

WHERE DOES FSR GO?

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AS I was preparing to hand over the office to Mrs. Betty Revell, I thought it would be interesting to find out exactly where FSR goes. I'm sure that it must have occurred to you, while reading FSR in the hot sunshine, or with the snow up at the window, or in the quiet of your library reading room, to wonder who else might be reading it and where. Would only English-speaking people read it? It set me going through our records, and I came up with one or two surprises.

In how many countries, would you guess, do we have readers? 10? — 20? — 40? The remarkable total at the moment is 60 — although that could be more by tomorrow's post.

Naturally the British Isles has the most subscribers, and I did not count them in on my searches.

Among the rest the USA comes a resounding first, with 683 in 50 states; the state with most readers is California, well ahead of New York State, Illinois and Pennsylvania. Who next? Canada, with 141 readers, whose numbers are helped by the open-minded Calgary School Board. Then, despite excellent UFO journals in their own language, we have 110 French readers. Australia has 89, and New Zealand, with its excellent outlet in Huyser's bookshop in Wellington, has 83. In the 40s and 50s are the Netherlands, Finland, Belgium, South Africa, Sweden and Japan. Any surprises yet? Japan has a growing interest in UFOs. Denmark, Switzerland, Spain and Italy are in the 20s, Norway, Germany, Brazil and Argentina in the teens. The "Iron Curtain" countries have their devotees; and if they are unable to buy the journal for themselves, other UFO buffs do it for them, to spread the news. Thus follow Romania, USSR and Yugoslavia, and also Greece. Grouped together next come Gibraltar, Mexico, Portugal, Turkey and the British Forces Abroad, all of which have rising numbers. Then we shoot all over the world with Hong Kong, Rhodesia, Austria, Iceland, Venezuela, Hungary, Colombia, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Kenya and Singapore.

Now we are left with those countries which at the moment have only one subscriber — Bulgaria, Canary Islands, Chile, Czechoslovakia, People's Republic of China, Ecuador, French Polynesia, Ghana, India, Iran, Malaysia, Malta, New Guinea, Netherlands Antilles, Poland, Swaziland, Syria, Taiwan, United Arab Republic and the West Indies. I expect that some of those surprised you: have you had to resort to an atlas? We have lost our readers in Angola and Ethiopia in the last year or so. I always got a thrill out of each new country.

Has your postal service recently started adopting a postal-code system? Have we got a note of your code yet? Please check your envelope for errors or illegibility and let us know if anything is wrong. This really does help us and the post office, and thus yourselves, to get your next issue quickly and safely.

Have you ever thought of making a gift donation

to your child's school library? or to a friend or relative who always borrows your copy? Are you shy at letting people know of your interest in UFOs? I never fail to be surprised at the number of people who are very interested in the subject but who are also too shy to mention it. They might laugh at first, but once they have read one or two articles in FSR they soon become interested. They often have no idea that there is such a thing as a journal that takes the subject seriously. So why not try and make it a bumper year for our unique and excellent journal!

Mrs. Betty Revell is a most suitable person to take over from me, for she is the daughter of Mrs. Spencer, who ran the FSR office for the first 15 years of its life. Keep those friendly letters coming in; Mrs. Revell will be as interested as I was to hear from you.

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Editor's Comment: It will be seen that our magazines are widely distributed yet, somehow, a hidden "dead hand" always seems to stop our circulation from moving above say, 3,500 which, readers will agree is not very big. Anyway, since Enid Guinness penned this article we are delighted to announce that our readership has mounted rapidly. Let's hope we keep it that way.

Finally, a further word of thanks for all she has done, and Best Wishes to our former worthy distribution secretary who, with her husband, Dr. Ivor Grattan-Guinness, is leaving for a spell in Australia.

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The Center's first conference was held at Chicago between April 30 and May 2, 1976. In addition to American members, visiting members attended from Brazil, Canada, France and the United Kingdom (Editor FSR). Many interesting papers were given.

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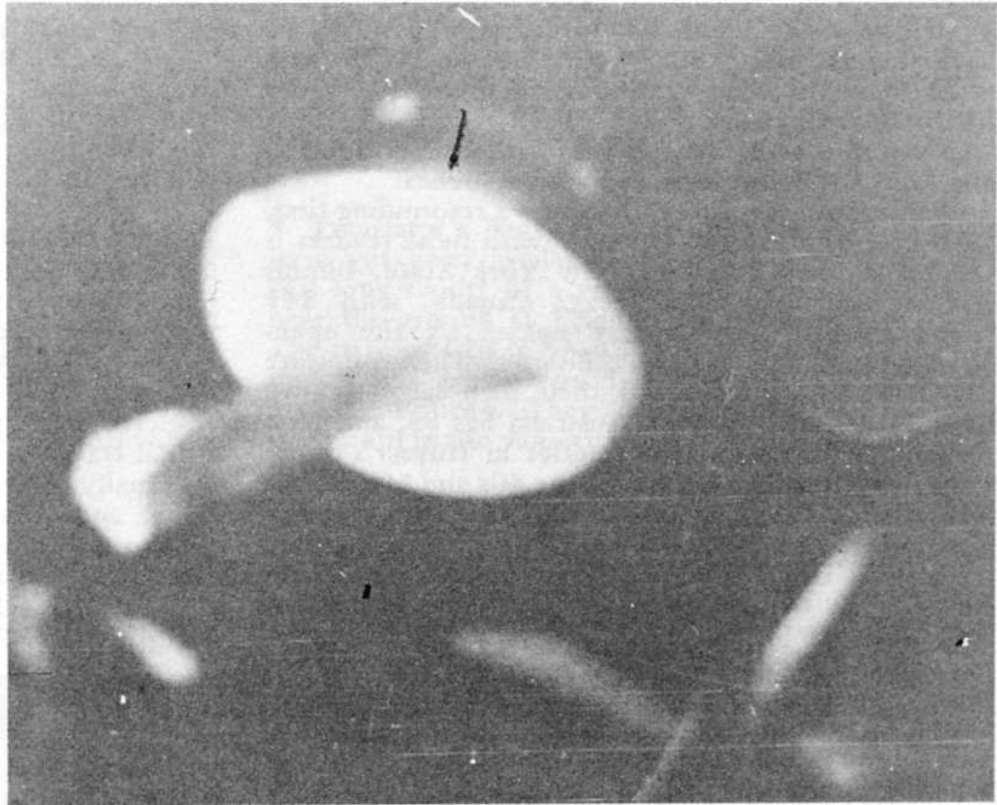
WHILE this report has been prepared by DIGAP, I have to point out that the Manchester group (MUFORA) were also involved in some of the preliminary investigation work.

The witness, Edward Kerringham, (27) is a night security guard who lives at Park Way, Greave, near Rochdale, Lancs. On the night of May 31, 1975, he was having a night off work, and had risen at 2.40 a.m. in order to make a cup of tea. While he was in the kitchen he spotted six or seven strange lights through the window which faced out on to his back garden. The lights seemed so very unusual that he got his polaroid camera and hurried outside where he took one picture, with a tree nearby. While he was removing the film in order to take another shot, the lights suddenly went out.

Mr. Kerringham contacted the local Rochdale newspaper because he wanted to know if anyone else had seen the phenomenon. They did not show any very great interest, but the next thing he knew was that he had a visit from a freelance reporter from the *Manchester Evening News*, who wrote up the story. It appeared under the headline "Saucers at the bottom of his garden" on June 4, 1975. No corroborating witnesses came forward, which is none too surprising in view of the time of the incident.

Location: Our sketch map gives some idea of the location of the incident (OS Ref: Sheet 101 SJ 881136).

Case details: The witness actually saw six or seven lights, consisting of a saucer-shaped white central object surrounded by five or six bluish streaks, the largest being



about a tenth of the size of the main object, the others being much smaller. They remained stationary for a little more than a minute, though how long they were present before they were first seen is not known. They then just seemed to switch off. The direction of viewing was approximately towards the North. The apparent size of the main object at arm's length was about that of a 10 pence piece [and therefore very much larger than the apparent size of the full moon—ED].

The photograph: The version shown here is reproduced from the enlargement which DIGAP made from the original print, and the accompanying sketch gives a possible interpretation of its

Our contributor investigated this incident for DIGAP (Direct Investigation Group for Aerial Phenomena) which operates in Lancashire. His report appeared on January 5, 1976 in a newsletter produced by Miss Jenny Randles, who kindly loaned FSR the print of the photograph. (Mr. Skellon's group is one of the many groups that go to make up the British UFO Research Association BUFORA).

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features. The overall shape of the main light is indeed reminiscent of an Adamski-type craft, and there are quite definite indications of a dome above the saucer-shaped object which appears to be tilted away at an angle.

Conclusions: The first point worthy of note is that the witness at no time claimed to have seen or photographed a UFO; as far as he is concerned all that he observed were strange lights which did not fly, and did not appear capable of flying. It was purely due to the press intervention that the story was labelled as having something to do with UFOs.

The first impression of the investigators (and, interestingly, the witness) was that the lights