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### UFOs and the Sea

Dear Mr. Creighton, — I am a regular FSR reader, but prefer not to give my name or address as I work for a very "sensitive" Government Department.

I am writing, firstly, to inform you that about twenty years ago I had an interesting conversation with a former Radio Officer in the British Merchant Navy. He told me that another colleague of his - also in the Merchant Navy - had seen a saucer-shaped object rise out of the sea, and that other Officers who were with him at the time had also seen it.

Secondly, I wonder whether our "boffins" could come up with some means of attracting our visitors other than by sending out radio signals?

All the very best for the future!

January 1, 1992

Note by Editor: Since we do not know our correspondent's identity, we have no way of ascertaining how long he has been reading FSR. But throughout the first twenty of FSR's 36 years of existence we repeatedly published detailed reports of UFOs seen emerging from or entering our seas. And many such accounts are to be found in ships' logs, going back to the middle of the 19th. century at least.

As for his mention of *radio*, I know of not a scrap of evidence that alien beings make use of such a method of communication.

*(But anyway who could conceivably be so foolish as to want to ATTRACT visitors? Surely our problem is that we have far, far too many of them already!).*

### "Orange Globes" and Crop-Circles

Dear Gordon Creighton, — Firstly thank you for an excellent magazine. It was nice to find its quality undiminished when I renewed my subscription two years ago, after a lapse of nearly twenty years.

I thought you might be interested in the following report of the observation, and filming on video, of one of the "orange globes of light" that

appear to be related to the crop-circle phenomena.

I enclose a digitized print\* from the video sequence which shows the "ball" in close proximity to or touching the hill line (the Moon is at top right). There were three witnesses, my son (who did the filming), myself, and a gentleman from Bristol. We were part of an organised night watch by the Beckhampton branch of the Centre for Crop-Circle Studies (C.C.C.S.).

The time of the sighting was 11.24 pm Saturday June 22nd 1991. The sky was clear, quite cold with a light wind. We were on the Ridgeway, approx. one mile from Avebury and looking towards Milk Hill (Alton Barnes being on the same line of sight just over this hill).

We all noticed on arrival, approx. 11.10 to 11.15 pm, a red/orange flickering glow on the far ridge line, (Milk Hill). To be clear about this point the glow looked to be on the farthest visible ridge line but it is possible it was farther still, though this would have placed the glow in the sky. It was not a fire, (our first thought) as it "switched" on and off several times over the next few minutes, as we walked up towards the highest part of the Ridgeway. This glow might have had nothing to do with the subsequent appearance of the "ball"; I mention it because the ball fell to the ground in the same spot.

We reached a good vantage point and stopped, I continued to watch the flickering glow, the other two at this point were looking in other directions. Above the ridge line, over the position of the glow (I can't remember if it was "off" or "on" at this point) I noticed a white, star-like, point of light flicker on and then off. I thought at first it was an aircraft strobe light, but it only flickered on once, which I thought odd. I called the others' attention and as I did so, at the same point in the sky as the white point of light had been, a large perfectly circular globe of orange light suddenly appeared. Robin, my son, managed to aim his video, and film the last five seconds of its appearance, before it "switched off."

The orange globe was bright but not star-like, it did not throw out light like a street light or flare, its circumference was very clear and defined against the black sky. It fell towards the ridge line and appears on the video to touch the ground, rather than drop behind the ridge.

It disappears over two frames of the film (very rapidly).

From our position to the top of Milk Hill was three miles. If the orange globe was indeed on this hill, I have calculated, by reference to the apparent diameter of the Moon and the globe and triangulation, an approx. size for the globe of 70 ft. diameter.

The flickering glow was still in evidence after the globe had vanished, but this too switched off a few moments later never to return. We thought also that there was something left in the sky, "an irregular patch of smoke" being the nearest description.

The third witness viewed the globe through binoculars and observed two darker patches within it. I did not notice these with the naked eye.

C.C.C.S. (Secretary: Ralph Noyes) have a copy of the video, and have consulted Messrs. Pains-Wessex Ltd. who manufacture flares for the British Army. *This firm have viewed the video and have stated that it was not an Army flare.*

Juniper/Equinox also have a copy, but they chose not to use it in their programme.

With all the other reports of similar orange globes in crop-circle country, and this one's close proximity to Alton Barnes, there does appear to be some connection. We would have investigated the area the following morning, but it was an appalling day (cloud-bursts), and I had to return to Yorkshire that afternoon.

I know this sighting is not remarkable these days but it is "nice", to have it captured on video, and I thought it may be of interest, and may be something to "offer" the skeptics.

Best Wishes,

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\* Not clear enough for us to be able to reproduce. Editor.

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