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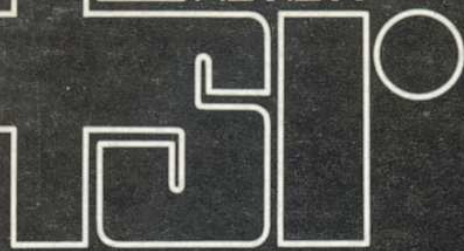
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UFO OVER THE A5

A recent report from the Midlands

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J. CHASSEIGNE

The Investigations at Draguignan

Jean Chasseigne and François Moll

Translation by Gordon Creighton.

THIS sighting occurred near an unoccupied house near Draguignan, and not far from the hamlet of Les Nourradons, in the commune and arrondissement of Draguignan. (Michelin Map No. 84, sheet 7. Also see our map in text.)

The two witnesses, André Bouchaud, aged 23, and Pierre Calafat, aged 25, run a dance band in their spare time from work, and, for their rehearsals (which, as everyone knows, are pretty noisy) they found an old isolated house.

On the evening of March 29, 1971, at about 9.00 o'clock, the two young men and their companions were going out to the house for their rehearsal. They were driving up the little approach road leading from the main highway. Pierre Calafat was at the wheel. Suddenly his attention was caught by a vivid light in front of and above the car. He alerted his companion Bouchaud, who had already seen it, but thought it was an aeroplane, and pulled up.

A name that has been constantly cropping up in French UFO reports is that of Draguignan, in the Département of Var (far S.E. of France, near to Valensole and not very far from the home of our good friend Aimé Michel). The following article comes from *Lumières Dans La Nuit (Contact Lecteurs)*, November 1971. Our thanks to LDLN Editor Robert Veillith and to MM. Chasseigne and Moll for permission to reproduce this extremely interesting material. In a later article, specially written for FSR by Monsieur J. C. Dufour, another member of the LDLN research team, we shall go on to describe some of the extraordinary further developments in and around Draguignan, which has proved to be one of the "UFO repeater sites" and which, as is now established, has a very ancient connexion with "monsters" and still has, today, some places regarded as "haunted."—EDITOR.

Then both of them saw, the one through the wind-screen and the other through the right-hand side-window, a bright object, seemingly stationary, of a more or less round shape, emitting a dark red light, and of a diameter which they estimated at between 10 and 15 metres. Their opinions diverge slightly on the exact shape of the object observed. André Bouchaud says he saw a lens-shaped form, like one plate superimposed upon another. Pierre Calafat describes it as close to a hemisphere, a bit like a plate seen from underneath and from a three-quarters view, with a lighter luminous edge, visible along two-thirds of its circumference. Calafat says furthermore that a triangular-shaped luminous gleam was clearly visible beneath the object.

Bouchaud, who had already seen a UFO a few years before, asked Calafat to switch off his lights. Calafat, not being too familiar with the type of car, a 403 Peugeot, did not manage to turn them off straight-away, and went through the following sequence: full headlights; dipped; and then dimmed, which might have been interpreted as a signal. Was it this signal, or was it pure coincidence, that determined the subsequent behaviour of the object? Unfortunately we shall never know, but anyway it began to move as follows: first a very rapid vertical movement, for about fifteen metres or so, followed by a less rapid and less extended oblique descending movement, and then again a rapid vertical rise, though less prolonged than the first, followed by an oblique descent slower and shorter than the previous rise (see figure 2).

The witnesses observed three "Z"-shaped movements of this kind, and then the object moved away on a regular oblique descending trajectory as far as a vineyard about 150 metres distant, where it again halted at a height of ten metres or so above the ground. During this descent, which took but a few seconds, the object performed the pendulum movement.

The two young men drove on and reached the terrace in front of the house and, still in their car, continued to observe from there the object which was

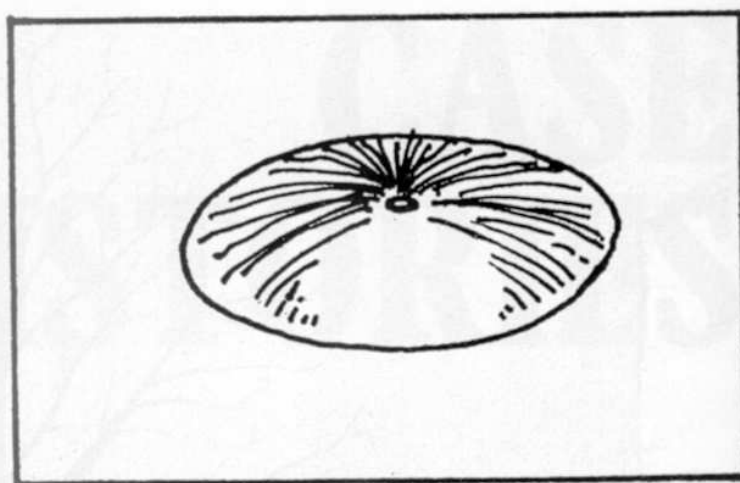


Fig. 1 Object as seen above and in front of car by Pierre Calafat

now only 50 metres or so from them, but with a big tree in between.

The object had the appearance of a lenticular-shaped machine, some 12-13 metres in diameter, and around 2 to 2.5 metres high. Its outlines were sharp, its colour "a dark red, like the cellulose mastic used as a primer before the bodywork of cars is painted." The underpart of the object was darker than the top and a circular rim diffusing a clearer light was plainly visible. The witnesses are not in agreement in their descriptions of this: Calafat saw the light as yellowish-white and scintillating, while Bouchaud compares it to the reflected light of a catadioptr, but confirms that this light was scintillating or rippling.

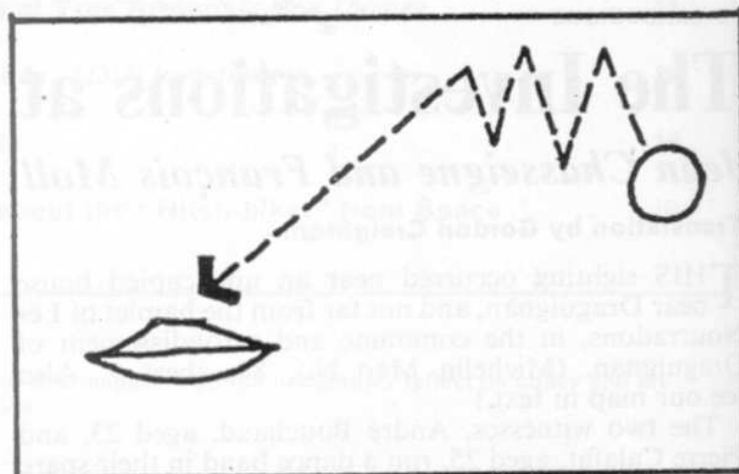
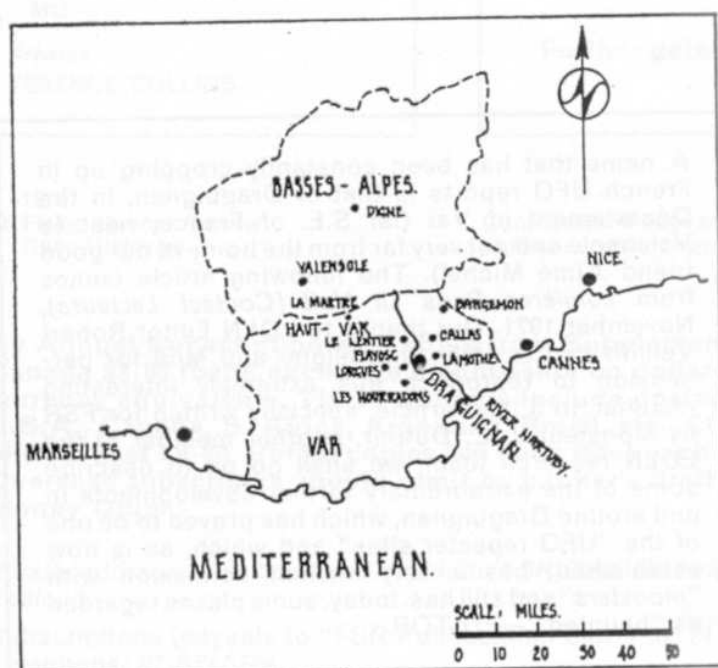


Fig. 2 Zigzag movement of UFO towards vineyard



On the upper part of the machine three sources of light were clearly visible, which led them to think that the machine possessed a rotary movement.

The accounts of the shape as given by the two witnesses also vary, but less sharply than their impressions of it at their earlier viewing of it a few moments before (see figure 3).

No sound was heard from it, and in the silence of that

place, in the middle of the night, the least noise would have been detected. They saw no antenna or external projection on the thing. No position-lights, no port-holes, no salient luminous area.

The craft remained there over the vineyard for about two minutes and then it performed a roll, and was away instantly, like a flash, towards Flayosc, and at an angle of 60° to the horizon.

André Bouchaud felt nothing during the sighting; Pierre Calafat however felt a certain sort of oppression, as though having difficulty in breathing, and later on, after the UFO had gone and their friends had all arrived for the rehearsal, he was still very pale. Moreover, he was more tired than usual throughout the whole of the following week.

Bouchaud was not wearing a wristwatch, but the one that Pierre Calafat was wearing *has gone badly ever since, stops frequently, and has since been shown to be strongly magnetised*. No effects were noticed on the working of the engine of the car.

Local Conditions

On March 29, 1971, the weather was fine, the sky clear, and the stars visible. It was a dark night, there was a new moon on the evening of the 26th, which set about 11.30 p.m.

A summary study of the geological map of the Draguignan area reveals a dense network of faults to the South-West of the town. The sighting was near one of them, which in fact extends towards Flayosc.

To the North-West of the town, there are several faults running parallel, and perceptibly along a W-E alignment. A quite old sighting, of July 1966, occurred near the village of le Lentier, immediately to the south of one of these faults, on the hills lying along the left bank of the river Nartuby.

This sighting of 1966 had remained unknown until now, and one of the witnesses to it was, incidentally, André Bouchaud. We are at present engaged in research concerning the three companions who were with him that night in July 1966.

One thing at any rate is certain, namely that the Haut-Var region is particularly rich in sightings of all sorts.

SOME OTHER INCIDENTS IN THE HAUT-VAR REGION

1. At Draguignan, September 20-27, 1945 (investigation by Jean Chasseigne). The witness, Monsieur F——, a 62-year-old shepherd, wishes to remain anonymous.

He was watching his sheep, at night, in a field not far from the road to Lamothe, 800 metres to the east of Draguignan.

About an hour before dawn, he suddenly saw a yellow glow in the sky, circular in form, and of the apparent size of a football.

It descended vertically and increased in brightness, and came to a halt about thirty metres above him. Then a powerful beam of light came on beneath the object, illuminating the ground below with a dazzling yellow brightness.

This beam lit up the ground over an area some fifty metres in diameter, the witness at the centre, terrified,

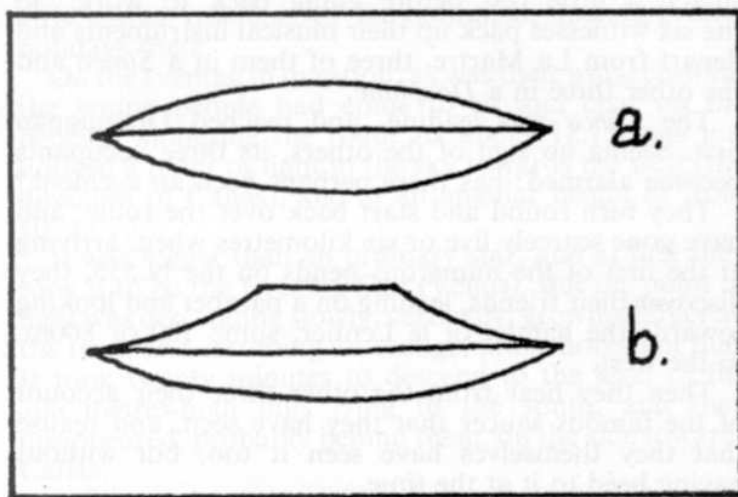


Fig. 3 a: Bouchaud's version of the UFO as seen over vineyard
b: Calafat's version of UFO as seen over vineyard

and hiding under a bush. The light was very intense. "You could see as clearly as in broad daylight," the witness told us.

The sheep fled in terror in all directions from the illuminated zone. Even long after this phenomenon of the light, they were still disturbed, and F—— finally decided to take them back to their pen. The dogs did not move during the episode, remaining in the area lit up by the beam, but displaying evident signs of fear.

Our shepherd was completely dazzled. The light seemed to penetrate him, though without any definable physical sensation. He was not paralysed, and he had to cling to the stem of the bush so as not to fall down. He admits that he was very frightened indeed.

He does not know how long this light remained there above him. Suddenly he became aware of a throbbing or humming sound coming from the object, and then it rose straight up into the air again and a few seconds later the light was extinguished.

It took some minutes for him to recover from his dazed condition, and he was then able to see the luminous ball vanishing high in the sky.

The atmospheric conditions were excellent. He could see the stars, but does not remember having seen the Moon.

The descent of the object had lasted several minutes. It had no other movement of its own (rotation, oscillation, etc.) and did not change shape or colour. As it was coming down he was able to see a sort of stem protruding on the upper part of it.

2. On the N.555 Road, N.W. of Draguignan, communicated by Monsieur P. Billet. (Free extract from the *Revue d'Etudes et d'Information de la Gendarmerie Nationale*, year 1967.)

Sunday, July 17, 1966, was still a continuation of the National Holiday, July 14, and there was dancing in all the villages. The six witnesses had gone up to La Martre, a Haut-Var village 50 km. from Draguignan, to put on a dance for the young folk.

The party was over, and it was already Monday, and now they needed to return to Draguignan to

snatch a little rest before going back to work. So the six witnesses pack up their musical instruments and depart from La Martre, three of them in a *Simca* and the other three in a *Dauphine*.

The *Simca* was leading, and reached Draguignan first. Seeing no sign of the others, its three occupants become alarmed: has there perhaps been an accident?

They turn round and start back over the route, and have gone scarcely five or six kilometres when, arriving at the first of the numerous bends on the N.555, they discover their friends, leaning on a parapet and looking towards the hamlet of le Lentier, some 700 or 800m. to the west.

Then they hear from the other three their account of the famous saucer that they have seen, and realise that they themselves have seen it too, but without paying heed to it at the time.

What did the party in the *Dauphine* see? They had been quite a long way behind the *Simca*, and had been coming down the road through the Chateaudouble gorges, a very winding route cut in the mountainside and overlooking the river Nartuby. As they arrived at a fork road leading off to the hamlet of Rebouillon, the youngest of the party, aged 18, cried out to the eldest, aged 25:

"Stop. There's a flying saucer!"

In the *Dauphine* they all laughed and joked about it, but, the young man insisting, the driver finally decides to stop, and all three look out. Over the valley, to their right, and slightly above the level where they themselves are, two great lights emitting a diffused glow are moving along parallel to the route of the car.

They start off again and, through the trees, they continue to watch, intermittently, the movement of this light. Suddenly it disappears, but then, emerging from a bend, they perceive the machine, now stationary, on their right and at a height of about 200 metres above the valley. The driver switches off his lights, finds a convenient spot to park, and all three get out and go to lean on the parapet of the low wall flanking the road. It is 3.45 a.m.

At a distance of some 200 or 300 metres from them, they observe an egg-shaped form which they estimate to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ times or twice the length of their car. At one end, which they take to be the rear, so far as movement is concerned, they see, pointing upwards, a sort of lighted stem. On the side of the machine, four port-holes, faintly lit, do not permit them to distinguish whether there are any occupants.

After remaining there stationary for a moment, the craft seems to turn on its own axis, one port-hole disappearing on one side while another appears on the other side. Then it moves again, coming lower, and again halts, at about 50 metres from them, and at 20 or 30 metres from the ground.

At this point various lights on the underside of the craft are switched on, their beams illuminating the ground vividly; towards the rear one or two of the beams are intermittent. Then the beams of light vanish and the witnesses see the craft start off again in the direction of Draguignan.

Getting back in their car, the three men catch a last glimpse of the UFO as it veers off towards the left, climbs, and vanishes over the hamlet of le Lentier. The

thing that has struck them most forcibly about the whole business is the total silence with which the machine moves.

On the road ahead of them they see lights. It is their friends in the *Simca*, looking for them. And it seems that the party in the *Simca* had also seen something at the same place: a circular object "like a Camembert cheese box," lit by an opaque white light, moving about in silence at a distance of some 250 metres from them.

Subsequently we were to find a seventh witness, at a place 8 km. further north. He was a 65-year-old shepherd who was watching his sheep, at an altitude of 1,000 metres, on a level region in the Beau-Soleil Mountains. He cannot read, and he tells the time by the sky. He says it was nearly midnight, and the first stars were starting to appear. The machine was at about 300 metres from him, just above the ridge lying between him and an old abandoned shooting-box towards the south. The shape of the object was oval and its diameter was like that of the Moon when it is rising; almost immediately after that the thing assumed a spherical form and vanished beyond the ridge. It was quite silent, and the dogs and sheep remained calm. The time in this report was not the same, and the actual date is uncertain. Was it the same object? Could there have been confusion with a sonde balloon? The article in the Gendarmerie's journal does not say.)

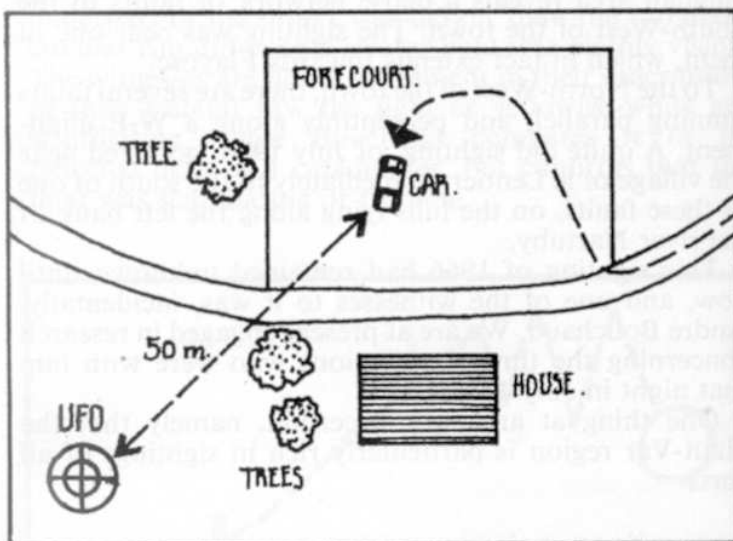


Fig. 4

4. At Draguignan in March, 1968, investigation by MM. Chasseigne and François Moll.

On the evening in question, in the middle of March, 1968, at about 11.30 p.m., Christian Fabre, aged 16, was returning from a meeting of a Draguignan model railway club to his parents' house on the route de Grasse, in the upper part of the town.

He had taken a short cut via a flight of steps, and, turning back to look out over the town, his attention was caught by an orange glow over the hills to the South.

This glow was cigar-shaped, and its thickness was comparable to the apparent diameter of the Moon. The "cigar" was travelling towards the centre of Draguignan, and its colour was changing to bright red and its apparent thickness was increasing. It continued to approach, and he could now distinguish its shape better.

Its contours were sharp, and its form lenticular, like a soup-plate upside down, its rim cambered on the underside.

Arriving approximately right above the Draguignan clock-tower the object became stationary and then began to rotate on its axis for about fifteen seconds, turning orange again as it did so. Then it dropped vertically, rapidly and abruptly, a long way, at the same time rocking to and fro. The witness estimated this drop in altitude at about 1,000 metres, and the object's apparent size had now increased by at least one-third. The angular height had diminished by 15° during the descent, and the object's colour had again changed, this time becoming a very phosphorescent pale green.

The descent ended suddenly, and the object started to rotate again. It remained there for some 15 seconds or so, then rose rapidly again, once more turning bright red.

After another pause of 15 seconds or so at the top of the climb, the object made off very fast westwards, towards the Seyran Hills (Flayosc direction). The speed of its departure was twice that of its arrival.

The witness made a sketch for us (see figure 0).

Comments

The weather conditions were excellent. It had rained during the day, but the Mistral wind had started to blow, and had cleared the sky entirely. The Moon, new on March 17, was perfectly visible.

We have noted that in three sightings made at Draguignan (July 16, 1966; March 29, 1971; and this present report of mid-March, 1968) the objects observed have all departed towards the West or North-West (direction of Valensole).

In his *Soucoupes Volantes, 20 Ans d'Enquêtes (Flying Saucers: Twenty Years of Investigation)*, Charles Garreau gives several orthotonic lines passing through Valensole. One of these lines passes close to Draguignan.

So far as local history and legend are concerned, one tradition tells that a dragon haunted the place where the town of Draguignan later arose, and that this was how the town, built on marshes, got its name.

Comment by Editor of Lumières dans la Nuit

Let us note that this report presents an interesting symphony of colour-changes linked with the movements of the object.

The old Roman name for Draguignan was Dracoenum, and popular etymology associates the latter name with drac, which everywhere means dragon. But, 1 km. from the town, along the road to Castellane, there is also a dolmen: Pierre de la Fée (The Fairy's Stone). It consists of three raised stones, covered with a slab 6 metres long, 4 metres wide, and 50 cms. thick. The dolmen is guarded by three symbolic trees: a nettle-tree, a juniper-tree, and an oak, and has provided the setting for a nice legend, in which a great flame gushes out of the ground.

The witnesses in this case were about twenty boys and girls, either residents of Bargemon, or spending their holidays there.

On the evening in question, as was their usual custom, the young people had come to sit and chat on the benches alongside the road. At about 11.15, one girl noticed a point of light in the sky towards the west (the direction of Callas), and at an angular height of from 10° to 15°.

It was bigger than an ordinary star, and at first they took it to be the Evening Star (Venus). But the point of light was descending slowly, vertically, growing larger all the time, and assuming an orange, phosphorescent hue. It took twenty minutes to descend to the level of the 700 metres-high hills lying to the south, and then disappeared, probably behind them, on the side towards Callas.

A few minutes elapsed, and then it reappeared, very low, just above the hills. Its apparent size had again increased, and its trajectory seemed changed. Whereas previously it had been moving vertically, its flight was now oblique, and it was moving towards the source of the river Doux, down in the valley, less than 1 km. from the witnesses.

Note by Editor of Lumières dans la Nuit

This remarkable sighting once again puts the emphasis on one special feature: a "machine" is seen which, arriving from the sky, heads straight for one precise point, the source of the river Doux, which, moreover, is situated on a fault. Geological faults and sources of rivers are in fact precisely the features to which we are now devoting all our attention.

The object now loomed large in the sky, and seemed to them the size of a car. It was disc-shaped, with a dome on the top. The upper-part was orangish in colour and very bright, while the underneath seemed grey. Its contours were very sharply defined.

It moved slowly, at a height of about 100 metres, and came to a halt right over the source of the river. It remained there for about ten seconds, and then made a quarter-turn as though taking a bearing on where it wanted to go. Then it shot off instantly at great speed towards the North-East and towards the witnesses. They had a very clear view of it as it passed over them, at no great height, and totally silent. The edge of the craft was still emitting the same orangish light, while the under-part was grey, of metallic appearance, smooth, and polished. They estimated the diameter of the machine at between 15 and 20 metres.

The witnesses were extremely frightened when they saw this unknown body heading straight at them in the most total silence. None however experienced any physiological after-effects.

Geology: The southern hills consist of jurassic dolomitic terrains, forming a transitional zone between the sub-alpine calcareous aspect, of Provençal type, and the dolomitic aspect of the eastern part of Basse-Provence.

(Continued on page 7)

Low-Pass UFO over the A5

G. Geldard

I VISITED Mr. John Spencer of 61 Newland Road, Baddesley Ensor, Near Atherstone, Warwickshire, on February 28, 1973, to discuss his sighting of a craft on Friday, February 16. The report of the sighting was published in our local newspaper *The Tamworth Herald* on February 23. There were no other reports of a sighting by other people in the next issue of the paper on March 2.

Mr. Spencer is married and has a family. He lives approximately 1 mile from the A5 trunk road. Before the event he did not believe in the existence of UFOs, but his wife did have an interest in the subject. On returning home from work that evening he told his wife about the events of the morning. Mrs. Spencer telephoned *The Tamworth Herald* to see if there had been any other reports of the incident, and related details of the event, hence the report which appeared in the newspaper.

Mr. Spencer told me that he works at the Dunlop works in Birmingham and, since the report had appeared, he has been subjected to quite a bit of ridicule and leg-pulling from his work mates. He said he wished his wife had never mentioned the subject to the newspaper.

With reference to the report in the *Herald*, there is an error inasmuch as the garage is in fact the "Kinsall Green Garage" and not the "Tinkers Green Garage." **The Incident**

Mr. Spencer left for work, as usual, at approximately 5.00 a.m. in his Ford *Escort* and made his way from his home down onto the A5, travelling in the direction of Wilnecote. It was dark at that time of the morning, and the weather conditions were fine and clear as he bypassed Dordon, travelling along a dual carriageway section. Shortly after the road leaves the built-up area,

the street lighting ceased: over to the right at this point there are two or three houses standing opposite Birch Coppice Colliery entrance. Mr. Spencer stated that he was just throwing a cigarette end out of the side window when he noticed something strange in the sky over to the right. The time was approximately 5.05 a.m., and the witness estimates that he was travelling at about 40 m.p.h. There were no other vehicles although the road normally carries a very large amount of heavy traffic.

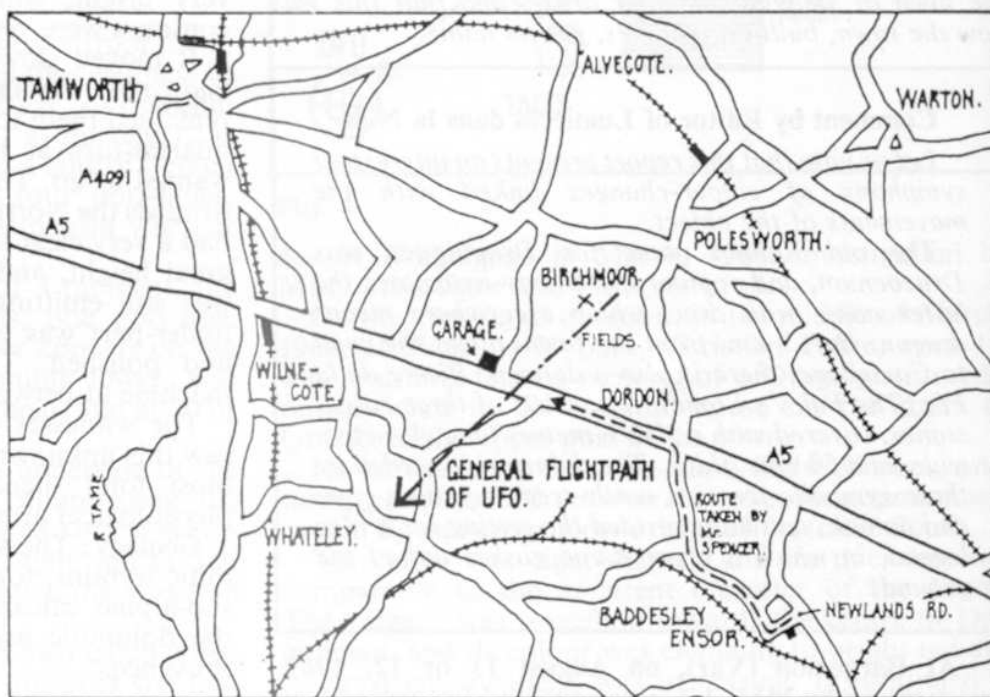
The witness states that he is not easily frightened, but he realised that this was something unusual and he said that he really started to sweat as it seemed that the descending object was going to crash down onto the A5 in front of him.

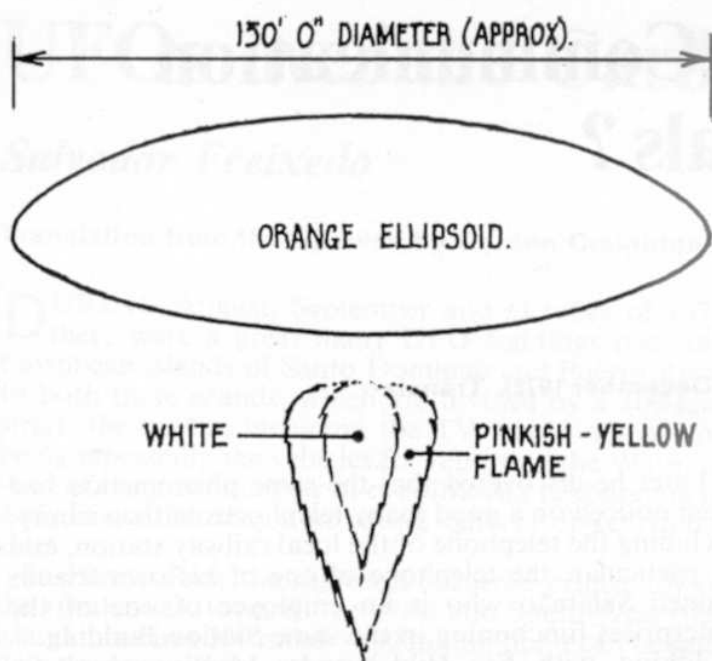
When he observed that the object was apparently coming across the road in front of him, he dropped down to second gear and proceeded at approximately 20 m.p.h. The object, which had come across a small line of houses to the right known as Birchmoor, and, after that, about half-a-mile of open fields, crossed the A5 at treetop height. Mr. Spencer estimated that the nearest he approached the craft as it passed in front of him was about 200 yards. He said he did not stop the car at any time, but he did lower the window to listen for noise, and could hear nothing. The object did not pass directly over the garage, but over the road between that building and the approaching car.

The witness said that the craft was oval in shape, and was approximately 150 feet in diameter—it could have been even bigger. When asked what had attracted his attention, he said that the whole craft was a vivid orange in colour. A cone-shaped flame was ejecting from the lower centre part of the UFO. The flame

Map showing the flightpath of the UFO and the route taken by Mr. Spencer

Our cover illustration shows our artist's impression of the scene as Mr. Spencer approached Kinsall Green Garage.





Sketch based on Mr. Spencer's impression of the UFO and the associated flame

appeared to be in the form of a single jet and the flame did not appear to start until it was some 10 or 12 feet from the object. Mr. Spencer estimated the flame to be some 9 feet from the base of the cone to the apex. The inner section of the cone of flame appeared to be white while the outer layer was a pinkish yellow. He described it as similar to the flame emitted when lighting an oxy-acetylene torch.

As regards the craft, the witness did not think it was spinning, but said it seemed as if it were being driven forward. He gained the impression that it was certainly descending when he first noticed it to his right. It then seemed to level out as if coming in for a landing when it came over the A5.

When asked if he had seen anything else unusual about the craft, Mr. Spencer said that he could see no portholes or doors, and the whole thing was just orange in colour.

The estimated duration of the sighting was given as 3-4 minutes. When asked if the performance of his car engine had been affected he said it had not.

As the car started to ascend a slight incline, having gone past the garage on the right, the craft was continuing to pass at low altitude over countryside to the left. Mr. Spencer lost sight of the craft as he reached the brow of the incline and started to descend into Wilnecote.

At the interview Mr. Spencer seemed an honest, straightforward individual, and the event certainly seems to have frightened him. Prior to his experience he would not have entertained the idea of the existence of UFOs. He said that he had been to Farnborough Air Show a number of times, and was conversant with aircraft and balloons; he states that what he saw was definitely "Not of this Earth." He is still the subject of ridicule, and seemed relieved that someone had come to talk with serious aims about his sighting.

The writer checked the distance travelled along the A5 from the point where the craft was first observed away to the right, to the spot where Mr. Spencer drove over the brow of the incline and lost sight of the craft to his left. The distance covered was 9/10ths of a mile, and, travelling in second gear in a Ford *Escort* at approximately 20 m.p.h., the time taken to cover this distance was 2½ minutes.*

Mr. Spencer considers that the distance covered by the UFO while he observed it was about 4-5 miles, and he estimates that the UFO was moving at a speed in excess of 100 m.p.h.

* Would a driver stay in second gear for almost a mile? I suppose it is possible if his attention is riveted to a phenomenon as strange (and as huge—150ft.!) as that which Mr. Spencer claims to have observed—EDITOR.

THE INVESTIGATION AT DRAGUIGNAN—(Continued from page 5)

Near the source of the river Doux the terrain consists of deposits of scree detritus such as are frequently found at the foot of calcareous escarpments.

Bargemon lies on a formation of irisated marl (Keuper). There is a little lignite to the N., and some gypsum to the N.E.

Tectonics: A large geological fault, running virtually due E-W, takes its beginning precisely from the source of the river Doux. Two smaller faults, running N-S, border Bargemon, one to the N.W., and the other to the N.E.

Translator's Notes and Comments

There is nothing more Fortean than "dracology," if one may be permitted to coin such a term. The *dragon* or *serpent* concept plays a strange role, whether in the Biblical story of the Garden of Eden; in ancient China (where, be it remembered, the dragons could always *fly*, even though not actually winged, like the Welsh *wyvern*); in Middle America, home of Quetzalcoatl/Kukulcan, the Plumed or Feathered Serpent; or even in our modern world, as at Loch Ness, and Lake Okanagan in Canada, and in at least eight or nine

other lakes of the Northern Hemisphere and one in Malaysia. The few Yakuts who observed (and survived) the celestial manoeuvres and contortions of the monster "cosmic body" now known to us as the cause of the great explosion over Vanavara, on the Podkamennaya Tunguska river in far north-eastern Siberia at 7.00 a.m. on June 30, 1908, also spoke of it as a "dragon" or a "serpent."

Monsieur Robert Veillith's reminder that the old Roman name for Draguignan was *Dracoenum*, the "town of the dragon," is intensely interesting, particularly in view of the fact that UFOs are constantly being reported there, and all of this should provide much grist for the mill of our friend F. W. Holiday, whose articles have recently appeared in FSR.

Incidentally, these investigations at Draguignan also include—as readers will not fail to note—two cases in which shepherds observed UFOs while at their traditional task of watching their sheep by night.

To those who might feel that we are getting too deeply involved with monsters and dragons and with the diabolical, it can perhaps be retorted that the two sides of a coin are never very far apart, and that it also looks at times as though we are getting quite . . . biblical. But that is nothing new in our subject.—G.C.

Chance Interception of Communication Between Extraterrestrials?

Dr Walter Buhler

This item is taken from SBEDV Bulletin No. 85/89 (March-December 1972). Translation by Gordon Creighton.

ON April 4, 1971, Sr. Francisco Sá Borges, a member of the Governing Council of the SBEDV, had an interview at Resende with the declarant, Sr. Hildebrando Martini. The latter's statement is as follows:

At about midnight, at a date in the middle of July 1970, he and his wife were driving back home, in their *Kombi* Volkswagen registration number IG-2469, from a visit to Barra Mansa, in the State of Rio de Janeiro.

As they were passing in front of the Military Academy at Agulhas Negras, their attention was drawn to an immense glow, varying from orange to red, coming from the slopes on which the Command & Services Battalion of the Academy is located, and extending as far as the hills adjacent to the Academy.

At the same moment both he and his wife felt a "strange vibration in the brain," which lasted some four or five seconds.

When this period of perturbation had passed, they observed that all the lights in the Military Academy had gone out, and, to their own great alarm, *they discovered that their Kombi was now facing the other way, on the other lane of the highway.* (They presumed that this had come about through their taking the wrong turn at that place, being mentally distracted.)

Discussing the affair with some other people, Sr. Hildebrando Martini learned from a chauffeur, who had arrived thirty minutes previously from Itatiaia, that in a restaurant owned by a Dr. Mario Tamborindegui, 12 kilometres outside of Resende, the lights had all flickered three times.

Ten minutes later, Sr. and Sra. Hildebrando Martini returned to the spot in front of the Military Academy, and found that all the lights were now on again there.

Next day, Sr. Martini was discussing the matter with his employee, Lenir Alves Pedroso, aged 21, and was astonished to hear this young man say that, at about ten minutes before the time when all this had been happening at around midnight, he, Pedroso, had noticed something curious about the telephone. It would not stop ringing, even after he had taken it off the hook, and when he put it to his ear he could hear strange voices in it, though these were a bit difficult to catch as the doorbell of the house also would not stop ringing.

Lenir Alves Pedroso said he was unable to make out in what language the voices were speaking, but he said they were "gabblers," rattling away non-stop, "in a sort of 'blabla' voice." He stood listening at the phone for some three or four minutes after which, having failed to grasp what was being said, he hung up again.

Later he discovered that the same phenomenon had been noticed on a good many telephones in the vicinity, including the telephone of the local railway station, and in particular, the telephone of one of his own friends named Salamão who is an employee of one of the enterprises functioning in the same Station Building.

Joking with Sr. Hildebrando Martini about it, Pedroso said it looked as though the flying saucer people, whose light Sr. Martini had seen during the night, were landing and using the telephones!

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During the taking of this interview on April 4, 1971, we got in touch with the Telephone Company, but were informed by one of their officials that they had no record on their files of any irregularity or defect in the telephone service at the date in question. However, we have not yet heard whether the Military Academy has anything to say about the events on the night in question.

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NOTE by Gordon Creighton

What I find particularly interesting about this little story is that the Martinis found that their car had been turned around and was on the other lane! For it will be noticed, in Dr. Buhler's exhaustive report on Itaperuna, which is being translated and will shortly be published by FSR, that the UFOs have not only been stopping cars there, but have been flinging them on to the shoulder of the road and turning them around, or almost around. (Is it possible that during the "four or five seconds of strange vibration inside the brain" Sr. Martini and his wife may have had some far more protracted UFO experience, perhaps even have undergone a time-warp?)

Highlights of the forthcoming May-June, 1973, issue of Flying Saucer Review . . .

A new teleportation near Arroyito?

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The Ponta do Farol photograph

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UFOs over the Caribbean

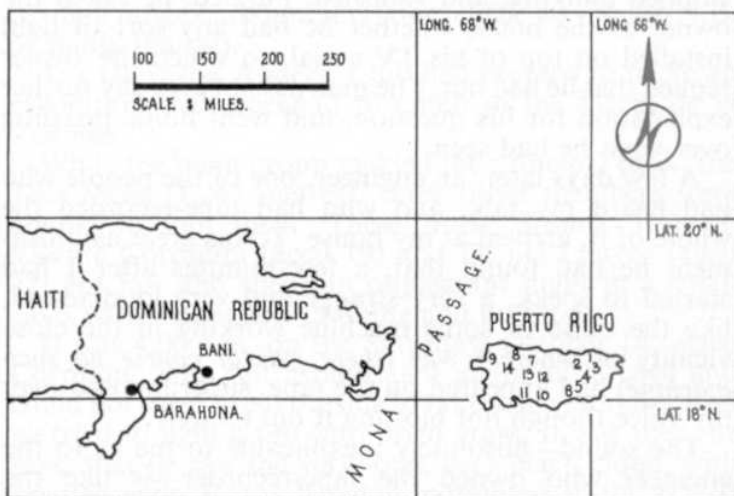
Salvador Freixedo

Translation from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton.

DURING August, September and October of 1972 there were a great many UFO sightings over the Caribbean islands of Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico. In both these islands, which are divided by a 100-km. strait, the media, including the TV, could not escape being repeatedly the vehicles for reporting the Wave, in view of the great number of eyewitnesses telephoning in daily to say that they were seeing lights or objects in the skies.

In Puerto Rico the sightings occurred principally in the rural areas, towards the West and South-West (the island measures 100 miles \times 30 miles), but it can be said that there have been some sightings over every part of the island, including the Capital San Juan (900,000 inhabitants) which is situated in the North-East.

In San Juan the residents of two twin 20-storey apartment buildings saw a large and very luminous disc pass slowly between the buildings during the early hours of one night. After halting for a few seconds, the



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| 1: SAN JUAN | 8: ISABELLA |
| 2: BAYAMON | 9: AGUADILLA |
| 3: RIO PIEDRAS | 10: PONCE |
| 4: CAGUAS | 11: YAUCO |
| 5: CAYEY | 12: ADJUNTAS |
| 6: COAMO | 13: UTUADO |
| 7: ARECIBO | 14: LARES |

disc moved on slowly towards other areas of the city, at an apparent height of only 200 metres or so.

UFOs were seen performing evolutions of a similar kind over San Juan and over Ponce (150,000 inhabitants) in August, September and October, and it is to be noted that such UFO incursions into the skies over Puerto Rico are already nothing new to us. The more one investigates so one finds more and more people who declare that during the past ten years—or even more than that—they have seen machines—sometimes at

Señor Salvador Freixedo is a Spaniard who for very many years (thirty, I think he said) was a member of that great company of intellectuals and first-class men, the Jesuits. He was here in Britain on a visit in the early part of 1972 and we had the great pleasure of having him spend a Sunday in my home. Author of the book *Extraterrestres Y Creencias Religiosas* (*Extraterrestrials And Religious Beliefs*) as well as two books on the current decadence of official Christianity (one of them is entitled *Mi Iglesia Duerme: My Church Is Asleep*), he has seemingly fallen foul of the ecclesiastical powers, and tells me that he has left the Jesuit Order. A man of profound learning and enormous wisdom, he has made a deep study of the impact of the UFO Phenomenon upon all religious thought, and in particular upon Christianity. At this supreme philosophical-cosmic level, I think that only Aimé Michel has equalled him for the broad sweep of view, and Sr. Freixedo is unquestionably to be rated as one of the shrewdest of the minds considering our subject. — GORDON CREIGHTON.

night, but sometimes also by day—machines that are generally spherical or disc-shaped, moving through the skies, sometimes at very low altitudes.

About four years ago I myself was able to observe for about twenty minutes one day, around noon, a blackish disc some 3 or 4 metres in diameter travelling through the air with a constant rocking movement, and at a height of 250 metres. This was over Bayamón, a suburb of San Juan.

But the wave of these past few months has been most intensive, and has come to be the theme of conversation for the ordinary man in the street.

To the little town of Adjuntas, where these phenomena occurred most intensively, large crowds of cars came nightly, from all parts of the Island, with people hoping to see something in the sky. And frequently they were rewarded for their pains.

On a certain Friday night, Roberto Ramos, a pharmacist, and mayor of Adjuntas, was travelling with a group of people in three cars along a lonely stretch of road in Barrio Garzas shortly after 9.00 p.m., when an object was seen by them. For days previously the people of Adjuntas had already been saying that they were seeing UFOs. "I paid no attention," said Mayor Ramos. "I've always prided myself on being a serious-minded person."

The Mayor said he was riding in one of the front seats of a jeep when, through the open side of the vehicle, he caught sight of "three bright discs moving through the sky." Then, "when I had ordered them to stop the jeep, I jumped out, and saw that the second car (which was following us) had already stopped and that its occupants were at the side of the road, pointing up into the sky and shouting. Then I knew it wasn't just I who was seeing things."

Ramos went on to describe the objects as three discs emitting light that changed both in colour and intensity

as they moved slowly through the sky. "They finally disappeared behind a mountain. While they were passing overhead I had no doubt whatsoever in my mind that now I was seeing something the like of which I had never seen before in my life."

Many other episodes similar to this could be related.

In the Dominican Republic there have been some very interesting cases which might be studied at length in a further series of articles. Among them are several landing cases.

I copy below one such report from the newspaper *Listín Diario* of October 28, 1972:

"It is 9.00 o'clock in the morning. On a deserted road near San Cristóbal a man appears and flags down a car. The driver, an insurance company director whom we shall call X.X., slows down and pulls up. The man approaches. He is wearing a sort of light-green overall with a shiny glint to it. The garment covers his feet. He is wearing no shoes, no gloves, and has no pockets, no weapons, no insignia. It is noted that he is wearing a sort of watch on his left wrist. This mysterious person asks X.X.: 'Don't you know me?'

"'No,' says X.X.

"'My name is F— M—,' says the man. (This is the name of a person well known in Santo Domingo, who disappeared mysteriously in the sea about fifteen years ago.)

"The mystery visitor continues: 'It was thought that I was drowned along with two other people. But I was rescued by a modern machine.'

"X.X. 'By a helicopter?'

"F.M. 'No. Supposedly¹ a module, that is to say, what you folk call a UFO. I was rescued by those two people (he points towards two companions a certain distance away) because of my knowledge of radio techniques and my intelligence.'

"The two people mentioned are over 6ft. high, slim, and dressed in identical fashion to F.M. Their hair is short and brown, and their skin a light colour, like that of the Chinese. They remain silent, standing there with arms crossed, observing the scene.

"F.M. draws the attention of X.X. to the machine in which they have come. It is of the size of an automobile, has the shape of an American football, and its surface is nickelled.

"X.X. 'What are they doing here?'

"F.M. 'Supposedly¹ investigating.'

"X.X. 'What sort of investigating?'

"F.M. 'Investigating.'

"X.X. 'From where do they come?'

"F.M. 'Supposedly¹ from Venus.'

"The stranger adds that they are greatly interested in the Milwaukee grave.²

"Then F.M. says: 'Step back. We are about to leave.'

"The dialogue has lasted some five minutes. Just as the three individuals are about to depart, F.M. turns round and tells X.X. not to worry if his car won't start at once. He says everything will return to normality."

In another case, also in the Dominican Republic, a woman afflicted with cancer was instantaneously healed just as a UFO passed over the house and threw down a beam of light. In this case, just as in the next one given below, which also was in the Dominican

Republic, the UFO Phenomenon is intermingled with spiritualistic-religious phenomena. In both cases *Catholic priests* were involved, one of them a man very well known in Santo Domingo for his social work. While this priest was celebrating the Mass in the open air, before a large crowd of people, a "second Moon" appeared in the sky overhead. Shortly after that, various very strange phenomena occurred, for which no explanation is to be found within the orthodox dogma and liturgy of the Church.

It should be noted that in Puerto Rico (just as I was able to observe in Mexico) as one gradually deepens one's investigations, many contactees come to light, in whom the psychic factor plays a big part. This in no way diminishes the veracity of either their testimony or of the facts of the phenomenon, but it induces us to suspect that the whole UFO phenomenon is far more profound than at first sight it appears to be.

I will end these notes with an account of an experience which happened to me only a few days ago. I was invited by a friend to give a talk on UFOs in the garden of his house. The audience were some 40 persons of quite high academic education and occupying important social positions. During my talk one of them, an accountant named C.P.A., noticed a pink-coloured light blinking above the house. Astonished, he moved from his seat to see whether it might possibly be a star, or some light or other at a lower level. After quite a while, the light stopped blinking, and vanished. Puzzled, he asked the owner of the house whether he had any sort of light installed on top of his TV aerial, to which the owner replied that he had not. The man did not give any further explanation for his question, and went home puzzling over what he had seen.

A few days later, an engineer, one of the people who had heard my talk, and who had tape-recorded the whole of it, arrived at my house. To his great astonishment he had found that, a few minutes after I had started to speak, a very strange and very loud sound, like the noise of some machine working in the close vicinity of where I was (*there was of course no such machine*) had appeared on the tape, superimposed over my voice though not blotting it out entirely.

The sound—absolutely inexplicable to me as to the engineer who owned the tape-recorder—is like the running of a motor. Its rhythm is quite a lot faster than the rhythm of the spools of the recorder. At times it blots out my voice entirely, and it changes in volume at several points on the tape. Towards the middle of the talk, and after a noise like the sound of gears changing, my voice vanishes altogether, and the sound of the machine becomes a *beep, beep, beep*, very faint, and with a complicated rhythm. Two minutes later my voice reappears, and once more the powerful noise of the machine running is heard.

This is just one of the very many cases in which a whole series of weird experiences have been injected into our study of the UFOs, thus frequently rendering the ground underfoot very slippery indeed for the investigator.

San Juan, Puerto Rico.
December 5, 1972.

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The Humanoids at Tres Arroyos

UFOs and peripheral tropics in new reports from South America

Jane Thomas

SOUTH AMERICA continues to produce large numbers of press reports of UFO sightings and of weird and inexplicable happenings.

I give below full translations or translated digests of reports which appeared in the papers in the last quarter of 1972 and the first week of 1973:

1. The experiences of the Three Mountaineers

From page 1 of *El Popular* of October 17, 1972 (published in Olavarría).

This paper carries a report of a UFO sighting made by the parish priest of Villa Luro (150 km. from Bahía Blanca) who, together with his 77-year-old father, saw "an unidentified moving shape, perfectly round, travelling at great speed, like a cloud standing out sharply against the clear night sky." This took place, said the informant, in the early hours of Saturday, October 14 (4.15 a.m. to be precise). Scarcely an hour later on that same morning, three mountain climbers from Olavarría were to have a similar experience and see something in the sky over the Sierra de la Ventana (a small range of mountains lying a little way to the N.E. of Bahía Blanca).

The Olavarría Andean Club had decided to make an expedition that weekend to climb in the Sierra de la Ventana.

While the main group tackled the principal peak, the Tres Picos (1,243 metres), three other members were unable to join them. These three, Susana Terraza, Vicente Corradini (aged 19) and Daniel Luayza (aged 22) got lost and spent an unpleasant night in a small cave, with inadequate clothing and no food.

It was 4.00 a.m. on the Saturday, October 14, when Corradini, who felt asphyxiated in the little cave and could not sleep, went outside to take some exercise. And he tried to light a fire with dried grass. It was then, he says, that he saw the very long, very black cloud, with pointed ends. It was hanging motionless in the sky. It seemed to him to be about 1,500 metres above their cave.

Puzzled about this cloud, Corradini woke his friends. All were now able to see that below each end of the strange dark cloud there was a reddish light flashing from orange to yellow. Then they became aware that the 'cloud' was moving. Said Susana Terraza: "The 'cloud' advanced slowly, towards the ENE, and the weird light at each end was revolving, as it were, 'around an imaginary axis.'"

By this time the three climbers had got out their compass and had established that their cave was facing east, north being on their left. Said Luayza: "To us the light looked about the size of an ordinary ashtray, say about 10 cms. in diameter."

2. A strange apparition in the southern part of Buenos Aires Province

From *La Nación* of November 14, 1972, comes this account from Bahía Blanca:

Last Saturday night two persons who are considered to be trustworthy witnesses saw, from different places, a great vivid white light moving through the sky near the resort of Chapalcó, in the southern part of this province.

Francisco Eugui, a local truckdriver, told a journalist that he saw an intensely bright light coming down fast from the sky and seemingly about to crash upon the ground, when suddenly it stopped at the level of the barbed-wire fence and began to move along the fence, following the undulations of the local terrain, which consists of non-shifting dunes.

Then the light went out, and from where it had been there came a powerful beam of light which lit up the whole countryside as though it had been day. The witness said the trees in a nearby nursery stood out sharply under it, even though he was 5,000 metres from them.

Carlos Beltrán, a farmer, was the other witness. He saw the same light as he was travelling in the opposite direction to Francisco Eugui and along the same road. The light was stationary and settled, as it seemed to him, on a pass through which only one car can go at a time. When he emerged out of a dip he noticed that the light was now over the bank of the local brook known as the Choiqué, at a spot where the terrain was inaccessible for any vehicle.

The mother of one of these witnesses also said that she had seen, in a field near her house, which is between Chapalcó and Algarrobo, what she took to be a bus with many windows. On the field being examined next day, no wheelmarks or any other sort of marks were found.

3. Strange Being in a diving-suit seen inside a house

From *La Razón* (Buenos Aires), of November 28, 1972, an account from Tres Arroyos:

A retired resident of this place reports a strange occurrence which can very easily be thought to relate to the existence of extraterrestrial beings. He said that while he was in the living-room of his house, watching the TV, the TV set started to fail. He tried to adjust it, but could not. Then, on returning to his seat he saw, to his utter astonishment, as may well be believed, that there was "someone" sitting in one of the other arm-chairs. When he had managed to get over his surprise, the stranger got up and proffered his hand in a friendly gesture but without uttering a word. According to the witness, the strange guest was wearing a bluish-green diving-suit and a helmet. He had slant eyes and there was a device hanging on his belt "that looked like a transmitter." The strange being, so the report goes on, watched the TV programme for a few minutes, and then rose and began touching some pushbuttons on the object on his waist, in which a yellow light came on.

At this point the bewildered witness ran out to give the alarm and call the neighbours, and when he came

back he found that the strange visitor was gone, vanished like magic from the house (No. 300 calle de la Libertad).

It is to be recalled in this connexion that, a few days ago, a woman in charge of a bar in the calle Alsina in Tres Arroyos made an almost identical report, stating that a strange customer entered the bar and, while she was serving some other people, made for the bathroom. In view of his delay in coming out again, she went to see what had happened, and found that the man, whom she described as unusually tall, with a very penetrating gaze, had vanished as though "by magic." None of those present had seen him leave. And another door from the bathroom, which leads out to a garage having an exit on a side-street, was still locked as usual, with its lock intact. The Police, who were called in to investigate, confirmed this latter point.

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La Nueva Provincia of November 29, 1972 (a paper published in Bahía Blanca) has a more detailed account of the same case, which I translate as follows:

"New details have become known here regarding the strange apparition described by a Tres Arroyos resident, who declares that he had contact with a mysterious being of strange appearance who turned up in his house and displayed powers superior to those of the ordinary human being.

"The man reporting this weird happening is Alfonso Rey, aged 62, residing at calle Libertad 346 in this town, formerly chief designer of the Istilart concern. Rey, who retired two years ago from the metallurgical firm of Eima, and has also been a civilian air-pilot, states that at about 12.30 p.m. he was in the dining room, in the front part of his house, watching the television and leafing through a book on anatomy. Suddenly the TV set "became disconnected," so he at once got up to put it right. At that same instant he felt a strange impression. He turned round and there, at the far end of the room, seated in an armchair, he saw the figure of a strange individual.

"According to his testimony as given to *La Nueva Provincia*, and to Telenueva Channel 9, the unknown being was wearing a helmet like those formerly worn by airmen, a one-piece overall of greenish colour, the fabric of which looked metallic, and he had a black belt.

"On this clothing he had a small device of radio transmitter type, and he was wearing short boots. Rey says that when the strange being perceived that he had been discovered he stood up. His height was around two metres or maybe even more.

"Continuing with his story, Rey said that, in the state he was in, all he could think of doing was to ask the being: 'What do you want?' There was no other reply except silence on the part of the visitor, who merely held out his hand to him. Rey explained that as he took hold of the hand he again felt a strange sensation, noting that the hand was cold and lacking in 'solidity,' rather as though it were made of foam-rubber . . .

"One thing which Rey particularly noticed is that the mystery individual never spoke. As regards his facial features, he said he had not been able to see them 'as

he was drawn to the eyes, which seemed to emit a silvery light.'

"Continuing with his account, Rey said that when he sat down in an armchair the mystery being did the same, sitting down again in the same armchair he had occupied before. For a while they remained there looking at each other, without anything being said. Rey declares that, from that point onwards, he began to feel a 'very good' condition of wellbeing. He noticed that the pains he had had since suffering a stroke two years before had disappeared.

"Rey went on to say that, in view of this situation, he decided to stand up, whereat the visitor promptly imitated him. Rey went to the kitchen, still followed by the stranger, and turned on the gas cooker. As he used the gas-igniter, he noticed that the sparks emitted by it were much stronger than usual. He also noticed at the same moment that the motor of the refrigerator was not running normally. None of this made him feel nervous or frightened, but he still felt 'peculiar,' as though 'distressed.' He also noticed that the strange being seemed to be 'walking in the air' when he moved.

"Unable to think of anything else to do, Rey offered him a glass of water. This was declined by the visitor, who continued to eye him attentively.

"Then they went back into the dining room. There, to the bafflement of Rey, the stranger pressed the buttons of the apparatus on his belt, and an amber-coloured light came on on it.

"At this stage in the proceedings, Rey says he tried to get away. He returned to the kitchen, but again he was followed by the strange being, who took up position on the threshold of the door leading out to the yard and, looking up at the sky, pressed further buttons. Then the being went out into the yard and, while Rey was still watching him, vanished into thin air without leaving any trace.

"Other people also declared that they had seen a being with similar characteristics in a bar on the corner of calle Alsina and calle Pringles (also in Tres Arroyos) at about 4.20 p.m. The descriptions given by these witnesses agreed with the description given by Rey. They said the individual went into a bathroom and did not come out again. When they went there to see what had become of him, there was nobody there . . ."

UFOs OVER THE CARIBBEAN

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TRANSLATOR'S NOTES

¹ Concerning the curious, reiterated use of this word (*supuestamente* in the Spanish original), which is obviously of very great significance indeed, Sr. Salvador Freixedo's own interpretation of the meaning is this: "It is *you* *Terrestrials* who suppose them to be from Venus, and we are simply falling into line with you."

² "La fosa de Milwaukee." I confess that at first I was utterly stumped by this, but now, as a postscript, I can add that this is not a grave, or archaeological relic in Milwaukee, U.S.A., but the name of an Ocean Deep which is part of the Puerto Rico Trench.

Sindbad the Sailor

HERE are four short, but interesting reports, collected from fishermen at the port of Le Brusc, on the Mediterranean. The account is taken from *Lumières dans la Nuit* (Contact Lecteurs), Series 3, No. 5 of January 1971.

A lady correspondent of *Lumières Dans La Nuit* recently found out about these happenings when she had the opportunity to spend some time at the Mediterranean French fishing-port of Le Brusc, in the Dept. of Var (south-eastern France, between Marseilles and Nice). She was able to interview some of the men involved, having won their confidence, but only on condition that their names be not revealed. We fully share the view of the Editor of *Lumières Dans La Nuit* that much caution is necessary in such cases where the fullest possible confirmation of authenticity has not yet been secured, and for this reason we retain his original title, *Sindbad le Marin*—in its English version—for the account of these curious episodes.

On the other hand, all who have followed the UFO Problem for any length of time will be struck by the total resemblance between these four French reports and the numerous other "water-happenings" which we have recorded over the years, as, for example, Gordon Creighton's *Water-Happenings In Indonesia* (FSR Case Histories No. 4, April 1971), and I think it must be conceded that these French accounts seem to have the right "inner flavour."

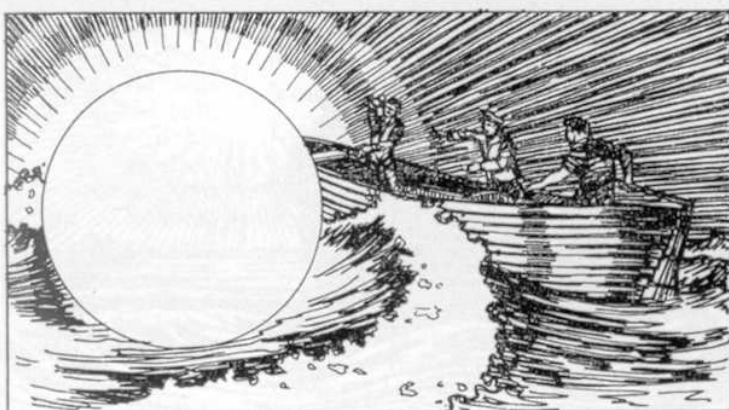
We understand that the Editor of *Lumières Dans La Nuit* feels that the requisite further confidential details as to the identity (not of course to be revealed) and the *bona fides* of the fishermen may be secured in due course.—EDITOR.

Report No. 1

The account of the informant, a fisherman, is as follows:

"Two years ago, in April 1968, three of us were fairly far out at sea, in heavy weather, with cloud and strong wind. Night had not yet quite fallen when suddenly, in a break in the clouds, a sort of "thing" appeared—ovalish in shape—which was just hanging there in the sky. It looked like a mirror and it was shining, and it did not move. Then a cloud passed in front of it, hiding it for a few minutes, but when the cloud had gone the queer thing was still there. It seemed however to have changed colour a bit and to be giving off pinkish flashes. Then, after about fifteen minutes or so, it seemed to move very slowly from east to west, dropping gradually as it did so. And as the thing came down it seemed to change shape so that, instead of being vertical as it had been before, the oval was now horizontal (see Fig. 1) and from pinkish the colour had now turned to bluish.

"The thing remained stationary over the sea for two or three minutes and then vanished before our eyes as



though swallowed up by the waves, and we did not see it again.

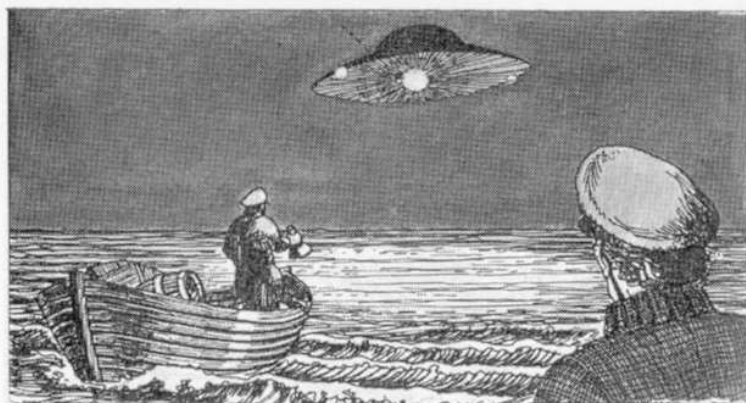
"The sighting had lasted a total of 25 minutes. We heard no sound, the thing was absolutely silent despite the fact that it was not far from our boat. It gave out no trail, no flame, no sparks, and was absolutely bare of all marks or trappings, etc. We have no idea what it could have been."

Report No. 2

The informant, also a fisherman, stated:

"Three of us, myself and two companions, had gone out to sea to drop our nets. It was 12 years ago, June 12, 1958. It was a very clear night, with a starry sky and the sea was calm. We saw a big shining dot of light in the sky, orange-coloured, with a touch of red to it. It grew bigger, and then it began to descend very fast towards the sea and soon it was a great big globe which was lying on the surface of the water. (Fig. 2.)

"Just lightly touching the waves it remained there stationary for several minutes, but we had the impression that it was revolving, like a wheel turning round and round on the same place. It caused a strong air displacement, for we could see the water being whipped up all around it. After that, the ball came rolling towards us, just gently brushing the water. We weren't a bit happy at the sight of this 'globular wheel' bearing down on our boat. Terrified, one of our party shouted 'It's going over us!'



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"The fantastic wheel didn't in fact go over us but it passed very close by, making such big waves that we nearly capsized. When it was close to us we now felt a very powerful heat from the thing and a strong blast of air. As it went by we heard a faint humming from it, like the hum of a swarm of cockchafers. Comparing it with our boat, its diameter seemed to have possibly been about 4 metres. Stupefied, we just watched it vanish at great speed. It moved along by leaps, now half disappearing among the waves, now skimming along on top of them. Then it did a right-hand turn and disappeared on the horizon.

"It did not give out any flash or beam of light; it was simply a revolving ball or wheel, with no change of colour.

"We lost no time in getting back to land, returning sooner than we had meant to. One of my mates said: 'Perhaps it's a flying saucer that has dropped down from the sky.'

"We didn't dare to tell anybody what we had seen. They would simply have laughed at us. It was some time before we took our nets out again, so afraid were we of seeing that fantastic ball again, but we never did see it again. We have no idea what it could have been."

Report No. 3

"There were three of us, out in two boats. I was alone in my boat and my two companions were in theirs. It was eight years ago, on the night of August 1, 1962, and between 11.00 and 11.30 p.m. It was a very fine night,

with a starry sky, a slight wind, and the sea quite calm. Suddenly, at about 300 metres from me, I saw a large metallic body, elongated in shape, and with a sort of chimney or turret in the middle. It seemed to be moving along slowly on the surface of the sea. Then finally it stopped. I said to my companions in the other boat: 'A submarine has surfaced over there quite close to us. It doesn't seem to worry them!'

"One of the others replied: 'It must be a foreign sub. It's a model that I don't know.' Then there was some disturbance and waves around the submarine, and I was able to make out some frogmen coming out of the sea and climbing up onto the craft. We shouted to them. But at first they didn't even turn round to look at us. My two companions, who had also seen them, and had heard me hailing them, also called to them with their loud-speaker: 'Hi there, Mates! Snooty today, eh? Are you from here? Foreigners, eh maybe? But anyway, give us an answer!'

"The result was nil. There was no reply from their side. I had a good view of them. I counted about a dozen of them getting up onto the submarine. Then three or four of them did look round, and hesitated for a few instants, before vanishing into the ship.

"Finally, before rejoining the rest, the last man turned towards us and raised his right arm above his head and waved it for a few instants in greeting, to say he had seen us, and then he disappeared into the craft like the rest.

"Then we saw the machine rise right up out of the water and hang there just above the waves. Then we saw lights go on, red and green, and a beam of white light shot out and reached as far as our boats. This beam was from a searchlight, and gave off no heat or anything unpleasant.

"Then the beam of light went out. Then the craft was lit up with an orange-sort of glow, and the red and green lights went out. The machine started to rotate very slowly, from left to right, and rose to about 20 metres above the sea.

"Its appearance was, as we now saw, like an oval or almost round dish, and of the dimensions of a medium-sized submarine. It hung there stationary for a few minutes. Then it began to rotate faster, its light grew brighter, and suddenly it shot off horizontally at high speed over the sea, amid a vast silence. Its light now took on the colour of red flame and it flattened out and came back right round over us in a beautiful curve while climbing all the while and increasing speed, and then it vanished as a tiny red dot among the stars. Within just a few moments while we watched it, it had become totally invisible to sight.

"We remained there quite a while, flabbergasted, straining our eyes at the spot in the sky where that fantastic machine had disappeared.

"Apart from the noise of the waves, we had heard no sound from it, and you can well imagine that we asked ourselves what it could possibly have been. It was not a submarine, nor a helicopter nor a seaplane, we would have certainly seen if it was any one of those.

"Very much aware and sensitive as we were about ridicule and mockery we have never talked to anybody about that fantastic and mysterious encounter out at sea and we have kept silent about it right up until now, with

the intention of telling you, and only you, about it."

Report No. 4

The informant states: "It happened 4½ years ago, that is to say on September 10, 1965. I was out alone in my boat, it was a mild night, with a starry night, and the sea calm. It had gone midnight when I saw a great big light developing very rapidly at sea-level. It rose up very high into the sky. It was red, and when I saw it at first my thought had been that it was a ship on fire, but I saw no flames or smoke from it. It was more like an immense flare, with a little vapour around it. It changed

colour, passing first from red to orange, and then green, and then blue, and then orange again. I heard no sound of any explosion, it all happened in absolute silence. Then this light or glow split up into several parts and then gradually they faded away bit by bit till the whole sky was black again. The sighting had lasted 15 minutes. I have never found out what the glow could have been or from where it could have come. I made enquiries to find out if a boat had been on fire or had exploded in the area, but I was told that there had not been, nor had there been any flares or fireworks. I never found out what it was."

Readers' Reports

Photograph puzzles

Dear Sir,—I hope the following report will be of some use to you. I feel it is sufficiently interesting to be worth placing on record.

The witness, who was alone at the time of the sighting, is Peter Baker, of Locksley Drive, Ferndown, Dorset. The incident occurred at 9.30 p.m. on March 4, 1970, when Mr. Baker was living in Derby. He was in bed, looking out of his window, when he saw a red ball in the sky. Realising it to be too large for an aircraft navigation light, and being completely unable to identify it, he took his Instamatic camera, and exposed six frames on ordinary daylight film at 1/60th shutter speed, with the lens set at f8.

The distance of the object was impossible to judge, but it was 20° above the horizon. At first it was increasing in size as if coming nearer, then it stopped for a minute or so, and at this time was the apparent size of a tennis ball. Eventually it moved away at about the speed of an aircraft. No sound was heard during the sighting.

Mr. Baker made two of his slides available to me for study. He was surprised to discover that the red ball, which had been in the centre of his viewfinder as he released the shutter, did not appear on any of his slides, but was replaced by two dots or streaks. The two slides which I received were taken consecutively within a couple of seconds of each other. A bright star is visible on each slide, and the "UFOs" have plainly changed their position in relation to the star, so there can be little doubt that a moving object was photographed.

I had the small portions of the slides which showed the moving objects enlarged. In the first they appear as meaningless streaks, but in the second they can plainly be seen as two hemispheres. It is stressed that Mr. Baker *did not see* these objects, but thought he was photographing a red ball of considerable size.

I enclose copies of the photographs, but please note that the star used as a reference point does not appear on these prints, as it was located in a

different section of the frame.

Yours sincerely,

Leslie Harris,

SCAN, 5 Grenfell Road,
Bournemouth, Hants.
February 28, 1973.

P.S.—The group named on the heading of this letter has recently been formed by myself and three friends. SCAN is the name of the magazine I publish, in which we try to cover all aspects of the UFO problem, as well as various other unexplained phenomena. Should copies be required, they are available from my address, price 18p.

Unusual objects over the Firth of Forth

Dear Sir,—Further to my 'phone call, I enclose details of my sighting of UFOs of January 27, 1973, at 4.15 p.m.

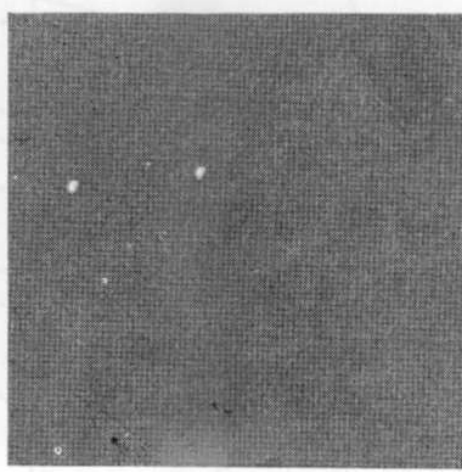
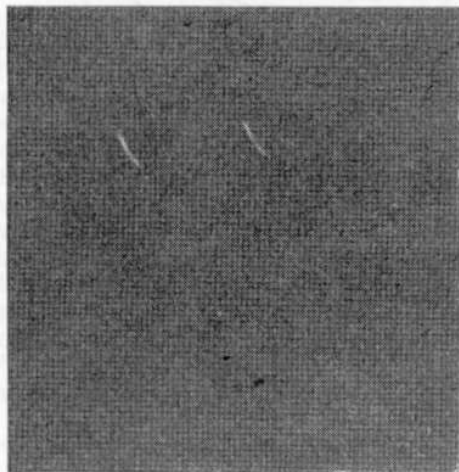
The location of the incident was the Firth of Forth, off Burnisland. We were motoring a yacht from West to East, about one mile off the harbour. The objects were first sighted stationary. They were of the same brightness as landing lights, but stayed still. No aircraft was visible, and there was no positional change, or change of brightness for several minutes—say five minutes. The objects were then in position A as shown on the sketch.

B Objects give the impression of getting closer, but angular change too small to detect.

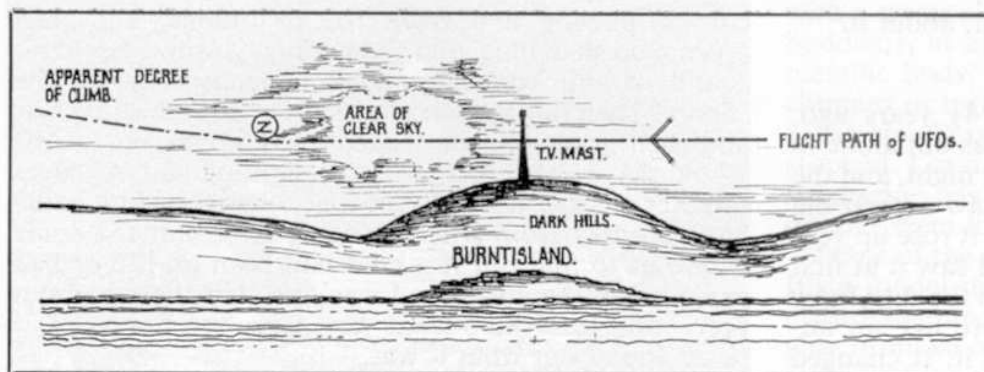
C Right-hand light slowly fades and left-hand light brightens—thus confirming our first impression of aircraft wingtip lights, with aircraft changing direction. However we are now puzzled by the movement from right to left as this would make the far "wingtip" light the brightest, which is nonsense.

D Movement steady, and at slow aircraft speed at five miles range.

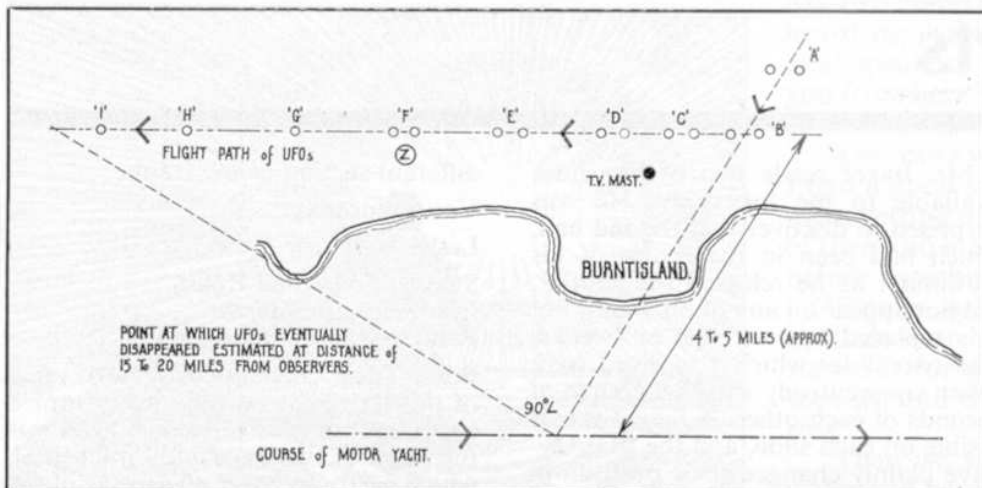
E Second light begins to catch up on first one.



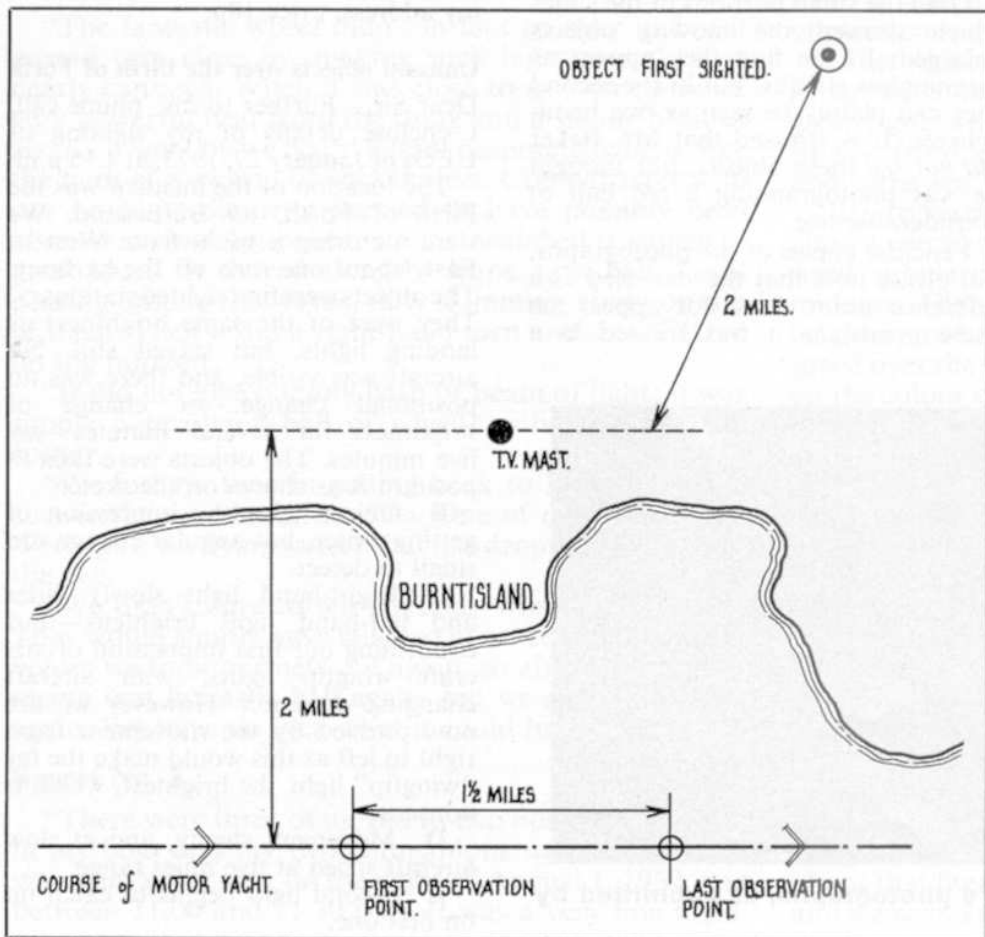
The two enlargements from Mr. Baker's photographs, as submitted by Mr. Leslie Harris.



Impression of the coastline as seen from the motor-yacht



Plan showing positions of UFOs at consecutive points along flightpath in relation to position of observers' motor-yacht



F The lights cross a patch of clear sky and are silhouetted just as lights: no aircraft visible. This, we realise, is now definitely odd. The lights are too bright and large for anything but a 'plane reflection, and a 'plane reflection would not have kept the same apparent brightness (or very slow change) for so long.

G The second light catches the first and is very faint.

H The objects pass behind and above thin cumulus-type clouds, shining through them quite well despite the increasing distance.

I The distance now seems 15 miles or so and the lights (both still visible) climb steadily at a very high speed. Our estimate was 1,000 m.p.h. horizontal. 10° angle of climb.

After lights finally disappear we see a third light stationary at point Z in plan. It is the same as the others but seems a bit nearer. We have now been watching the first lights for at least 15 minutes and there seems very little else we could do. This third light did not move and in attending to the navigation I am not sure what it finally did, if anything. By now it was quite dark and reflection of the sun was impossible for this light. This was possible for the original lights, but very very unlikely, as the sun was well below the horizon.

There was no noise heard above the outboard engine. The sea was calm. Three other people on the boat saw exactly the same and we discussed the possibilities throughout.

Hope this is of some interest to you. I have never seen any other phenomena of this type.

Yours sincerely,

Lionel Mills,
4 Rosness Drive, Kinghorn, Fife.

Aircraft spotters spot UFOs?

Dear Sir,—I have two reports to give you. They both concern what could be the same unidentified object, but there was a gap of 10 days between the two sightings.

Report 1: On Monday, February 12, 1973, at 1.15 p.m. my friend, Anthony Cooling, and I had just finished our dinners in school when we saw the UFO as we were walking around the Rugby pitch. I was the first to spot it. It was triangular in shape (as in the sketch) and was metallic in colour as it was shining in the sunlight. It was shaped like an arrow-head, but with an elliptical rear end. It was emitting no sound that we could hear, and there was no contrail behind it. We couldn't judge its altitude, but it wasn't all that high up.

The UFO was travelling in a northerly direction over Newbridge. At the time the wind was blowing from the West, so it is unlikely that it was

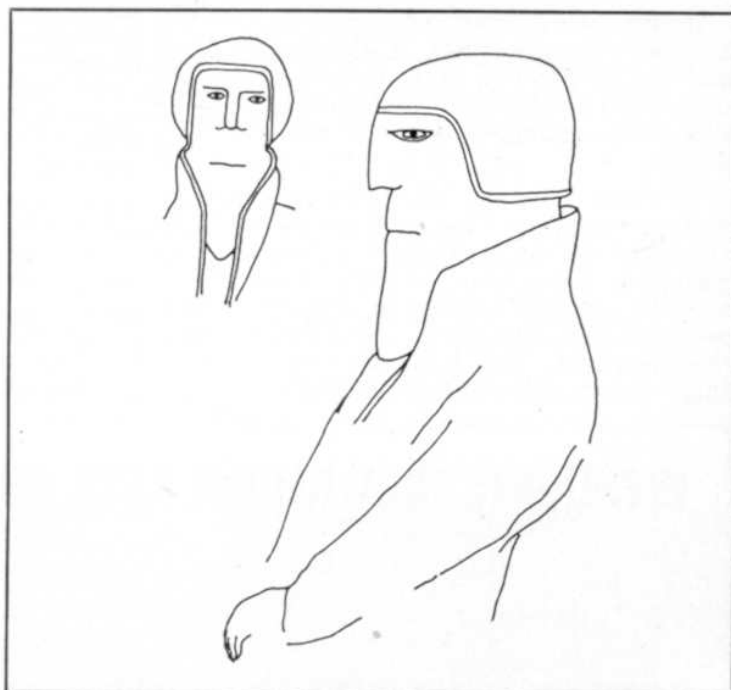
Further details about the "Hitch-hiker" from Space

WITH regard to Jane Thomas's article under the title *The Hitch-hiker from Space*,* we have now received from Miss Thomas, and from several other correspondents, further photostats and clippings about this case.

The most important of these items is an article by Alfredo Serra and Juan Fernández in the Buenos Aires review *Gente* of September 7, 1972. So far as we can see, the text of their story gives nothing of importance to add to what Miss Thomas has already reported, but they do include these curious sketches, by *Gente's* staff member Abel Guibe, based upon the description of the "hitch-hiker" given to him by Eduardo Fernando de Deugd, the man who claims to have given the "hitch-hiker" a ride for 25 kilometres in his car during the night. The precise time is now stated to have been 3.00 a.m. on the morning of Monday, August 28, 1972, and not Sunday, August 27, as stated in the earlier press accounts.

Miss Thomas stated that the face of the mysterious hitch-hiker was variously described in the press-reports as "somewhat more elongated than usual," or as having "a chin so large that it almost reached to his chest." Abel Guibe's sketches show this feature.

Casting around for a resemblance, authors Alfredo Serra and Juan Fernández point out, rather fancifully, that the elongated face and chin are very like the famous stone heads of Easter Island in the Pacific, and they add

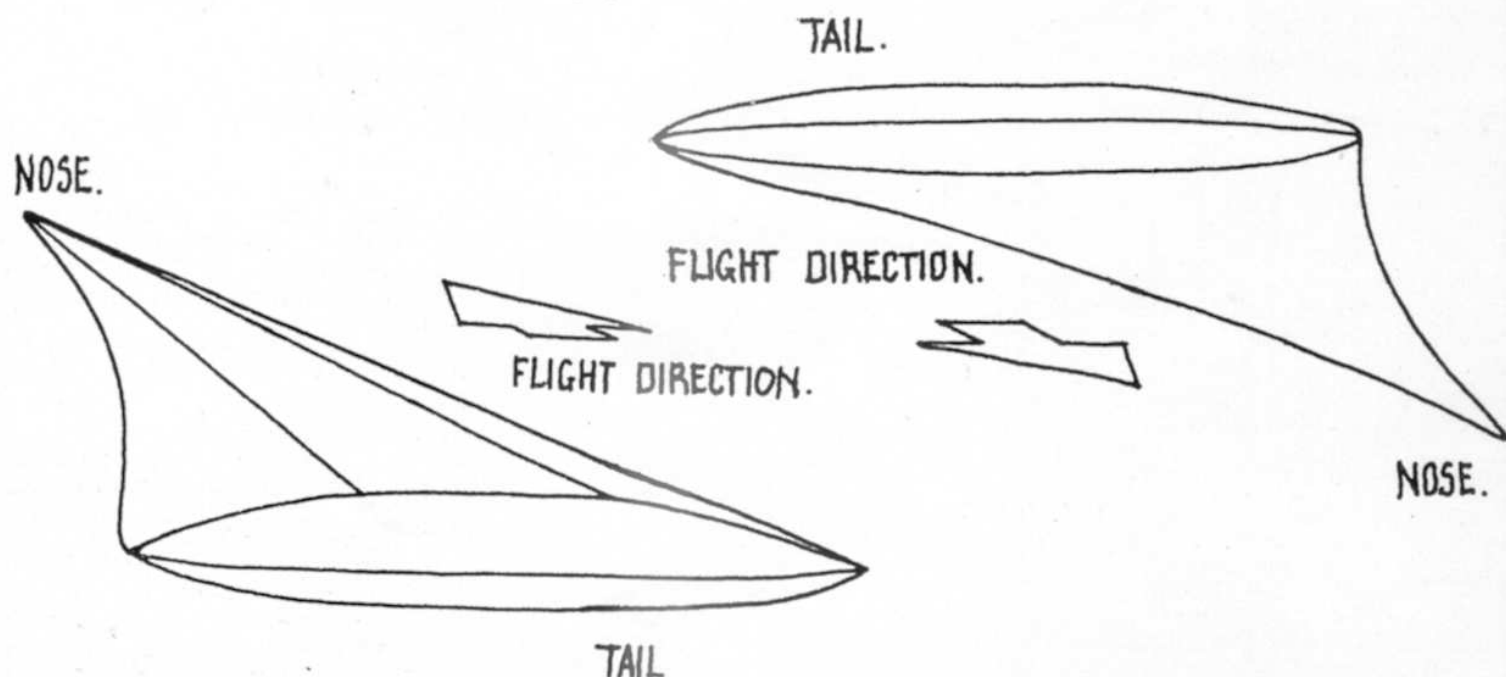


that "according to one theory these were constructed by extraterrestrial visitors."

We had not heard Easter Island's monoliths attributed to the "Space-Men" until now. But, as we have seen, the temptation to lump together all mysteries uncovered anywhere on our planet seems irresistible.

* See FSR Vol. 18, No. 5 (September/October 1972).

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Hypothetical sketch of the object's upper surface

Sketch of the object as seen from below

a weather balloon. Also it was travelling far too slowly for an aircraft, and it gave me the impression of floating

through the air. We pointed out the object to one of our teachers, and his first words were "Very interesting."

We lost sight of the UFO at about 1.20 p.m. when it disappeared into some cloud, at which point I wrote

down some details, and made a small sketch. We waited around for another 25 minutes but didn't see the object again.

Report 2: On Thursday, February 22, at 12.45 p.m., my friend, A. Cooling, and I, and also two other friends of ours, Alan Hughes and Mark Gomulock, were standing waiting to go in for dinner.

We were watching the aeroplanes passing overhead on flight path Green 1. As we were watching one aeroplane flying over us at a low altitude, the same UFO as before just appeared out of nowhere underneath the aeroplane. The UFO was very small compared to the aeroplane

which was a four-engined jet airliner.

The four of us watched the UFO hover below the aircraft for a few seconds, and move off in another direction. The UFO couldn't have been a Vulcan bomber, which has a large triangular-shaped wing, because it was too small. Furthermore, aeroplanes are not allowed to fly that close to each other.

The airliner was travelling along flight path Green 1 in a Westerly direction. The UFO then moved from beneath it and moved off at a very high speed, faster than any normal aircraft could accelerate, in a Southerly direction which again was against the wind which was blowing from the West at the time. The four of us watched the

UFO until it disappeared into some cloud, and the sun got in our eyes. We caught another glimpse of the UFO for a few seconds, but the sun was too strong for us to keep looking at it. Again I jotted down some notes and my friend and I who had witnessed the first sighting are sure that it was the same object. The time that the object disappeared was 12.50 p.m.

I don't know if the gap of 10 days between the two sightings and the same time approximately has any significance—all I know is that I have never seen anything like it before.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Badham,

Newbridge, Newport, Mon.

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