual experiences in his life. Was he given to dreaming, or did he have premonitions? Barry, in answer, told us of dreams he had had previous to the Lord's Hill sighting, of a dark, Zeppelin-shaped object; subsequently he read a newspaper report of an object of similar description seen elsewhere in the West Country. Had Barry suffered any ill-effects following his sighting, such as headaches? No, he had not. I asked him whether he had been incredulous at all when, on other occasions, he had listened to all the talk about UFOs. To this he replied that he was quite ready to believe what was said. He professed to have no strong views with regard to religion, philosophy or politics. He appeared to be a strong advocate of railways preservation, however, as evidenced by the posters displayed in his car's windows.

#### **An earlier sighting**

During the course of our lunchtime conversation, it turned out that Barry had experienced a sighting before.



**The view of the object which Mr. Canner says he saw from the quarry near Fylingdales**

This had happened, he said, one August afternoon in 1967. He was on a hike across the north-east section of the Yorkshire moors, between Whitby and Thirsk. He had stopped for a smoke in an old quarry, about five miles *west* of the Fylingdales radar station, when he heard a buzzing noise overhead. A dull, dark-grey object was seen hovering directly above him. It appeared to be formed of two sections—a central section encircled by an outer section from which projected three cylindrical “landing pads”. Slowly, the object began to move off in a northerly direction and then shot away at an angle and disappeared into the blue. Barry made rough diagrams of this object, adding its estimated dimensions and altitude, and stated that it had obscured the sky over half the area of the quarry.

#### **Discussion**

It was quickly agreed that the Lord's Hill sighting case had weaknesses. First, there was only a solitary

witness and so far there has been no corroboration of his story. Secondly, prior to his sighting the witness had listened to talk about UFOs by an ebullient enthusiast. He admitted to a readiness to believe, and could have been over-impressionable. We felt certain that he was not lying—he had seen *something*.

There seems a possibility that what actually happened was this. On returning from his run he noticed something in the dark that he had not seen before and did not recognise (for example, it could have been a piece of agricultural machinery). Suddenly frightened, he left in haste and it was on subsequent questioning by his work colleague that suggestions as to what *might* have been seen were unconsciously absorbed so that he thought then that he *had* seen those details. This may be quite wrong, but the story, as it stands, is inconclusive. I will just add, though, that when Barry related the account of his previous sighting in Yorkshire he spoke more easily and quickly, as if he was sure of what he had seen. When relating the sighting at Lord's Hill, however, he was a little hesitant, and needed some prodding to extract some of the details.

There are some further points I feel should be considered. Barry was, at the time of both sightings, a lone walker. It has been noted elsewhere that many reports of close encounters have emanated from “lone walkers”, and one that springs to mind immediately is that of Angus Brooks at Moigne Down, Dorset, on October 26, 1967. There are some who assume that such “lone wolves” are odd people whose tales should therefore be taken with a pinch of salt. Could it be, however, that a certain type of person is *selected* and sought out by the UFO intelligences? There seems to be, for instance, a fair amount of evidence that psychics or sensitives are particularly prone to UFO experiences. Could it be that lone people who like to commune with nature are in close contact with certain elemental entities? In dreams of UFOs, perceptions lying in the deeper levels of the mind may hence break through to consciousness. Could it be that Barry Canner was observed by someone or something in the quarry in 1967 and is still under scrutiny? We wonder!

### **HACKNEY FLURRY OF UFOs**

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passenger liner, a small private aircraft or a helicopter, and that she had no difficulty in distinguishing the sound made by each of them.

#### **The second sighting, in Manor Park**

Mrs. Knapp said to her husband: “There’s that thing again; it is like a lighted platform.” She said that the arrangement of lights were similar to that in her previous sighting but that the object appeared to be hovering slightly to the right of the street and in front of her. When she looked away to speak to her husband the object apparently moved sideways to come to a halt slightly above and to her rear. Her husband said: “Oh, you and your aircraft, come along,” and she stopped looking (unfortunately).



# The Landing at Franois—2

J. Tyrode

This contribution is the continuation of an article which was published in the April 1969 issue of *Lumières dans la Nuit*. Translated by John C. Hugill.

THE first part of this report contained the accounts of five witnesses, or groups of witnesses, in and around the village of Franois (Doubs), of an event on the evening of Tuesday, December 12, 1968. The logical sequence of events led to the evidence of the Froidevaux family which indicated that the experiences took place between 18.04 and 18.15; to deal with the remaining witnesses I must now go back a few minutes.

## Witness T.6

M. "X", at just about 18.00, was on the D.11 road, waiting at the bus stop. He is something of a simpleton, and I only mention him because, having questioned him, his evidence cross-checks with other witnesses. He says he saw, in the direction pointed out by Witness T.3, "a big three-coloured ball".

He is the only one to mention three colours. T.2 and T.5 spoke of yellow and white, and we shall see that T.8 mentions yellow and red.

## Witness T.7

Still at the bus stop, a girl who got off the bus told a lady next day that she had seen "something extraordinary". She was unwilling to go into detail about what she had seen, merely saying she had been mistaken, and had seen nothing.

Her evidence may be of prime importance, and it is a great pity she continues to adopt this attitude.

## Witness T.8

Bernard Perruche, 23, and Mlle. Perruche, 21, farmers at Franois, were to the south of the village at about 18.00, working in their stable near the junction of the side road linking the D.11 and the D.108.

They were both formal and categorical when they told me what they had seen, and guaranteed its authenticity.

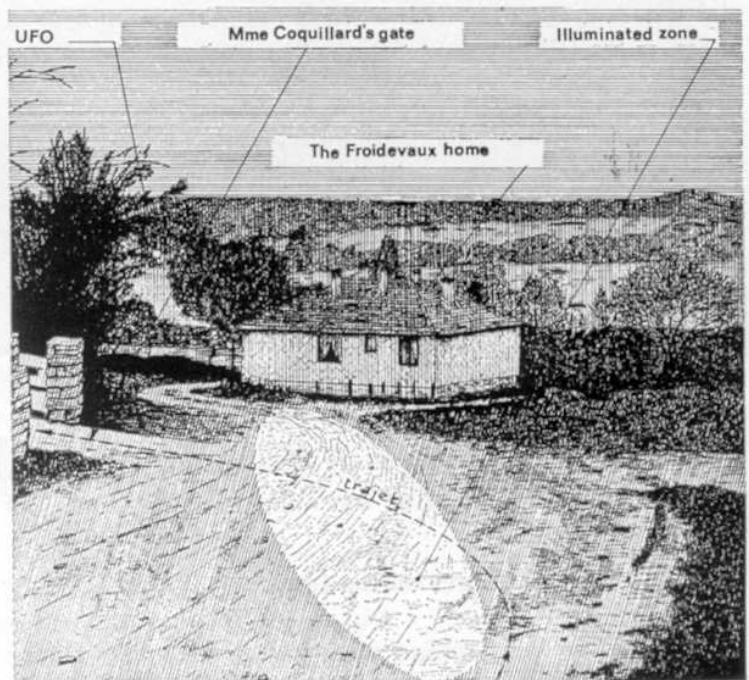
I should like to add that they are thoroughly trustworthy, sober and responsible members of the French Young Farmers Movement. These are no practical jokers or leg-pullers, and they enjoy the general respect of the whole population.

So, arrived at the road junction, they saw one pretty bright light, which they took to be from a car which might have pulled up on the side road with its headlights on.

Puzzled by this, since it was not usual at this spot, their curiosity made them pause for a few moments. They then realised that, although the light was very strong, they could only see one "headlight". To explain this, they imagined that they were seeing the "car" from the side; and thus that it was across the road. Further considering the immobility of the light, and to find a plausible reason for its being there, they thought it was

a case of a courting couple who would have sought solitude in this way, in a lonely bit of countryside.

However, they could not see why, if they wanted to be hidden, they had left the lights on. Looking at it anew, they were convinced that there was only a single light, and no trace of a car. Despite the very dark night, and their desire to find the vehicle, it seemed to them that they ought at least to be able to make out a vague



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shape . . . but nothing could be seen in the way of a structure, nothing which could satisfy their curiosity.

Perplexed, they were deep in reflection when they saw "some people moving about in front of the light, as in a magic lantern show."

How many did they see? They could not be precise about this, two or possibly more, who seemed to pass to and fro in front of each other.

They were quite definite that these were "people" but, placed as they were, facing the light, and still a good way off, they could say no more than, as they said to me, "there was a good deal of movement."

Still thinking in terms of a courting couple, they found it more and more odd that these events should be going on in the open, in the light of a headlamp, in a temperature of 5° below. Intrigued, but cautious, they left "them" to their own devices, and went on with their work.

Being in no way UFO minded, such a possibility never occurred to them, and so they missed the chance

of a lifetime, when one thinks that barely 250 metres separated them from the machine, and a road led straight towards it.

Next day, when they heard what had been observed by others, they realised their mistake and understood that they had stumbled on a mystery, and that *their courting couple indeed came from a very long way off.*

#### Witness T.9

This witness, speaking of what he saw from Chemaudin, made it known that he did not want to be quoted. It is a great pity that I was unable to interview him personally, but I will make a report on what I have been able to pick up.

#### Witness T.10

M. and Mme. Belot were at home in La Félie, a little after 18.00, when through their south-facing window they saw red and yellow lights crossing the sky. They did not realise the source of such lights on such a dark night, but simply said to each other: "*what funny weather!*"

They did not notice how long the phenomenon lasted, but simply its direction, which was towards Besançon.

#### Police

To avoid possible error, we consulted the Besançon-Tarragnoz police: no operations were carried out at Franois on the day of the sighting.

#### Besançon Observatory

Night very dark. No stars visible.

#### Co-ordinates of sighting

Longitude  $3^{\circ} 98'$  east of meridian of Paris, Latitude  $52^{\circ} 48'$  north.

#### Notes on the terrain

##### (i) Soil

No sign of a machine was found over the whole possible landing area. The terrain hardly lends itself to such a thing; it is either muddy, or marshy, dotted with holes and grassy knolls, and moreover rutted with tractor tracks where manure has been brought into the fields.

No abnormal radio-activity was found, and infra-red photographs do not appear to reveal anything particular in the soil.

##### (ii) Apple trees

Witness T.5 stated that he thinks he saw the machine reach the line of apple trees about 80 metres from the verandah.

On examining one of the trees in the direction of the sighting, it was found on the following morning that one of the principal branches was broken. It normally grew upwards, but had been twisted and torn off, and its tip was touching the ground.

The owner stated that it had not been in that condition earlier. Although covered with mistletoe, it was apparent that it was healthy enough not to fall of its own accord. There had been no wind during that night, nor on the days preceding it.

Chance, or confirmation?

#### (iii) Faults

We state once again that a machine came down within 60 metres of a geological fault, and moreover flew over it several times.

#### Detection

M. Froidevaux is interested in UFOs and owns a magnetic detector which he keeps in the bedroom next to the living room. It does not seem to have functioned on this occasion.

#### Size of the object

Measurements taken by M. Froidevaux, 15 mm. at arm's length and distance of 400 metres, which we were able to establish from several witnesses, allow us to make a calculation. Taking 0.60 metres as the distance from the eye of an object of 15 mm. measured at arm's length, we get  $0.015 : 0.60 = X : 400$ , from which we see that  $X = 10$  metres.

We may say that this light measured 10 metres plus or minus  $1\frac{1}{2}$  metres.

#### Photographs

These authentic photographs, which have been connected to a chain of related events by most rigorous enquiry, are the most exceptional documents in this affair. Certainly no document could ever have been produced, at least in France, which has been supported by so many guarantees.

Unfortunately, only one exposure was usable, because in his haste, and in the excitement of the sighting, M. Froidevaux did not take all the precautions which he would normally have taken.

Whilst waiting for an enlargement of the colour photo, we offer you an enlarged drawing of the object as exact as possible. It appears as a clear spot delicately tinted with pale colour. It was mainly circular in outline, with the base somewhat indented to produce a sort of nipple. From this nipple there emanates a very tenuous ray of light which is visible for  $1\frac{1}{3}$  diameter of the object. Nearer the nipple the contour is more blurred, without one being able to distinguish whether it is a matter of self-luminescence or of a concentration of light.

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#### Postscript: Further details

##### (A) New witness

Mme. Carmille was going to visit her mother, Mme. Maurivard, and was passing along the D.108 towards the village between 17.30 and 18.00.

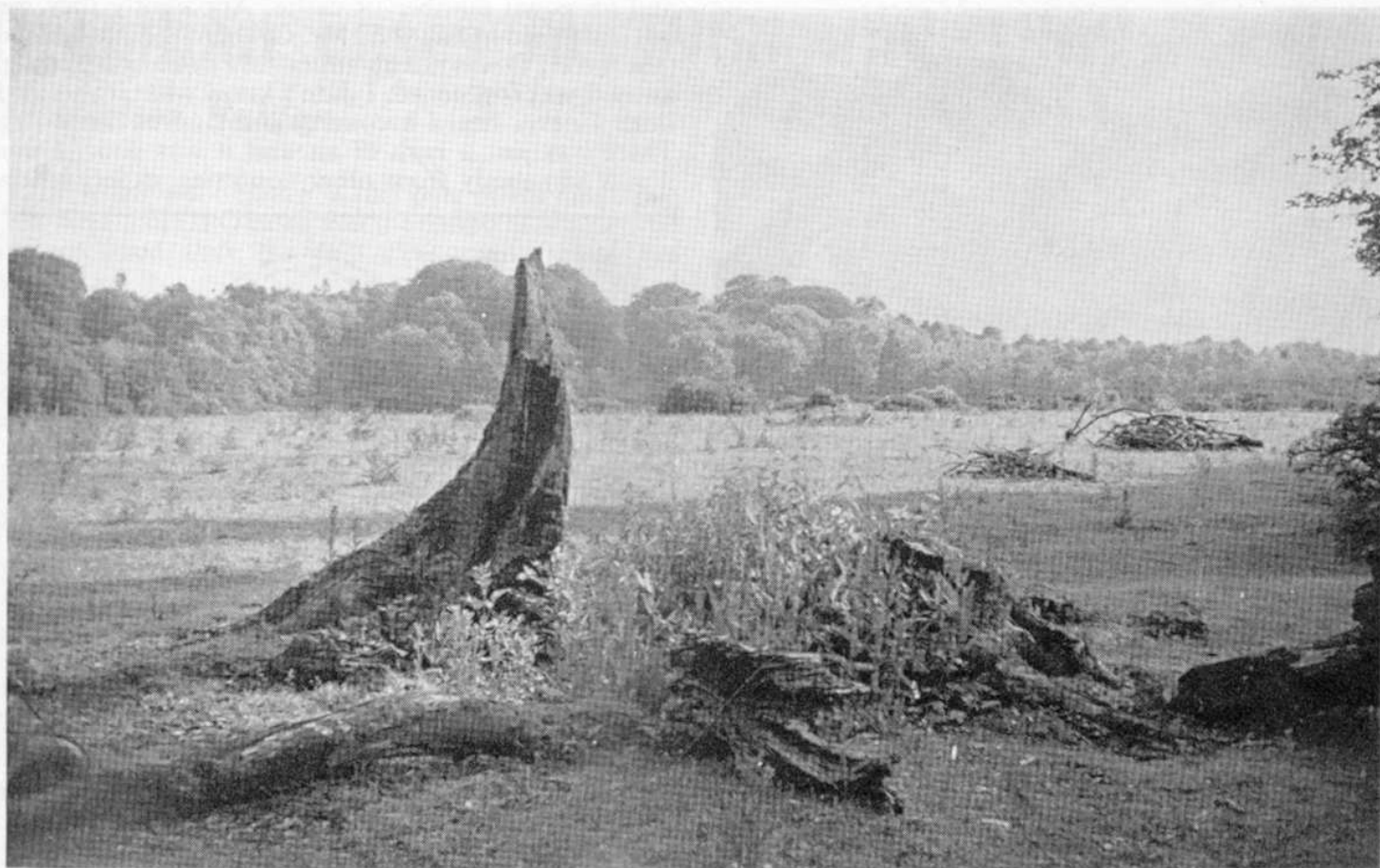
She had her attention drawn by a light which was close to the ground in the fields on her left. This unusual light made a strong impression on her. She noticed that it was apparently on the ground, and its size "was like a plate, or perhaps the disc of the sun," very bright, but not illuminating its surroundings. The position indicated by the witness was the same as that given by the others.

##### (B) M. Beaulieu's tractor lights

Mme. Maurivard chanced to notice the lights of the tractor in question, under the same conditions as on December 12.

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View from the spot where Mr. Graham was standing

# Farmer sees UFO take off

*Ron Toft*

This article is taken from the July-August issue of *Pegasus*, the journal of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena (SIGAP)\* which is edited by our contributor.

FARMER George Graham stood patiently at the edge of the copse, gun in hands, waiting to pick off the marauding foxes as they emerged from their dens for another night of plunder.

Suddenly his attention was riveted to a strange glow about 100 yards distant in the field which opened up in front of him. "At first I thought it was a neighbour tending to his lorry," said 75-year-old Mr. Graham, who runs a farm in the village of Woodmansterne, near Banstead, Surrey.

After coming to this conclusion Mr. Graham paid no more attention to it and resumed his search for foxes. Then he heard what he can only describe as a loud "whoosh" and, looking instinctively in the direction of the glow, Mr. Graham could just about make out a dark circular shape rising silently into the air. It gathered momentum and, in a matter of seconds, was lost to view in the night sky. Next day Mr. Graham found evidence in the field that something out of the ordinary may have parked there the night before.

This incident took place in the summer of 1968, one night either during the last week of August or the first

week in September—Mr. Graham cannot remember which. Details of this sighting have not come to light before simply because Mr. Graham did not report the matter to the police or press. He was afraid, as so many witnesses are, of being ridiculed.

With SIGAP Secretary Dick Beet, I recently interviewed Mr. Graham at his farm. Elaborating further, Mr. Graham, of Hilltop Farm, said he had seen the object between 10.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. He was standing at the fringe of a copse which crowns the summit of a small hill. The hill is surrounded on three sides by open grazing land. The field from which the UFO took off is bounded on three sides by a thin belt of trees. On the fourth side is a fence which marks the boundary of Mr. Graham's farm. On the other side of this fence is more grazing land, belonging to Mr. Graham's neighbour.

Mr. Graham said he had been looking for foxes "quite a little while" prior to seeing the glow, which he described as being dark-blue and "acetylene-like". This glow was under the base of the UFO. The UFO took off "ten to fifteen minutes" after Mr. Graham



**The author at the landing place**

first saw the glow. He added that there was no sign of life or other activity in the vicinity of the craft and there was no noise at any time.

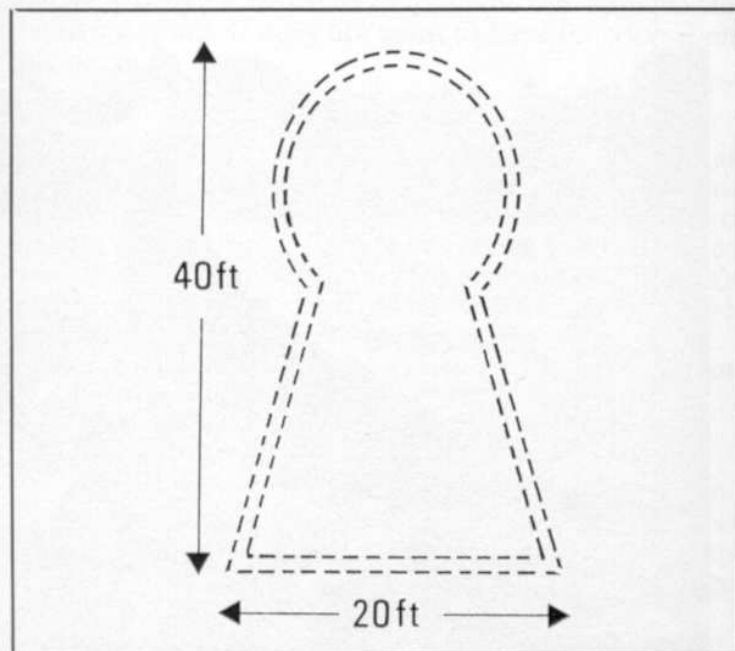
Mr. Graham went on to say that when the UFO rose into the sky "I heard only a rush of air. It went straight up. It didn't go one way or the other. The glow went out after it went up." The UFO, which was not illuminated in any way, rose slowly at first, increasing its speed as it got higher. Mr. Graham could only make out the spherical shape against the background of the night sky. He could not see any details on the craft.

Next morning Mr. Graham returned to the field. He was surprised to find, on the ground, a huge keyhole shaped marking. Mr. Graham described it as being like "a big horseshoe with a heel on it."

Mr. Graham estimates the length of the marking was about 40ft. and the width 20ft. The width of the "band" shown hatched in the sketch, was about 8in. Inside this band it was discovered that all the grass, both blades and roots, had been neatly plucked or sucked out of the ground as if, in Mr. Graham's words, "by a giant vacuum cleaner." No trace of the grass was found. Mr. Graham believes the "machine", whether accidentally or intentionally, took the grass with it. It took about six months for the vegetation to grow over the marking. Just before it disappeared, a pile of manure was dumped on the spot where it had been. Mr. Graham assured us that this was sheer coincidence. He went on to point out that one of the things which puzzled him was the fact that the marking was extremely sharp at its boundaries, there being no straggly edges. "It was as if you had cut it with a knife," said Mr. Graham. He said that only the bare soil remained inside the band.

Mr. Graham said the UFO had been "a good deal higher than a double-decker bus." He had heard the "whoosh" only after the craft had attained an altitude of about 100ft. In the field at the same time as the UFO—it covers between 70 and 80 acres—were 20 horses

and an equal number of cattle. Apparently they were not distressed in any way. Mr. Graham is quite adamant that the UFO was not an aircraft. "I came home straight away. I was frightened. I didn't know what it was at the time. I never heard it coming and I never heard it go. There was just a rush of air and it was gone. I think it was somebody from other countries, experimenting.



They say it's from outer-space, but I can't see it myself. I think it's a foreign power. I've never seen anything like it before or since."

Continued Mr. Graham: "It was a bloody big thing. How did they lift it without making any noise? I admit I got the wind up." Mr. Graham often goes to the copse at night hunting for foxes.

He went on to say that two girls had also seen a strange object in the same field a week previous. The girls, who keep horses at Mr. Graham's farm, were taking a short-cut through the field to their bus-stop.

"Their dogs bolted and ran. They wouldn't stay in the field." The girls found the dogs waiting for them at the bus-stop.

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## **THE LANDING AT FRANOIS**

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It has three lights, and even with all three on, it only gives a fairly weak light at that distance, and the luminous sphere could not possibly have been confused with these lights.

We knew this already; this is just a confirmation.

### **(C) Illumination of the road (witness)**

Mme. Coquillard described to us, on the actual spot, the area of illumination, the shape and size of which are shown on the sketch. Apparently the area outside the lighted one remained dark. One is therefore faced with a beam of light emitted by the machine, very concentrated, and weakly divergent.



# Brazilian cases in 1968 and 1969 — 2

Dr Walter Buhler

READERS will observe in this part of the catalogue of Brazilian UFO cases that the tempo of the "wave" quickens, and that the first "occupant" cases are recorded.

## Mid-August to mid-October, 1968

31. August 17, 1968. Alegrete, State of Rio Grande do Sul (R.G.S.). For about ten seconds, at 7.45 p.m., an object was seen descending from the sky in undulating silent flight.

GIPOVNI report.

32. August 18, 1968. Canoas, R.G.S. At 10.45 p.m. and again at 11.00 p.m., three bright objects were seen moving in a triangular formation, their colour changing between red and yellow.

GIPOVNI report.

33. August 25, 1968. Lins, State of São Paulo. At 5 o'clock in the morning, at a sanatorium, a woman caller was attended to. She was wearing a hood and shining cape of the same colour. After slaking her thirst at the drinking-fountain in the entrance-hall of the hospital, she asked the woman attendant to fill with water for her a large bottle which she had with her. After taking her leave of the attendant (by gestures) the strange woman said "abaúra, abaúra" and walked off towards a flying saucer which had landed in front of the hospital and which proceeded to take off. Terrified, the woman attendant of the hospital perceived that she was now bathed in perspiration and had also suffered an involuntary micturition.

SBDEV Bulletin No. 66/68, January-June 1969, p. 72. [A full report of this case appeared in Nigel Rimes' article *The Clemente Ferreira Sanatorium UFO*, in FSR for July/August 1969.]

34. First half of September, 1968. Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro. From his apartment the photographer Ari Pereira photographed a flying saucer over the Morro do Vintém\* hill (photo reproduced on page 1 of SBDEV Bulletin No. 72/73, January-April 1970).

*Diário de Notícias*, Rio de Janeiro, September 13, 1968.

35. September 1, 1968. Pôrto Alegre, R.G.S. At 8.45 p.m. a light violet-coloured object was seen, its shape being like a large oval (Rugby ball).

Investigated by GIPOVNI.

36. First half of September 1968. Coromandel, State of Minas Gerais. At 7.05 p.m. Sr. Ubaldo Rosas was travelling with his family in his Willys station-waggon when he saw a powerful light at a great distance. Arriving at the crest of a range of hills, they now saw that there were four beams of light, a large one on each side and two smaller ones in the middle. (See sketch below, from newspaper *Correio Braziliense* of July 13, 1969.)

The family now being frightened, Sr. Ubaldo got out of the car and fired one shot in the direction of the lights, which were distant about 1 kilometre. At this point the picture became different to him, for it was now clear that the lights were located on one large single oval object. Bathed in a bluish luminosity, this object now rose up into the sky and

\* The hill on which the two "young men in the lead masks" were found dead.



Sketch published in the newspaper *Correio Braziliense* of July 13, 1969, showing the UFOs seen at Coromandel, State of Minas Gerais, in September 1968 (Case No. 36.)

made towards the station-waggon at terrifying speed. Ubaldo (who lives at Taguatinga QNA-7, Lot No. 23) put his foot on the accelerator and fled precipitately downhill. The members of the family all thought the object was going to strike the car and therefore all ducked as the UFO passed overhead.

*Correio Braziliense*, Brasília, July 13, 1969.

37. September 4, 1968. Pôrto Alegre, R.G.S. In the early morning the baking staff at the Oling Bakery at Chácara das Pedras broke off work to watch the movements of two white saucers emanating beams of white light. The two UFOs shot to and fro in gliding movements, leaving behind them luminous trails. A girl living near the bakery also was a witness.

*Zero Hora*, Pôrto Alegre, September 5, 1968.

38. September 9, 1968. Campo Grande, State of Mato Grosso. In the evening, a machine shaped like a small globe, white and shining like aluminium, was seen on the ground in an open field near the bridge over the river Imirussu, on the road linking Campo Grande to Dirolândia. The report about it came to the office of the newspaper *Diário da Serra* from a workman living at a camp along the road.

*O Jornal*, Rio de Janeiro, September 10, 1968.

39. September 9, 1968. Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro. A party of people who were sitting on the beach on the left-hand side of the rock known as the Pedra de Itaipu, saw a brilliant object estimated at between 5 and 10 metres in diameter, passing at a height of 100-200 metres and at a distance of some 500 metres from them. Owing to the noise of the waves beating on the rocks, they were unable to say whether there was any noise from the object.

*O Jornal*, Rio de Janeiro, September 10, 1968, and enquiries made of Sr. Schail Saúd by SBDEV on September 28, 1968.

40. September 15, 1968. Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro. On the beach at Icaraí, a doctor took a photograph of a UFO which resembled a rocket. It was passing slowly, at great height, through the sky over the Bay of Guanabara towards Canto do Rio.

*O Fluminense*, Niterói, September 18, 1968.

**41. October 2, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. At 6.15 a.m., as Doribio Pereira was about to start up the engine of his bulldozer, he saw, close by, two small beings with clothing similar to that worn at the time of the Roman Empire. One of these men immobilized him with a beam of light. The strangers then departed in a saucer, the size of a car, which was standing nearby and had a transparent roof.

*Notícias Populares*, São Paulo, October 6, 1968, and SBEDV Bulletin No. 66/68, January-June 1969, p. 74. [A detailed account of this case was given in *Confrontation At Lins*, by Gordon Creighton, in FSR for January/February 1969.]

**42. First week in October, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. Senhor Nilton Bioto and his wife, and Professor Nadir, were travelling by car at night along the road from Sabino to Lins when they saw a large luminous object which approached them, performing evolutions at low altitude. Sr. Bioto drove off at high speed towards the Florianópolis Ranch, owned by his father-in-law, in the Guapiranga district, and the luminous object accompanied the car for three kilometres. Arriving at the ranch, he pointed out the saucer, which was at a height of some 80 metres and approximately 200 metres distant, to a number of employees. The object gave forth a loud humming noise and a reddish light. Then, with its lights still very strong, it vanished over the horizon in the direction of Promissão.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, October 6, 1968, and *O Jornal*, Rio de Janeiro, of same date.

**43. October 4, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. At 4.00 a.m., on the same road, the same object as described in No. 42 was seen by Sr. Jose Duarte.

**44. First week of October, 1968.** Pereiro, State of Ceará, N.E. Brazil. There are reports of flying saucers being seen, from 2.00 a.m. onwards, over the Serra dos Macacos Range, and there is panic in Pereiro owing to seismic shocks which have created earth fissures up to 1 metre wide, and cracks in the houses. Federal Deputy José Simoes informed a friend that flying saucers had landed in the Serra dos Macacos.

*O Jornal*, Rio de Janeiro, October 6, 1968.

[For detailed account, see article *UFOs And Earthquakes*, by Gordon Creighton, in FSR for November/December 1968.]

**44. October 7, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. At the "April 21" Institute of Education in Lins, night classes were interrupted while 400 students watched the passage overhead of a "dish-shaped" object of varying brightness. It was changing colour, particularly from red to orange.

It was photographed by a lady, Professor Maria Ami Rossetini. Another lady, Dna. Nair Shirema, aunt of one of the students, was working at the time with magnetic equipment in another school in Lins, and was able to verify that there was a major magnetic disturbance during the time that the "dish" was over the town. During the same period there were two interruptions in the local supply of electricity, without the electricity company being able to discover any technical explanations for them.

*O Globo*, Rio de Janeiro, October 17, 1968.

**45. October 7, 1968.** Flamengo, State of Guanabara. For fifteen seconds, at 9.15 p.m., five athletes of the Flamengo team watched a luminous cigar-shaped object travelling at an impressive speed southwards, towards the sea. Shortly afterwards, with a stopwatch, the athletes found that it took 100 seconds for a commercial aircraft to cover the same distance.

*Última Hora*, Rio de Janeiro, October 8, 1968.

**46. October 9, 1968.** Nova Friburgo, State of Rio de Janeiro. At 1 o'clock in the morning the farmer Getulio Gabriel heard the sound of an engine, at a low altitude, followed by a great flash of light and a mighty crash, which was thought to come from the direction of a hill called the Morro da Caledônia. The crashing sound was also heard

widely among the inhabitants of Cantagalo (50 km. distant), and of Duas Pedras, Olaria, etc.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, October 10, 1968.

**47. Early part of October 1968.** Guarantã, State of São Paulo. The town was without electric lighting for three nights in succession. On one of the nights, two students saw a "flash of light" in the sky just before the lights went out.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, October 12, 1968.

**48. Early part of October 1968.** Sorocaba, State of São Paulo. According to a business man, luminous balls were seen from the rua Olivério Pilar, in the Vila Hortênsia suburb, just before the lighting failed.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, October 12, 1968.

**49. October 12, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. For five minutes Sr. José Augusto observed an enormous pear-shaped object, with intensely bright lights of various colours, at a height of some 30 metres from the ground and only some 50 metres from him. A light aeroplane flew over it. The object then moved away to a distance of some 600 or 700 metres, and landed at a spot that was almost completely inaccessible.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, October 18, 1968.

**50. October 12, 1968.** Getulina, near Lins, State of São Paulo. The administrative official José Soares Pereira was returning home by car from the town at 8.00 p.m. with his two daughters and an employee. At a point some seven kilometres from his property (the São Moisés ranch), on the road between Getulina and Tupã, a red light equal in size to the apparent size of the Moon came towards the car from in front and then accompanied it for one kilometre. Sr. Pereira kept his revolver ready in his hand, but did not fire, though he was trembling badly with fright. He turned back towards Getulina and reported the matter to the Police. Then, on his way back home, at a point four kilometres from his ranch, the light reappeared. On the following day likewise, his two daughters saw the light for almost a minute, at a great distance and over the same place where they had seen it on the previous day. And fifteen days or so before that Sr. José Pereira had in fact seen the object through his binoculars when, sitting on his terrace at 8.00 p.m., he had been called by his daughter Maria Ivete to see it.

*Última Hora*, Rio de Janeiro, October 17, 1968.

*A Notícia*, Rio de Janeiro, October 22, 1968.

**51. October 13, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. At 4.05 in the morning, near the entrance gates of the Faculty of Engineering in Lins, ranch-owner José Augusto Tristão da Rocha saw his car lit up by two beams of light "like jets from a blow-lamp", 1 metre wide, 3 metres apart, and suspended in the air at a height of about 50 metres.

Also, at 2.00 in the morning, at the juncture with the road leading off to Guaiçara, the business man Roberto Seare and some companions saw a red ball, about 30 cms. in width, hanging about 20 metres above the eucalyptus trees beside the road. The ball then went off at great speed towards Guapiranga, seeming to "close in upon itself", and vanished.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, October 16, 1968.

**52. October 14, 1968.** Ribeirão Pires, State of São Paulo. At 11.23 p.m. Sr. Celso Israel Moreira de Lima, residing at Avenida Francisco Monteiro 1382, saw an object a few metres in front of him. It was travelling at an impressive speed and changing colour rapidly between violet, pink and green. On the following day two soldiers saw a peculiar object in the sky, near the local cemetery.

*A Notícia*, Rio de Janeiro, October 15, 1968.

**53. October 15, 1968.** Lins, State of São Paulo. Another strange object crossed the sky above the town.

*Última Hora*, São Paulo, October 17, 1968.

(Translated from the Portuguese by Gordon Creighton)



# A remarkable "child woman"

N. M. H. Turner

HERE is another item from an early edition of *Scientific American*, the issue for May 22, 1886, page 321:

"The recent death of Miss Caroline Terboss has attracted renewed interest in her remarkable case. She was a member of an otherwise normally developed family, and up to her twelfth year she was apparently like other girls. But at that age she suddenly stopped growing, and though she lived to the advanced age of seventy-seven, development, once interrupted, was never resumed. At the time of her death, she was in form, stature, and organization a child. For many years she was a familiar figure on Fifth Avenue in the neighbourhood of the reservoir. Her age was a mystery, for her hair remained unchanged in colour, and her face, though noticeably mature for so young a figure, was but slightly wrinkled. Beyond an extreme sensitiveness of the skin, she enjoyed apparently good health until within a short time of her death. Her height is given at but four feet and four inches. She is stated to have been remarkably quick intellectually. As no physician had been in attendance within twenty-four hours of death, it was necessary to summon the coroner. The autopsy revealed the perfectly formed body of an apparent girl of eleven. Beyond certain organic peculiarities, the anatomy was normal. The spine was straight, and there was no outward deformity. No examination was made of the brain.

"The case attracts much interest among physicians, because, though similar instances have been recorded, they are very rare, and never has the subject lived to so advanced an age. Death has usually occurred before twenty-one. Twenty-five years of age is believed to have been the extreme limit."

The case of Caroline Terboss may or may not be relevant to the study of flying saucers, although who can say what is relevant? In view of the fact that there are many legends of people who were abducted by the "little people" or "fairy folk", and on their return were found to have aged but little or not at all, this story becomes more interesting. Notice that she suddenly "stopped growing" and for the remaining 66 years of her life her body remained in a state of what could be called "living suspended animation". Notice also that she was stated to have been "remarkably quick intellectually" (showing that her brain had not deteriorated) and that when she died her body was found to have "certain organic peculiarities."

*Flying Saucer Review* has, in recent years, carried an increasing number of reports of people who have had seemingly miraculous returns to perfect health after many years of illness or disability. These "cures" have often involved flying saucers, curious lights, operators or a combination of all three. They show that some entities, at least, have the knowledge necessary for the repair of the human organism. From here it is quite logical to assume that they would also have the "know-how" to keep a body in a state of "living suspended animation". This is not important; the problem is *why*.

There is nothing in the report to suggest that Miss Terboss went through anything unusual at the age of eleven; however, there are sufficient points of interest to make this story worthy of further investigation. Since Jacques Vallée is taking an interest in stories of people who don't age, I am glad to be able to bring this one to his attention. I would like to make further inquiries into this case myself, but my own research and a university course make this impossible.

## Grand Rapids Spherical UFO

by Jerome S. Gardeski

ON Saturday, September 10, 1970, two Kent County Sheriff's Reserve Officers were patrolling in the southern outskirts of Grand Rapids, Michigan. That evening the sky was slightly overcast, with no stars visible, although moonlight could be recognised high in the sky to the east.

At 10.20 p.m., Officer Michael Kooistra noticed a large, spherical object, yellowish in colour, progressing at very slow speed on a course heading N.N.E. from S.S.W. Sergeant John Hawley spotted the object almost immediately and both men had time to eliminate the possibility that the object was a conventional aircraft, particularly as they both have considerable experience in this field.

Kooistra estimated the size of the object when first noticed as approximating that of a pencil eraser held at arm's length. He judged it to be about five miles distant. Hawley felt that it must have been about 50ft. in diameter and only about one mile away. Both men agreed that it was quite close to the ground, at an altitude of about 1,000ft.

The men's curiosity was heightened when the object stopped and began to spout bursts of sparks and flaming material which they felt would strike the ground and give rise to reports from the inhabitants of that area. This display of pyrotechnics issued from an indeterminate area at the bottom of the object without any change being

observed in its shape or colour; it lasted for some 10 to 15 seconds. The object then vanished instantly, without appearing to move from the spot. The total time elapse during this sighting was two to three minutes.

Each officer was interviewed without the other's knowledge and their reports showed a marked degree of corroboration. These men could be considered as high-calibre witnesses, and neither of them had any special interest in UFOs, apart from "what was published in the papers."

There was no publicity, and no report of this sighting, or of the shower of sparks, filed with any other authority.

# Immense UFO over Maura Lake

by Regina Graystone

A significant sighting made in Canada in 1951 remained unreported until recently when our contributor chanced to hear of it during a conversation. The following account was compiled from details filled in on sighting report forms issued by the Canadian Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (completed by the two witnesses in June 1969) and from comments Mrs. Graystone set on paper following her several conversations with the witnesses.

**M**AURA LAKE is situated in the county of Hastings in the Huntingdon district. Two persons witnessed a UFO hovering over the lake in the summer of 1951; one of the witnesses, Mr. J. Allan Smith, happens to work with the Air Cadet movement, where I was introduced to him by my husband. He was commanding officer of one of the Trenton Squadrons until he was recently forced to retire from that position due to business pressures. He still works weekly with the Cadets in a civilian instructor status. At the time of making his report he was a municipal assessment commissioner. Since then he has been given an exceptionally choice promotion in his line of work, and I might add that this promotion involved quite an extensive security check. He is an upstanding citizen, well-liked by everyone, and of high integrity.

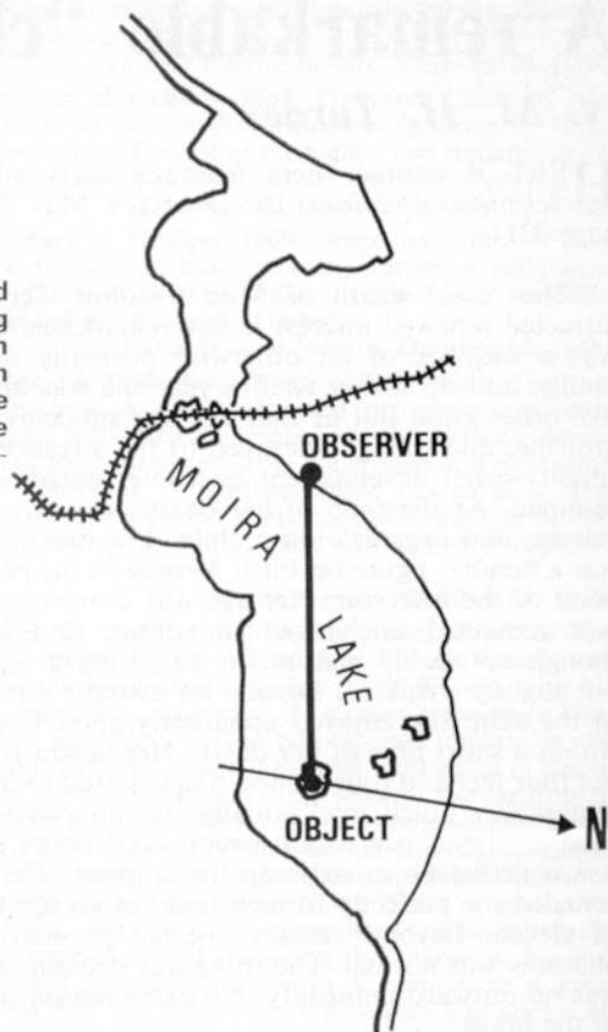
Mr. Smith is certainly not seeking publicity. This information was only given to me because he learned of my interest in the subject during a conversation with my husband. He has never mentioned this sighting to anyone other than very close friends. I would say he would be inclined to underestimate rather than exaggerate and was most meticulous in his endeavour to recall the facts of the sighting correctly.

## Description of the sighting

The incident occurred in July, 1951. Mr. Smith and his wife went to Maura Lake to spend a fishing holiday weekend with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. G. Leighton Thompson and another couple.

According to Mr. Smith's account, early in the morning, at about 6.00 a.m., he and Mr. Thompson had gone to get the boat ready to go fishing. There was just a slight mist on the lake at that time. Suddenly, they noticed an immense object, shaped

Maura Lake: reproduced from an old map of "Huntington Township" on which the place-name was spelt "Moira"



like a flattened top, hovering over an island on the lake at a maximum distance of 1 7/11 miles away from their camp. It was so huge that from the observation point it seemed to cover the whole end of the lake. It appeared to be solid, with a well-defined shape, and had a dull lead-like finish. The apparent size of the object at arm's length was estimated as that of a half-dollar; the angle of elevation from the horizon was stated to be 5°.

The object did not suddenly appear, and apparently it had already been hovering over the island before it was seen. During the sighting, which lasted some two minutes, the object made no movement from its position, nor did it revolve. After the initial shock of sighting the object, Mr. Smith ran back to the cottage to waken the other male member of the party, but by the time the other man had thrown on some outer clothing it had disappeared.

Mr. Smith stated that he could not remember seeing the object rise and speed away—it seemed to him it just disappeared—but he admitted his back could have been turned at the moment of departure.

## Corroboration by second witness

Mr. G. L. Thompson's report was made out separately, without any consultation with Mr. Smith, so that we should have an exact version of what each man saw. His report was consistent with Mr. Smith's in most details. As he remembers it, the object appeared to be bright, like silver, flat to disc-shaped, and making no movement except upon take-off, when it travelled faster than a jet plane. He estimated the apparent size as that of a silver dollar held at arm's length; the distance was thought to be 1/4 to 1 mile away, over the water.

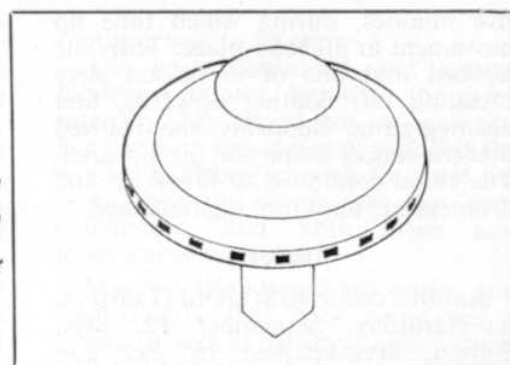
I do not know Mr. Thompson personally, but I have been able to gather that he too is a well-liked, upstanding citizen of high integrity. Like Mr. Smith, his powers of observation seem to be well practised and although he did not add this to his report, I found out when talking to him that part of his service in the army was in the artillery, during which he received the usual training. He spent a long time making out his report and said this was because he had to sharpen his memory



as he had given no thought to the sighting for several years. Considering this, I felt the two reports showed more consistencies than inconsistencies.

I visited the lake myself on June 22, 1969, and realised it would have been a very large object indeed to blot out the end of the lake, for although it is not a particularly large lake, the widest section is at the approximate area where the object was estimated to have been seen.

**The object: based on sketch by the witness. Rim clearly visible, with dark markings. Upper part coloured like lead. Shape of lower part none too clear as it merged with the island.**



## Readers' Reports

### Effects of a UFO in a fog?

Dear Sir,—I am particularly intrigued with the Imjärvi case in FSR. With regard to the dangerous unknown rays emitted by some UFOs, I once felt something like these dropping all around me when standing beneath what I believed was a UFO hidden by fog. The month was November and the year was, I believe, 1967.

As I was walking in Hill Top Road one Sunday afternoon there was a roar like wind coming up behind me from the west. It grew louder and I thought it was a hurricane, and didn't look round for fear of seeing tiles and chimney pots falling. As it grew nearer, and louder, I detected a mechanical noise, so I thought it was probably an aircraft making a crash landing.

Thinking I might save my life if I spotted it, I was obliged to turn round. The craft was then nearly overhead, and I noticed that it was now hovering. It suddenly occurred to me that this might be a flying saucer. (I had read only a few weeks previously a newspaper report stating that a boy of 13 years had been terrified by a saucer hovering above him.)

I stood perfectly still, and peered into the fog, but unfortunately it obliterated the "machine". All round me I could feel something dropping; it was a bit like vibration. There was, by the way, no traffic about, and the road was deserted.

After a minute or more the sound melted away. I did not notice the craft's noise departing in any particular direction. In less than a quarter of a minute the sound was gone, whereas it had been a full minute in advancing.

Apart from being a little shaken, I was not distressed by the incident. But a few weeks later I began to have some strange symptoms: a sickly feeling which lasted about a fortnight, an intense thirst late at night which

lasted nearly two years, and a very keen appetite. I lost quite a lot of weight, and neighbours remarked how thin I had become. I was surprised by my eating capacity and fed up with my nightly ritual of drinking two glasses of cold water after my usual supper of a beaker of cocoa and biscuits.

I think my mental processes were quite normal. I could concentrate on reading and writing, but was apathetic about practical matters. My nerves were bad and I grew discontented and grumbled and criticised. However, it is almost exactly three years since my strange experience and I am now getting back to normal; have put on a little weight and have less tendency to physical exhaustion. (Also my appetite is normal.)

Miss Olga Atherton, Crab Lane, Harrogate, Yorks.

### A "conventional saucer" seen in India

*[The following letter was addressed to Mr. Robert Chapman, who very kindly forwarded it to FSR. The author of the letter was prompted to write after reading Mr. Chapman's book "Unidentified Flying Objects."]*

Dear Sir,—I would like to tell you about a sighting I experienced in 1958, when in a little village in India.

It was a clear quiet evening in December, at about 5.00 p.m., and I was out walking with a friend. We were facing roughly north, and I happened to glance to my left when a sudden flash in the sky attracted my attention. This was caused by a reflection on the polished aluminium-like underside of a "craft" as it passed between the setting sun and myself. It was slowing down and, as I watched, it stopped and just hung there, no smoke, sound or lights.

It was "conventional": one saucer

inverted over the other shape, and though the sun was not bright enough to dazzle me, I could not discern any portholes, antennae or any protuberances. It remained thus, clearly visible (and unchanging) for about half a minute, and then suddenly appeared to shrink very fast till it disappeared. For a split second I was very confused until I realised that it was moving away from me at a tremendous speed, still no smoke, noise or anything. Just disappearing.

While stationary it would have been about a mile (perhaps less) away, and about one thousand feet up, if that. In size it appeared somewhat smaller than a DC6 airliner. Of course I am aware that size and distance are misleading in the air, and it could have been a large craft further away, or a small one much closer.

My aged friend had never heard of UFOs, but, witnessing the entire incident, agreed it looked like no aircraft he had ever seen.

My reaction was not of amazement but surprised pleasure, because I have been reading about this subject, on and off, from about 1950, and I was thrilled to have been one of the comparatively few lucky enough to be granted a positive sighting.

John W. Dunn, Worcester Park, Surrey.

### Boscombe UFO

Sir,—In the latter part of August, 1970, Mrs. Gilbert was working in her kitchen at about 8.00 p.m. The sun was setting, and the sky was mostly clear. She happened to glance through the window, which faces approximately N.E., and her attention was immediately caught by an odd-looking cloud. It was quite still, and in its midst Mrs. Gilbert saw a black mass, exactly the shape of the classic "Scout type" saucer. Fascinated, Mrs. Gilbert watched the phenomenon for about

five minutes, during which time no movement at all took place. Then she noticed that bits of the cloud were breaking off, floating upwards, and disintegrating. Suddenly she realised that the saucer shape had disappeared. The cloud continued to break up and disintegrate, until nothing remained.

### Burley

Another occurred at about 11.00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12. Mrs. Gilbert, accompanied by her son Barry, and his friend Terry, were at their caravan at Mill Lawn, near Burley, Hampshire. Terry had been watching the sky for a while, when he saw a starlike object descending with great rapidity in the Southampton direction. It was visible for too long to have been a meteor. A little later, Terry called Mrs. Gilbert to come and see a "strange star" which he had spotted. The "star" was extremely bright, in an E.N.E. direction, at about a 20° elevation. As Mrs. Gilbert watched, it suddenly shot upwards with great speed, then stopped, hovered, and began to come closer to the witnesses, getting brighter as it did so. By now it was at 85°, and as it came nearer, its colour began to change from yellow to red. Through binoculars, Terry could discern a cigar-shape surrounding the light, but Mrs. Gilbert, although seeing a grey mass, could not identify its shape.

By now the light had begun to blink slowly, unlike the more rapid flashing of aircraft lights. The mysterious blinking light now turned southwards, and went away quite slowly. No sound was noticed.

Mrs. Gilbert rang several air bases in the area, but they denied any knowledge of the object. However, the officers to whom she spoke all asked for full details of the sighting. Finally, Mrs. Gilbert reported the sighting to the local police, and on the following Monday an account of it appeared in the Bournemouth *Evening Echo*, under the heading: "Thing With a Flashing Red Nose."

Leslie Harris, 120 River Way, Christchurch, Hants.

### "UFO" seen over Westerham

Dear Sir,—Two witnesses of an unusual incident on a summer's evening last year are Keith Mason of Market Way, Westerham, Kent, and Mrs. Jean Lucas of Secker House, Minet Road, London SE9.

At approximately 7.30 p.m. on the evening of Saturday, August 1, 1970, Mr. Mason and his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. Lucas, were walking on Crockham Common, Westerham, following a public footpath towards Westerham Pond, when they sighted

an object at an estimated altitude of 2,000ft.

Mr. Mason was the first to see the object and pointed it out to Mrs. Lucas. Both agree that it consisted of two elliptical lights one behind the other. These appeared to be of the same size and were followed by a third light roughly triangular in shape moving apex first. All three lights were equidistant. Mr. Mason describes the colour as gas-flame yellow and so bright that the shape could not be clearly defined. He describes the overall length as being a little longer than a Boeing-707 which has a length of 153ft. He estimates the speed as approximately 200-300 m.p.h. The object came from the direction of Tonbridge and was heading towards slightly south of Croydon.

There was some scattered cloud, though the object was seen in a clear patch of sky. It did not change course or alter speed at any time. The light from the object was *not* constant but appeared to flicker or pulse slightly and irregularly.

Both witnesses looked away for a moment and when they looked back the object was no longer in sight. The overall sighting had lasted for a little

over 30 seconds. No sound was heard from the object at any time.

Ten minutes prior to the sighting the witnesses had seen a small aircraft at a higher altitude; they could clearly see the shape of the aircraft and heard the engine.

Both Mr. Mason and Mrs. Lucas have been known to me for many years and I consider them to be completely reliable. Mr. Mason refuses to guess at the nature of the object but simply says it was something that he could not begin to identify.

John E. Ben, West Kingsdown, Sevenoaks, Kent.

### West Country Incidents

The following letter, dated November 25, 1970, was sent to us by a correspondent who was not at that time a reader of either this journal or *Flying Saucer Review*. We are indebted to Mr. Neville Armstrong of Neville Spearman Ltd. for advising him to write to FSR.

Dear Sir,—

#### UFO over School

At around 2.00 p.m. yesterday, November 24, 1970, under perfect weather conditions a UFO was seen hovering over my son's school, Ridgeway Comprehensive, Wroughton, Swindon, Wilts. This incident was seen by most of the school children, including teachers, who incidentally stopped lessons and called the children out to witness the sight.

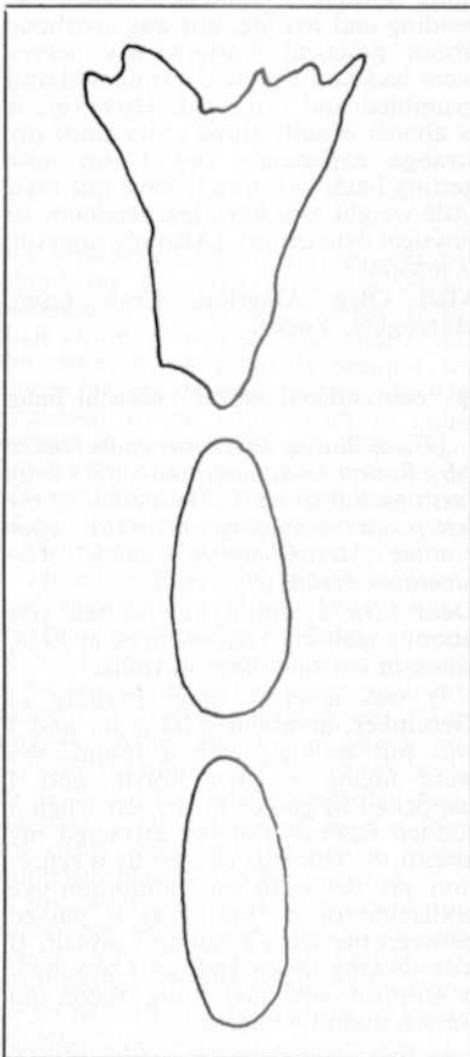
My son describes the object from where he stood as a black metallic disc 20ft. in diameter. The object was apparently being pursued (or observed) by two Hercules transport aircraft of the RAF from either RAF Lyneham, Fairford or Brize Norton. One aircraft was each side of the object, and flying around it.

After a few minutes the object tilted slightly and shot off at a fantastic speed, still pursued by the two transport planes.

Minutes later a jet fighter was also seen streaking across the sky, apparently in pursuit of the object, which, according to my son, left short black trails, but when hovering, gaps similar to smoke rings were visible when the object accelerated.

Whilst this activity was going on my son said that teachers were frantically racing about the school trying to obtain a camera to take photographs of the object. Whether or not any photographs were taken he was unable to say.

The jet fighter was seen by a friend of mine who described it as possibly one of the Red Arrows team, who I know were flying yesterday because I saw them myself. My friend also told





me he saw the two Hercules going "flat out" over RAF Lyneham but saw no object. The time was around 2.00 p.m.

Nevertheless, the disc was obviously seen by, I would say, several hundred people.

#### **Pulsating object at night**

It is interesting to note that about 3-4 weeks ago a woman and her friend travelling back from Devizes to Swindon observed a pulsating light hovering in the same area, at night. She states in her letter published in the *Swindon Evening Advertiser* that this too accelerated at a fantastic speed, and disappeared from sight. Her name was Mrs. New, and from her letter the place where she observed the object was on a hill leading into Wroughton Village (A361). From this hill one can get a really magnificent view of Swindon.

Needless to say, a few days later another reader wrote a letter to the same paper, poking fun at what Mrs. New saw.

#### **UFOs, "auto stop", and effects on humans and a dog**

If it is of further interest to you, I have a friend who, 18 months to 2 years ago, was out with his family and pet dog for an evening drive near RAF Fairford. They were travelling along one of the lonelier country roads when his car's engine cut out and his lights failed. He tried unsuccessfully to restart his car, and said he had the sensation that the air was "electrified". His dog, normally a soft old animal, went hysterical with fear. His children and his wife also felt frightened and started crying. He himself became scared, got back into the car and shut the door and windows.

To his surprise he saw three disc-shaped objects in "V" formation passing overhead and disappear in seconds.

In a state of alarm he again tried the starter and the engine fired. He drove to a call box and 'phoned RAF Fairford, not giving his name, and asked if they had any aircraft flying that evening, to which he was given the reply "No".

He told his wife not to mention anything about it to anyone, because he didn't want people to think he was "screwy". However his wife did confide in me and my wife, knowing of my interest in UFOs (although I have never seen one). I did manage to get a little bit of information out of him, but he told me that it was a sight and experience he doesn't want to go through again. I doubt very much that he would relate what he saw to anyone else.

I hope this information will be of some use to you in your research.—  
**J. C. Wilcox, 77 Duchess Way, Upper Stratton, Swindon, Wilts.**

#### **Humming noise, TV affected, and UFO seen**

Dear Sir,—Here is an account of an incident which took place while I was staying in Bournemouth, and which may interest you and your readers.

On the evening of November 23, 1970, I was sitting in the lounge at Westcliff Hall Hotel, Priory Road, watching television with two friends, when we heard a low-pitched unusual humming noise outside. At the same time we noticed an unusual interference on the television set. At first we did not take much notice of it, thinking it was an aeroplane; but the noise continued, so that, after a few minutes, we looked outside to see where it came from.

Nothing was to be seen.

The noise continued, not getting louder or fainter, but with the same intensity. My friend got up, and put her hand up the chimney to feel if the wind was strong enough to cause the noise, but the result was not very convincing, and both noise and interference went on.

My two friends got up again, and said quietly that they could see a strange object in the sky. I joined them, and tried to look out of the window, while they were trying to explain to me the location of the object. As I could not see, I ran outside in the garden and looked up. The sky was very clear, with stars, but no moon. The object was travelling eastward, and was approximately the size of a sixpence, or slightly smaller, at arm's length. It appeared to be slightly oblong, with a yellowish light, which did not blink, on its tail.

The object travelled slowly and I could observe it at leisure, but when I was outside I did not notice any noise, so the humming sound and interference might have been connected with the television.

When the object disappeared, I looked at my watch and saw that it was exactly 10.15 p.m. I have observed planes landing at Hurn airport nearby many times, and this did not seem the same at all. Another strange sighting was reported the following Monday (exactly one week later) by a lady in Wimborne.

The interference on the television appeared as dark waves, flowing fast, a few inches apart, from left to right. I can't recall how many there were.

I hope you will find the above account, however small, of interest.

Yours faithfully,  
**Miss J. Dulooy, Trossachs, Perthshire Scotland.**

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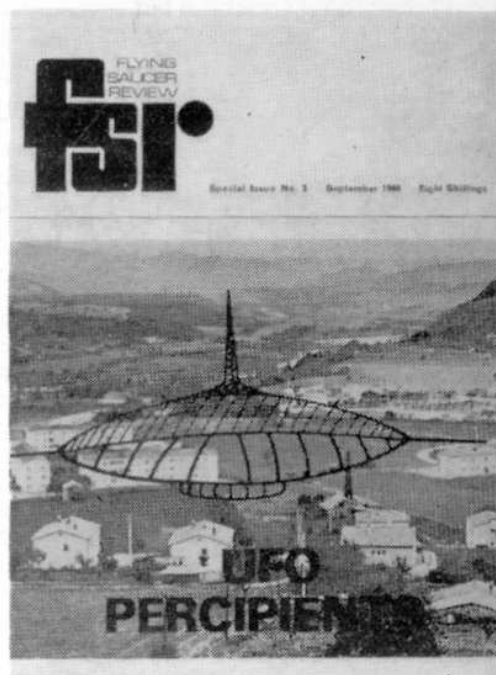
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