

POSSIBLE ABDUCTION OF A WOMAN MOTORIST IN CATALUNYA, (N.E. SPAIN).

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(Translation from Spanish. G.C.)

María del Carmen Roure had made that particular journey hundreds of times, but for the rest of her life she will probably always remember the night of May 13, 1990, when she had a close encounter with a UFO.

At the end of May 1991 she telephoned to me and, as her voice showed, still very shaken, spoke of the terrifying experience she had had at midnight between May 12 and 13.

I therefore decided to go to Gerona to meet her and learn at first hand the story of this thirty-five year-old teacher at a school in Sant Gregori.

She had been returning to Gerona by car from Platja d'Aro. There had been a storm in the neighbouring areas that evening, and the sky was overcast.

As she arrived at a place called Llagostera she noticed, through her windscreen, a bluish light in the upper left part of her field of vision. The light was enveloped in a "cloud" of about the size and shape of a rugby ball.

Arriving in due course at La Creueta, that is to say at the first houses of the suburb of Villaroja, the light moved to ahead of her car, and from it there now came a very fine, narrow beam directed down towards the ground.

This strange beam of light seemed to be making a detailed study of the vicinity, just as we have learned from the descriptions in so many abduction cases, and lit up the roofs of some of the adjacent houses.

At that moment the eyewitness began to fear that this beam might be intended for her. Her mind began flooding with thoughts of turning back and fleeing, or seeking help, or finding somewhere to hide, but all she managed to do was to reduce speed.

She was not doing about 30 km.p.h. when, rounding a bend, she found the blue beam ahead of her and occupying the entire width of the highway (some 18m. wide). She glanced desperately in her rear mirror for help, but she was alone. There were no other vehicles on the road.

The bluish beam was "cylindrical", and emerged from the centre of the blue light. When her headlights struck the bluish beam, it seemed to act as if it were a mirror, reflecting the lights off in all directions, not as single headlight beams but as several smaller beams, "as if a frill (*reja*) were

involved."

Carmen started to pray. Terrified, she passed through the blue beam, but without noting any important psychophysical symptoms. There is however one significant fact: *the frequent headaches that she has been suffering ever since.*

At about 1.00 a.m. she arrived at the traffic lights shortly before her house, and then she saw the blue light divide into three parts and vanish over the horizon at high speed.

Had Carmen been abducted? There is no evidence of any time-loss in covering the distance of 35 kilometres between Platja d'Aro and Gerona. Nor has she been aware of any dreams or memories related to visits by extraterrestrial beings. This simply is just one more experience in the vast list of UFO reports in Cataluña. One more case so similar to so many others all over our planet which bring home to us the fact that maybe our Earth is not the only inhabited planet in the Universe.

(Credit and thanks to FSR reader Andrew Stride of Ottershaw, Surrey). ■

THOSE CIRCLES!

by Jan Delgado (Newsletter, July 1992, No. 8)

On 11/12 July a circle making competition, sponsored by the *Guardian* newspaper, the Koestler Foundation and *PM* magazine is being held. I strongly disagree with the promotion of this type of activity. In all kinds of manual and energetic competitions, practice is required and this has to be done somewhere. Are we seeing some of it now, are people checking to see if their technique is good enough?...

I suppose it is inevitable that this would happen....

However, underpinning the whole phenomenon is the fact that many retired farmers have told me they saw precise flattened swirled circles in their fields many years before I saw my first one. Only about a month ago I met a gentleman in the Devizes Bookshop who told me he was born and brought up at Alton Barnes and during some summers in those fields he saw precise circles in the crops just the same as we see today. That was nearly fifty years ago. Among other retired farmers there are those who remember their fathers telling them about flattened swirled circles in the crops when they were young — so that takes the subject back to around one hundred years ago.

Is the subject thousands of years old and is it only recently it has become significant? Perhaps we have already looked at crop circles for too long. Perhaps they have already achieved their mission and we should be looking beyond them.....

MORE UFO REPORTS FROM NEW ZEALAND

By Gordon Tuckey, FSR Consultant

(Paihia, Bay of Islands, North Island, New Zealand)

1. A "UFO NEST" NEAR KAREKARE

A report published in the local newspaper, *Western Leader*, of November 23, 1989, states that here in the far north-eastern tip of North Auckland, a "UFO nest" found in February 1989 in the reeds of a patch of *raupo* swamp near Karekare (35° 12S., 173° 59E.) caused a lot of renewed talk about UFOs and about numerous recent sightings over the Waitakere Ranges. The circle, some 3 m. in diameter, is very reminiscent of the one discovered in a reed-bed at Tully in Queensland, Australia, in 1966. The *raupo* reeds, flattened, while all around the other reeds stand upright, "appear to be woven into an anti-clockwise spiral". But little attention had been paid to the Karekare case by the local people until the British "*crop circles*" began to be widely discussed in the world press during the summer of 1989.

Nine months later, the reeds in the circle were still flattened, and still looked "woven". But the plants inside the circle were still growing, and now looked greener than those outside it. One witness said: "*From the intertwining of the reeds, it looks as though something rotary came down at immense speed and wove the reeds together*". The circle lies near a beach, within two metres of cliffs, and beneath overhanging shrubs and trees. An Air Force officer, Squadron-Ldr. Gordon Habgood, when asked whether a helicopter could possibly have done it, said: "The closest that a helicopter could fly would be at about 6 m. from the cliffs".

Bruce Cathie, the well-known New Zealand investigator, has examined the Karekare Circle, and says it is unquestionably linked with nearby UFO sightings over the Waitakere Ranges. In his view, the circle "was made by a mechanical object, possibly an anti-gravity craft hovering". (Surprisingly, however, he thinks that in this case "aliens" are less likely to be involved, but more likely secret new craft being researched by the New Zealand Military!)

2. UFO OVER THE BAY OF ISLANDS

The Cornelius family's farm being at a considerable altitude above sea-level, they are able, from their landscape windows and sun-deck, to look out over the Bay of Islands (35° 15S., 174° 06E.) and also to catch a glimpse of the Ocean (South Pacific) away to the north.

And it was there, over the open sea, that the object was first seen, at about 7.00 a.m. on June 22, 1990. Their attention was first drawn to the very

bright, "comet-like" tail. Following this along to the right, using their binoculars, they were then able to see the comparatively dull-coloured body, of a rounded, oval shape.

After they had watched its slow and erratic progress towards the east for some minutes, it suddenly vanished, and only after searching for some time did they discover the oval body again, though now no "tail" appeared to be visible. It was now hanging motionless above the entrance to the Bay of Islands.

They kept it steadily in view for a while. Then it suddenly vanished once more, and was not seen again.

I enclose the account of the sighting, which was published in our local newspaper, *The Northern News*, of Tuesday, July 10, 1990. The report seems to be reasonably accurate.

Incidentally, I have been gathering UFO reports here since about 1956. For example, things were already being seen here in New Zealand when Adamski came and lectured here, and I can supply some of the reports of the sightings here of those days.

3. ANOTHER BAY OF ISLANDS REPORT

The *Northern News* of Thursday, June 28, 1990, reported that, at 7.15 a.m. on Friday the 22nd., at the radio station ("New Sound Waves") at Paihia, the station's manager Mr. Robyn Lilley and the sports reporter Mr. Brian Going saw a shining disc, of about the apparent size and shape of a rugby football, hovering in the sky beyond the town of Russell (lying on the southern shore of the Bay of Islands).

They said the object "was so bright that it shimmered". After hovering for about half a minute or so, it moved away slowly eastwards and then picked up speed. Then it paused several times, before suddenly beginning to look larger, as though now approaching Paihia.

Mr. Lilley said that they watched the object for about seven minutes before it disappeared. They realized that it was definitely no aircraft, owing to its size and its speed.

The morning was clear and crisp, with no cloud.

The first was about 20 years ago. It was of similar shape, but larger, and "making a terrific lot of noise, being closer". That had been at Hamilton. Paihia businessman Darryl Hammond raced down