(From page 21)

The Editor of FSR at the time (Derek Dempster) also tried to get further details on the story but without success. The London news editor of the *International News Service* told him: "We tried hard to get the source of the story, but drew a blank."

(Miss Kilgallen had been on vacation in London at the time, with her husband, the Broadway producer and radio commentator Richard Kollmer.)

The interesting new piece of information which has come to light for me is on pages 93-95 of the book "The Truth Twisters", by our friend Richard Deacon (Macdonald, London, 1987). We knew, of course, that Ms Kilgallen had died in 1965. This, however, is what Richard Deacon reports:—

... "Thus the Warren Commission, which investigated the death of the President (Kennedy) suppressed a good deal of vital evidence.

In 1965 the well-known American newspaper columnist Dorothy Kilgallen interviewed Jack Ruby at the Dallas jail where he was being held for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald. The night-club owner and ex-gangster told Miss Kilgallen some-

thing which, according to her conversations with close friends, 'would blow the Kennedy case sky-high'. A few days later, Miss Kilgallen was found dead of a massive overdose of barbiturate and alcohol. When her apartment was closely examined, there was no trace of the notes of her talk with Ruby. Her death was attributed to suicide. Even Ruby, when he was in prison, complained that he was slowly being poisoned to death, yet when he actually died it was not from the cancer which he was diagnosed as having, but from a burst blood vessel at the base of the brain."

This is not the place for further discussion of the case, but from what Richard Deacon goes on to tell us, it looks as though there are people who have hinted that a certain "foreign power" (we all know which one is meant) had engineered the murder of President Kennedy by Lee Oswald Harvey and had then, by means of telepathic control by an agent, proceeded to cause Jack Ruby to eliminate Lee Oswald Harvey and then caused Dorothy Kilgallen (who, having interviewed Ruby, also "knew too much") to take her own life. — G.C.

MAIL BAG

Small Entities - Fairies, etc.

Dear Sir, - As I read Dudley D. Starr's letter on page iii of FSR 32/4, I was immediately reminded of an item of mine in FSR a few years ago, "Elementals and UFOs", which concerned a friend of mine who picked up what she called "a tiny man", out of a rainswept gutter in Cincinnati in the 1930s. And I went on to discuss the writings of the English clairvoyant, Geoffrey Hodson, who described in his books the elfin creatures he had seen on the hills and dales of Britain - often creatures with tight-fitting suits, small triangular faces, etc. My friend described the eyes of her little creature as looking "petrified". Dudley Starr says the little being he saw "cringed in a frightened fashion"

The writings of Jacques Vallée, John Keel, Geoffrey Hodson, Alice Bailey, Rudolf Steiner, David Tansley, and many others, all contain so much of enormous interest about all these matters

I agree with what you said in your Editorial (FSR 32/1) about the teachings of Gurdjieff and Ouspensky and others that "mankind is asleep".*
Yours sincerely,

Joy Barish, 2 Pole Plain, Sharon, MA, 03067, U.S.A.

*Yes — and both of these teachers realized that trying to wake them up is a vain waste of effort. — EDITOR

"Parallel Universes"

Dear Sir, - The article "Scientists

Correspondents are asked to keep their letters short and give full name and address (not necessarily for publication). It is not always possible for the Editor to acknowledge every letter personally, and so he takes this opportunity to thank all who write to him.

Confirm: There May Be A Parallel Universe" (FSR 32/3) seems to confirm and reinforce texts recently published by such open organizations as The Grail Foundation, etc. These huge works, some of them originating in the late 19th century, teach of hitherto "invisible duplicates" of dense, gross matter, existing in, for want of adequate terminology, what we can only call "ethereal", "astral", and increasingly higher forms of "subatomic material. This tangible, Earthbound substance being "bonded" by an omni-present "Life Force" emanating from the highest spheres.

The human, individual life-force is "liberated", at physical "death", by the cessation of radiation present in sufficient quantities to maintain such "bonding". The spirit/soul is then free, barring certain possible hindrances, to enter the higher dimensions. It follows then, I believe, that, if the "vibrational frequency" of matter could somehow be elevated, or re-tuned, the possibility of dimensional transition may exist in theory and — if some UFO "materializations" are to be accepted — in practice! Fundamental laws are being (re)discovered.

There seems to be an exponential "explosion" in knowledge these past few years, together with ever increasing open-mindedness and thirst for information.

I cannot help but wonder whether we are being subtly "prepared" for eventual contact with extra-dimensional-terrestrial beings, in the near future perhaps? Mankind may then begin to understand its own true purpose in the scales of existence. Yours sincerely,

Laurence R. Essex, 1 Teal Road, Studley, Warwickshire B80 7LF. June 13, 1987.

"The Unidentified Flashing Object"

Dear Mr Creighton, — As an ardent reader of FSR, I was delighted recently to acquire some early copies of the Magazine. On reading through these, I discovered an article which I thought links up with the "unidentified flashing object in Perseus" mentioned on page 28 of FSR 32/3.

You could possibly have answered your own question! So I would refer you back to FSR Vol. 22, No. 4, 1976, page 24 ("Astronomer's Surprise in Perseus", by Robert A. Schmidt). It seems that "a bright light energy source" had been captured on film in the vicinity of Perseus. It was stated to be a 100% legitimate observation of AN UN-KNOWN OBJECT!

Yours sincerely., Joan Amos, Lucy Cottage, Peter Lany, Nr. Tavistock, Devon PL19 9NN.

Yes indeed! I had quite forgotten Bob Schmidt's excellent article, which was even furnished with sketches and four fine photographs. We badly need a comprehensive index for FSR. Several people at different times (including a gentleman in Romania!) have offered to do the job for us, but nothing has ever come of it. EDITOR

An Interesting Sighting in Southern Ireland

Dear Sir, — While watching a local rugby match from my back garden on a sunny afternoon in 1963, I noticed a small plane about 100 ft. from where I stood and roughly 30 ft. above the ground. I didn't see the wings, as I was looking at the side view of the plane.

It was about nine to twelve feet in length, red and silver in colour, and

cigar-shaped.

At first I thought it was some of the lads from the nearby Air Force Base taking a quick look at the rugby game. Then slowly it began to dawn on me that there was no sound coming from the engine of the machine. Nor could anyone have been watching the rugby game from the plane, because there were no windows on it!

Also I didn't think that a plane — no matter how small — could just hover.

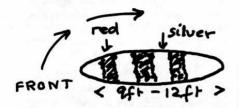
My husband, a doctor (GP), who was sitting close by me, reading, had not heard or noticed anything, so I pointed it out to him.

Then we both watched the "plane" for another thirty seconds or so. Then it suddenly made a sharp turn and accelerated, and, at an unbelievable speed, silently disappeared over the horizon.

It had no wings.

We telephoned to the Weather Station and the Air Base to see if anyone could shed light on what we had seen, but we were told, light-heartedly, that we should not drink before six o-clock.

(Neither of us had had any anything but tea for about a week past.) Subsequently we learned that none of the players or other spectators had seen or heard anything.



During the past twenty-four years we have both lived in many countries and have made enquiries among friends who were officers in the Army or Navy, and also among civilian pilots and among scientists, but we are simply not believed.

I can only presume that the strange object which we saw, almost at the end of our garden, was "top secret", and has remained so for twenty-four years. Whatever it was, it still remains

"unidentified".

Yours sincerely, Mrs. Susan Bissette, Cuan Aisling, The Cove, Tramore, Co. Waterford, Ireland.

The lady is certainly correct. It was "top secret" all right! EDITOR.

Kenneth Arnold's Sighting

Dear Editor,

John Keel asserts that if Kenneth Arnold's calculations regarding his famous sighting were correct "he would not be able to see those things at all. They were too small... they were too far away... and they were moving too fast to be visible to the naked eye!" ("Kenneth Arnold and the FBI", FSR Vol 32, No 5). This is nonsense.*

First, Arnold reported that conditions on the day were exceptional! "the air was so clear that it was very easy to see objects and determine their approximate shape and size at almost fifty miles that day." He said that he could clearly recognize a DC-4 airliner "approximately fifteen miles" away. Arnold estimated the UFOs to be between 20-25 miles away and that "their span would have been as wide as the furtherest engines on each side of the fuselage of the DC-4", which is about 59 feet - not 30 feet as suggested by Mr Keel and based on the prospector's estimate.

Secondly, Mr Keel goes on to state that "The general rule is that anything going faster than 700 mph is invisible to the naked eye" and that no one can see a 30 foot object travelling at 1,200 mph at a distance of 20 miles. Visibility of a fast-moving object is commensurate with its size and distance from the observer. If an aircraft with a 30-foot wingspan flies overhead at very low altitude at a speed of 1,200 mph you will be unlikely to see much of it, but at a distance of 20 miles it will appear as a relatively slow-moving object. I grant that shape would be difficult to determine, but if Arnold's UFOs were 59 feet in span, as well as highly reflective (or even self-luminous), he could easily have seen precisely what he claimed to have seen, and there are no grounds for invoking an esoteric explanation.

Yours, Timothy Good, 20 Morley Court, 78 The Avenue, Beckenham, Kent BR3 2EY. December 1987.

*Several other readers, and notably Professor James Deardoff of the Science Faculty of Oregon State University, Jan Eric Herr of San Diego, Calif., and D.I. Norman of Ipsach, Switzerland, have also written expressing their dismay at this very curious assertion by John Keel, for, as Mr Norman says, such inaccuracies obviously might be thought to reflect upon the quality of the rest of the article. One can only wonder why on earth John Keel made such a statement! No doubt we shall hear from him in due course on this point -EDITOR.

The "meteor" seen over Europe on September 23, 1986

Dear Mr Creighton, I enclose for your perusal a batch of French and Swiss press reports about the meteor which was observed over half of Europe on September 23, 1986. (Cf. FSR 32/2, page 25.)

Yours sincerely, Bruno Mancusi,

September 23, 1987.

Representative in Switzerland of The SUF (Sezione Ufologica Fiorentina, Ufological Section, Florence, Italy), 23, rue d'Yverdon, CH-1530 Payerne, Switzerland.

Yes. Speaking for myself, I see no reason why it should not have been a meteor. And I think we are on such strong ground now, in the dispute regarding the existence or non-existence of alien craft and alien creatures, that we could perfectly safely concede that 50% of ALL objects or "lights" seen in our skies are meteors, while the other 50% are all man-made secret weapons, prototypes, etc. In other words, we might as well stop paying any attention whatsoever to "things seen in the sky". Ever since the first Russian sputnik went up, it has been obvious that this state of affairs would develop. So, if it would please the "Opposition" and put them out of their pain or stop some of their pitiful bleating, then by all means let us do

As regards Signor Mancusi and SUF, we do not know, of course, what particular viewpoint they hold about UFOs. It may well be, for example, that they belong to the trendy new French "psychosocial" movement, in which case their objective, in common with Messrs Klass and Oberg in the U.S.A., would be to prove the total non-existence of such disturbing craft and such disturbing aliens. Should such be the case, then Signor Mancusi and his colleagues are not in our camp. However, I repeat that I think we ought to feel by now that we possess enough evidence, and that we are consequently quite free to let the "Opposition" have their own way as regards anything observed overhead. (For example, large numbers of people say that they saw a UFO, "as large as a football-field" and emitting a low hum, fly very slowly and very low over the city of Nottingham on the evening of December 8, 1987.

All right! So be it! If Signor Mancusi and his friends so desire, we'll all say it was a "meteor"! Anything for the sake of a bit of peace!) — EDITOR.

The Search For "Goodies"

Dear Mr. Creighton, I feel that I must reply to the cri de coeur contained in your editorial in FSR (Vol 32 No 5); 'A serious Ques-

tion'.

When I first became interested in the UFO problem in 1947 (as you know, they were called "flying saucers"* then, a term which has contributed in no small way to ridicule a serious business), it was simply a matter of whether or not beings from Outer Space were visiting our planet. It was as simple as that.

Today, the problem has evolved to one of extreme complexity, consisting of specialised lines of research beyond contemplation in 1947. The subject has, over the years, become deeply involved in assorted religious creeds, the paranormal, poltergeist phenomena, ultra-terrestrials, meta-physics, parallel universes, abductions complete with 'messages' for mankind which border on insanity, folklore, missing persons, animal mutilation, devils fairies, goblins, demons, MIB, not to mention crashed hardware complete with bodies and bits of UFOs scattered all over the globe. The human mind is reeling under the hammer blows delivered by the sheer complexity of the once 'simple' question.

I believe that the present complexity has been, and still is, a pre-determined plan to throw as many red herrings as possible into the paths of our researchers, thereby drawing our attention away from THEIR true origin and purpose. Now that our own technology is racing ahead at fever pitch, it is blatantly obvious that the red herrings at their disposal are dwindling rapidly to zero, and that panic has taken over. To quote Abe Lincoln, 'You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the

time'.

I am sorry, Mr. Creighton, but I cannot provide any details of 'wonderful encounters with Goodies'. I have read every encounter case reported in FSR since the 1960s, and have absorbed practically every worthwhile book on the subject. It is only by looking long and hard at the enormous number of such cases that one suddenly realises just how alien these aliens are.

So Kenneth Arnold was MEANT to see those nine discs over Mount Rainier, was he? (FSR Vol 32 No. 5, page 3). I'll bet he was, and it began the biggest and most effective wild

goose chase of all time.

They would like to have us believe they are Space visitors, hence Arnold's sighting, but it is useless peering into Space, with rose-coloured glasses, for their origin. They have been interrelated with us since time began.

Perhaps FSR should adopt as its slogan the Church's "credo quia

absurdum".
Yours sincerely,
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October 23, 1987.

*And they still are, in nearly every important language in the world! — EDITOR.

"Goodies" and "Baddies"

Dear Gordon, I was very interested in the Editorial in Vo. 32 No. 5 in which you say that no 'nice' encounters with 'Goodies' of the Adamski ilk seem to have occurred in recent years. Indeed, the opposite in true, with reports of unappealing, if not downright gruesomelooking dwarves, abducting unwilling victims.

I am wondering if these entities are not actually one and the same?* We have deduced that they are perpetrating some elaborate hoax upon the human race, intending us to believe they originate from Space. Could this change of appearance be part of it? Begin by winning our confidence with beautiful blond space brothers and flattering rumours of galactic warfare on our behalf between the 'Goodies' and the 'Baddies', and then into phase two of the 'The Plan', with the appearance of the 'Nasties'.

What intrigues me is what do they REALLY look like and what will happen when phase three goes into action and four and five and ...??

Yours sincerely, Margaret Buckingham, Flat 7, Craven Court, 8-10 Knyveton Road, Bournemouth BH1 3QN. 6th November, 1987.

*Miss Buckingham, and also many others, may be perturbed to learn that not a few researchers have given a great deal of thought to this decidedly thorny problem for some time past more particularly in the U.S.A. The name of George Andrews in particular comes to mind. Mr Andrews has already published a certain amount of material, though I do not think that he has yet reached any absolutely firm conclusion. However, I do know that some of his tentative speculations seem to have led to the same chilling conclusions as are suggested by Miss Buckingham in the second paragraph of her letter. The question is being kept in mind, for it is clearly one of crucial importance. I shall revert to it as and when it seems possible to say something more definite. In the meantime, we might bear in mind the fact that, in the famous car teleportation case published in FSR by Charles Bowen a few years ago, when a young couple were carried down from Rhodesia (as it then was called) to South Africa, one of the entities allegedly came and sat in the back of the car beside the young lady. And the entity is alleged to have told them that it had the power to make them see it in any sort of guise it chose. ("If we want to make you see a duck . . . you'll see a duck!") - EDITOR.

Another Interesting Irish "Meteor" Report

Dear Sir,

I have just received my first copy of FSR (Vol. 32, No. 5) and have read with interest the article "The Steel Airship At Bois-De-Champ" and the subsequent letter from Mme. Georges Desplantes.

As it bears a striking resemblance in some respects to an experience that I had in 1961, I thought you would like to hear about the latter.

In May 1961, I was walking one

day in the park near my home in the town of Lurgan. I was with my father and my brother, who was aged 10. I was aged 11. My father took us for a walk every Sunday morning.

On this particular Sunday, at about 11.00 a.m., we were about half-way through our walk, and in the most isolated area of the park. There were no houses in the vicinity, and it was about half a mile to the nearest road. It was a beautiful, sunny morning; the air was calm, and the birds were singing in the trees. All of a sudden, we heard a loud noise like the sound of a motorbicycle, combined with a buzzing noise. We looked all around us, expecting to see some type of vehicle coming along the path. But to our amazement a greyish-black discshaped object came hovering over the trees. The trees were about thirty feet high, and it was no more than about 10 feet above them.

The object appeared to be about four feet wide, and it seemed to be spinning or vibrating in some way. As it went over our heads it passed out of view behind bushes on the edge of the nearby lake. I was petrified, and my father later remarked that I "had gone as white as a ghost". My younger brother, who had more "nerve" than I, ran about twenty yards to the end of the line of bushes overlooking the lake. He watched the UFO for a few seconds and then came running back, shouting that it had now disappeared. He said he had watched it as it hovered at about four or five feet above the water of the lake. He said that, as the noise of it began to die down, the object (which at that angle looked to him like the typical "flying saucer shape) began to grow transparent. As soon as it had completely disappeared so too did the noise, until all that could be heard was once again the singing of the birds in the trees.

The whole episode had lasted maybe a total of one minute. Yours faithfully,
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Support for FSR

Dear Sir,

December 1987.

Whatever people say about FSR, it is certainly the most thought-provoking UFO periodical on sale today.

I fully intend to remain a subscriber to FSR for as long as FSR is around, and if there is anything I can do to help either FSR or yourself, please do not hesitate to ask. Yours faithfully,

Philip Mantle, MUFON REPRESENTATIVE FOR ENGLAND, 106 Lady Ann Road, Soothill, Batley, West Yorkshire WF17 0PY. October 9, 1987.