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**WHERE HAVE WE HEARD OF  
THIS SHAPED FACE BEFORE?**

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# Military report UFO from Kuuskajaskari

Reijo Sjögren

I SUBMIT to *FSR Case Histories* one of our Finnish UFO reports. It is not in any way unusual compared with other UFO reports from all over the world. However, this one is unique in that it is the first official UFO report obtained from the Finnish military authorities in black and white.

The report is filed with the military records at Kuuskajaskari and I managed to obtain details of it from the Commanding Officer.

Three of the principal witnesses were Simo Jouhilampi, Antero Alim and Matti Elonen. All were in military service and after the incident they were separated from each other and each then gave an account of his observations.

The reports given here are only those of Guard-Gunner Simo Jouhilampi and the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Pentti Hänninen, since it would be needless

to repeat the same words over again. The reports have been abridged where military secrets are touched upon, but the cuts do not affect the observation data.

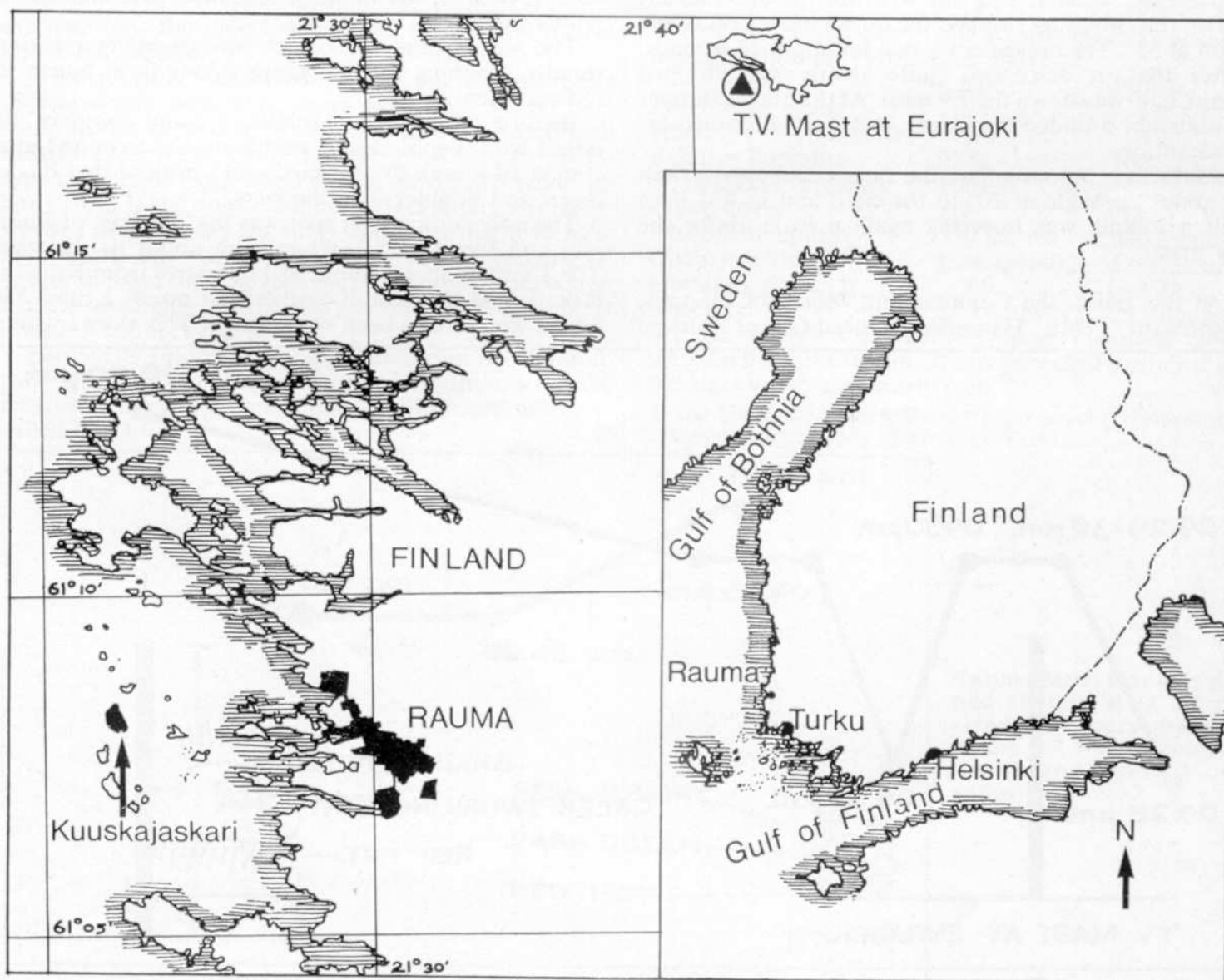
## Guard-Gunner Jouhilampi's Report

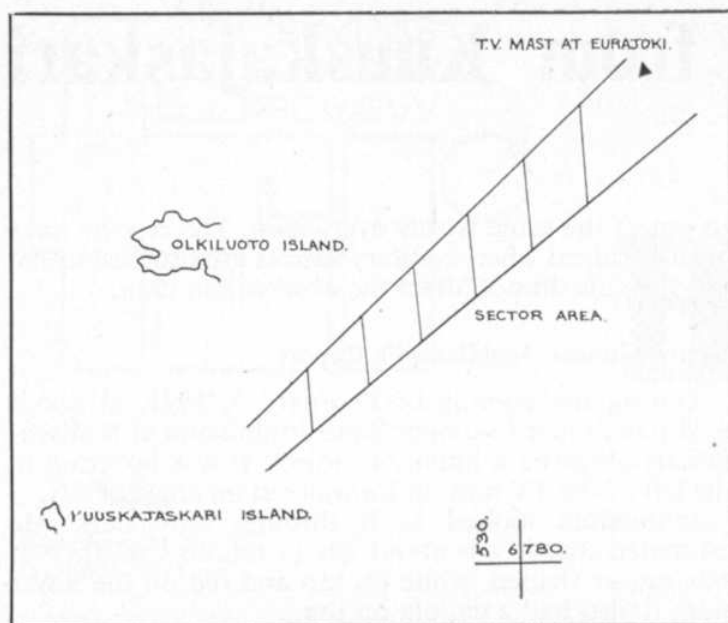
During the evening of February 3, 1971, at about 9.28 p.m., Guard-Gunner Simo Jouhilampi at Kuuskajaskari observed a luminous object. It was hovering to the left of the TV mast at Eurajoki at an angle of  $48^\circ$ .

Jouhilampi looked at it through binoculars. He estimated that it was about 20v (a thumb's width).<sup>\*</sup> It was saucer-shaped, white on top and red on the lower side; it also had a cupola on top.

The object, which was by then hovering a little over

<sup>\*</sup> We regret we do not know the significance of the "v" unit of measurement.—EDITOR.





### The sector of the UFO's movements

the TV mast, began to change its lights from white to green. The green light twinkled at a rate of about 1 pulse per second, and this went on for one minute. When the twinkling stopped the object moved on to the right at  $55^\circ$ . The movement lasted for about 15 seconds. After that, it descended quite swiftly and stopped again, half-way down the TV mast. At this stage, Gunner Jouhilampi sounded the alarm, and then continued his observation.

Jouhilampi noticed that the object had now arisen to about an angle of  $70^\circ$  to the right and in less than half a minute was hovering again a little above the TV mast.

\* \* \* \* \*

At this point, the Commanding Officer of the unit, Lieutenant Pentti Hänninen, Guard-Officer Antero

Alim and Guard-Gunner Matti Elonen followed the flight of the object. It was moving off to the right away from the TV mast and stopping for periods of some 15 seconds to 3 minutes. Between the halts in movement it was going horizontally and rapidly, the time of the movement changing from 5 seconds to 10 seconds. At 9.55 p.m. the strange object disappeared from sight.

### The Commanding Officer's Statement

About 9.35 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 1971, I received a telephone call at home from the guard-gunner of Kuuskajaskari.

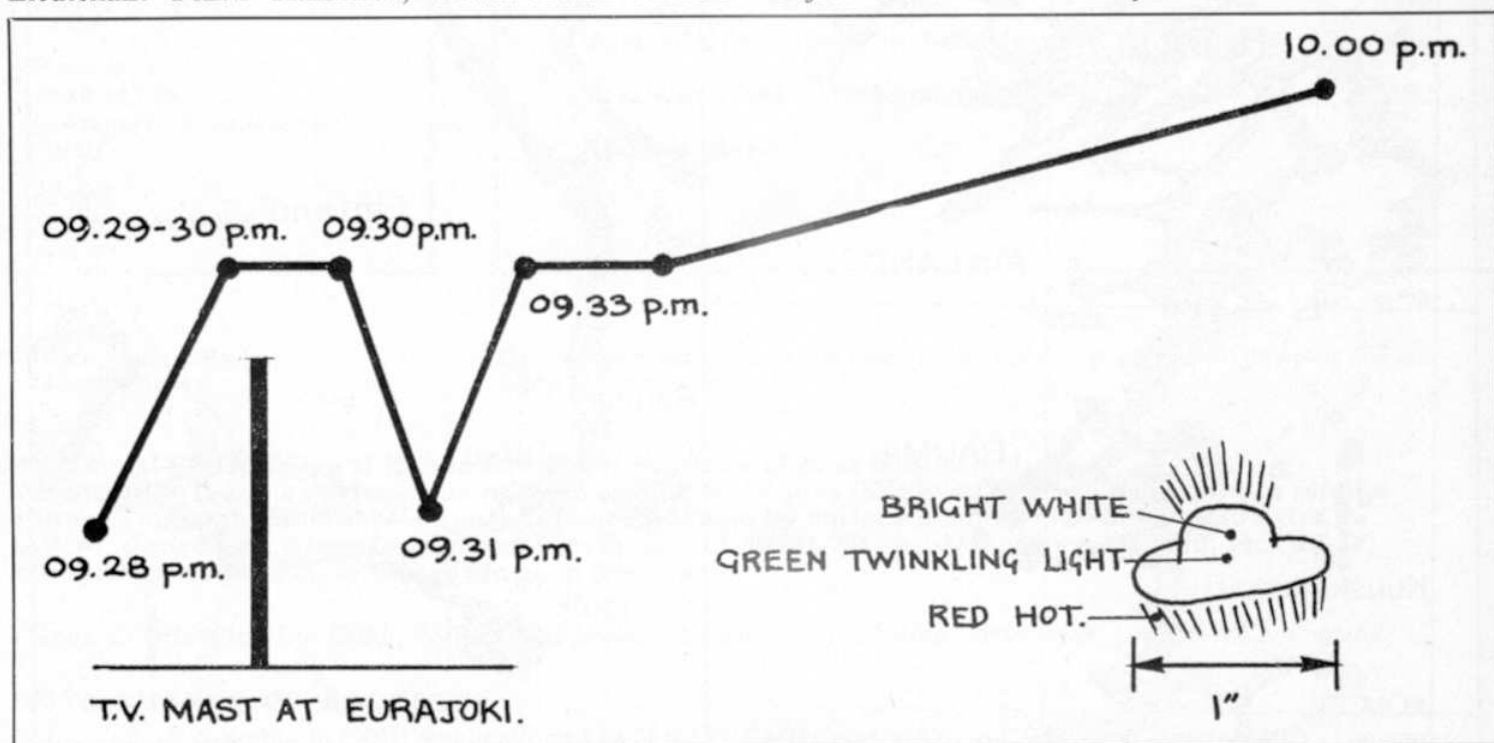
Gunner Jouhilampi notified me of a strange light phenomenon in the sky. I went outside, and not seeing anything unusual returned home. I called the marine guards and asked for more details about the phenomenon, the direction, altitude and so on. On getting the information I went back towards the sea and saw it—an object over the TV mast of Eurajoki.

The object moved in jerks; it stopped and returned to the place it started from. The flight altitude was changing. This unusual manner of motion riveted my attention. The movement was completely different compared with that of a helicopter or an aeroplane. I am certain of this, because my military education also included a pilot's training.

The whole time the object was changing position rapidly, stopping and changing colour from bluish to red and then white.

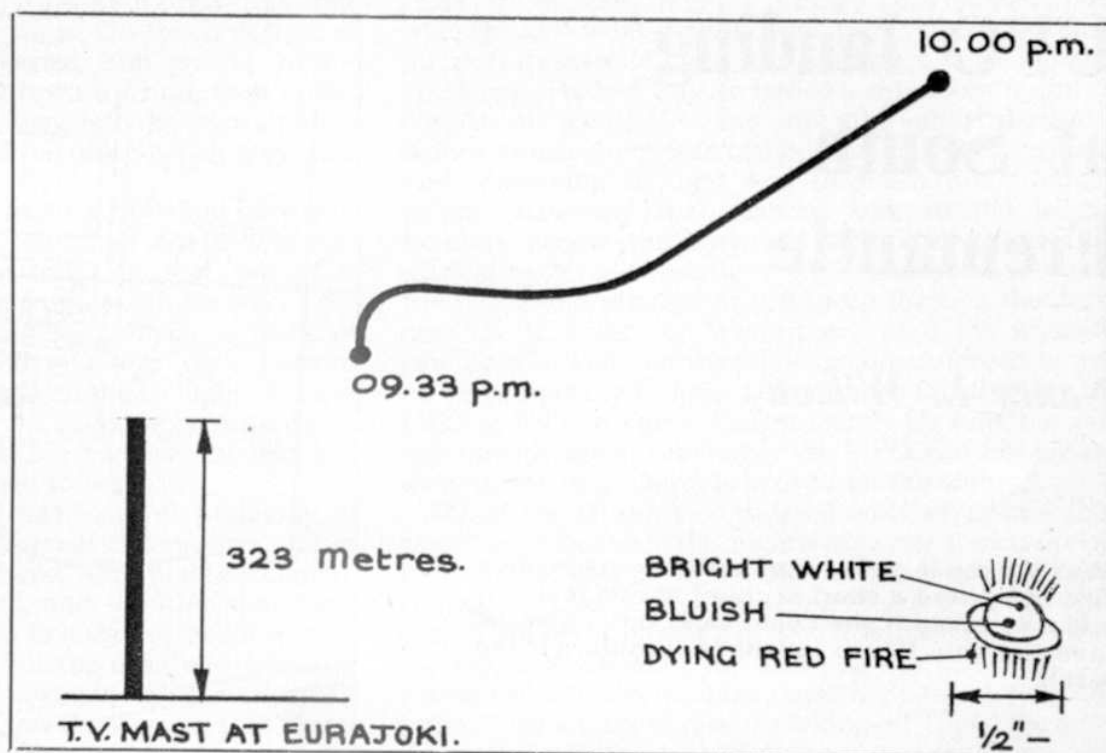
Because of the good visibility I could compare the object with a spot clearly visible on the terrain. I also compared it with bright stars, and I noticed that it was larger and brighter than the stars.

The only comparison spot was the TV mast of Eurajoki and therefore I can't be sure about its distance. The TV mast stands about 25 kilometres from Kuuskajaskari, and if I take it as the fixed point, I think the object would have been very near it. Therefore I would



The movement of the UFO, and its shape, according to Gunner Jouhilampi

Guard-Officer Antero Alim's plan of the UFO's movement together with his sketch.



estimate that the object was about 400 to 600 metres above the ground.

What it really was I don't know, but supposing the object were a helicopter or an aeroplane, so far as I could see the movement was not normal compared with the aforementioned aircraft. Only a few foreign prototype aeroplanes† can stand still in the air and move up and down. If the object had been an ordinary aircraft—which I dare not say for sure—the noise ought to have been heard one way or another at Kuuskajaskari. Of course, I could suppose that the object was the reflection from a headlight. But the sharp definition of this object does not support this theory.

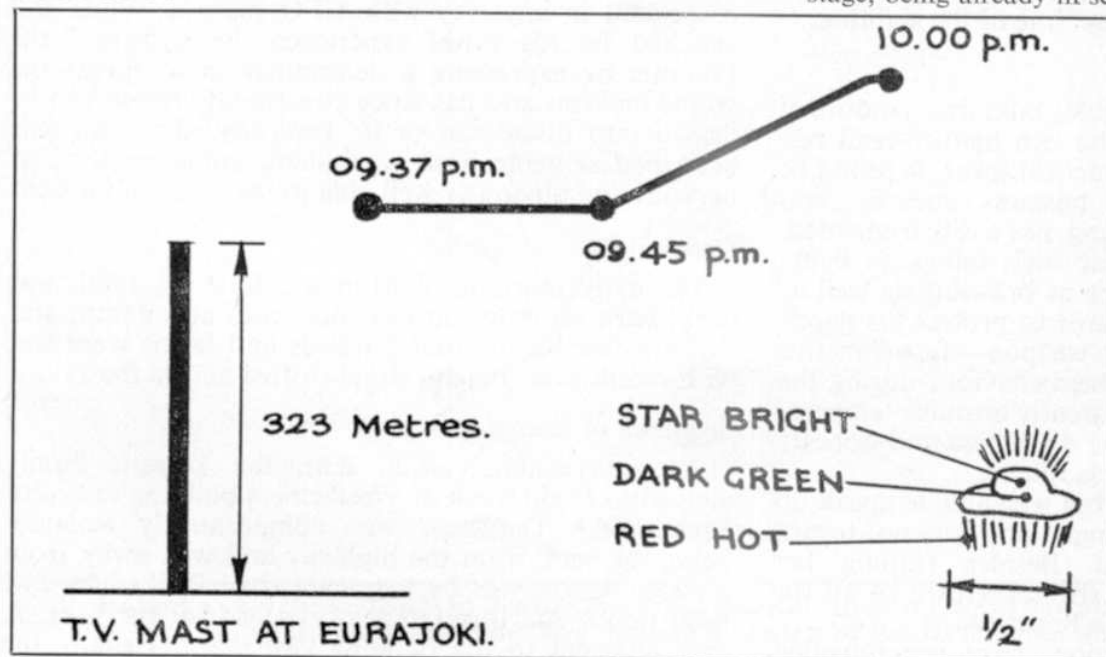
Personally I don't believe the theory. In my opinion, the object was reminiscent of information we have received from other countries, a phenomenon which is called UFO.

Weather report from the Kuuskajaskari meteorological station on February 3, 1971:

	8 p.m.	11 p.m.
Dry thermometer	-2.6	-3.2
Humidity thermometer	-2.8	-3.2
Relative humidity	97%	100%
Atmospheric pressure	1008.9	1012.6
Cloud cover	2/8	7/8
Altitude of clouds	550 metres	550 metres
Quality of clouds	Low clouds	Low clouds
Humidity point	-3.0	-3.3
Visibility	25 kilometres	25 kilometres

Even though the weather report mentions clouds between 9.30 and 10 p.m., it was very clear visibility, and the stars were very clearly seen.

† The Hawker-Siddeley *Harrier* is far beyond the prototype stage, being already in service.—EDITOR.



Gunner Matti Elonen's plan and sketch. It is emphasized that these drawings were all made independently and without consultation.

# UFO landing at South Fremantle

*Nancy L. Wilson*

Miss Wilson is a reader of both our magazines. She submitted a short account of this incident and was asked if she could carry out a detailed investigation. Her excellent contribution is the result

IN the early hours of a cold, dark, winter's morning in 1970, five Western Australians met with a UFO experience which they will long remember. Of these people, four constituted a young family, with whom I have spoken at length, while the fifth, a nightwatchman, has preferred to remain anonymous and uninvolved.

## Witnesses

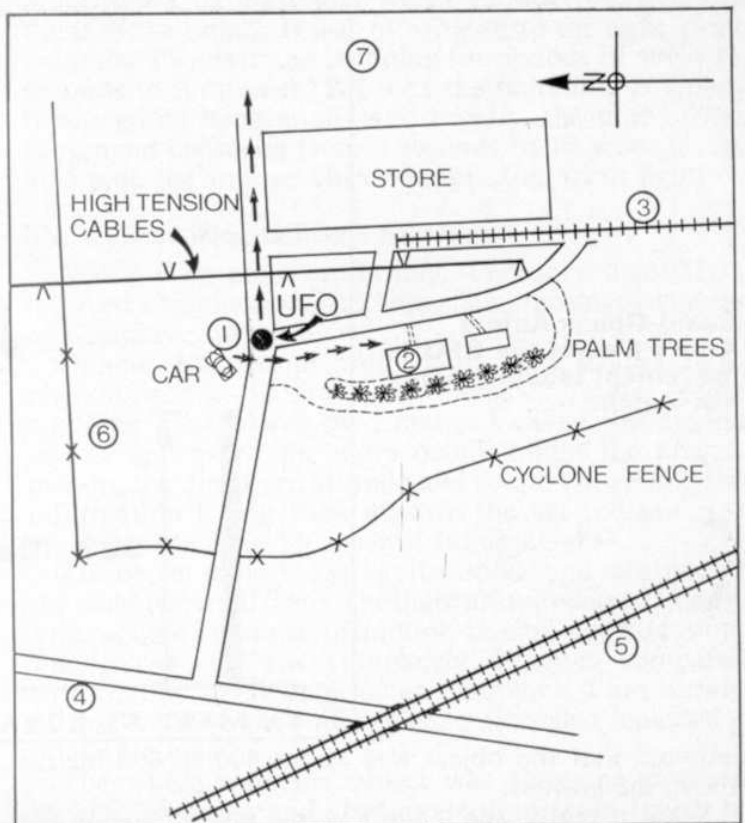
The Durant family, who live at 12 Goneril Way, Coolbellup (an outer suburb of Perth), consists of:

Vernon Durant, a contract cleaner who runs his own business,  
Wendy, his wife, who helps with the business,  
Robert and Carol, their children, who were aged 6 and 5 years respectively at the time of the sighting.  
An un-named nightwatchman.

Vernon Durant is an excitable, talkative, emotional and aggressive young man who can neither read nor write. He is a self-confessed practical joker, is proud of his illiteracy coupled with business success, and describes himself as highly-strung, not easily frightened, and one who always jeered at such things as flying saucers. He has had experience at brawling as well as boxing, from which he has learnt to protect his hands by making use of the nearest weapon—an instinctive reaction which is relevant to his behaviour during the UFO incident. Despite his apparently unstable temperament, Vern has a very credible directness and honesty both about himself and towards others.

Wendy is quiet and retiring but well able to speak up for herself firmly and convincingly. She does not regard herself as highly emotional. Besides helping her husband actively on the job, she takes care of all the paper work connected with the business.

The children, from babyhood, have accompanied



## KEY:

1. Position of night watchman. 2. Office. 3. Private railway. 4. South terrace. 5. Main line railway. 6. & 7. Sand hills.

their parents to work at night and are accustomed to sleeping soundly in the car parked outside the place of work. They know the location of toilets and are quite used to finding their own way there and back in the dark without alarm or any disturbance to their parents.

Of the nightwatchman I have only the Durants' description. He works for a prominent night patrol firm and, no doubt in view of the character requirements of his job, had no intention of risking it by being associated in any way with UFO reports. While still shocked by his novel experience, he surprised the Durants by expressing a determination to forget the whole incident and has since consistently refused to be drawn into discussion of it. Typically, this man was described as being burly, confident, unflustered, never nervous and obviously well able to take care of himself.

## Conditions

The early morning of Monday, June 16, 1970, was dark, with no moon in evidence, cold and damp, and "with a fair bit of wind." Roads and lawns were wet with recent rain. Patchy cloud drifted across the sky.

## Sequence of Events

At approximately 3.30 a.m. the Durant family arrived to begin work at Wesfarmers building in South Fremantle.<sup>1</sup> The area was comparatively isolated, being set back from the highway and well away from houses. Access was by a private road flanked by low sand dunes and through a locked gate to the parking area adjacent to the building (see map). Usually the

nightwatchman, arriving first, would open this gate and leave it open for the Durants. On this occasion, as on some others, they preceded him by 1½ hours, unlocked the gate and left it open for him, then pulled into the parking lot where they left the two children asleep in the car and entered the office which they were to clean.

About an hour later (ca. 4.30 a.m.) they were surprised by the entry of their daughter Carol who was crying with fright. This was most unusual, but when Vern investigated outside he found nothing out of the ordinary except for the sound made by a flock of pigeons. He wondered briefly if there were pigeons hidden in the roof, then dismissed the thought. Assuming this noise had disturbed the child, he reassured her, settled her down again beside her brother who was still sleeping soundly, and returned to work.

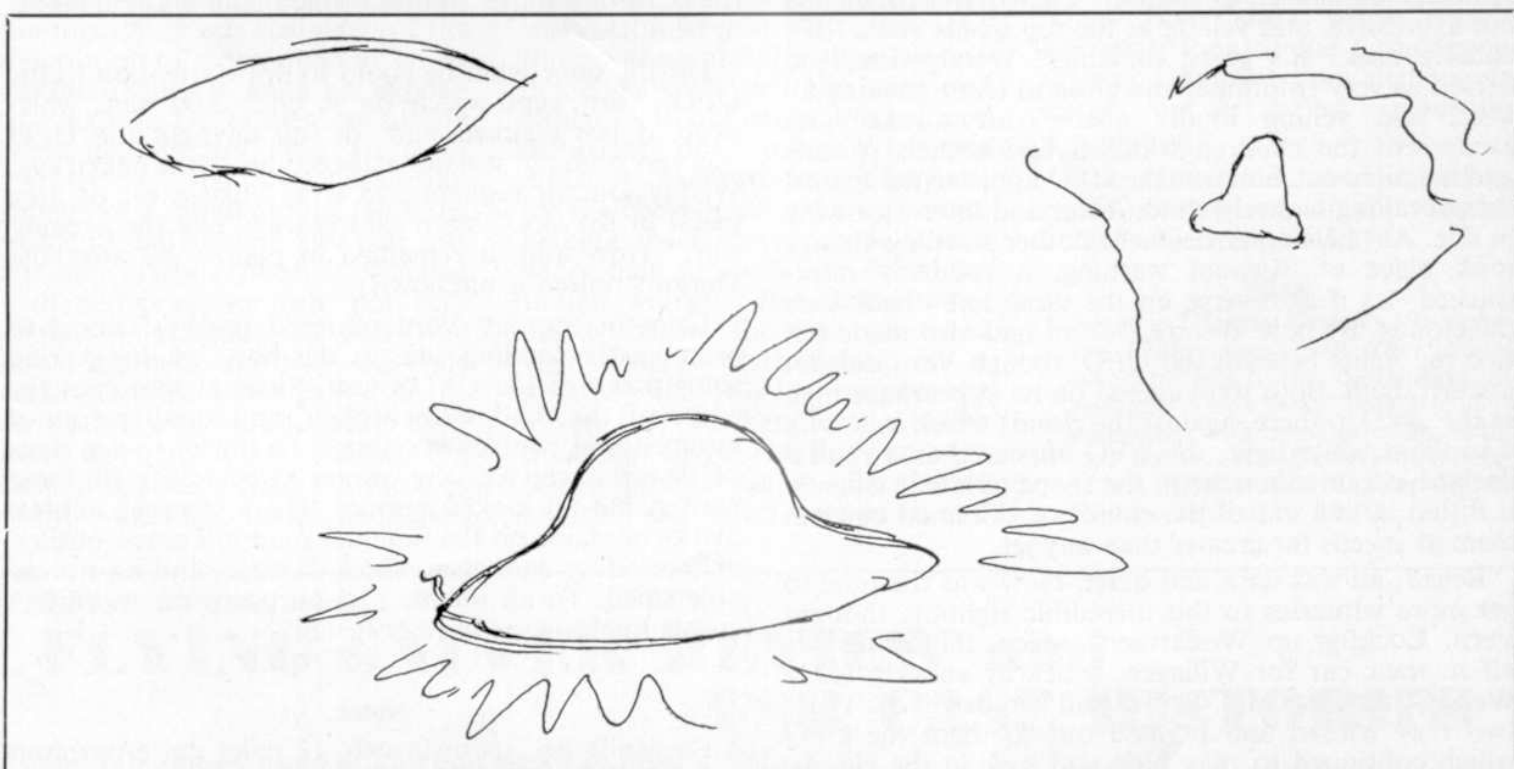
For a further half hour all was peaceful. Suddenly, at about 5.00 a.m., there was a great commotion and in through the front door burst the nightwatchman, panting, white-faced, shaking, and shouting that there was a flying saucer outside. At first they disbelieved him, thinking it a practical joke, but the utterly foreign and agitated behaviour of this normally phlegmatic man aroused their curiosity. This was the story he told them:

Driving his VW along Wesfarmers' private road, he noticed that the cleaners had left the gate open for him and so drove through without slackening speed. Suddenly the car lights picked up a huge shape directly ahead which completely blocked the road. Not knowing what it was, and acting instinctively to avoid a collision, he swung the car sharply off the road, burying it nose-deep in a sand dune at the side. There were no warning lights, just a battleship-grey shape standing astride the road.

Leaving his car, the nightwatchman approached the

"vehicle" on foot, thinking it might be a big truck, but when he saw what it really was, panic struck. At close quarters it was a dull grey, domed object, unilluminated and silent. He had time to notice a rim about it and "a couple of windows"—but not the undercarriage—before unreasoning fear caused him to bolt for safety. His consuming thought was to reach other human beings. Knowing the cleaners were in the lighted building across the way and afraid to spend time extricating his car from the sand, he dashed on foot past the object and plunged at top speed through the darkness to the safety of Wesfarmers. Had the roadside gate been locked and the nightwatchman forced to pull up while opening it, he could not have failed to see the UFO in his headlights. Unfortunately for him, the gate was already open! Obviously the UFO had not landed there at the time Durants arrived on the scene.

While the Durants considered whether or not they were being hoaxed, the nightwatchman took another look outside and again hurtled back through the door, yelling "It's left! It's taking off!" At this, all three rushed out of the building in time to witness an astonishing spectacle. Outside, the darkness was lit up like day with a brilliant electric blue pulsating light. A whirring sound "like a flock of pigeons taking off" filled the air—the same sound heard half an hour earlier when Carol Durant awoke in fright.<sup>2</sup> Everything—roads, lawns, trees, buildings—was brilliantly illuminated in detail, bathed in the weird blue glow. And at its centre, clearly seen at the junction of roads to their left, a metallic craft approximately 12ft. in diameter and 14ft. high hovered above the bitumen. Already it was slipping slowly forward in a flat trajectory, following the course of the road which would take it past the end of the two-storey wool store opposite, and out of view. No light shone within the UFO; there seemed no source for the



Mr. V. Durant's sketches: (top left) the UFO near the ground, and (top right) surrounded by light and silhouetted against cloud. Bottom: Mrs. Durant's sketch of the UFO when about to take off

blue glare it produced. Of the three observers, only the nightwatchman saw that there were two red lights beneath it. To Vern Durant's startled eyes the moving object appeared like a football, from Wendy's point of view it was domed like a hat or bell, but all were agreed that *the whole* object appeared to be rotating as it moved off at an estimated 20 mph.

Directly across its path high-tension wires soared at the height of the wool store roof and collision seemed inevitable, but keeping to its trajectory the UFO slid safely beneath, then skimmed on at roof height along the side of the store.

Out across the car park dashed the three workers, yelling their wonderment as they sought a view unobstructed by the tall building. As the UFO cleared the end of the store it tilted and, gathering speed, soared away over the sand hills and nearby rubbish tip until, further away to the east, it approached a hotel. Here it was seen to tilt again and accelerate sharply upwards, to disappear into the clouds.

By this time the Durants were close to the UFO's landing site and the noise and excitement had wakened the children who now joined their parents. Moments later, pandemonium broke loose as the vanished craft suddenly re-emerged from the clouds and raced at incredible speed back towards the alarmed group. It was coming in to land again on the same spot, they felt sure, the very spot where they stood. Instinctively Vern Durant sought about for a weapon—a brick, a chunk of stone—anything to hurl at this menacing thing. He was torn between the possible need to bundle wife and children into the car and away to safety, and his natural instinct to defy any threat of danger. Fighting instinct won and they stood their ground.

Thinking back to those moments, Vern Durant remembered himself as intensely excited, not frightened but aggressive, and yelling at the top of his voice "It's coming back! It's going to land!" Wendy described herself as very emotional and close to tears, shaking all over, and yelling loudly also. Wide awake with excitement the children watched beside their parents and the nightwatchman as the UFO approached against the prevailing westerly wind, lower and lower, growing in size. At "helicopter height" another startling change took place as, without warning, it suddenly backtracked "as if in reverse on the same line" back into the clouds. By now Wendy Durant had also made out two red lights beneath the UFO, though Vern did not discern them. Both were agreed on its appearance high in the sky. Up there, against the clouds which it lit with a brilliant white light, the UFO appeared as a central dark object or silhouette in the shape of a bell. Silently it flitted in and out of the clouds or skimmed beneath them at speeds far greater than any jet.

Below, all was dark and quiet. Now was the time to get more witnesses to this incredible sighting, thought Vern. Locking up Wesfarmers' office, the family set off in their car for Willagee, a nearby suburb where Wendy's mother (Mrs. Rowe) and brother lived. These two they roused and pointed out to them the UFO which continued to play hide and seek in the clouds. Surrounded by its halo of light it would dart out into view, flash across the sky at bewildering speed, then

disappear upwards only to reappear from the cloud layer at some different spot, but always in the same limited region of sky.

By now it was almost 6.00 a.m., though still dark. Resuming their journey homewards, the Durants rounded a corner in Willagee and spotted two nurses to whom they also pointed out the UFO. About 2½ miles further on, they came across a milkman on his round. Busily engaged in delivering bottles, he was most reluctant to be delayed, and understandably suspicious at being accosted by agitated strangers bearing a fantastic tale. It took a deal of talking to persuade him to raise his eyes but eventually, as he extracted two bottles from a crate on his utility, he glanced upwards where indicated and saw the "flying bell". In one startled movement he dropped the milk bottles back into the craft, then leapt into the driving seat and took off at break-neck speed down the road, filled with panic. Here at last was comic relief, and both Durants roared with laughter as they remarked in recounting their story: "Those poor people in that house never did get their two bottles of milk!"

Daylight was approaching and they continued home to Coolbellup without further interruption, still keeping the UFO in view. Arriving at their house, Vern rang the Civil Defence, a commercial radio station, and one of the local newspapers (*Daily News*). Civil Defence showed little interest other than to enquire "has it landed again?" The radio station was more encouraging but the announcer found it impossible to locate the UFO in the sky from a telephoned description. Finally, the newspaper showed immediate interest and took down over the phone all particulars of the sighting from beginning to end. However, the report was not published until the evening of Wednesday, June 18, 1970, hard on the heels of another sighting which later was confessed to be a hoax.

Having done what he could to draw attention to the UFO, Vern kept watch on it until 8.00 a.m. when sleep at last claimed him. In full daylight the UFO was very high but still quite discernible to the naked eye. Wendy Durant remembered it as "like a bit of grey metal in the sky." Vern said it was "like the evening star." How long it remained in plain view after the Durants retired is unknown.

Later in the day Vern returned to Wesfarmers to examine the landing site, in the hope of discovering some proof of the UFO's visit. Since at that spot the edges of the road were broken, and small pieces of bitumen and pebbles lay about, he hoped to see signs of disturbance, e.g. the verges swept clear of loose matter, but all looked normal. There were no tell-tale marks or stains on the bitumen road, no grass, bushes, or trees close enough to show damage, and no noticeable smell. To all intents and purposes the morning's events might never have occurred.

#### Notes

- 1 Fremantle lies approximately 12 miles downriver from Perth, at the mouth of the Swan River.
- 2 As a keen fancier of long standing, Vern. Durant was emphatic that this was the exact description.

# Stone Age Statuette

## A shape well-known to UFO researchers

John E. Ben

HERE is a photograph which permits us to make a rather interesting comparison. It is of a famous prehistoric sculpture known as the "Statuette in the Hood". It is a head of a young woman carved in mammoth ivory which was found in the Grotte du Pape at Bassemppouy (Landes). It is regarded as one of the most original works of the Aurignacian Period.

It was at first thought that the head was covered with a sort of hood, but the current theory is that the artist meant to represent a plaited hair-style closely held in a net. Monsieur Henri-Paul Eydoux said in his book *History of Archaeological Discoveries*: "(the artist) carved neither eyes nor mouth and was satisfied with an overall impression of a face; even so he succeeded in imparting a very remarkable expression to the features."

However, while looking at the photograph, I was reminded of the description of the woman given by Antônio Villas Boas in his deposition made in Dr. Fontes' consulting room in February 1958. He said: "Moreover, she was beautiful, though of a different type from the women I had known. Her hair was fair, almost white (like hair bleached with peroxide), smooth, not very abundant, reaching to half way down her neck and with the ends curling inwards; and parted in the centre. Her eyes were large and blue, more elongated than round, being slanted outwards (like the slit eyes of those girls who make themselves



up fancifully to look like Arabian princesses; that is how they were, with a difference that here the thing was natural, for there was no make-up whatever). Her nose was straight without being pointed, nor turned up, nor too big. What was different was the contour of her face, for the cheekbones were very high, making the face very wide (much wider than in the South American Indian women). But then, immediately below, the face narrowed very sharply, terminating in a pointed chin. This feature gave the lower half of her face a quite triangular shape. Her lips were very thin, hardly visible. Her ears (which I saw later) were small and

appeared no different from those of the women I know. The cheeks gave the impression that there was a projecting bone underneath, but, as I saw later, they were soft and fleshy to the touch, and there was no sensation of bone."\*

It is also interesting to note that the area in which the statuette was found is one which figures prominently in prehistoric cave drawings, as discussed in Aimé Michel's article "Palaeolithic U.F.O. shapes" which appeared in the November/December 1969 issue of *Flying Saucer Review*. If one draws a line between the caves of the Cantabrian regions of Northern Spain and those of the Vézère regions of the Dordogne, the area in which this statuette was found is very close to the centre of the line.

Could it be, I wonder, that an "ancestor" of the young lady who featured so prominently in the Villas Boas story made herself known to one of the Cromagnon artists? Obviously, we shall never know, but it is an interesting speculation.

The statuette is now housed in the Musée des Antiquités Nationales at Saint-Germain-en Laye.

### Note

\* See also Charles Bowen's "Interesting Comparisons" in *The Humanoïds* in which the description of Antônio Villas Boas' lady friend is compared with those given by Betty and Barney Hill (New Hampshire, U.S.A., 1961) and Maurice Masse (Valensole, France, 1965).

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and remember, none of you can afford to miss

**UFOs IN TWO WORLDS** (see back cover for details)

# UFO photographed at Poole

Leslie Harris

READERS may recall a report I made of a UFO sighting by Mr. L. Druce and his brother-in-law, Mr. B. George, at Lytchett Minster, Dorset, in 1967, which was published in *Flying Saucer Review*, Vol. 15, No. 6, November/December 1969. I have since maintained contact with Mr. Druce, who has become an enthusiastic follower of the subject of UFOs. He was in touch with me on July 20, with the information that his brother-in-law, who shared his Lytchett Minster sighting, had photographed a UFO from a window of his house. I arranged to see Mr. George the next evening, when I examined the photograph, and obtained the following information:

Brian Arthur George, of 78 Gough Crescent, Poole, Dorset, was about to go to bed between 10.30 and 11.00 p.m. on Thursday, July 15, 1971. His wife, Sallie, and his 3-year-old son, Rory, were already in bed, so he was alone, and the only witness to what followed.

As is his normal practice before retiring, he went to the window for a brief look at the clear night sky. Almost immediately he saw a very large white light moving slowly across the sky. It seemed about the size of a tennis ball at arm's length, at approximately 30° above the horizon. The light was travelling from left to right, and diagonally away from him. As the window faces SW, the direction of travel must have been something like SE-W.

Mr. George only observed the object for a few seconds, his main concern thereafter being to photograph it, and he dashed for his camera, a Polaroid Swinger 2. When he returned to the window, the object had moved higher in the sky, and was smaller, having moved farther away. Mr. George took a photograph through the open window, using a flash-bulb in the heat of the moment, although this was hardly necessary as the object was self-luminous, or appeared to be. He then had to concentrate on timing the 30-second developing period, before looking again at the sky. By this time the object was no longer to be seen.

Mr. George was reluctant to part with his one and only print, but I persuaded him to do so, to enable me to have copies made. The enclosed prints are, of course, copies, and are coded as follows:

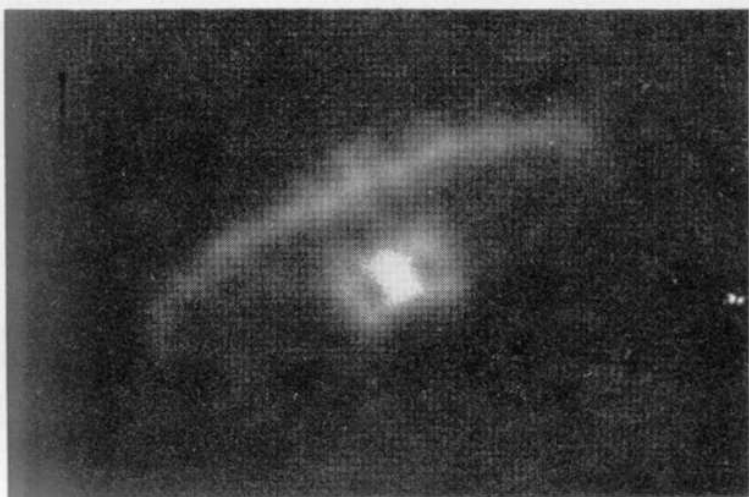
- (a) The whole frame, as photographed by Mr. George. He thinks the white patches were caused by his haste to view the photograph, without waiting for the development to be completed.
- (b) An enlargement of the object.
- (c) An enlargement of the object mistakenly printed back to front. I enclose it because the lesser degree of contrast in this print tends to show detail more clearly.
- (d) A polaroid print, taken by Mr. George at my request, from the same viewpoint as photograph (a). The lower cross marks the position of the



Photograph (a)



Photograph (b)



Photograph (c)

UFO when first seen, and the upper cross marks the UFO's position when photographed.

I would like to say that I have no reason to suspect fakery in this case. Both Mr. George and Mr. Druce are genuinely interested in UFOs since their initial sighting at Lytchett Minster.

While I was preparing this report, other members of the family had UFO experiences: while driving to London in their removal van, Mr. Druce and his other brother-in-law, Roy George, were buzzed by a brilliant, low-flying UFO. Their van contained electronic components. Also, Mr. Druce's parents and sister were witnesses to a saucer which hovered and emitted a "red worm".

In fact, delving into the past has brought further sightings to light. These all involve other members of the family and I also discovered, during my conversations at the Druce home, that both Brian George, and his sister, Mrs. Druce, seem to have a limited amount of ESP. Mr. George, for example, has been able frequently to predict the sex and time of birth of unborn babies. I offer this information for what it is worth, without suggesting any connection with the UFO phenomena.



Photograph (d)

I will endeavour to prepare a further report on these instances.

## Notes from my Queensland file

*J. Johnson*

**The author, who uses a nom-de-plume, has been connected with Australian UFO research circles for many years.**

HERE are a few reports which are among a number which have found their way to me following the appearance of a series of advertisements which I placed in newspapers in 1970. My reason for this was that I suspected there were many witnesses of UFO events who had remained silent about their experiences for fear of ridicule, and who might be willing to testify to a researcher prepared to give them a serious hearing. The overall response was encouraging, and confirmed my suspicions.

My informant in this instance was Laurie F. Cocks, who lives near Marlborough, Queensland, and who says that he and his friends were particularly puzzled, and alarmed, by the "circus tent" case: so much so that he felt that had they "gone straight in to the spot they may not have been here today to tell the tale."

"In December 1960," wrote Mr. Cocks, "soon after I had won my present grazing block in a ballot, I was travelling to Theodore from here, and went by way of the coast road through Marlborough. My father and mother were at the coastal resort of Yeppoon, having a house there, so I called in on my way to break the trip for the night. After tea, I had a few beers at the Strand Hotel on the sea front. I had known the publican for some years, and whilst talking to a few of the locals I noticed a light over the sea towards the North Keppel Island. I remarked on this, and one of the men and

myself ran down on the beach to get a better view.

"The light travelled the distance from the island to Double Heads, some nine miles, in a few seconds, and I have not seen any machine travel at this rate in the atmosphere close to the ground level. On reaching the coast line it turned north and headed in our direction, towards Wreck Point, and went out of sight behind this point, letting us think it had crashed. It reappeared in a second or two and continued towards the Yeppoon Hospital. It stopped here and hovered over the hospital for a minute or two. There was no noise from it at all.

"It then appeared to drift slowly in the direction of Rockhampton (or westwards), rising slowly as it did. The light was a circular fluorescent shape, the size of which did not appear to be much bigger than a car—it cannot have been very high in the sky as it disappeared behind Wreck Point. We did not report the sighting but discussed it at the hotel for some time, naturally.

"Next day, on the way to Rockhampton, I noticed a car-load of army officers, pulled up on the side of the road in line with what I considered to have been the general direction taken by the object the night before. Not wanting to be involved at this time as I was in a hurry, I didn't stop. I now wish that I had stopped as nothing further was heard of this sighting.

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"On December 23, 1968, a party from our property

was travelling back from Rockhampton after shopping there for the day. We were in two of our vehicles, travelling in a convoy. At about 9.30 p.m., on the western highway just west of Westwood, I noticed a fluorescent football-shaped object moving in the sky towards the west from the direction of Mt. Morgan.

"My son, Finlay, was driving the car and he saw it; we tried to keep pace with it in an attempt to discover its identity. At times we were well over the speed limit, trying to keep it in sight. We passed through Gogango, and the object was now on the right side of the road as we curved a little to the left. We stopped just past Grantleigh Siding, as the object was now stationary in the sky. There was no noise from it at any stage. I am not sure of the time we observed it in this position, but it could not have been more than a few minutes.

"As we watched we observed a sight which I think few if any people on earth have seen: the fluorescent glowing object started to take on a different shape. As it changed its shape, drifting vapour clouds could be seen moving to positions to form the shape of a perfect crescent moon of really brilliant appearance. I may add that on this same night, the moon had been at approximately the same stage but had set quite some time previously. I am not sure of the exact time we watched this fantastic happening, but after what must have been some minutes with no further visible change in the meantime, it now commenced to form back into the fluorescent shape we had observed in the first instance.

"When the football shape was attained the final act soon occurred. The object seemed to drop earthwards at a fantastic speed, and on what must have been contact with the earth it lit up the countryside with a brilliant floodlighting effect, and then total darkness. Nothing further was seen and at no time was there any noise from the happening.

"On reaching Duaringa I told the local Police Sergeant, Terry Carroll, who is now in Mackay, Queensland, what we had seen and left it at that. About a week later, the sightings of the UFOs at Childers, Queensland, occurred. This was reported in the *Morning Bulletin* at that time and I guess most people interested in these things would have heard of this fantastic sighting. I saw Sgt. Carroll a short time after this and he mentioned the Childers sighting and wondered if the two were connected in any way.

"(The people who observed this were myself, Laurie F. Cocks, my two sons, Mac and Finlay, and three others. Mac was driving a Toyota Landcruiser in which he had three passengers. They were an uncle of mine, Mr. J. R. Caskey, and a Mr. and Mrs. L. Latta who worked for a neighbour.)

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"This sighting is one which may be hard to describe under the conditions of sighting, etc., as you will see as we travel along. My neighbour, Ray Reynolds, his man Lindsay Latta, who was with us previously on the pre-Christmas sighting, and myself had been to the town of Duaringa for the latter part of the day and were returning home late on a Saturday night after meeting some friends in town and having a relaxed evening over quite a few jugs of beer. When we were approaching a place on Balcomba Station, known as the Old Station

stock yards, we observed a spectacle which almost made us pinch ourselves to make sure we were not asleep: what appeared to be something like a circus tent with lights all over it was in the cooling paddock near the yards. We stopped and had a discussion about this, and Lindsay Latta didn't want to have anything to do with it. He said, 'Let's get home and keep right out of it!' I think he had seen enough with the other sighting on the way home from Brockhampton and was scared.

"We stopped at the turn-off to the yards and did a bit more talking. We listened for a time and it sounded like a big party was in progress. We heard women's voices calling in unison—'Come on in!' It reminded us of the mythical syrens. We were of two minds, being a bit cautious. We drove in eventually and pulled up before a camp there. The circus-shaped object was not to be seen. We could see what appeared to be women's legs walking behind a screen near what would be a galley in a normal camp. There was a gap between the bottom of the screen and the ground and the legs had a peculiar shape, with very fine ankles and very big calves. Nothing came out to investigate our appearance although we waited for a considerable time; but we observed what appeared to be eyes looking at us through a small hole in the screen.

"We drove back to the turn-off and had a further discussion and waited a little longer. Soon after, a vehicle came out of the camp. It appeared there was a contractor camped there, doing work for Balcomba Station. This vehicle was driven by a midget if ever I saw one. He was as big as a normal ten-year-old boy but spoke with the knowledge of a man who had been around for quite a time. We had seen things which he could not understand and I often wonder if there was some connection between the contractor and the strange circus tent-shaped object we saw.

"One of my sons went down to the spot next day to look around but saw nothing of consequence. There were no women in the camp and we heard many women's voices the previous night. I might add that the object we saw was not in the same place as the camp, but would have been some four or five hundred yards distant in our estimation from the point of our sighting. We were all rather merry before the sighting, but not to the degree of seeing things which didn't exist.

"I might add that my daughter who is at Grammar School in Brockhampton said that one of her friend's uncles had seen an object similar to this some time ago a little further south of here."

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## “Peace-Symbol” UFO over Ceylon

THANKS to the courtesy of Mr. B. U. E. Ramage of Kandy, Ceylon, we received the following article through our good friend Mr. Geoffrey Watkins. It appeared in the Kandy journal *Weekend* of July 30, 1971, and the author is Rex de Silva. Under the headline “A Flying Saucer Comes to Ceylon” the story reads:

“A flying saucer, possibly with celestial beings lurking in it, was seen over Ceylon a few days ago. Not less than two hundred people in the tea country of Hewaheta, about 120 miles from Colombo, have seen this Unidentified Flying Object on the night of Saturday, July 17, 1971. This is the first time a UFO had been spotted in the Asian skies.

“When I visited Hewaheta yesterday, I was told that perhaps thousands would have been eye witnesses to this rare phenomenon in the sky. I questioned more than fifty people in and around the site where the UFO was sighted as well as several others from areas as far as 15 miles away from Hewaheta. And surprisingly, the descriptions given by all of them tallied without a single contradictory statement from anybody.

“A senior tea planter, Mr. Parl Abeywickrema, Superintendent of Rookwood Estate, Hewaheta, who was returning home from Pattiagama with his two Assistant Superintendents, Oswin de Alwis and Nimal Dunuwille, and the driver at 10.45 p.m. on the 17th night, first saw a bright circular object, a little bigger

than the full moon, above the rocky horizon. He showed it to his three companions in the car. They told me that this strange object at first glance was ‘really a breath-taking sight.’

“At the time they were travelling in Mr. Abeywickrema’s Morris Station Wagon through Hope Estate, nearly 6,000 feet above sea level.

### Speechless

“A little later, while proceeding towards Rookwood, they observed that the UFO was moving towards them, said Mr. Abeywickrema. Therefore he asked his driver to stop the wagon. The planters confessed that they were speechless with fear at that time.

“All four of them then saw the UFO which was stationary in the clear sky at an elevation of about 1,000 feet above ground level and a distance of nearly a quarter-mile away. They claimed that the object was circular in shape with two side wings. Suddenly, after 10 minutes or so, the UFO travelled at lightning speed towards them and stopped just 100 yards away and began descending to about 100 feet from ground level.

“Terrified, driver Wijesinghe got into the wagon to hide. In his excitement he had released the handbrakes, which made the vehicle move backwards on the slope. Three planters jumped just in time to block the vehicle and save it from plunging down a 4,000-foot precipice.

## Peace Symbol

"Mr. Abeywickrema and his assistants gave me a detailed description of this extra-terrestrial space-ship of which they were able to get a very close glimpse for over five minutes. They claimed that it was a round object of about 25 feet in diameter with two tapering wings on either side. The central circular chamber with fuselage in the shape of a hippy peace symbol had been illuminated and cast a fluorescent yellow glow, but did not glitter like a star.

"The wings, which had two fins on either side, were also illuminated, but not as brightly as the main cabin. They said that there was no sound at all, even when it moved. No movement of any beings inside was observed. The outside construction, they claimed, was of a translucent material that resembled fibreglass.

"After remaining motionless for a few more minutes, the UFO took off at an angle of 45 degrees into the south western skies. Just before it moved away, the two wings were drawn inside the cabin and only the circular cabin was seen hurtling through space.

"At the bottom of the carrier they saw three red blinkers similar to that of an aircraft. They also said that when the craft stayed stationary, the lights inside the circular cabin were dimmed, leaving only the wing lights on. When it moved on, the lights became powerful and it was like a ball of fire.

"Mr. Abeywickrema also claimed that at about 2.00 a.m. on July 18, he witnessed two more similar mysterious objects, both in the shape of a football, moving in the skies but a long distance away. His driver, Sirisena Wijesinghe, told me that at 3.00 a.m. in the morning of Sunday the 18th, he got up when the two Alsatian dogs started barking. To his utter surprise, he realised that they were barking at a mysterious portent in the skies. It was the same celestial object he witnessed about four hours earlier.

## Apparition

"On the same night (July 17), Mr. A. E. Perera, a junior assistant factory officer, was walking towards his immediate boss's quarters three miles away from the Hope Estate sighting. He was a few yards from his senior's quarters when he saw a very strange object in the sky, something that really made him nervous, as it was neither the moon nor a star. He hurried indoors and called his senior, Mr. P. T. H. Rodrigo, to show this mysterious light in the skies. Both being devout Christians, they were baffled as well as scared, for they have heard of supernatural apparitions from heaven.

"After consulting their colleagues, they had come to the conclusion that the 'apparition' was a huge satellite launched by the USA or Soviet Union. But they were taken aback when the craft started moving to and fro in the sky, at times slow, and at times very fast. They had watched the UFO for about 20 minutes.

## Evil Spirit

"Both these gentlemen said that almost all the workers doing the night shift in their tea factory had witnessed this space happening at about 2.00 a.m. on July 18. I met several of these workers at their lines and they described it with awe in their faces. They surmised that

the mysterious flaming object was a demon in disguise, so they are getting ready to conduct some ceremony to drive out the evil spirit.

"Ramasamy, a watcher, said that he saw a strange object in the sky at least three times, from 10.00 p.m. on Saturday till 2.00 a.m. on Sunday. Mr. Karupan, leader of the Ceylon Workers Congress Trade Union in one estate at Hewaheta, told me that he first saw a luminous ball-like object descending from the skies at about 10.30 p.m. on Saturday night. Six people in his household too had seen it.

"I thought a soundless illuminated helicopter was descending on our estate' said Rajaratnam Vedanayagam, a trainee tea maker of Rookwood Estate. But later he realised that it was some alien spacecraft that was hovering above the tea plantations.

## Unusual sunlight

"About three miles from Hewaheta, an appu\* named Velusamy saw the UFO at about 3.30 a.m. on July 18. At first he thought it was the sun rising on the wrong side. Velu had been so excited that he woke the entire household to show the phenomenal 'sun rise'.

"I enquired from a passer-by on the Maturata road about 20 miles from Hewaheta who had heard about the 'Chandrika'† as he called it. He directed me to a house at Rikiligaskande where a retired estate man named Mr. J. R. Perera was believed to have seen it. I could not meet Mr. Perera there as he had gone home to Pamunugama the previous day.

"Later I was able to meet him in Pamunugama. His description of the flying saucer tallied with what I had heard at Hewaheta."

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## Comment by Eileen Buckle

Of course, as any seasoned reader of FSR will know, this is *not* the first time that a UFO has been seen over Asia, or in the Indian sub-continent for that matter. Admittedly, we receive far fewer reports from that region of the world and this might be due to poorer communications in these countries. It is interesting to note the reactions to this phenomenon by the Sinhalese people, some of whom not surprisingly tended to look at it from a religious angle. The writer himself displays some subjectivity, but altogether he is to be commended on his thorough approach in contacting so many of the witnesses and giving a full and straight account of what occurred.

\* appu = a cook.

† Chandrika. This most likely means "Little moon" (as affectionate diminutive way of referring to it); it is also a girl's name.

YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome. We apologise here for being generally unable to acknowledge these items as the pressure of work on our tiny staff and on our postage resources is too great. However, please do not be deterred by this seeming lack of courtesy. We really do appreciate anything you care to send.

# Burst of UFO activity in Tasmania

W. K. Roberts

Our contributor writes on behalf of the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre.\*

WE have had in the past few weeks reports unprecedented in the history of UFOs in Tasmania. Previous cases here have not involved landings, or car pursuits, and have been of a sketchy nature. The following is a summary of the present wave of sightings.

**1. Norwood, May 22.** (Norwood is just south of Launceston which is some 100 miles north of Hobart.) Under the heading "UFO hunt moves to Launceston," the *Examiner* of June 5 reads:

"Bright lights, flattened undergrowth and an eyewitness report of an unidentified flying object have led to an investigation by the Tasmanian UFO Bureau in the Launceston area. The Bureau, which describes its 80 members as 'ordinary, sane people,' started the investigation after a man reported seeing three lights—red, white and blue—land in bush country two miles from the city.

"The man, who wishes to remain anonymous, said he saw the lights settle among trees in a paddock near the suburb of Norwood at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday. He said: 'The lights settled, then took off in a flash of colour, like a skyrocket.' The sighting prompted immediate investigation by the Tasmanian UFO Bureau, who went to the area under the guidance of president, Mr. Jeremy Holden, of Trevallyn. Mr. Holden said yesterday that the group found a flattened area of undergrowth and dense bracken and blackberry bushes. The flattened area was about 10ft. in diameter, but it had no specific shape and the undergrowth was not flattened in an orderly manner, he said. The bureau has now called on anybody else who saw the lights to 'speak out'."

There is not a great deal that I can add to the newspaper cutting as this case was investigated by the Tasmanian UFO Bureau of Launceston. They are satisfied that the report is genuine, and have classified the object as a UFO.

**2. Cethana to Wilmot Road, May 23.** (The Wilmot area is on the north-west coast area of Tasmania 120 miles NNW of Hobart.) Mr. L. G. Riley was travelling home at 7.30 p.m. when a flickering light on his driver's side window caught his attention. Winding down his window he saw to his right a coal-red, round object, pacing his car at a distance of 100 to 150ft. The UFO was at about 100ft. altitude, but later, during the 15-minute sighting, it came as low as 50ft.

Mr. Riley was travelling uphill at 25 mph and increased his speed up to 40 mph, but the UFO continued to keep pace with his car. The UFO was seen to travel behind timber alongside the road, and on one occasion cast a reflection on a large gum tree.

Before reaching the top of the hill, the UFO (estimated size about 30ft.) moved ahead of Mr. Riley, so he

stopped atop the hill to get out and obtain a better view of it. The object was now some 150 yards away, and, travelling in an up and down motion, was lost to sight over the rise ahead towards Wilmot. No noise was heard by Mr. Riley.

Driving on, Mr. Riley sighted the UFO to his right over the rise, but it then crossed the road ahead of him and disappeared down a gulley to his left after being visible through the trees for a short distance. The UFO had been in sight for some two miles in all.

**3. Lynchford, May 25.** (Lynchford is about 130 miles north-west of Hobart.) Mr. C. Archer was awoken at 2 a.m. by the barking and yelping of his dogs, and a strange humming noise like a big, loud generator. Looking outside he was unable to see anything to account for the noise. After some half an hour the humming faded away. On May 26, a flattened area of grass and blackberries was found some 150-200 yards distant from the house at Lynchford. The area was about 30 × 15ft. with a spiral pattern in the middle, and containing six irregularly-placed indentations.

On May 27, the family's 4-month-old kitten died, a car stopped 50 yards from the UFO site with an electrical fault, and two visitors to the area claimed that their watches had stopped. An autopsy by the Queens-town Police failed to find any cause for the kitten's death; it was probably outside at the time of the humming noise. Mr. Archer said the dogs acted "dopey" that week and stayed around the house. Usually they would go off hunting for a couple of days at a time.

By the time the weekend was over, many people had been to the area and a further flattened area similar to the first was found, together with four smaller 10ft. diameter areas with three indentations each, roughly in the shape of a triangle of base 3ft. and some 9ft. to the mark at the apex. The marks were about 8in. deep. Heavy dews and draughts were suggested to explain the unusual areas, and there had indeed been heavy dew the week before, followed by 15-20 knot winds on the 21st and 22nd. However, Mr. Archer claims the area was not flattened on the 24th (it is waste ground by the way). Of course, the response from the dogs, the humming noise, indentations, and kitten's puzzling death would still remain unexplained.

**4. Wilmot, June 20.** Mrs. R. H. Dawkins, glancing through her window at 10.45 p.m., noticed to the south an object larger than the full moon, with a light either side, dropping down towards a nearby paddock.

She turned off all the lights in the house and watched as the two side lights went out and a series of small lights came on around the central light. At this stage all the lights appeared to dim. Mrs. Dawkins went next door and woke her mother-in-law. Together with her uncle they all watched the UFO standing in the

\* 62 Leonard Avenue, Moonah, Tasmania, Australia, 7009.

paddock only 400 yards distant. The estimated size of the central light was about 20ft.

They went out in the road for a better straight-on view of the UFO. They watched in all for over an hour-and-a-half until the UFO's lights suddenly went out. The next day nothing could be found at the spot where the UFO had appeared to land.

**5. Narrawal July 9.** Mr. V. Williams' farm is just a few miles west of the location of the last report at Wilmot and six miles north from that of Case No. 2. The farm is some 100ft. above the paddock in which his children noticed a strange bright white light at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Williams viewed the UFO only 300 yards away through binoculars. He could see it was just in front of the paddock gate and estimated its size as 16ft. long by 4ft. high. The UFO was very bright but did not seem to light up the area around it. As he watched, it seemed to float along about 20 yards and change to a red colour. It also seemed to flare up at each end and flicker.

He decided to drive to the gate and investigate the UFO. However, en route he lost sight of the gate and on arriving could see the same or similar object in a paddock some  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile to the east. Deciding he couldn't catch the UFO he went to tell his cousin about it. On returning some half an hour later, no lights were to be seen. Reflection of the moon on fog was suggested, but the weather records at Erriba 6 miles south of Wilmot record no fog. Mr. Williams and an acquaintance in the area observed no fog on the evening in question, and the Weather Bureau state that conditions were not conducive to fog.

We hope you find the above sightings of interest. TUFOIC has no explanation other than UFOs at present.

### Mountain lights

In one of your articles "UFO Flap at Pudasjarvi, Finland,"\* we noticed similarities to a report in Tasmania dating from last December. We refer to the light seen over Sarkivaara Mountain which released smaller balls of light. We thought you may find our story of interest and have set it out below. The names and addresses of the three young witnesses (ages 15, 17 and 18) are on our files but they requested their names be withheld in the event of any publication.

The sighting concerned took place on the evening of December 18 and early hours of the 19th, 1970. Weather in Hobart had been fine and warm at 83° with some stratus cloud on Mt. Wellington 5 miles west of the city. Our initial report was from New Town, a northern suburb, and the second incident was on the road to the summit of Mt. Wellington itself. The stratus had dissipated by early evening. Our witnesses, three youths, had parked their car near a children's playing area about 11.00 p.m. in the suburb of New Town. Whilst "messaging about" on the swings, one of them noticed a bright star-like light at some height above Mt. Wellington; it started to move slowly south-east (left). He called his friends' attention to it, thinking it might be a satellite. This idea soon proved to be wrong as a

second light appeared to the north-east (right) and approached the first light. Finally, a third light appeared above the two and all three manoeuvred about each other above the mountain.

One of the witnesses went to a nearby phone-box and called a local radio station who said other people had seen the lights and it was probably hydro-electric workmen with searchlights. This explanation proved to be without substance, there being no power lines in the area or work being done on Mt. Wellington.

Meanwhile, the three lights had eventually lined up. One winked out and the remaining two fused into one larger disc or oval-shaped light which seemed to move towards the witnesses before remaining stationary over the mountain.

Two of the witnesses then decided to drive up the Pinnacle Road to the top of Mount Wellington, as the searchlight explanation did not seem plausible. They estimated at least half an hour had passed since their first seeing the light. On leaving New Town, they lost sight of the light and on arriving at the top of Mt. Wellington about midnight, or not long after, they were unable to view anything to explain the lights.

About 12.30 a.m., they left the summit but had only driven  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile down the road when a star-like light appeared to the west (left) following the ridge line some mile or more distant. It descended to a bright dome-shaped area of light situated on the mountainside a mile from the road. This light appeared to be just below the ridge which was lit up behind the object.

As they brought the car to a halt, similar lights blinked on and were seen to approach the dome from above and to the right. There then followed a series of lights coming and going from the dome. Watching this scene for a while, the witnesses became uneasy and continued on their downhill journey. The lights were still there until the hillside was lost to view after they had travelled only a short distance.

T.U.F.O.I.C. learnt of, and investigated the sighting early in January. First, a check of major planets was made but none was in a position to even account for bright stationary lights. The location of the dome-shaped light is rough, uninhabited mountainside at 4,000ft. An attempt was made to locate the landing point, but due to the rough terrain, this proved too difficult. The local radio station was contacted for further leads, but as the report had not been used as a news item, there was no knowledge of other calls. The witnesses saw a few other cars at the mountain top and were surprised no one else reported the lights. To date, there appears to be no satisfactory explanation for the case and it remains on our files as unexplained.

### Explanations considered by T.U.F.O.I.C.

1. Bright stars hidden and revealed by clouds. First, there were no stars of any magnitude in the area of the sky concerned and the Weather Bureau advised that the stratus cloud had dissipated by evening.
2. Headlights from cars on the mountain road reflected on low clouds. This explanation also fell short after the Weather Bureau's advice was obtained—nil cloud meant no reflections.

\* FSR, Case Histories, Supplement 2, December 1970.

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# Brazilian cases in 1968 and 1969—Pt. 6

*Dr. Walter Buhler*

THIS is the closing part of my collection of Brazilian UFO reports for the period under review. It will be seen that the wave is still of sizeable proportions in May and June 1969. Altogether there are two "occupant" cases, and several other reports which are very interesting and sometimes staggering. In mid-July the wave came to an abrupt end and there were only two other reports towards the end of the year.

## MAY TO DECEMBER 1969

### 115. May 1, 1969. Guanabara.

For several minutes a flying saucer was observed by officials of the 6th Public Security section.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, May 4, 1969.

### 116. May 2, 1969. Pavuna, State of Guanabara.

For one hour a flying saucer was observed performing evolutions at high speed, departing finally at 5.30 a.m. It was seen by personnel of the 6th section of the 29th Police District, this being the second time in this month, but there were also sightings on April 27 and 28. On this occasion, the object seen presented a consecutive series of varying shapes, now a star, now a drinking glass, now a cup, now a dish, and it varied its colour through blue, green, yellow, to orange. The control towers of the Radio Patrol Service and of the Highway Control Checkpoint were informed, and their personnel also saw the object.

*Diário de Notícias*, Rio de Janeiro, May 3, 1969.

### 117. May 2, 1969. Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro.

At 10.00 p.m. an egg-shaped UFO, which emitted a shrill sound and a beam of light, was seen by the police detective Bento Durão de Barros. The UFO was only in view for a few minutes, as it hovered above the shrubberies of the Legislature Gardens, where usually the Governor of the State attends to his official business in view of the repair work now being carried out on his Residence, the Palácio Nilo Peçanha. The saucer vanished at a terrifying speed, and an account of the matter was entered in the official record by Sr. Carlos Gomes, the Commissioner of the Third Police District, "in order that Police Deputy Expedito Cardoso may duly advise the correct quarters."

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, May 3 and 4, 1969.

**118. Beginning of May, 1969. Osasco, State of São Paulo.** Sr. Nelson Remedi, residing at No. 609, Avenida Professor José Azeredo Minhoto in this town, photographed a flying saucer which was executing rapid manoeuvres, both horizontal and vertical, and varying its colour. At one moment it projected a more powerful beam of light from a sort of door on the craft.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, May 4, 1969.

### 119. May 5, 1969. Pavuna, State of Guanabara.

At 9.00 p.m., a retired naval lieutenant, Sr. João Pereira, saw a number of luminous balls of various colours hovering stationary in the sky, and watched them for about twenty minutes.

*Gazeta de Notícias*, Rio de Janeiro, May 6, 1969.

**120. First week of May, 1969. Pavuna, State of Guanabara.** At 1.00 a.m. Sr. Ailton of the São Geraldo Bus Company, saw a "star" which was zigzagging and rushing to and fro in the sky, at times as though buffeted by the wind. At the São Pedro Football Club an "enormous luminous, white, stationary ball" was seen.

*Gazeta de Notícias*, Rio de Janeiro, May 6, 1969.

### 121. First half of May, 1969. Pedro Leopoldo, State of Minas Gerais.

The soldier José Antônio da Silva claimed that he was para-

lysed by a beam of light and taken into a flying saucer by two members of its crew with long beards. He was kept inside the craft for four days for intensive interrogation.

*Diário de Notícias*, May 16, 1969, and Report from CICOANI, the Belo Horizonte Centre for the Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Objects.

### 122. May, 1969. Itajuba, State of Minas Gerais.

Sr. Clíxto Borges de Mouros of CONTEL was driving at night along the highway between Pouso Alegre to Maria da Fé, when his car struck, as it were, an "invisible wall", its wheels spun while it remained stationary, and its lights went out. Jumping out, he saw overhead an object from which came a dazzling brightness. When the object moved away, the car lights came on again. Terrified, he headed for the town, above which meanwhile the saucer was observed as it passed over at tremendous speed. The lights of the town went out as it did so (no apparent reason found).

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, May 30, 1969.

### 123. May 31, 1969. Itaguaí, State of Rio de Janeiro.

At 5.00 a.m., while travelling in a truck with number plate GB-6-98-84 towards the Eletrobras Plant, two men named respectively José Maria Braga and José Maria Neto saw, at an estimated distance of 800 metres, an intensely bright circular object. It had a red light on top, and was flying around above a hillock of capim grass. When the witnesses had got to a point about 100 metres from it, the saucer emitted a stronger, bluish, light. Then the light went out and, now a mere dark shadow, the saucer shot straight up into the sky without a sound.

*O Globo*, Rio de Janeiro, June 2, 1969.

### 124. May, 1969. Montes Claros, State of Minas Gerais.

At 3.00 a.m. a local notary public observed, in front of the Bishop's Palace, and at a distance of some 300 metres from where he was, a machine "like a concrete-mixer" standing on the road. When he had reached a point some 100 metres closer to it, the object rose up into the air, shedding a flood of light from its under part. It remained stationary for a few minutes at a height of around 100 metres and then departed, leaving a luminous trail. When he got to the spot where it had been standing, the notary experienced sensations of nausea.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, June 1, 1969.

**125. June 3, 1969. Angra dos Reis, State of Rio de Janeiro.** For several hours after 6.00 p.m., three flying saucers were flying about over Angra dos Reis. The cinemas were empty and dinners un-eaten, everyone wanting to see the phenomenon. Opinions among the eyewitnesses varied as to whether the UFOs were at a distance (i.e. height?) of anywhere between 3 kilometres and 6 kilometres. The saucers were flying in a triangular formation. After some three hours had elapsed, two of them made off out to sea. The third remained stationary for a while, and then commenced to perform fresh movements.

*A Luta Democrática*, Rio de Janeiro, June 5, 1969.

### 126. June 4, 1969. Federal Capital, Brasília.

Early in the morning Sr. Oldack de Oliveira, legal adviser to the Forestry Protection Service in Brasília, and Sr. Marcos Heusi Neto, both saw a round dish-shaped object. The "machine" moved about, now vertically, now horizontally, emitting intensely bright beams of light. The lights were constantly changing colour, at times going out altogether. The object finally vanished without a sound.

*Diário de Notícias*, Rio de Janeiro, June 6, 1969.

**127. First week in June, 1969. Lavras, State of Minas Gerais.** During a cloudy night, and at a distance of about 150 metres from the point of observation, a red- and orange-coloured object about 50 metres wide was seen at a height of 1 metre

above the ground. Subsequently a physician named Dr. Rômulo Furtini photographed it as it was flying about, from a distance of 2 kilometres or so. The camera used was a Lyubitel'-2, and the film, *Asas* 125.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, June 6, 1969.

[Perhaps Dr. Buhler can obtain for us copies of this photograph, and that in case 118.—EDITOR.]

**128. June 6, 1969.** Manaus, State of Amazonas.

A case, investigated by the Manaus UFO Study Group C.E.O.A.N.I., of two objects teleguided from flying saucers and observed by a married couple, one of whom had the surface of his skin touched by one of the teleguided objects.

Report from Danilo du Silvan of C.E.O.A.N.I., and SBEDV Bulletin No. 69/70, page 11.

**129. Early June, 1969.** Ubá, State of Minas Gerais.

At 6.00 a.m. one day Sr. Angelo Cesarim, a resident of Ubá, was travelling by car in the range of mountains known as the Serra do Senador Firmino, with six girls as passengers. They were pursued by a bright orange-coloured object which flew around in circles above them, producing interference with the car radio and stopping the engine for a few moments.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, June 13, 1969.

**130. Early June, 1969.** São José do Rio Preto, State of São Paulo.

Numerous people observed a silver-coloured oval object over the Avenida Bady Bassit, at an estimated altitude of 500 metres. It was the apparent size of a light aeroplane, flying about and emitting bluish and orange shafts of light. It eventually vanished over the horizon.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, June 13, 1969.

**131. Early June, 1969.** Santa Bárbara, State of São Paulo. Just as she was about to go to bed, Doña Mercezinha Simonini saw, through the glass of the bedroom window, an intense purple light. Her husband saw an elliptically-shaped object, about 5 metres in diameter, with lights of various colours, which gave out a peculiar sound and caused interference to his TV reception. When the husband tried to approach this object, it vanished.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, June 13, 1969.

**132. Early June, 1969.** Assis, State of São Paulo.

At 8.00 p.m. a labourer named Alfredo Caputo saw two round, red, luminous objects. One took up a stationary position, while the other flew over the eastern portion of the town.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, June 13, 1969.

**133. June 26, 1969.** Flamengo, State of Guanabara.

At 4.00 a.m. Sr. Hilton de Barros, Director-General of the Secretariat of the Tribunal of Justice, saw a flying saucer stationary above the Bay of Guanabara, between Rio de Janeiro and Niterói. The UFO had very broad wings, like the wings of a seagull, and they were intensely bright. After watching it for about ten minutes, Sr. Hilton de Barros returned to his apartment building, on the Morro (Hill) da Viúva, and pointed out the UFO to the man in charge of the garage.

*Jornal do Brasil*, Rio de Janeiro, June 27, 1969.

**134. July 6, 1969.** Goiânia, State of Goiás.

At 5.00 a.m., for the space of two minutes, a witness observed, from a building at No. 9 on the rua João XXIII, and at an estimated distance of about 100 metres, a bluish-green metallic-looking disc which was emitting an intensely bright light above the local Radio Transmitting Station. It departed towards the south, flying in zigzags and moving up and down in the sky. On the following day a witness named Jeferson Felix also saw it from house No. 24 in the same group of ecclesiastical residences occupied by Catholic clergy (Roman Curia).

*Cinco de Março*, Goiânia, July 16, 1969.

**135. First week of July, 1969.** Bocaiúva, State of Minas Gerais.

At 1.00 a.m.—early morning—Doña Dayse Arante Carneiro and four members of her family were travelling by car and

were mid-way between Guaraciama and Bocaiúva when they saw a large object stationary above the middle of the road. It seemed to have two storeys, with windows (about 50 centimetres in diameter) from which there shone a green-coloured light. As the car approached, the object silently moved to the side of the road, and took up position above the treetops. The car then came to a standstill. The passengers got out. Approaching still closer, Doña Dayse was able to observe several small doors in addition to the windows. After some minutes, the object departed silently. It was moreover also seen by the Prefect of Bocaiúva, Sr. Hélio Carneiro, and by his wife, when they passed the same spot a few minutes later.

*Folha de Goiás*, July 9, 1969.

**136. July 18, 1969.** Sobral, State of Ceará.

A shining flying saucer stopped and remained stationary for half a minute near the cement plant, and opposite the house of Neusa Rodrigues. Through the window of the craft was seen "a little bluish-coloured man with eyes that gave off flashes". The UFO performed various manoeuvres over the cement plant and drew the attention of many of the employees, who stopped work briefly to watch it. Lt. Pedro Edvaldo de Souza took statements from eyewitnesses, on instructions from the Brazilian Air Force Base at Fortaleza.

*O Estado*, Fortaleza, December 19, 1969.

**137. Early or middle part of July, 1969.** Paulo Lopes, in State of Santa Catarina.

Four business men, driving from Nova Hamburgo in a "Kombi" station wagon, were rounding a bend when they encountered a low-flying saucer which threw a beam of light on to the car, as a result of which the electrical system, including the lights, was cut off. Then the car and its four occupants were lifted by a tremendously powerful magnet and carried up to a great height for a trip that, while marvellous, was terrifying beyond words. They were then put down again much further ahead on the road. The four business men were then able to see the saucer, which had the appearance of two basins set face to face and joined at the rims and was still shooting forth an intense beam of light in various colours as it stopped a second vehicle, this time a loaded truck with a number-plate issued in the town of Biguaçu. The four business men were lodged in the Hotel Majestic in Florianópolis, called for a doctor to come and see them, and made a report to the authorities.

*O Jornal*, Rio de Janeiro, July 24, 1969.

**138. October 22, 1969.** Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro.

For the space of a quarter of an hour, a soldier of the Fourth Battalion watched a greyish, balloon-shaped object, at a height of about 300 metres over the Praça do Rink. A prominent feature on the base of the object was a ring of lights (seemingly lamps) which lit up and went out at intervals of approximately five seconds. When the object climbed away into the sky, the lights stopped flashing on and off.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, October 24, 1969.

**139. Beginning of December, 1969.** Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro.

On the seaward side of the Ponta da Areia (name of a sandpit) a man named Hélio da Conceição saw a machine which was shining extremely brightly and crossing the sky at tremendous speed.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, December 4, 1969.

[Translated from the Portuguese by Gordon Creighton]

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3. There were no 'planes in the area. The manoeuvres of the lights would also rule out aircraft.

4. The dome-shaped light was a mile off the road on a rough mountain top. One could stretch the imagination on to someone building a huge fire in the middle of the night, but the series of lights coming and going are difficult to account for.

# READERS' REPORTS

## A new report from the 1967 wave

This interesting case came to *Flying Saucer Review* and *FSR Case Histories* following articles which have appeared in the juvenile magazine *Countdown*. The author of the report, Mrs. Bullock, was greatly relieved to engage in serious correspondence on the topic with Assistant Editor Eileen Buckle, who persuaded her to submit the report.

Dear Sir,—You can appreciate our reluctance to say anything about our sighting, for we had no idea that people existed who would take us seriously.

It happened because we were living on a lonely farm, and my young daughter was interested in the stars, while her Dad used to watch the skies for a "Sputnik" which used to pass overhead at about that time from approximately South-West to North-East.

Our address at that time was Metherall Moor Farm, Beaworthy, which lies halfway between Okehampton and Holsworthy on the B3218 road.

On October 22, 1967, at approximately 7.00 p.m., we had finished the evening milking and my late husband was washing up the units while I was "mucking out" the shippen.

My husband called to me to come outside, and when I did so he told me to look across the Moor towards Brentor in the south. When I asked him what I was supposed to look for he said, "Just look."

I did, and for a while could not see what he was referring to. Then I spotted something in the sky and could hardly believe my eyes. I started to speak, but he stopped me and told me to remember carefully what I thought I could see. This I did.

When we returned to the house, he asked me to write down what I had seen, and he did the same—this was so that we could not "talk" each other into an imaginary sighting.

When we compared notes they were identical. It was the usual cigar-shaped figure with oval-shaped lights moving around it—I saw four, my husband five.

This sighting went on for about three minutes for me, and then the lights went towards the mother ship (?) when the whole lot vanished. One minute they were there, and then they were gone.

There was no prompting on either side, nor were either of us looking for UFOs. We had not even been discussing the matter, and therefore had not seen something by wishing to do so.

We were naturally excited and I suggested we should notify someone. My husband decided against this, for he said no one would believe us.

That was the end of the matter till two days later, when the story broke on the wireless of the two policemen who had chased a "light" somewhere near Hatherleigh—this road is very near to our farm.

I again asked if we should back up their stories, but my husband said it would be hopeless, for no one would believe us or the two men—and they did not. If I remember correctly, the powers that be put forth all sorts of explanations but would not accept the truth.

For my part, I should like those two policemen to know that we believed them, for whether others believe me or not makes no difference, I *know* what we saw that evening.

It was a long time ago, and I have put down all I can remember. May I thank you all for the interest you have shown.

**Mrs. Lenore Colleen Bullock,**  
South Zeal, Okehampton, Devon.

## Conical UFO at Stafford

Dear Sir,—The following notes put on record a UFO sighting disclosed to me by the principal witness. It has not been published anywhere prior to this. Perhaps you may wish to publish it in case it ties in with any other recent sighting reports.

Mr. H. Macefield, his wife, and son, Michael, aged 12 years, live at 14 Aldershaw Close, Park Side, Stafford. Mr. Macefield is about 40, and served 22 years in the Royal Air Force. They are somewhat reserved people, and I noted while visiting them at their home that they have no television set. The boy has a weekly juvenile paper which features the I.T.V. production "UFO", and his father said that the object they saw was "quite like the flying saucer in the comic, but more pointed at the top."

Father and son were sitting in their back garden, facing north, at 9.30 p.m. on August 4, 1971. The location is just off the A34 to the east side at the Red Hill roundabout junction of the A34 with the feeder to the M6 at Cresswell Viaduct. They were "plane-spotting", and had binoculars with them.

A faint, high-pitched whine made Macefield Senior look around and up. In a wide gap between clouds, at an estimated 30,000ft. or over, almost dead overhead but on a line slightly south of west, moving slowly south-west and climbing gently, a very bright silvery-white cone was seen and

at once picked up with binoculars. The circular bottom was clearly seen as an ellipse, the apex being uppermost and slanted in the direction of flight. Mr. Macefield said the apparent size of the object would compare with a 6in. disc held at arm's length!

Passing the binoculars to his son, Macefield said, "Look there, one of your flying saucers!" . . . Michael Macefield says that the object as he looked at it was as described by his father, but the boy insists that he saw a line of three circles delineated across the bottom on a diameter.

To sum up, Mr. Macefield said that although he had always been open-minded about UFOs, now he is convinced that something strange is "up there". He said that the outer part of the bottom of the object gave the appearance of revolving at very high speed but that the inner part of the bottom seemed fixed and steady.

**Wilfred Daniels,**  
134 Weston Road, Stafford.

## A UFO's Vanishing Trick

Dear Sir,—I am writing to you about a most odd sighting I have experienced today (April 19, 1971). I got the impression "it" appeared and *disappeared* for my benefit. It appeared at 9.00 p.m., directly in front of my lounge window in a small gap between two low bungalows, so I couldn't help but notice it. I saw the pinpoint of light through some poplar trees, moving slowly north. I went outside, but a bungalow had obscured it. The object appeared very near, so I quickly got on my scooter and toured the area—no trace.

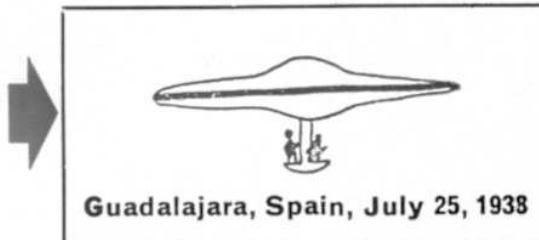
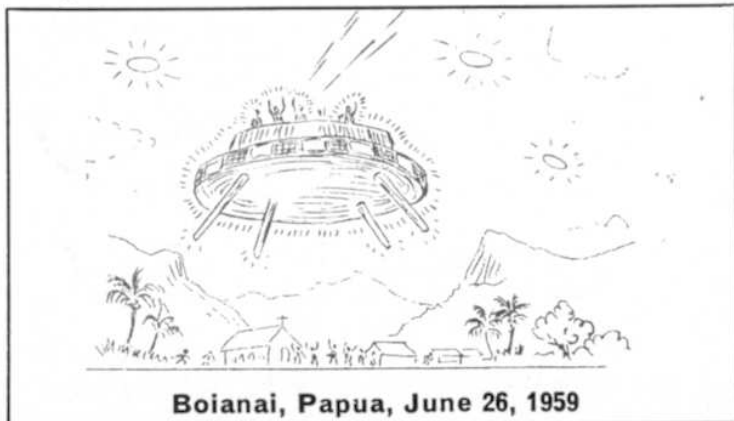
I went back home and was putting my scooter away in the garage when I saw the *same* object again, in the *same* place. I called my mother who saw it. This time I viewed it through a telescope ( $\times 25$  magnification) and saw two lights (on the left, pale green, on the right pale yellow) which appeared as though one were on each tip of a "wing". The object moved slowly south-west and this time became obscured behind the other bungalow. I again quickly motored to a high spot on a railway bridge, but again "it" had vanished into thin air.

The total time from the first sighting to final disappearance was 30 minutes (from 9.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.). The duration of the first sighting was 5 minutes (at 9.00 p.m.) and of the second sighting 4 minutes (at 9.25 p.m.). It appeared over the east of Copmanthorpe, near the site, I feel, of a Knights Templar monastery. I was not able to see the object clearly as the light was fading.

**F. Satterthwaite,**  
15 Drome Road, Copmanthorpe, York.

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