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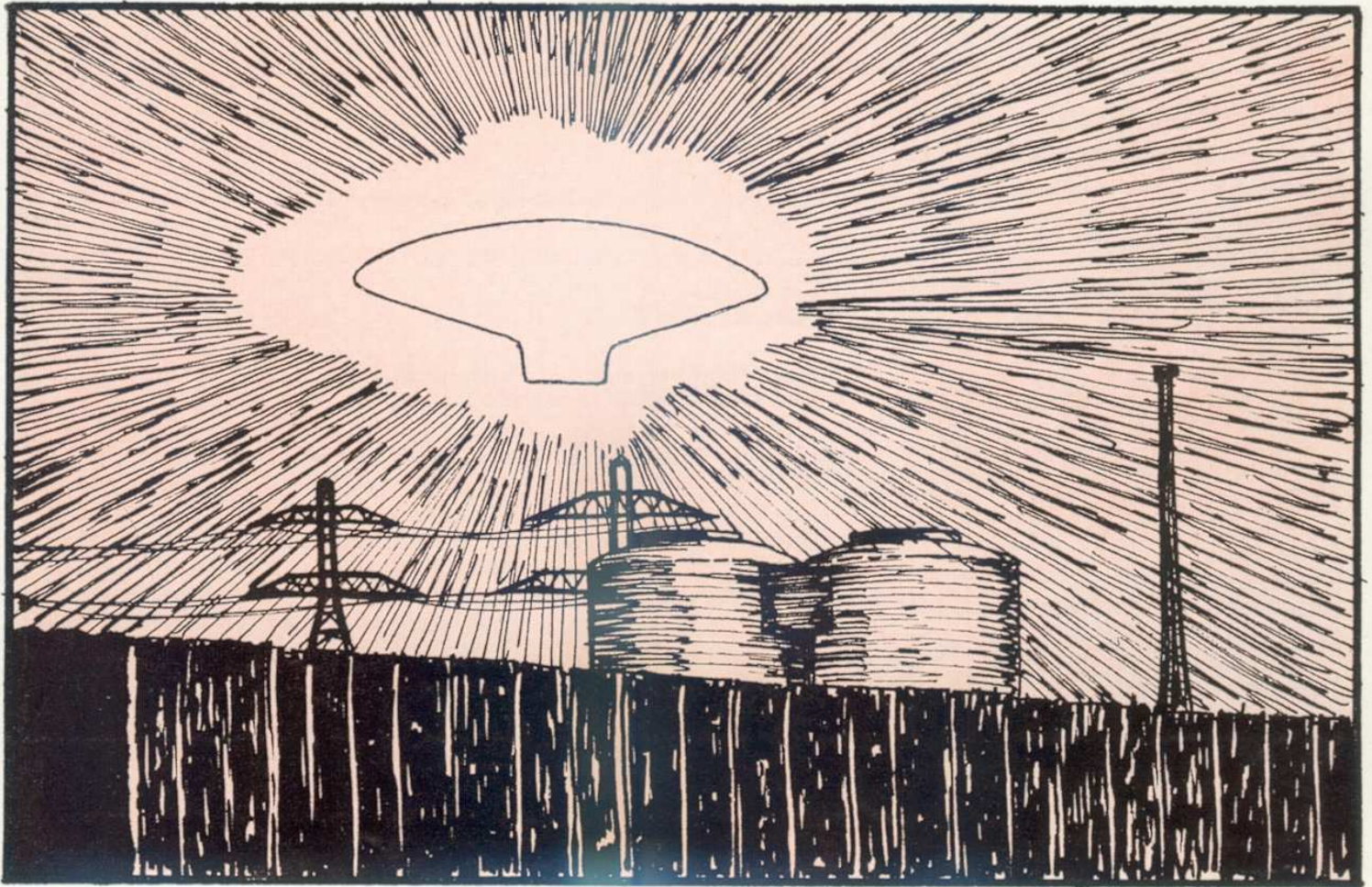
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UFO OVER TRANSFORMER AT CRAWLEY

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UFO Hovers over Transformer at Crawley

H. Watkins

IN March, 1972, a sighting took place in Crawley New Town which shows some familiar textbook characteristics. It is even more interesting in that in parts it is a multiple witness case, and what could be called a repeat performance took place two weeks later.

The principal witnesses are Mr. and Mrs. Francis Chard and their son and daughter. The son, Francis Junior, was walking home (30 Greenacres, Furnace Green, Crawley) from Three Bridges (East Crawley railway station) at about 8.55 p.m. on March 5, a Sunday. The night was very clear, and Francis was looking at the stars as he walked down Haslett Avenue which is part of the A264 trunk road. This road is usually very busy since it is the through route from Horsham to East Grinstead and Tunbridge Wells, but that night it was practically deserted. Then suddenly Francis noticed an object hovering on his left.

At this point a few notes on the surrounding area will be useful. The first thing to note is that the object was hovering directly over or in the near vicinity of a large electrical transformer and was rather near to a lot of power lines. Now Crawley is supplied with electricity from two power stations at Portslade (near Brighton) 22 miles away, the supply being brought to Crawley by high-voltage power lines supported by a double row of pylons. The transformer supplies domestic-voltage electricity for pretty well the whole of Crawley, but another line of pylons carries electricity to the Crawley Industrial Estate, and a line also runs off to Tunbridge Wells which is to the east. So if a UFO crew wanted to hang around a lot of high-voltage power lines, and they were in the Crawley area, this is the best spot for miles!

Around the transformer lies a small light industrial estate, and just beside it there is an important railway junction, marshalling yard and sidings. Westwards there is the large office block of the Paymaster General.

In general the object appeared as an indefinite yellowish-white glow, but in the glow there was a distinct black outline somewhat mushroom-like in shape. The glow was of the same hue and intensity inside the outline as outside. From the left-hand corner of the outline a thin red spotlight shone downwards at an angle. There was a similar spotlight shining down from the right-hand corner, the difference being that this one was blue.

Francis estimated the angle of elevation to have been 20°. The apparent size was more difficult to decide with certainty, but he settled for 4 feet across. The problem is of course that apparent sizes are usually inaccurate and can be misleading, but in this case the object was rather big.

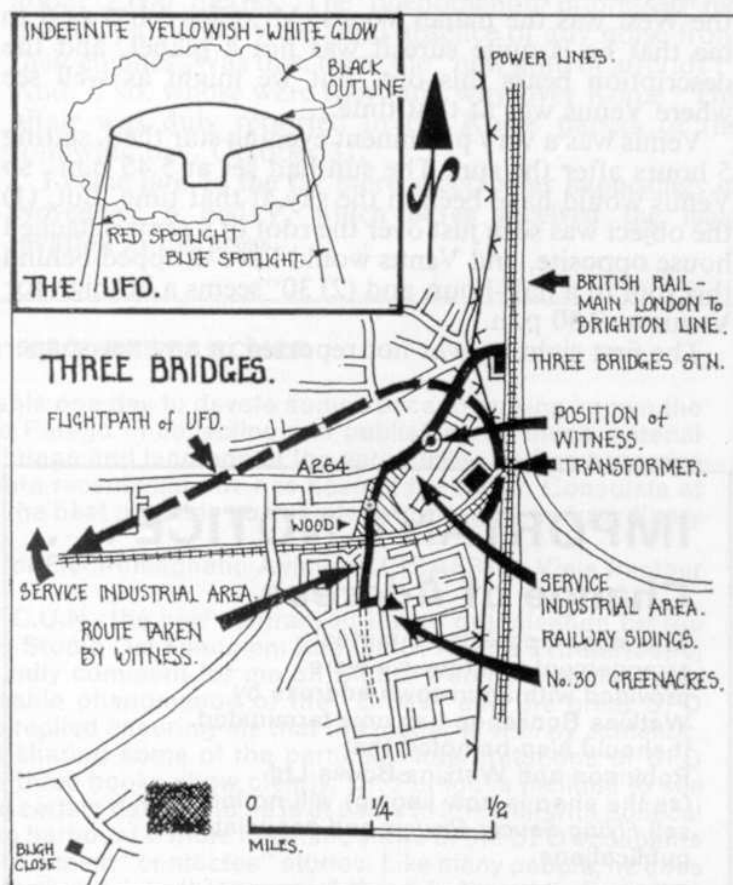
After Francis had seen the object it started to move. It described a rough 180° arc, seemingly using Francis as the centre of rotation, passing behind him and round to his right. Then it shot off to the South West, passing

Our contributor, a reader who lives in Tilgate, Crawley, Sussex, followed a "lead" and conducted an investigation; we are grateful to him for his assistance. The original observation is a most interesting one of an incident that could have been a near-landing, although from that point onwards it would seem that the witnesses were "on the look-out for UFOs," a fact that *may* have influenced their further observations.—EDITOR.

over the playing fields on Francis' right and moving out of sight. It moved "very fast," but he said the speed was not supersonic.

Second appearance?

When the object had departed, Francis went straight home, which was only five minutes away, and alerted the whole family. Now the object was visible again, hovering this time in the West. They watched it for a



Flightpath of UFO over Three Bridges and Crawley.
Inset: How the object appeared to witness. Cover drawing: UFO and transformer towers as seen over the fence from Haslett Avenue

good half hour, hovering at an angle of elevation of 30°, and it appeared like a very bright star, yellowish-white in colour. Francis said it was about the apparent size of a "tennis ball" (I realise now that he could have been talking about table tennis as Mr. and Mrs. Chard were playing in a tournament at that time). Mr. Chard fetched a pair of binoculars of the type used at horse racing. He told me he saw the red and blue lights through these. He also said that the object seemed to be very far away, perhaps over Ifield which is two miles away on the other side of the town.

Three other people also saw the object. They are Mr. and Mrs. Fenton who live at 27 Greenacres, and a woman using a public telephone box who did not stay to watch.

At one point Francis said that the object jinked about, but as Mr. Chard wasn't looking at the object at that moment he didn't see this. The sighting ended abruptly after half an hour (at about 9.30 p.m.) when the object just faded and vanished.

At 9.00 p.m. that Sunday I was in bed, but my mother was watching the television. She said later, when I had told her about the sighting, that at about that time interference distorted the picture and that it was like a "tweed cloth pattern." Our television set has experienced a lot of trouble, but she remarked that she has never seen that kind of interference before.

Venus, or not?

Of course, people are likely to say that the UFO in the West was the planet Venus. Mr. Chard has said to me that he is quite sure it was not a planet, and the description bears this out. But we might as well see where Venus was at that time.

Venus was a very prominent evening star then, setting 5 hours after the sun. The sun had set at 5.45 p.m., so Venus would have been in the sky at that time. But, (1) the object was seen just over the roof of a semi-detached house opposite, and Venus would have dropped behind this roof in a half-hour, and (2) 30° seems a bit high for Venus at 9.30 p.m.

The first sighting was not reported in any newspaper

as Mr. Chard did not contact anybody about it. I heard about the sighting on the social "grape-vine," contacted the Chards on March 9 and questioned Mr. Chard and Francis on March 10.

The second sighting occurred exactly a fortnight later, on March 19. The same family were watching television at 8.40 p.m. when "wavy white lines" ran across the picture. Mr. Chard looked out of the window and saw what looked like the same object in the sky in the West, only it was higher (about 40°). He got into his car and drove to my home, hoping to tell me about it. I was watching television (the unusual interference had come on for a few seconds before) and I didn't hear him knock. As nobody came to the door, Mr. Chard drove back and contacted the police.

The object had the same lights as before, although Mr. Chard did say that they "weren't so sure" about it being a genuine UFO. A police constable came round and watched it for a while. In an article that appeared in the *Crawley and District Observer* of March 23 he is quoted as saying that he didn't see any lights, and that the object was "either a star or a planet—it was too far away to be anything else." In the article, it said also that the police contacted Gatwick Airport, and that no unidentified blip showed on their radar. But Francis said to me that he had heard that Gatwick radar *did* pick up something. The explanation given in the paper was "Venus," and this is possible, although Francis said that the object dimmed and vanished as in the first sighting.

I questioned Mr. Chard and Francis about the second sighting on April 10, and Francis alone on April 12. One has to consider the possibility of a hoax, but I don't think it likely. They do not seem to be the kind of people who would regard hoaxing as a joke, and Francis (junior) is not a member of the Skinhead/Suedehead/Greaser or Hippy conglomeration. Furthermore, they both seem to have a normal lack of knowledge about UFOs. Mr. Chard said that he was a sceptic before his sighting, not believing the reports in the newspapers. However, they both now seem interested in the subject.

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The Great "Cross" above the Vatican

Alberto Perego

Translation and annotation by Gordon Creighton.

NOW that we have plenty of opportunity to see the ridiculous conclusions reached by the Condon Commission, I suggest that an opportune moment has come for us to consider what happened in the skies over Rome on Saturday and Sunday, November 6-7, 1954. For the occurrences of those days constitute a mass sighting of the very greatest importance, and yet one which is still totally unknown to many serious and eminent students of our subject, largely perhaps because my own Report on the matter at the time and my three books¹ were published in Italian (all now out of print) and have never been translated into English. And no reports of the phenomena of November 6 and 7 ever appeared in the Italian press.

Until August 1954, whenever I heard of stories of "Flying Saucers" I thought that these machines were secret aircraft developed by the Great Powers, and shared the common opinion of astronomers that any hypothesis as to the possibility of interplanetary aviation was quite absurd.

During August and September 1954 the Italian newspapers carried numerous reports of the massive UFO "visitation" over France, including accounts of many landings. Then, on September 17, a cigar-shaped object appeared and remained stationary for a few minutes over Rome, being seen by thousands of witnesses, and by October the "wave" had spilled over from France into Italy. For the one month of October 1954, the Italian press carried reports of no less than 200

sightings, and some 19 landings, all over or on Italian territory. And on November 11 the United Press said there had been 400 separate Italian UFO reports in the past 80 days.

In Rome itself thousands of eyewitnesses excitedly discussed what they had seen, or besieged the newspapers with their stories. By now, however, the newspapers were beginning to be bored with the whole subject, and finally many eyewitnesses began to think it better not to talk any more of what they had seen.

But the most startling developments were yet to come.

At 1.00 p.m. on October 30, as I was driving in my car past the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, I noticed a crowd of about a hundred people gazing up at the sky. I stopped, and looked up myself, and saw two small white dots moving in a southerly direction. Later I saw them vanish in opposite directions, and then they (or two others) reappeared and began moving northwards. My clear impression was that these objects were some kind of "aircraft," and flying at a height of about 2,000 metres. The phenomenon impressed me deeply, particularly the total absence of any noise from their engines. Was this, then, the "new kind of aircraft?" And, if so, whose were they, and why over Rome? The affair was duly reported in the Rome papers of the following day, October 31.

I come now to the far more spectacular happenings of November 6 and 7, which never received the least mention in the press.

A PIONEER ITALIAN UFO RESEARCHER

I have been hoping for some years that we might be able one day to devote some space to making known the remarkable role played by the Italian diplomat Dr. Alberto Perego in collecting and publishing so much material about these very important and very numerous Italian sightings and landings of the early 1950s. He has been one of the real pioneers, and it is interesting to note that in more recent years he has been at the Italian Consulate at Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil, and consequently in the best possible position for studying the extraordinary UFO happenings in South America.

Dr. Perego is today the Director of his Italian Centre for Electromagnetic Aviation (CISAER) at Viale Pasteur 46 in Rome.

I recently asked Signor Roberto Pinotti, Secretary of C.U.N., the new centralised Italian organisation for the study of the UFO problem (Centro Unico Nazionale Per Lo Studio Dei Fenomeni Ritenuti Di Natura Extraterrestre, 40100 Bologna, Casella Postale 796) whether he would kindly comment for me on Signor Perego's pioneer role and on the authenticity of the occurrence of the remarkable phenomenon of the "Cross" and the great UFO concentrations over Rome on November 6-7, 1954. He has replied assuring me that the matter is *entirely authentic*.

He adds that he differs from Dr. Perego only in not sharing some of the particular interpretations of UFO events at which the latter has arrived. For example, as his three books show clearly, Dr. Perego is inclined to see great significance in the occurrence of UFO phenomena on certain dates, and he is at pains to link it all with political and military happenings on our planet. He is inclined also to harbour far more idealistic views of the UFO occupants than are many of the rest of us and to be much more ready to accept "contactee" stories. Like many people, he does not seem to be willing to face squarely the solid evidence that exists that many of these beings, whatever they may be, and wherever they may be from, are certainly no friends of our species. He is inclined to believe that the appearances and demonstrations by UFOs are designed to influence the politics of terrestrial governments, and indeed some of our national leaders and politicians may be "contactees."—GORDON CREIGHTON.

At about 10.45 a.m. on November 6, I was in the Tuscolano district of Rome, when I again saw some of these "white dots." Many people around me had noticed them too. I went up on to the flat roof of a factory in order to get a better view of the sky and I stayed up there, with many other people, until 1.00 p.m., enthralled by what I do not hesitate to call the most stirring spectacle that I have ever seen in my life. I quote below from my notes made at the time:

November 6, 1954: Today, between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m., the sky of Rome has been crossed by several dozens of flying machines travelling at a height of around 7,000 or 8,000 metres. They were moving at variable speeds, which at times seemed to be as high as 1,200 or 1,400 km. per hour.

The machines appeared like "white spots," sometimes with a short white trail. At first I calculated that there were about fifty of them, but later I realised that there

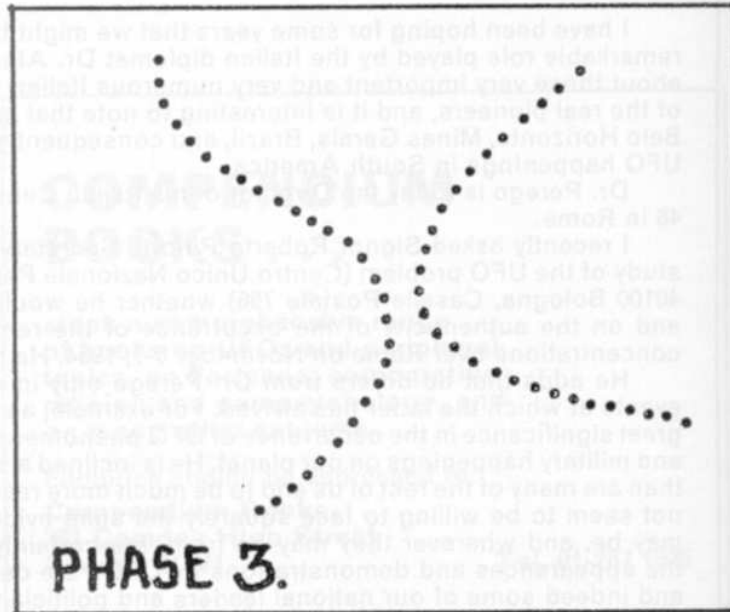
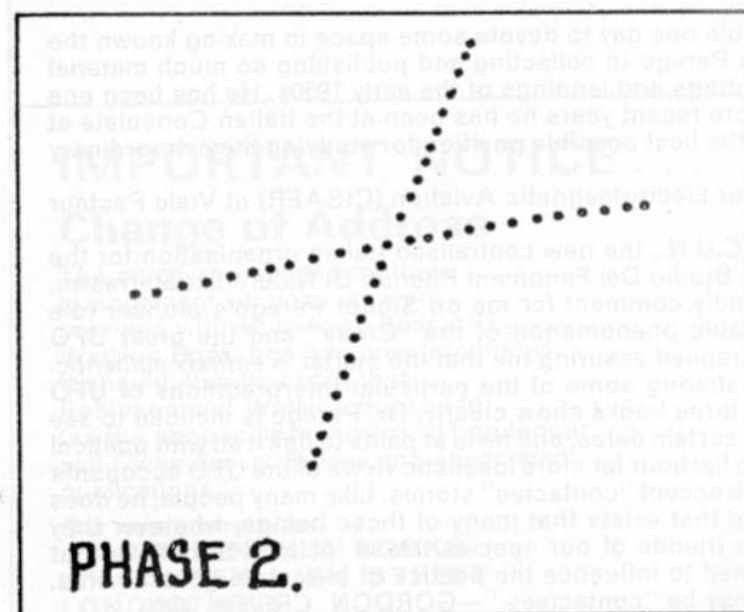
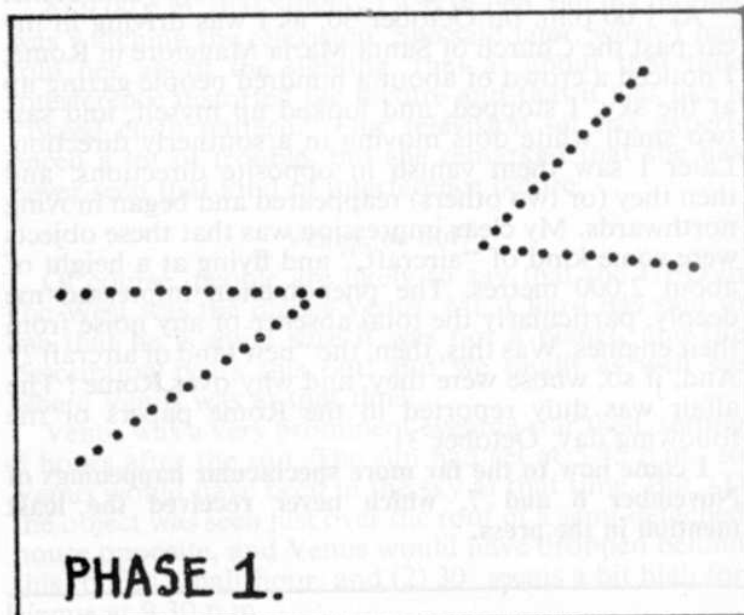
were at least one hundred. Sometimes they were isolated, sometimes in pairs, or in threes or fours or sevens or twelves. Frequently they were in diamond or "lozenge" formations of four, or in "V" formations of seven. At other times they travelled in "Indian file" or performed sweeping curves, or advanced on a wide front forming an obtuse-angled "V."

At noon, a large formation of twenty machines, the largest formation I had yet seen, appeared from the East, flying towards Ostia, and almost immediately after that I saw a similar flight of twenty more coming from the opposite direction, i.e. *from* Ostia. The two "V"-shaped squadrons converged rapidly until the vertices of the two "V"s met, thus forming a perfect "St. Andrew's Cross" of forty machines, with ten to each bar. The convergence occurred at an estimated altitude of 7,000 or 8,000 metres over the Trastevere-Monte Mario district of Rome, and consequently **right over the Vatican City itself.**

Next, the whole "Cross" performed a three-quarter turn on its axis, becoming more of an "X." The "Cross formation" was retained for a total time of about one minute, and then broke away into two serpentine curves which moved off in opposite directions. (See sketches, as originally given in my book *Svelato Il Mistero Dei Dischi Volanti*, 1957). The whole operation had lasted about three minutes.

Again, as I watched, I saw what appeared like a large bluish shadow forming in the sky ten minutes later and realised that it was a fresh concentration building up as, in formations and squadrons of four and seven and twelve they began to reappear. This time I was able to make a better count, and could see that they totalled at least one hundred. This time the concentration was in another part of the sky, and not directly above the Vatican.

I was overwhelmed by feelings of delighted surprise mingled with some anguish, and conscious of having been present at something new, something of supreme grandeur. These great squadrons of craft clearly possessed a new and revolutionary type of strength, which



The three phases of the formations seen over the Vatican, based on the author's sketches

might well be far beyond anything that our conventional anti-aircraft guns or Air Forces could do against them. But . . . to whom did they belong?

At this point I noticed, descending from the sky, a strange shining filamentous material—the material which has subsequently become known as “Angel Hair.” I was able to seize a handful of it. It looked like the fine twigs and filaments of a Christmas tree, but thinner, and very long. It was not like the filaments used in the last War by the U.S. bombers to disturb the enemy radar. It was not tinfoil, but rather a “glassy” sort of substance, which evaporated completely in a few hours.

November 7, 1954: Today, a Sunday, feeling surprised that the newspapers carried not a word about what I had seen the day previous, I went to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and spoke to an old friend, Ambassador Magistrati, now Director of the Political Affairs Department of the Ministry. It seemed that the Foreign Ministry knew nothing of the matter. They had received no reports from anybody. I tried to telephone to various other high officials, but as it was Sunday, the Government offices were all deserted.

At 11.30 a.m., I went back to the Tuscolano district of Rome again and up onto the same flat roof as yesterday, and to my astonishment I found that the mysterious machines were again over the city! They remained in the sky for two-and-a-half hours, and I remained on the roof all this time, watching them.

This time, the machines totalled no more than fifty, and the formations were smaller. The largest I noticed was of twelve machines. Usually they were in diamond or “lozenge” formations of four, or in “V” formations of seven. They appeared to be carrying out some kind of systematic reconnaissance, and “assembled” no less than five times over different sections of Rome, with intervals of about 10 minutes between. The first concentration was over the Nomentano-Flaminio district. Then came groupings over the Centre of Rome (Termini Station); over the Church of San Giovanni; the Tuscolano district (where I was); and finally the Tiburtino district.

The squadrons would always arrive from different directions, and always in regular formations. Meanwhile, beneath them, a bluish sort of cloud was gradually forming, which would finally conceal them from view. Then they would be seen emerging again from the flank of this bluish cloud, always in “Indian file.” They would fly away over the country around Rome, and return in formation ten minutes later for the next “concentration.” Here I would emphasise again that *the machines always entered the “zone of concentration” in formation, and always departed from the concentration in “Indian file.”*

Today I again saw the shining filaments falling from the sky.

The “concentrations” yesterday (November 6) were over the western parts of Rome (Monte Mario, Trastevere, Ostiense), so the “reconnaissance” of these two days must have systematically covered the whole city.

November 8, 1954: Once again, the Rome papers carry no comment about these happenings, and no reports. But the newspaper *Il Messagero* has a report from

England that the R.A.F. radar has detected squadrons of mysterious objects passing over England on November 6.² “At the British War Office, they are concerned,” concluded this report in *Il Messagero*. Another news item in the same issue of *Il Messagero* reported however that “On November 4, a ‘flying saucer’ has landed at Nuoro, in Sardinia, Italy, and then departed with a faint hissing sound.”

I called today upon General Pezzi of the Italian Air Force, Chief of the Cabinet of the Ministry of Defence. He received me very courteously, but he said he knew nothing whatever about the events I described. I read my notes to him, and asked him to report the matter to the Minister of Defence.

November 10, 1954: I was received today by the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He knew nothing about the matter, and was surprised that the Military Authorities have made no report to them about it. I asked him to convey a copy of my *Report on the Observations* to the Minister.

November 11, 1954: I was received today by General de Vincenti, Commander of the Italian Air Defence. He informed me that Radar is normally working only over certain fixed zones, at certain fixed periods, and up to a radius of 6,000-7,000 metres.

Everything now becomes clear. The objects seen by me on November 6 and 7 cannot have been captured by the Radar, which was not in operation on those days. (It might also be added that, had the targets been higher than 7,000 metres, they would in any case not have been picked up.)

November 12, 1954: At about 11.30 a.m. today I noticed that the machines were again over Rome. I telephoned to General De Vincenti of the Air Defence Headquarters, and he informed me that he had issued orders for observations to be made.

There are reports in the newspapers that “flying saucers” have been seen on November 9, 10, 11, and 12 respectively, over Chile, Peru, Brazil, Malaya, and Jugoslavia. *So why, I wonder, this strange silence about the flying machines over Rome?*

As my subsequent enquiries showed, large numbers of citizens of Rome had seen the craft on November 6 and 7. Throughout almost the whole of the preceding month of October, the papers had been full of the press reports of saucers from France and elsewhere. By now the subject was “old hat,” and the papers claimed that they were no longer interested in the everlasting discussions of “flying saucers.” Moreover, November 7 being a Sunday, the newspaper offices were closed on that day, and, since the authorities issued no information on the matter, it is easy to conclude that the newspapers never received any knowledge of the vast scale of the demonstrations over Rome on these two days.

My own first assumptions were that the saucers seen in such numbers above our Capital were either American or Russian new secret machines, but it was not long before I began to see that such a view was too untenable and could not be taken seriously.

A few days later, I paid a visit to the Astronomical Observatory at Monte Mario, where Professor Cimino

admitted to me that, during the last few days "... something strange had been seen in the skies over Rome."

Then I visited the Vatican Observatory at Castel Gandolfo, near Rome. There the Director of the Specola Vaticana, Father Zilwes, informed me that at about 11.00 a.m. on November 12 a Brazilian priest who was on duty in the Observatory had seen some strange objects pass twice over the Observatory, very low at terrific speed, and with no sound. This piece of information satisfied me. The mystery craft had not only been seen above the Vatican City; they had also been spotted by somebody at the Vatican's own observatory.

Father Zilwes denied that there could be any possibility of "interplanetary aviation" or "extraterrestrial visitors." He said he did accept it as possible that what had been seen was some new type of aircraft, possibly "teleguided" and owned by one of the Great Powers such as U.S.A. or U.S.S.R. He said he felt sure that one hundred such machines could easily be "teleguided" by a similar number of pilots sitting in one room in a Base. This conversation left me with the conviction that the objects I had seen must be terrestrial craft, and most probably were Russian teleguided machines. Whenever I heard of encounters with the UFO entities, for a long time I was satisfied to dismiss them as Tartars, Mongols, Chinese, Tibetans, and so on—all pilots of secret Communist machines.

When, two years later, I came finally to adopt the extraterrestrial hypothesis, I wrote to Father Zilwes, from whom, on November 20, 1956, I received the following reply:

"We have found very interesting material in your Report, which is possibly the most complete that has yet been made on the problem of the so-called f . . . s . . . But why did so many scientists, whom I met at the Astronautical Congress in Rome, give no consideration at all to this problem?"

My reply to Father Zilwes was very simple:

"Because all the Governments keep this matter secret . . . And because all "scientists" receive Government salaries. So they prefer to keep silent . . ."

NOTES by G. Creighton

¹ Alberto Perego: *Svelato Il Mistero Dei Dischi Volanti*; Roma 1957.

Sono Extraterrestri! Edizioni Alper, Roma, 1958.

L'Aviazione Di Altri Pianeti Opera Tra Noi; Roma, 1963. All published by Dr. Perego's CISAE (Centro Italiano Studi Aviazione Elettromagnetica, Via Ruggero Fauro 43, ROMA, Italy).

² The British press for November 6, 7 and 8, 1954, had reports of mystery squadrons of objects passing over Britain from East to West at great heights and only observed by radar, during the week November 1-7. Commenting on this, the Editor of *Fate* Magazine (British edition) for February 1955, said:

"Flying Saucers, which first converged over the American continent, are now concentrating on Britain. Now, here in London itself, there is more than oral testimony to go on. *Fate* can reveal this month that there is a flurry among Security "high-ups" over the latest saucer tracings being flashed on British radar screens. A wide group of screens have reported, and are reporting, strange tracks

in the sky, moving East to West over the British Isles, flying two miles up, often at incredible speeds.

"First attempts to discount them as unidentified aircraft, stray balloons, carrier pigeons, meteorites, etc., have been abandoned.

"Flying saucer sightings follow an intelligent pattern, yet no aircraft known to man could fly or change direction at such amazing velocity. Why these objects should now show such interest in Britain is a question to which the Air Ministry is furiously seeking an answer.

"Let it dwell on the warning in *Fate* last month by Lord Dowding, its old war-time Defence Chief:

"The most important thing I have to say is to give a warning against attempts to open fire on these objects . . . We should be guilty of criminal folly if we were to hinder a contact which might well bring untold blessings to humanity."

Several of the British press-reports at the time (the *Sunday Dispatch* was one of the papers concerned) said that the formations of mystery objects, as observed on the radar screens, rapidly changed position several times as they passed over London. According to these accounts, the objects were at first flying in the shape of a large "U" with the opening towards the front, but changed then to what was described in some reports as an "N" and in others as a "Z." (An "N" on its side resembles a "Z.") There were inevitably people at the time who took this to be a clear admonition that the "Visitors" were telling Britain that she should adhere closely to the counsels of the United Nations (U.N.).

SPECIAL ISSUES

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However, only a few of No. 2, "BEYOND CONDON" remain. No. 3, "UFO PERCIPIENTS" and No. 4, "UFOs IN TWO WORLDS," are still in good supply.

No. 2, 60p; No. 3, 40p; No. 4, 60p

The Los Angeles Basin Sightings

1: From April 1 to April 4, 1973

Ann Druffel

For 13 years Mrs. Druffel was a member of the Los Angeles NICAP sub-committee. She now devotes much of her spare time (from being a housewife) to investigation for MUFON, NICAP and DATA-NET, and as project co-ordinator for her SKYNET group.

FOR a period of eight days beginning April 1, 1973, the Los Angeles Basin area experienced an unprecedented number of sightings. If one considers colours and general appearance of the objects, there may well be an inter-relationship between them, the nature of which is not presently known.

With the exception of the Shackman sightings (which follow in Part 2) they were all referred by the Griffith Observatory in Hollywood to SKYNET #3 Druffel. Since sighting forms have not been returned yet by most of the witnesses, we have not permission to use many of the names.

Plate-like, oscillating UFO

This minor "flap" began at 6.00 a.m. on April 1, when Mr. W—, happened to glance out of his twelfth-storey apartment window in a fashionable section of Hollywood. His front window commands a beautiful view of the city of Los Angeles to the east, south and west. He was startled by a glowing, round yellowish-white sphere which flew "directly over his head and disappeared toward International Airport to the south-south-west. It was brightly luminous and he had the impression it was "flat like a plate," though he could not be sure. The edges were clear cut against the still-darkened sky, even though the sky was slightly overcast.

The object travelled at tremendous speed, and it travelled from his location out of sight in about two seconds, but he was left with a vivid impression because of its high degree of strangeness. The experience he described as "eerie." There was no sound. He was most puzzled by its motion which put him in mind of "an object in water." Although the object travelled in a straight directional path, it oscillated back and forth "like a cork bobbling on an ocean."

He called an Air Base in San Bernardino, and then the Air Force Office in Los Angeles, where he spoke to a Miss Osako, who could give him no information. He is employed in "finance and banking" and requested anonymity because of his position. He stated he wished to report the object because he felt it should be known to some responsible source.

Sky formations: first report

Two days later, multiple witnesses viewed a most unusual sight in the Los Angeles skies, a sight which left all, without exception, uneasy and puzzled. The first to report this occurrence were Mrs. M. W—, and her teenage son. At 7.10 p.m. on April 3 they viewed a

series of white lights flying from west to east. Most of them were in pairs, the progression between each pair being regular and with the same spacing between each pair. They were all the size of "smaller stars," faster than high-flying jets, and flew very "smoothly." There were about ten in all, seemingly very high with the appearance of satellites, but much faster than, for instance, the *Echo* satellites. First they saw a group of three, then a pair, then one flying northward by itself, then two more pairs.

They were first seen in the west about 75° high and disappeared from view in the lights of a train track about 35° high in the east. The W. family live in Glendale, about nine miles north of Los Angeles Civic Center. Both commented on the strangeness of the objects, unlike anything they had ever seen.

Second report

The next report was from Mr. and Mrs. B—, who live in Lake View Terrace, about twelve miles northwest of Glendale. It is a small isolated community with a clear, dark sky. The B—s say, with their five children, five pairs of white lights flying from the west-north-west to south-east. Duration of sighting was "from a few minutes after 7.00 p.m. to 7.15 p.m." They had been impressed that each pair seemed "the same height, speed, and flying on the same plane." As each pair disappeared into the distance, another would come up from the north-westerly horizon and follow the pair ahead. They also saw two single lights which resembled the pairs in size, speed, and trajectory. During the passage of the pairs, a single, bright and seemingly lower light crossed the sky from south to north, and passed "almost directly overhead," as did the smaller objects.

Each object gave a "glow," and the appearance of a "round light," though not really showing a disc. They all seemed the size of bright stars, except the south-north object, which was even brighter. Only Mr. B— could determine that some of the lights were blinking. Their passage was fast, though there was time to "stare at them as they crossed the sky." Each group took about 30 seconds to complete its passage.

They were viewed from about 25° above the West-North-West horizon and disappeared into the distance at about 25° above the south-easterly horizon.

Mr. B— is a pilot, working in military aircraft, and for this reason requests anonymity for the family. He is convinced the lights were not from airplanes. He stated they "were much too fast" and gave the example that a

shooting star is $2\frac{1}{2}$ orders of magnitude faster than the fastest commercial jet. In his estimation, these lights were 1 order magnitude faster than our faster commercial jets.

Third report

Another call on April 3 was received from H. F. Penfold, a counsellor at an outdoor educational centre above La Canada, about seven miles north-east of Glendale. He and another adult counsellor were teaching a class in astronomy in a clearing among the mountain forest (20 sixth-grade students). A few minutes after 7.00 p.m. all viewed four pairs of two lights each cross the sky on a north-west to south-east trajectory. They came into sight above trees and out of the sky glow of the city, 50° - 60° high, crossing the sky at about 80° in the south at their highest point, and traversing about 45° - 50° of sky before disappearing in the south-east. In all, the passage of the pairs took about 10 minutes, and 30 seconds to one minute passed between each pair. Each pair took about five minutes to cross the sky, and Mr. Penfold was convinced they were neither aircraft nor satellites because they moved too fast.

Mr. Penfold is knowledgeable in astronomy, and estimated that the two lights in each pair were about 7° - 8° apart, and the second of each pair followed the first precisely. To him, each succeeding pair seemed to be dimmer. They were all white, and about magnitude +2, and some were flashing on and off in a fairly fast rhythm, one to two flashes per second. They impressed the group of witnesses as very strange indeed.

A brighter light, about -1 magnitude, seemingly lower than the others crossed in a northerly direction during the procession. This was first seen about 70° - 80° above the southern horizon and moved "very fast."

That evening the weather was checked. There was unrestricted visibility in the Los Angeles Basin, with north-east to easterly winds at one to three knots. Presumably, then, the lights were moving against the wind.

Fourth report

A fourth report the same night was from P. M—, a young man who was reluctant at first to leave his name, but was truly puzzled at the procession of lights he had viewed from 7.10 p.m. to 7.20 p.m. from his home in La Crescenta, approximately 5 miles north-west of Glendale. To him the pairs of lights came approximately one minute apart and travelled west to east. In some pairs one light would be shining brightly while the other was "muted." In some groups both shone brightly, while in other groups both were dim. He saw some of them through binoculars and could determine that they seemed "egg-shaped" with their greater length parallel to the horizon. They seemed to him to "be made of metal." In the binoculars they were the size of Venus at its maximum or larger (-4.4) with a hazy outline.

Fifth report

E. W—, lives one mile west of the Los Angeles Civic Center, and saw the lights pass "directly overhead." He, too, viewed a procession of small white lights, travelling from west to east, about 7.05 p.m. to 7.25 p.m.

the same evening. They seemed very high, and the two in each pair were "right behind the other," two to three full moons apart. He, too, viewed a single, brighter, larger white light flying south to north at 7.15 p.m.

The pairs appeared about 75° above the western horizon, and disappeared at about 60° above the horizon in the east. They disappeared behind buildings, and became visible above city lights. Each passage took about "10-15 seconds," and they "seemed to be travelling very fast."

He was not interested in having a sighting form sent to him and preferred not to give his address and phone number. I detected a touch of fear in his reaction to the experience. However, he was puzzled enough to call several days later to see what I had been able to find out about them, and scoffed at the Air Force story that they might have been "landing lights on aircraft."

Official theory

On April 4 I queried the Air Force Public Information Office spokesman, Miss Joan Osako, who "handles this kind of call." She called FAA at International Airport, who informed her that at the time of the sightings the normal east-to-west landing pattern for commercial aircraft had been reversed because of the unusual north-easterly wind conditions. Planes had been landing in the Los Angeles Basin from west to east, and it was theorised by the FAA, and Miss Osako, that the lights reported could be landing lights on aircraft.

This "theory" does not hold water for the following reasons:

1. The pairs of lights each had its two individual lights spaced too far apart.

2. For those witnesses near a landing strip, there was no sound and the lights were too faint. (Only the B—s, the husband being a pilot, live anywhere near an airport, and he is adamant in stating the lights were not aircraft.)

3. The most important fact refuting this Air Force theory is that the same lights were seen too high in the sky by separate groups of witnesses living miles apart. To confirm this opinion, SKYNET plans to have the information studied by mathematicians, so that an approximation of height, speed, and possibly of size can be determined.

Polar satellite?

On April 4 the sightings continued. P.M., a witness of the previous evening's procession, called to report that he had seen a white, bright light pass from south to north at 7.10 p.m. It was similar to the object he had seen the previous evening crossing against the procession of smaller lights. The son of Mrs. M.W—, also called to report that he had seen the same object which he and his mother had viewed the previous evening crossing from south to north. He first saw this single object about 75° high, disappearing in the north about 75° above the horizon. It was in view about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 minutes and was flashing like a fast flicker or regular pulsating, about 2 to 3 times faster than the pulsating objects seen the evening before.

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UFO with Light Beams near Vitry-en-Artois

Near-landing in the Pas-de-Calais, N.E. France

Taken from *Lumières dans la Nuit** for February, 1973, this account is prepared from the report on an investigation conducted by Messrs. M. Lecat, J. M. Bigorne and J-M. Bavay. Translation by Gordon Creighton.

At 6.00 p.m. on July 20, 1971, Monsieur F. Laisne, a 32-year-old building worker, was in his garden when a sharp whistling noise made him look round towards the next-door house. There, to his immense surprise, he beheld, at a height of just about 8 metres above that house, a great luminous ball travelling along at no more than 30 km. or so per hour. It seemed thoroughly real and solid, of a milky-white colour with greenish touches. It seemed flattened at top and bottom, and appeared to have a slight pitch in its movement. From the under-portion of it, powerful green beams of light were pouring down steadily on to the ground and illuminating the whole area below (although it was still broad daylight at the time). Furthermore, it was enveloped in a greenish halo. It was not rotating. His impression of its size was that it was a little over 2 metres in diameter, and that its surrounding halo was another 50 cms. wide.

The object then flew over his house. He heard no sound from it. It carried straight on ahead, on a horizontal course, until it came to a large poplar tree, whereupon it stopped dead for a few seconds, just a few metres from the tree. Suddenly it gave out a tremendous burst of blinding flashes of light in all directions. Then it climbed rapidly towards the top of the tree, its light blinked a few times, it gathered speed, and flew off, still climbing, towards Notre-Dame-de-Lorette. The witness watched it until it was out of sight.

At the moment when it let out its vivid burst of dazzling beams, a branch of the poplar broke clean off

the tree and fell to the ground. This branch was 15 cms. thick and 2.5 metres long. It looked as though it had been "grilled," but did not catch fire. On the poplar tree itself there remained a stump, 30 cms. long, from which the branch had come. The witness picked up the charred branch and used it in his wood-burning stove.

At the foot of the poplar tree, the grass was yellowed over an area of several square metres.

At the time of the occurrence, the witness was standing at a spot 120 metres from the tree and 60 metres from the line of flight of the mysterious globe. He felt no physical or other effects, either at the time or since. He was simply dazed by the brightness. The sky was overcast at the time, with fleecy clouds, and there was very little wind. The Arras-Douai-Lille electric railway

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* L.D.L.N. address: Mons. R. Veillith, "Les Pins," 43400 Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, France.

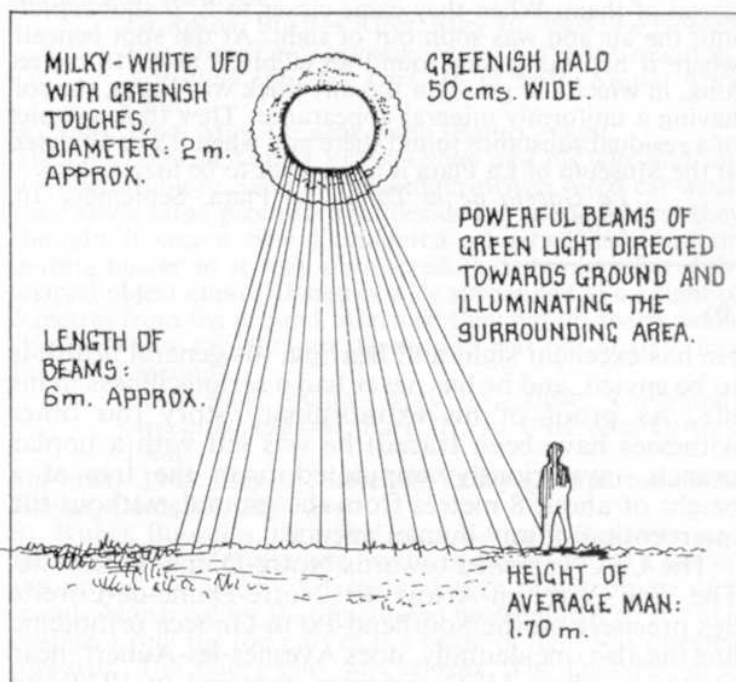


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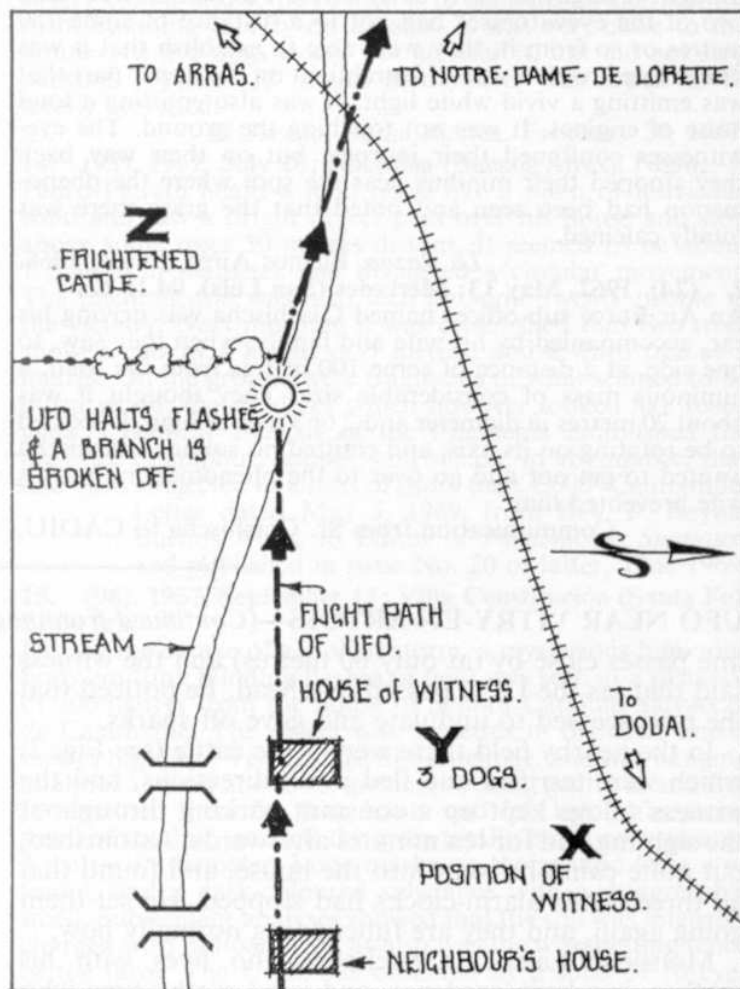


Figure 2

Preliminary Catalogue of Type 1 cases in Argentina—Part 3

Prof. Oscar A. Uriondo

IN this catalogue we have made sub-classification in Dr. Jacques Vallée's sub-divisions of Type 1 UFO reports.

The initial figure given for each case refers to the serial order of the event within the class to which it belongs, while the figure in parentheses denotes the chronological position of the case within the total context of all classes.

Parts I and II contained 45 cases which fell into the sub-class A-1 of Class A relating to visibly abnormal bodies or phenomena situated on the ground. We now come to sub-class A-2.

Sub-class A-2: Visibly abnormal body or phenomenon, hanging at not more than 10 metres from the ground

1. (12). 1958 (approx.); Bragado (Buenos Aires). Night.

The musician José Basso, the fifteen members of his orchestra, and the chauffeur of the minibus in which they were travelling, saw (40 km. before reaching Bragado), and at 200 metres from the highway, a large bright contraption. They thought it might possibly be an aircraft in flames, but when two of the eyewitnesses had got to a distance of some 150 metres or so from it, they were able to establish that it was disc-shaped, with a sort of searchlight on the upper part that was emitting a vivid white light. It was also emitting a loud noise of engines. It was not touching the ground. The eyewitnesses continued their journey, but on their way back they stopped their minibus near the spot where the phenomenon had been seen and noted that the grass there was totally calcined.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 4, 1968.

2. (24). 1962, May 13; Mercedes (San Luis). 04.15 hrs.

An Air Force sub-officer named Giashischa was driving his car, accompanied by his wife and family, when they saw, to one side, at a distance of some 100 metres from the road, a luminous mass of considerable size. They thought it was about 20 metres in diameter and 2 or 3 metres high. It seemed to be rotating on its axis, and emitted no sound. Giashischa wanted to get out and go over to the phenomenon, but his wife prevented him.

Communication from Sr. Giashischa to CADIU.

3. (32). 1962, August 2; Airport of Cambá Punta (Corrientes). 24.00 hrs.

At the appearance of what was presumed to be an aeroplane, whose pilot had not announced his arrival by radio, the director of the Airport, Sr. Luis Harvey, gave urgent instructions for the runway to be prepared. But great was the surprise of all the technical personnel who were present when they perceived that it was a spherical body, rotating on its axis and shooting out powerful beams of blue, green, and orange light. It halted and remained there for three minutes, without landing but just a few metres above the runway. Then it made off at high speed.

La Voz del Interior, Córdoba, August 3, 1962; *La Razón*, Buenos Aires, August 3, 1962; Gordon Creighton: *Argentina* 1962, in FSR, July/August 1964.

4. (42). 1962, beginning of November; Salta-Tucumán road (Tucumán). Night.

The truckdriver Pier Livio Quaia, coming from Salta, was forced to pull up abruptly on beholding an egg-shaped luminous object, some 12 metres in diameter and 4 metres high, suspended a few metres above the road. Green and red beams of light were coming from things like small windows set around the rim of it. The object then rose up vertically, passed at high speed over the truck, shaking the driving cab as it did so and emitting a powerful whistle. Two other truck-drivers also saw the object.

La Gaceta, San Miguel de Tucumán, November 6, 1962.

5. (46). 1962 (end); Rio Colorado-Choele Choele road (Rio Negro). Night.

Sr. Mario Borlandelli and a companion were travelling by car when they saw something bright just above the horizon ahead of them. When they came closer to it, it shot rapidly into the air and was soon out of sight. At the spot beneath where it had hung they found an elliptical area, 18 metres long, in which the grass on the dirt-track was burnt, the soil having a uniformly mineral appearance. They took samples of a residual substance found there and when it was analysed at the Museum of La Plata it turned out to be magnesium.

La Gaceta de la Tarde, La Plata, September 16, 1965.

UFO NEAR VITRY-EN-ARTOIS—(Continued from page 9)

line passes close by (at only 60 metres) and the witness said that, as the UFO passed overhead, he noticed that the rails seemed to undulate and gave off sparks.

In the nearby field there were some cattle (see Fig. 2) which were terrified and fled in all directions, and the witness's dogs kept up a constant barking throughout the sighting and for ten minutes afterwards. Astonished, but quite calm, he went into the house, and found that all three of his alarm-clocks had stopped. He set them going again, and they are functioning normally now.

Monsieur Laisne, a bachelor who lives with his mother, is a keen gardener, and is an earthy type who has not the slightest interest in mysterious flying objects.

He has excellent sight and hearing, his general health is to be envied, and he has never had a serious illness in his life. As proof of his extraordinary story (no other witnesses have been traced) he was left with a poplar branch, mysteriously amputated from the tree at a height of about 8 metres from the ground, without the intervention of any human agency.

The UFO vanished towards Notre-Dame-de-Lorette. The line Vitry-en-Artois to Notre-Dame-de-Lorette lies precisely on the Southend-Po di Gnocca orthotonic line (as also, incidentally, does Avesnes-les-Aubert, near Cambrai, where UFO sightings occurred in 1970 and 1971).

6. (47). 1962, December 22; Ezeiza Airport (Buenos Aires). 03.00 hrs.

A large luminous, fiery-coloured disc was seen by control-tower operators Horacio Alora and Mario Pezzutto, and by the pilots and co-pilots of two commercial aircraft. It remained for a few moments hanging at a height of about 10 metres above the start of one of the runways, and then made off at high speed emitting a faint sound like the sound of a car engine accelerating.

La Nación, Buenos Aires, December 23, 1962; *La Gaceta*, San Miguel de Tucumán, December 23, 1962; Gordon Creighton, *Argentina* 1962, in FSR, July/August 1964. (Erroneously reported by me as a full landing on the runway.)—G.C.

7. (50). 1963, June 22; Peak of Cristo Redentor (Mendoza). 20.10 hrs.

A scientific commission consisting of meteorologist Bernardo Razquin, engineer Angel Binaghi Pagés, and sergeant Pedro E. Zoni, had installed themselves in the General Lamadrid mountain camp, near the Peak of Christ The Redeemer, intending to take photographs of the Zodiacal Light. One night they heard a metallic noise coming from outside the hut. They ran out, fearing an avalanche, and saw a vivid blinking light descending, flush against the steep side of the nearby Santa Elena Peak, until it had reached a depth of 1,000 metres from the top, when it stopped. Then suddenly another light, stronger still, also appeared, likewise suspended above, or landed on, the side of Santa Elena. After that, both lights faded out. During the days following the members of the expedition were able to verify that the area was impassable* and uninhabited.

Clarín, Buenos Aires, August 30, 1963; CODOVNI Report for Year 1963; Gordon Creighton: *Argentina* 1963-64, Part I, in FSR for November/December 1965.

* Impassable owing to deep snow.—G.C.

8. (55). 1964, early May; near Colonia Castelli (Chaco). Night.

Alberto Kalbermatter told the press that when travelling in his truck through a very wooded area he had seen an enormous luminous object which seemed to be lodged among the branches of the trees.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, May 10, 1964; *La Gaceta*, San Miguel de Tucumán, May 11, 1964; Creighton: *Argentina* 1963-64, Part III, in FSR, March/April 1966.

9. (58). 1964, May 14; near Salta (Salta). Night.

The court official Tomás Víctor Oliver and his wife and son were returning to Salta in a chauffeur-driven hired car when they saw a large greenish light beside the road. At first they thought it was a new illuminated advertisement, but on getting nearer to it they discovered that it was a flat dish-shaped object about 10 metres wide suspended at a height of 8 metres from the ground. Alarmed they put on speed, while the UFO rose rapidly into the air and was out of sight in a matter of seconds.

El Tribuno, Salta, May 25, 1964; Creighton: *Argentina* 1963-64, Part III, in FSR March/April 1966.

10. (68). 1965, July 15; Loretani Valley (25 km. from Alta Gracia, Córdoba). 20.00 hrs.

Sr. Rubén Busquets, his wife Diana Loretani Busquets, and their daughter Marcela saw, in the distance, above a hill on the rim of the valley, a large and very bright object of a mainly bluish colour that fluctuated momentarily to red and orange. From the top part of it a beam of light was directed upwards. The under part was convex. The diameter of it seemed to be between 10 metres and 15 metres. It then dropped down vertically and was hidden by the hill. They had the

impression that it had landed, as they could still see the glow for several minutes thereafter, until finally it was extinguished.

La Crónica, Buenos Aires, August 24, 1965; review *Así*, September 7, 1965, Buenos Aires; Creighton, *Further Reports of UFO Bases*, in FSR March/April 1969.

11. (74). 1965, August 2; 10 km. from Jesús María (Córdoba). 03.30 hrs.

Pedro Medrano and his father were driving towards Córdoba when they saw, some 400 metres ahead of them, a strange metallic thing blocking the road. When they had got to a point 20 metres from it, they perceived that it was a sort of ring or hoop, seemingly metallic, some 5 or 6 metres in diameter, and poised at a height of 1.50 metres from the ground. Suddenly a light cloudy mass appeared around the object, which disappeared. The mist persisted at the spot for some time. It had no particular colour.

Communication from Sr. P. Medrano to CADIU.

12. (86). 1966, January 4; Concepción del Uruguay (Entre Ríos). Night.

Three persons, namely the driver of a truck, and a woman and a child who were accompanying him, experienced a weird accident. In front of the truck a greenish light appeared, which emitted a sort of radiant cloudiness; its brightness blinded them, and the engine stopped. Simultaneously, the lorry overturned.

La Crónica, Buenos Aires, January 5, 1966.

13. (90). 1967, February 25; between Choele Choele and Luis Beltrán (Río Negro). 16.45 hrs.

Oscar Molina, a farm-hand, was in his home when he heard a humming noise, fairly loud and steady. He stepped outside to investigate and came upon a dish-shaped craft, of a silvery colour and some 12 metres in diameter, which seemed to be spinning rapidly on its axis. It was very close to the house. His five dogs would not go near it, but did not stop barking. An area 12 metres in diameter was found to be totally scorched.

El Sureño, Bahía Blanca, February 26, 1967.

14. (93). 1967, July 20; Guernica (Buenos Aires). Night.

Pedro Petrelli heard a loud noise like a burst of hurricane wind and saw a bright object pass over his house and stop above some trees 50 metres distant. It seemed to be about 7 metres in diameter and displayed a circular movement. The phenomenon was also seen by some twenty people in the vicinity. Next morning it was established that two trees showed cuts at a height of 5 metres, and a third tree at 3 metres. On the ground were fragments of what seemed to be burnt wood, the inside of which however looked like fused glass. Chemical analysis of the fragments established the presence of sulphur, copper, and silicon, in abundance, that had been subjected to a heat of more than 1,600° Centigrade.

Letter dated May 5, 1969, from Rev. P. Reyna, Buenos Aires, to Editor of *Phénomènes Spatiaux*, and published in issue No. 20 of latter, June 1969.

15. (96). 1967, September 11; Villa Constitución (Santa Fe). 21.30 hrs.

During the course of a violent storm, a mysterious luminous body emitting blinding flashes of light was seen at a distance of 300 metres from the house of Señora Catalina Salvarezza de Calamante. The object was 3 metres in diameter and 2 metres high, had 4 extensions like antennae, and was hanging at about 1 metre above the ground, rocking gently to and fro. It remained there for four hours and left behind a strong smell of sulphur, and left the grass totally burnt over an area 3 metres in diameter. Long marks on the ground were also found, and a dark-coloured substance with a disagreeable smell. Subsequent analyses showed that the soil was intensely charged with radioactivity, as also was the wire-netting fence of the farm. The UFO was observed by a total of 10 eyewitnesses.

G. Aldunati, *Aterrizaje en Villa Constitución*, in

16. (98). 1967, November 2; La Hoyada (Salta). 05.30 hrs. Señora Irma Antonia Fortuna de Colina (wife of the Intendente of the town of Villa San Lorenzo) and her son Ricardo Marcelo were returning by taxi from Córdoba during heavy rain. Suddenly the chauffeur was obliged to pull up on sighting, at a distance of some 25 metres from the highway, a circular body resembling a cardinal's hat and emitting a blinding orange light. It was about 5 metres in diameter and 1.50 metres high, and on its sides they could see

things that looked like star-shaped peepholes. It was suspended at a height of about 2 metres from the ground, in total silence. It remained visible there for 15 minutes, and vanished when a truck approached from the opposite direction to the taxi.

Antonio Ribera: *op. cit.*, p. 225.

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Cases 17-32, the next part of Sub-class A-2 will be included in Part IV of this catalogue.

Readers' Reports

Cartwheels in the sky

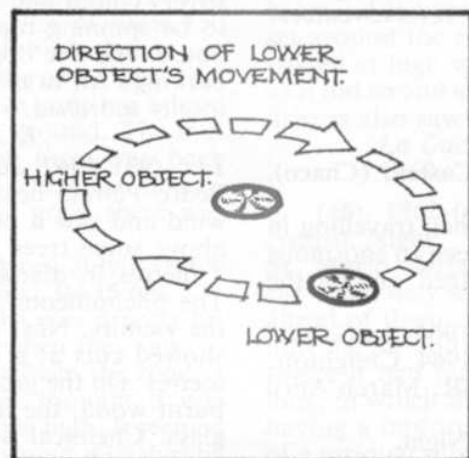
Dear Sir,—On January 2, 1973, at 2.25 p.m., I was sitting in the back seat of our car, travelling towards a new estate a short distance away. Two adult relations of mine occupied the front seats; Mrs. Hill was driving and was talking to her mother, Mrs. Brown.

I glanced out of the window and saw what I first thought to be two grey kites high in the sky above Sutton Hospital, near Hull, East Yorks. At a second glance I saw that they were not in fact kites but two disc-shaped objects standing out clearly against the overcast sky.

As a rough estimate I would say the objects were about 15-20 feet in diameter and about 500 feet above me. Both objects were translucent but with about six darker spoke-like areas leading to a black/dark outer rim. The lower and nearer object was floating lazily in a clockwise direction around its companion, the latter being unnaturally stationary. (There was a light wind blowing but the object seemed somehow locked tight in the air around it.)

For about half a minute I watched the objects disappearing into the distance as we travelled further and

further away from them. I am very interested in the subject of flying saucers and I am a relatively new reader of *Flying Saucer Review* and have often wondered what I would do if I saw a UFO. Unfortunately I did nothing of what I planned. In fact, for the first minute, the two discs did not seem very important to me and by the time I fully realised the importance of what I had seen, the objects were just two black lines in the distance. The two lines (the discs edge-on) were in the



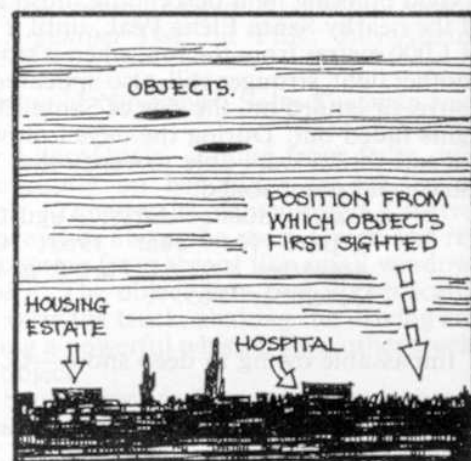
Motion of the objects

same place that I had first seen them and the lower one was still moving back and forth under the other one.

I must add that during the whole sighting, which was about 1½-2 minutes in duration, a jet aircraft flying at very high altitude was on a straight course overhead and easily visible due to a long, lingering vapour trail issuing from it.

I was just going to tell of what I had seen when I realised I would not be believed; after all, I had not pointed out the objects to anyone. I kept the sighting bottled up inside me until the following day when I told my father (who is a teacher) what I had seen. He is one of those people who claim to be open-minded but whose ears clog when

the subject of UFOs is mentioned. He did believe I had seen something, but he thought it more likely I had seen



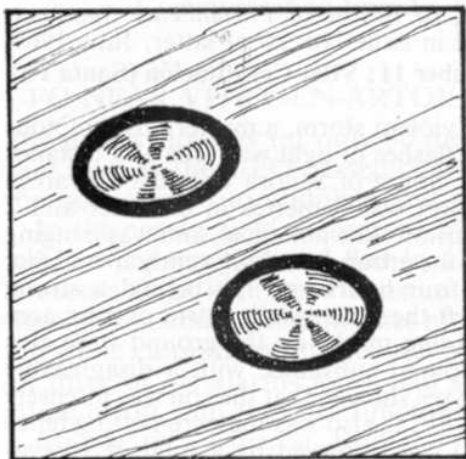
The objects as seen from a distance by witness (sketches based on originals by J. Hill)

two seagulls (!) or even a reflection in the car window.

So, braving the weakness of my story, and bearing in mind the Birch fiasco and the general mistrust of teenagers, I decided to report the sighting to you. Jonathan Hill (aged 14), Lime Tree Avenue, Tweendykes Road, Sutton, Nr. Hull, Yorkshire.

UFO seen over Baakline, Lebanon

Dear Sir,—On August 4, 1972, at lunchtime, my cousin Omar asked me if I believed in life beyond earth. I told him that if one believed in the concept of Infinity then one had to assume the definite possibility. Since I do believe in the concept of Infinity, I also believe that not only does life exist but it must exist in infinite forms, including human beings exactly like us. This conversation took place in Chemlan at my Uncle's summer place overlooking Beirut airport,



Impression of the objects

My cousin and his wife left in the middle of the afternoon and returned to the house in Baakline without further fanfare. My wife Mary, my aunt Celia and I returned to Baakline later on, arriving after dark. As we pulled into the driveway I found my cousins very agitated and excited, exclaiming that they had just seen a flying saucer. We all made haste to the terrace facing south-west and saw a bright red light moving straight off into space. It did not seem to be falling as if it were in orbit. The account my cousin gave at the time was as follows:

He and his wife and brother were sitting out on the terrace relaxing and enjoying the early evening when the power failed, just on that swath of the mountainside. They looked down the terraces to my Uncle Selim's house and noted that their power was still on (this is a distance of less than 100 yards). Furthermore, up on the hillside, the lights in the village were on still. For the power to fail in Lebanon is not unusual, so this caused no real alarm for them, and they continued to sit on the terrace. After a while my cousin's wife exclaimed "Look at that beautiful red star, it must be Mars!" They all

looked up directly overhead and observed a very bright star. As they were admiring it the bright star emitted a big puff of black smoke and began to move off to the south-west (I cannot report the speed). They ran and got their binoculars, and shortly after this we arrived.

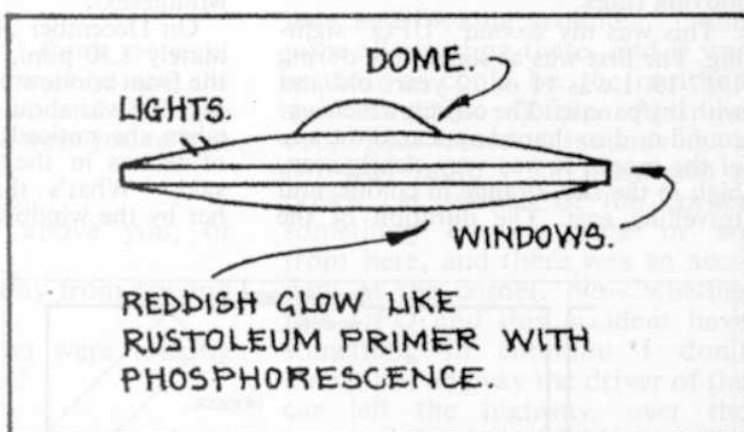
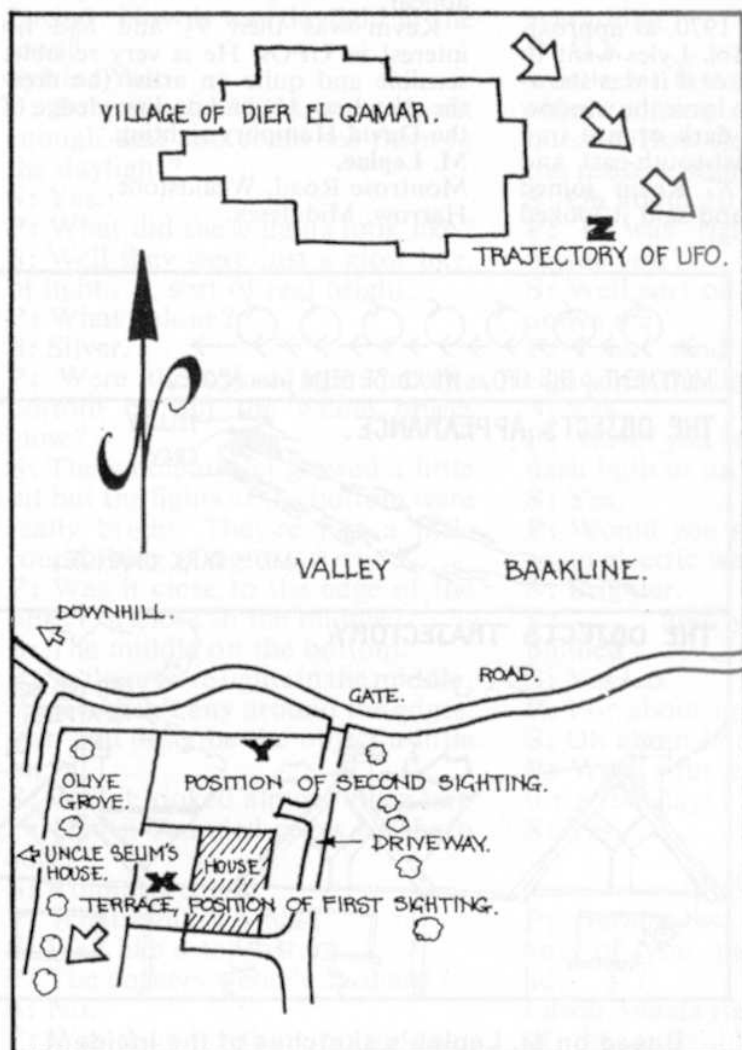
We were all excited by the object and mentioned the coincidence of our noontime discussion. The power returned after the object moved off; just how long after I cannot say. We all were outside enjoying the pleasant evening coolness. The night was clear with no clouds and I believe no wind other than the usual mountain breeze.

My wife, my aunt, my cousin's brother, my cousin and myself, all of us together, walked across the yard to the railing. From here we were admiring Deir El Quamar, which is a Christian village and which was having some kind of celebration. The entire village was very brightly lit. Somebody then sought the whereabouts of the Big Dipper constellation, and my wife located it. To her surprise there was a bright red light moving in it! As she exclaimed this we all began to sight up with our binoculars. There were two

pairs in our company at that time. My wife had her Bushnell 7 × 35 and I had my Trinovids 8 × 32. We were passing them between us and I believe my cousin was yelling for his wife to join us and bring their binoculars.

The object was perfectly clear to me. It came from a north-west angle and passed steadily across the sky off to the south-east. It seemed to be moving fairly slowly like a turbo-prop aircraft. I cannot estimate its size as there was no real reference to anything I'd ever seen before. There was no exhaust, no noise, and no visible means of propulsion. Its movement was steady and nothing was seen to rotate.

What I saw was like two saucers placed one on top of the other, with a perpendicular plane of windows that went all the way around the craft. There was a light inside that was not strange, and simply looked like house lights at night. That is to say, the colour of the light was warm yellow. On top of the craft was a dome, which was also lit up in the same way as the windows in the centre of the craft. At the back, or in the lee of the direction it was moving, were two lights; my wife says one was red and one was green,



Above:
Sketch based
on W.
Hamadi's
drawing of
Lebanon UFO

Left:
The locality
of the
Hamadi
sighting

but she can't remember which was where. I can't remember what colour they were at all.

I hope the diagram will explain what we saw. I had never seen a UFO before and am now very interested to read all I can. This craft was certainly not from this planet.

Walter Hamadi,
Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, USA.

A Thing at the foot of the bed

Dear Sir,—My sighting was in the spring of 1971 (? February) between 9.00-10.00 a.m. The sun was bright, and there was heavy snow on the ground. I have light-proof blinds under drapes [curtains], so the light in the room was very subdued. I had been up and decided to take another nap. I was on my left side ten minutes or more and then I turned on my back.

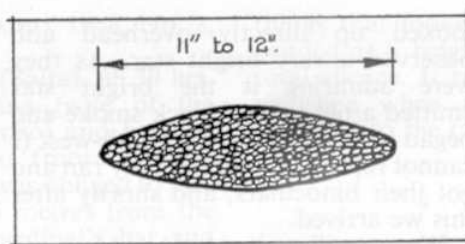
I now saw an object over the foot of the bed (see point A).

The object was about a foot long and four inches high. It seemed to be composed of many small rings, about the diameter of a cigarette, and as thick as a pencil mark. They were black or dark grey and moving very fast.

I became very upset as I thought something was happening to my vision, or to my brain. I looked to the left, then to the right, at least two or three times, but the darn thing stayed in the same place. Then it started moving to the right. It went to point B, made a 90° turn towards the door, went through the door (point C) and turned down the hall. The movement was slow and even. I had turned my head at least eight or more times but it didn't go with my line of vision. At some stage I decided it was not my vision, and the fear left me.

I still laid there like a zombie and watched it go out of sight down the hall. Never once did I think of getting up to see what happened, or where it went. As it went through the door the light was much brighter and I could see it very well, with its shiny fast-moving rings.

This was my second "UFO" sighting. The first was at some time during 1917-19. I was 11 or 12 years old and with my parents. The object, which was round or disc-shaped appeared the size of the moon. It was very clearly seen, high in the sky, orange in colour, and travelling east. The duration of the



Mr. Moore's sketch of the object

sighting was about one minute. This was in South East Ohio, Gallia county. I have taken an active interest in UFOs since 1947.

J. Earl D. Moore,
Massillon Road, Akron, Ohio, USA.

A schoolboy's sighting

Dear Sir,—On reading the article in FSR Case Histories No. 6 "What the Children Saw," I was particularly interested in the report submitted by David Humphry. In the winter of 1972, I was told of a similar UFO sighting by Master Kevin Lyles of Harrow County School for Boys, and which was also witnessed by his mother and sister Judith. The family live at Beverly Gardens, Belmont, Middlesex.

On December 20, 1970, at approximately 5.30 p.m., Mrs. Lyles went to the front window to see if it was snowing. She was about to leave the window when she noticed a dark orange trail of flames in the east-south-east and said, "What's that?" Kevin joined her by the window and said it looked

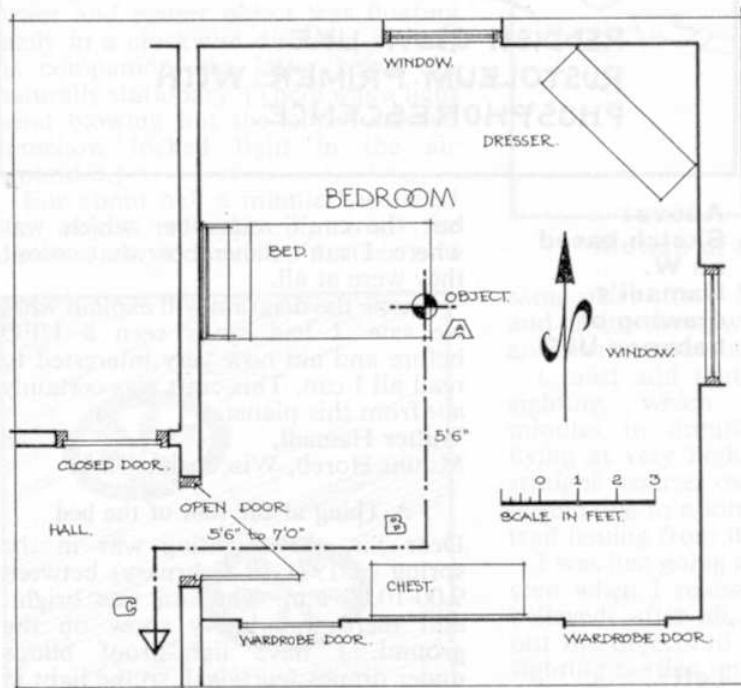
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like a plane on fire. It went into a steep dive—too steep for most planes. At the head of the flames at the top was a grey semi-circle with a little protruding from the flames underneath. On top was a yellow light. This object rotated as it moved.

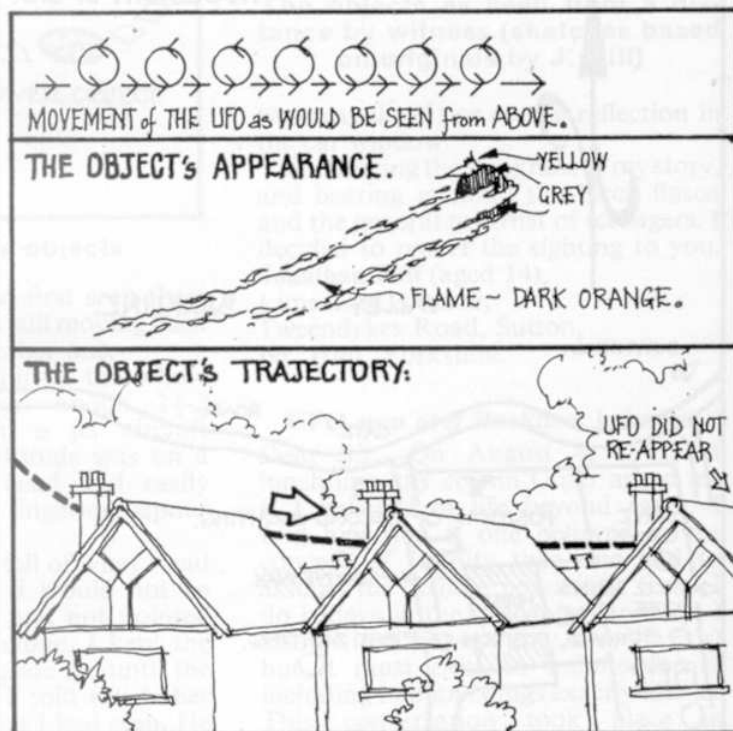
It was extremely dark with scattered cloud, so the object stuck out like a sore thumb. It levelled out at about 2,000 feet, descended slightly, and then carried on. The object disappeared behind a chimney of a house on the opposite side of the road and reappeared in the gap between two houses. It went behind another house and then reappeared. Kevin and his sister ran to the front door as it continued its west-north-west trek. It vanished behind another house and didn't reappear.

Kevin was then 9½ and had no interest in UFOs. He is very reliable, sensible and quite an artist (he drew the sketches). He had no knowledge of the David Humphry sighting.

M. Lepine,
Montrose Road, Wealdstone,
Harrow, Middlesex.



Object first seen by Mr. Moore at point A, motionless for 20-30 secs., the 20-30 secs. in flight to point C. 90° turn performed at point B



Based on M. Lepine's sketches of the incident

When a UFO came to Abee

Ashley Pachal

In the interview related below, the author, of Edmonton (Alberta) Flying Saucer Society, was assisted by his colleague William Haduk. A tape recording of this interview was sent to us by Mr. W. K. Allan, of Calgary, Alberta, together with a transcription which had been prepared by Mrs. Y. Allan, and we are grateful for their assistance.

THE small town of Abee is about sixty miles north and east of Edmonton, in Alberta, Canada. At about 3.30 p.m. on July 16, 1969, just after a rainstorm, Sylvia, age 10, was on the porch at the front of the house, facing east. When we asked her to describe her experience she replied: "I was reading, and I heard this noise and I ran to the door and flung it open and... (I saw) this big grey thing about 3 feet above the well, and it was about to land; and the lights on the bottom sort of blinded me." We take up the dialogue from that point:

Pachal: Now it was daylight at the time?

Sylvia: Yes.

P: But still the lights were bright enough that you could see them in the daylight?

S: Yes.

P: What did these lights look like?

S: Well they were just a glow like, of light... sort of real bright.

P: What colour?

S: Silver.

P: Were there just lights at the bottom or did the whole object glow?

S: The whole object glowed a little bit but the lights at the bottom were really bright. They're just a little round thing of lights.

P: Was it close to the edge of the object or close to the middle?

S: The middle on the bottom.

P: So there were lights in the middle; there weren't any around the edges. Can you describe the object a little bit?

S: Well it looked almost like a hat.

P: Had it rounded edges or sharp edges?

S: Rounded edges.

P: What kind of a hat?

S: Well like a top hat.

P: The corners weren't as sharp?

S: No.

P: Was there anything on top that

looked like a cabin or anything?

S:... No.

P: Any antennas, or anything sticking up?

S: No.

The witness "blinded"

P: So all you saw was this object with the lights on the bottom... Well you saw this object coming down, now could you tell a little more of what you did then?

S: Well after I thought it had gone, and I was blinded, I came in and told mummy about it, and in the meantime I was bumping into everything.

P: O.K. ... now I think we went a little bit fast there. You saw the object coming down and... ran outside. How close were you to it at the nearest point?

S: Oh about 10 feet.

P: It was right above you, or beside you?

S: Well sort of away from me and above me.

P: I see. And you were looking right into the light?

S: Yes.

P: Have you ever seen a photo flash bulb or an electric welder?

S: Yes.

P: Would you say it was as bright as an electric welder?

S: Brighter.

P:... and you say you were blinded?

S: Yes.

P: For about how long?

S: Oh about half an hour.

P: Were your eyes sore after that for a few days?

S: Yes.

An accident

P: (turning to the parents) Have any of you people anything to add...?

Edwin Annola (father): I was in one of the outbuildings and I could

hear... well I actually thought... there's a steel table down the hill with a vice on it and quite often she used to put things in this vice and use a file on it, you know kind of copying what I was doing, and I could hear this sort of *zew... zew... zew... zew... zew... zew...* and then it would speed up until it went *zew zew zew zew zew zew*, and I thought she must really be working out there. And then the noise died out, and in the meantime that's when she saw the flying saucer.

Now, after it disappeared we were all kind of flustered around here and looking around... and were all standing there, and it was as clear as could be, the rain had quit sometime before. And we could hear voices... sounds like a two-way radio... there was a police car parked at the corner something over a mile or so from here, and there was an accident at the corner. Now whether this UFO and this accident have something in common I don't know, but anyway the driver of the car left the highway, over the approach, and straight into a telephone pole; he was dead instantly. **Mrs. A. (mother):** He was dead before he hit.

E.A.: So they figure. But the point is this, that the car was that far away, had the window rolled down, and we could hear every word on his two-way radio, the air was so electrified, or clear, or whatever you want to call it. That sound carried a long way.

(It was suggested that the radio could have been connected to the car's outside speakers.)

P:... and you figure that this should have happened pretty well at the same moment that this...

E.A.: The accident and the UFO should have been almost the same time.

Mrs. A: She said it seemed to come from northward, and the car was going north.

P: The driver of the car could have seen this and it could have distracted him and caused him to go off the road.

Dog goes missing

E.A.: We noticed the dog was missing . . . but this dog had never left home, positively never, as long as we were home. So I jumped into a half-ton [truck] and went north, west, every which way you could think of, but no dog. He answers to a bicycle horn if he's away out in a field, or something; you just give the horn a couple of honks and he's home, right now. We tried the horn . . . no results. The dog was gone. So I happened to go outside, oh . . . I'd say half an hour later after this happened, and there he was, cringed under a gate. Now he loved riding in vehicles. I opened the door, and I said "Tanny come

on." He wouldn't move. I had to get out and pick him up and put him into the vehicle. And when I brought him home he was looking all around, and slunk out of the car, which was not his nature at all.

P: Well these objects have been known to emit high pitched sounds which dogs can hear, and it bothers them, and I think that when this came around this must have been what happened.

Wm. Haduk: It also gives them a frightening experience, which is not uncommon in many reports that we have seen where animals have often shown an adverse attitude, one of cringing or fear . . . It is very interesting, and notable that you should come out with this story.

P: This is a little bit more than most dogs have done though. A lot of them are scared but they don't leave home . . . yours left home.

E.A.: He left home. That's for sure

he left home, and it was hard to get him back, he didn't want to come back. And he was not what you would say a mild-mannered dog by a long ways. He stuck up for his rights you know and nobody belted him around, but this was one time he left home and didn't want to come back.

From the well there when it left it took off in a north-westerly direction, and the path . . . well it raised up to get over the trees, and the trees were burnt you know . . . you could see it, well we showed a lot of people. And the leaves they just dried up on the trees, you know, and they stayed there over the winter.

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The next day, radar jamming strips of aluminium, with magnesium and a few other alloys, were found which gave their young boy an itch.

The Investigations of General Uchoa in Brazil — Part 2

Gordon Creighton

CONTINUING with his account before the Fifth Brazilian Congress on UFOs, in São Paulo, General Uchoa said that the concentration of luminous phenomena over and around the property of Wilson da Silva remained intensive from July 26, 1968, until January 1969, and almost nightly his party were there watching.

Generally the "pyrotechnic exhibitions in various colours" were above the same small hill. But on one occasion a vast greenish-yellow "rainbow" was presented to them, and remained visible a long time, very close to the ground and near to them. They estimated its radius at about 800-1,000 metres. The night was already far advanced and very dark, with the Moon in its third quarter, and even when the Moon was completely overcast by black clouds the "rainbow" was there, more vivid than ever. Then suddenly a "fireball" emerged from it and headed towards the party of observers. The "fireball" executed a semicircular trajectory, and Wilson da Silva, the "sensitive" one among them, began to feel great distress. He groaned and fell to the ground, though less violently than on the previous occasion described in Part I. Getting up, he said: "Let us go. These aren't our people! These are bad people!"

Within a few minutes he was better, but still insisting: "They aren't our people!"

They searched the terrain beneath where the "fireball" had been seen, but found nothing abnormal.

Since Wilson da Silva was evidently so much more affected by these phenomena than they, the group agreed that they would make *him* a close object of study in future.

In the course of their nightly watches so far the group had taken a number of photographs of the luminous phenomena. Negatives and prints of these were submitted first to Brazilian laboratories and then to famous scientific laboratories in the U.S.A., and uniformly the verdict was: "*authentic photographs.*"

A landing reported

Then matters began to "warm up again." Generally, the wives of the group would sit and watch from the cars, some tens of metres behind the observation post. On the particular night in question, only one lady was present, and she was in a Volkswagen station-wagon. Suddenly she rushed forward shouting excitedly that an object had just appeared right above the heads of the party, and had silently landed only about ten metres

from them, while their attention was directed to the luminous phenomena in the sky. It looked as though the "cosmic flirtation" (a term the General was very fond of using) was about to get under way!

Breathless, the lady explained how she had seen the large dark object, apparently triangular in shape, right above their heads, and had watched it land gently and silently almost beside them. As it came down she thought she caught a glimpse of a form moving in it. But, as she started to run forward, shouting, it had taken off and shot straight upwards into the sky.

Checking immediately by torchlight at the spot she had indicated they found deep fresh marks there—not more than ten metres from the seven men and yet not one of them had seen or heard anything.

On their return from Brasilia next day they found that the marks were not only recent but were extraordinarily deep. The ground at the spot was extremely hard and stony, and yet the three cuts, set in a triangular formation, were no less than 10 cms. deep, testifying to the presence of something remarkably heavy. The triangle measured 1·20m. on each of two sides, and 2·10m. on the other. A search resulted in the discovery of several more sets of the marks in the vicinity, and all were duly photographed. Meanwhile, General Uchoa had informed various other investigators and investigation groups of these happenings, and eight visitors came to view the marks. These included Dr. Walter Buhler, himself a delegate at the São Paulo Conference.

Adelino

The next development of note was the recruitment by General Uchoa's group of a new member, a young man from Brasilia named Adelino dos Santos. An extremely keen and active investigator, he proved to be an even more remarkable "sensitive" than Wilson da Silva.

One night, when there seemed to be a distinct lull and the spirits of the party were rather low, Adelino, the only cheerful one, electrified them by announcing suddenly: "They will be here all right, at the usual place, at 22.10 and 22.52 precisely!" Everyone thought he was joking, but he stuck to his prediction, and precisely at 10.10 p.m. the "pyrotechnic show" started up above the hill, and indeed the lights were brighter than usual. The "show" lasted for a few minutes only. Then the sky was normal again, and remained so until exactly 10.52 p.m. when it all began again, with multi-coloured lights cavorting overhead.

More photographs were secured during these nights, and each night of watching ended with the usual discussion meeting and a report signed by all the participants.

Weeks went by with no changes to report, except that the lights did seem to be coming rather nearer, and a general feeling now spread through the party again that a "contact" might soon occur.

Then, one night in August 1968, as the General arrived at headquarters in Wilson da Silva's house, Adelino exclaimed: "It's for tonight, General! I'm certain that tonight we'll have our first contact with our friends from Space!"

When the General enquired how he knew, Adelino

could not say, except that it would be at 10 o'clock and at the foot of the hill.

Despite Adelino's previous "successes," not all of them believed him. But he insisted, and went on: "I have had a message, General. I have absolute certainty that they will meet us at the time set. And, more than that, they will give signals already agreed upon with us. They will flash their light three times, and we will do the same with a torch."

It was decided that only the General and Adelino would go forward for the contact, the rest to remain at a distance, observing with binoculars and taking photographs if possible.

Only one man felt no joy about these arrangements, and he of course was Wilson da Silva.

Just before 10 o'clock, General Uchoa and Adelino dos Santos left the house and took up position a few hundred metres from the spot arranged for the meeting. Here they would wait until they saw the pre-arranged signal of three flashes.

Precisely at 10 o'clock a luminous craft appeared near the foot of the path leading to the top of the hill. It gave the usual pyrotechnic display for a few minutes. Then it flashed three times, with brief intervals, as arranged.

Adelino flashed back three times with his torch, and in great excitement the General and he began walking towards the craft which was now descending slowly.

But they had taken but a few paces when Wilson da Silva, who was standing behind with the rest, dashed up yelling: "Danger! Danger to your lives! Don't go on! They're not our people!"

Astonished, the General and Adelino stopped, and as Wilson caught up with them, he shone the beam of his very powerful torch right at the craft, which was just about to touch down. Instantly it emitted a humming sound and shot straight upwards into the sky, vanishing in a matter of seconds.

There were no more phenomena that night.

All that Wilson could say, in reply to the questioning of the others, was that he had "felt" that the meeting was very dangerous.

And yet, strangely enough, it was Wilson himself who, only a few days later, would be privileged to be the only one of the party to go forward and meet a mysterious being from a luminous craft.

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Comment

All this will be quite familiar to those who have read Trevor James' book *They Live In The Sky*, where similar attempts at encounter are described, some of which the author says ended in situations of great risk to himself until he was in possession of vital information regarding the different factions involved, their objectives, and the means whereby they might be identified in advance.

Trevor James' important book appeared in 1958 (ten years before the experiments conducted by General Uchoa) and has been totally disregarded by all but a tiny handful of people.

Part 3 of this series will contain the account of Wilson da Silva's reported meeting with a being from a landed craft, while the rest of the investigators watched, and of the message, which this alien being allegedly gave him, addressed to Mankind.

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It was theorised by SKYNET that this single south-north object is possibly a polar satellite, because of its reappearance at the same time two nights in a row. However, it seemed to move faster than a polar satellite, and the ones SKYNET 3 [*the author—ED.*] has seen, at least, are yellowish in colour, and do not pulsate.

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