

MESSAGES WHICH TRAVEL FASTER THAN LIGHT

If a message is assumed to travel faster than light and is sent off from a point moving at very high speed relative to an observer, then, as a result of Einstein's initial assumptions, it would appear to travel backwards in time. If it could be reflected back to the sender, then the message would arrive before it was sent out! Hence, *par absurdum*, no message can travel faster than light.

The new theory infers the existence of an invisible computing grid which permeates the entire Universe. This grid throws off so called "virtual particles". These are sub-atomic parts of very short lifespan and so need continual regeneration. They form an invisible seething mass of fluid able to flow through the open grid structure with apparent independence. From a tiny fraction of this fluid, matter is organised. Whether light propagates relative to the grid or to fluid space, messages travelling faster than light can no longer appear to travel backwards in time whatever the relative speed of any observer.

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MAILBAG

"Gigantic Birds" and "Bedroom Visitors"

Dear Mr. Creighton, — In FSR 36/4 considerable coverage was given to reports of "gigantic birds" seen on the Island of Puerto Rico.

This immediately jolted my memory back to 1987. It was about 7.00 a.m. and I was standing, along, one Saturday, at the usual street-corner, awaiting the arrival of the company's coach to pick me up.

I distinctly recall that everything appeared peculiarly "quiet". (The so-called 'Oz Factor?'). There seemed to be no traffic at all on the roads, and nobody in sight. I felt disoriented and apprehensive.

I glanced up to my left, and there, passing slowly some ten feet or so above the adjacent buildings was a horrendous wing-flapping 'contraption' travelling at maybe 10 m.p.h. or so. I was absolutely flummoxed.

In the U.S. Air Force I had served as an observer, so I knew that I was not seeing anything 'normal'! Far from it!

I estimated the wing-span of the thing (I term it an 'artificial contraption') to have been about 30 ft.

The thing had a head, which it kept turning this way and that. It had a beak, like the beak of an eagle, and I can only describe its eyes as having shown evil intent.

I stood there transfixed, and never took my eyes off the 'bird' until, after about two minutes, it had passed out of my field of vision.

The coach arrived five minutes later, and I recall the driver asking me: "Are you going to stand there for ever?"

I have never forgotten that incident, and recall getting very drunk that night. I only wish I had had a camera with me at the time.

I have followed the "UFO scene" for years, starting with the accounts of George Adamski in my own country

(U.S.A.).

I have observed UFOs in flight, and indeed sometimes I have the vague feeling that, away back in the United States, I may have been abducted, but I cannot recall anything definite. Yet that vague impression still persists.

A year ago, and lasting for about a week, I had nightly 'visitations' here. To describe it briefly, I would awaken suddenly and always there would be a blindingly globe there, next to me oaken walk-in wardrobe, and a little humanoid figure would be cavorting around the bottom of my bed. The light of the globe was as bright as the light of the Sun, so that it seemed as though it were mid-morning, and not 2-3 a.m. in the night.

I was completely paralyzed. I could not look directly at the globe, for fear of being blinded by it. But the overall impression of the experience seemed to be to be benign. Nothing of a nightmare nature.

The 'globe' and the creature left me by simply diminishing in light intensity, and the room darkened again, and I felt that I could move once more and read the numerals on my clock-radio.

What was the purpose of it all? I'd naturally like to *know*. (Perhaps my subconscious knows?).

Yours most sincerely,

D.G. Smith,
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January 7, 1992.

NOTE BY EDITOR

Anyone who produces a publication about so 'controversial' a subject as UFOs inevitably receives a huge quantity of mail of a decidedly lunatic or 'way-out' type, and FSR's NUT CASE FILES make interesting reading. However, just as my many years of study of Chinese ceramics and Chinese paintings have given me a pretty good 'feeling' for what is genuine and what is

fake, my 45 years of familiarity with the weird world of Ufology have provided me with some sort of similar 'hunch'. And I must say frankly that, while I have never met the writer of this letter, I don't think he is pulling our legs. As our readers will know, there have been, for years past, countless tales of brief glimpses of gigantic birds, just as there have been "Yeti" or "Sasquatch" reports from every part of the world. And it is my guess that all these critters most probably exist in another dimensional set-up which is quite near to us, and that, for some peculiar reason, humans frequently get brief bursts of clairvoyance during which they are able to perceive them. Probably the same is true of the briefly glimpsed aliens.

Australian Crop Circles

Dear Editor, — Re. FSR 36/4, page 10. O.K. - So could *we* too see a reproduction of this famous photo of 400 crop circles from 7,500 ft. over Victoria, Australia? In the next issue perhaps?"

I used to subscribe to *Spaceflight News*, a small but professional newsstand magazine, but following the general policy of apathy towards Space exploration, and both the USA's and USSR's lack of funds for research, the magazine recently went bankrupt, with loss of subscribers' subscriptions. Even an attempt to team up with a similar German production failed, as it too folded.

But FSR - which deals - not with "The Greatest Conquest of Mankind", but with a subject that does not even exist, continues happily into its 37th. year! WELL DONE!

There must be "a moral" here somewhere!

All the best!

John Hitchens,
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January 1992.

* On Page 17 of FSR 36/1 we have already published poor reproductions of two photographs which show a large number of the Victorian crop-circles. EDITOR.

An Interesting Sighting Over Cyprus

Dear Editor, — Between 11.00 p.m. on January 24 of this year and 1.30 a.m. next day, many residents of Larnaka, Palechori, and Limassol observed a brightly lit craft, estimated to be about 50 metres long, with a long "tail" of vari-coloured lights. Some said it was soundless, while others thought they detected a low hum from it.

Two eyewitnesses were questioned about it in a programme at the local TV station, whereupon at least four more people 'phoned in to confirm their story.

One of the two eyewitnesses interviewed on the TV gave one very interesting piece of information: he said that as the UFO had passed over him *it picked up his car and moved it to another place*. He also said that the underside of the UFO reflected the ground below as vividly as a mirror would. This statement was given subsequently, in a programme of the local radio station, CyBC (Radio Triton) on the morning of February 8.

Yours sincerely,

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February 8, 1992.

The F-16 Aircraft Allegedly "Zapped" Over Puerto Rico

Dear Editor, — In Magdalena del Amo-Freixedo's article *Current Happenings Over Puerto Rico* (in FSR 36/4) mention is made of "two F-16 aircraft most probably coming from an American aircraft-carrier at anchor not far away".

There is however a slight error in reporting here, since the F-16 was not designed for operating off aircraft-carriers.

Yours sincerely,

Jacques Poulet,

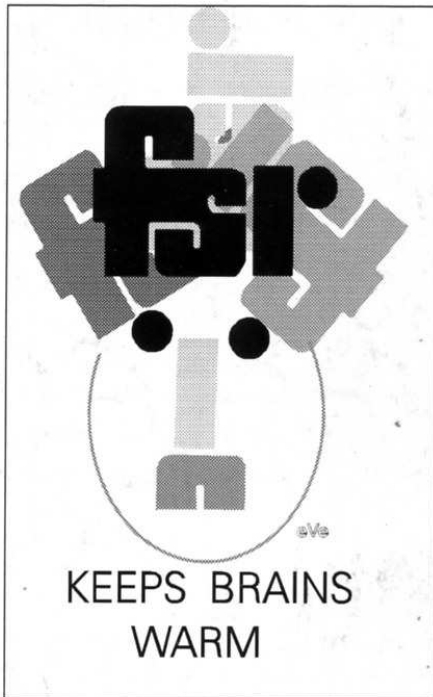
404 9th Avenue,
Deux-Montagnes,
Québec, Canada J7R 3M8.
February 9, 1992.

* As Puerto Rico is U.S. territory, these aircraft might have come from any of the numerous U.S. military bases on that Island. EDITOR.

Villagers "Wonderstruck" in Arabia

Dear Editor, — I enclose a report from an Arabian newspaper which I received yesterday, and think you may be interested in the 'wonderstruck' villagers of the Jizan area of Saudi Arabia. There seem to be no instructions in the *Qur'an* as to how to deal with this phenomenon, so no doubt the best procedure is to pretend that it doesn't exist.

Since P. Moore is one of the very few people in the Western World who knows what exists and what doesn't exist,



it could be that he would be the best person to explain (in his best Arabic) to the good villagers that what they are seeing doesn't exist.

In the words of Dr. Charles Richet, the foremost French pioneer in Parapsychology at the end of the 19th century, "I did not say that it was *possible*. I merely said that it *happened*".

As regards the situation on the "Home Front", here in Britain, we have now reached the unofficial start of the Spring Season, and it will soon be time for Doug and Dave, ubiquitous constructors of circles, rectangles, sundry shapes, and pictograms, to recommence their nocturnal antics. It is rumoured that they have been spending the winter months soaking their feet in daily mustard baths and, complete with crutches* and pension-books, are now ready to tackle the cornfields of the Known World.

Who said we were "finished at 65"?

Yours faithfully,

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March 3 1992.

* But you forgot to mention their *stills!*
EDITOR

From *The Arab News*, February 21, 1992.
JEDDAH. (OKAZ).

MYSTERIOUS "BALLS OF BLAZE" PUZZLE JIZAN VILLAGERS

The people of the village of Al-Ardah in Jizan are wonderstruck. They have been seeing mysterious fireballs landing in their village, but have no clue from where the balls come and their significance.

The phenomenon is usually seen in the evenings. The fireball shoots into the air to a height of about 50 metres and then falls down, vanishing without trace.

Although it has been happening frequently these days, nobody has been able to explain the phenomenon.

A team from the Arabic daily *Okaz* headed for the area in order to meet the village folk and find out details of this strange phenomenon. The team also spoke to experts.

Sheikh Muhammad Bahloul Oalaqui, a local dignitary, described the phenomenon as strange and puzzling. "The inflamed article suddenly goes up in the air and falls down immediately afterwards leaving no trace of any kind", he said.

He added that the phenomenon was also witnessed in neighbouring villages, like Al-Hanbah, Abou Al-Athraar, Amradah, Abou Ghubarah, and Berdan.

Asked about the size of the blaze, Sheikh Oalaqi said it is as small as a human skull.

Among those interviewed by *Okaz* was Sheikh Ael Abou Sammah, the Chief-tain of the northern Ardah region. He said: "At first sight, I thought the ball of blaze was something like fireworks. However, I later realized that I was witnessing the mysterious phenomenon that the dwellers in the area were talking about."

He went on to narrate one instance. "One day I myself and my friends saw a fiery ball going up into the air, and as it fell we followed it but we could see no trace of it".

In the village of Berdan, the *Okaz* team met another local citizen who works as a clerk at the Sharia Court in Al-Ardah. He said "I have never believed what was rumoured by the local people until, from the courtyard of my house, I saw the fireball going up into the air to a height of 50 metres or so. And I saw it again some days later".

One of the villagers, Abdou Ahmad Bazegh, said: "The blaze usually shoots into the sky as one ball and then gets divided into several parts which disperse and fall on the ground without any sound".

The *Okaz* team who made the tour of the villages feel that the phenomenon is deserving of study by scientists, who might then explain the affair to the confused villagers.

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