realities of the "UFO Problem" as the Governments of the U.S.A., Russia, and Britain have known, so my own particular bet will be that, having divulged nothing so far, the French Government isn't going to divulge anything in future. (For it is possible to suspect that Governments, and their Ministers and high officials, may have very good reason to fear that anyone who divulges too much may be called upon to pay with his own life and even the lives of those nearest and dearest to him or her.)

In conclusion it is necessary to point out one more scandalous feature of this so-called "comprehensive Report". This is that, if you scan the list of the source materials used and quoted by the authors, as given in this summary, you will see that there is no mention whatsoever of France's journal *Lumières Dans La Nuit*, which has been running for 41 years, is one of the world's best UFO journals, and, like FSR, has provided an invaluable, steady, stream of careful and accurate UFO reports.

You will see also that there is not one single reference to any of the undermentioned seven names, which shine and scintillate like stars - the names of the great pioneering heroes of UFO research in France over the past half century. The absence of any mention of these people and of their unselfish work, is a downright and damnable disgrace, and a shameful blot on France, and as far as I am concerned renders the report ridiculous -if indeed, as it seems, in the original full text, none of these names and these publications are mentioned.

Here are the names:-

AIMÉ MICHEL (deceased) -FSR Consultant and Pioneer French writer on UFOs and author of many books.

A. VEILLITH (deceased) -for many years editor of Lumières Dans La Nuit.

JOËL MESNARD -Current Editor of Lumières Dans La Nuit

Dr. PIERRE GUÉRIN -eminent French astronomer and UFO researcher.

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P. FOUÉRÉ, (deceased) - For years publisher of France's very first UFO research journal, half a century ago.

GENEVIÈVE VANQUELEF. Notable French woman investigator of the UFO problem, and author of several excellent books and reports.

DR. JEAN-PIERRE PETIT -Eminent French astrophysicist, most recently Director of Research in the CNRS (French National Council for Scientific Research), specialist in theories of Cosmology and in electromagnetic propulsion (MHD), and author of half a dozen important books entirely on UFOs.

The exclusion of such a man from mention is utterly incredible -but also not a bit surprising, for nobody in France is likely to be anywhere near to comprehending his perceptions regarding "Other Realities"! Ultimately, however, we must not lose sight of the fact, that this report is the work of the french "military", so you can't expect them to pay any attention to mere civilian investigators. G.C.

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Although few people know it, this famous American Radio Observatory on the Island of Puerto Rico - in use ever since the 1960s in the U.S. search for extraterrestrial life (S.E.T.I) - is a frequent target of UFO activity.

The "official" version is that, so far, no replies have yet been received to their high-powered radio emissions searching for the "Somebodies" out there. But certain very strange happenings - scores of them - around and over the Observatory, might indicate the opposite - or that, at the very least, "Somebody" is extremely interested in what is going on there.

In this article, and also in future issues, I will report on some of these strange cases.

A FLYING SAUCER AND ALIENS IN THE BARRIO DOMINIGUITO SUBURB OF ARECIBO.

Señora Gertrudis Mendoza, from the Cuchi No. 1 sector of Dominguito, has had a contact with the UFO Phenomenon.

One night in 1981, she and her small daughters encountered a UFO and three strange beings on a hillside as they were on their way to meet her husband at his place of work. We interviewed her in her home, and this is what she told us:-

"Up there on that hill, about a kilometre from my own house, at about 11.00 o'clock one night, I saw a vividly bright object

on the left hand side of the road. I moved closer and pulled up at the edge, where there were some railings between us and the thing. There were three beings there, one small one and two taller ones, standing on the ground. The object was round, metallic, grey in colour, brightly glowing, and quite big, with a cupola on top and a series of bright lights around it. The beings, or individuals, were dressed in bright, tightly-fitting clothing. One was small - about 3 ft high, with a large head and no hair, and he was slim in build. He was wearing a close-fitting garb of a greenish-grey shade. And all of his skin looked *greyish*....

"As I said, the other two were taller and wearing tight-fitting clothing of a silvery-grey colour. They were different from the little one - they were of human type. I don't recall their hair colouring. I couldn't see their facial features at all because they had their backs to us and were facing their craft. All three of them were examining the craft. And it was hanging suspended at about 3ft. above the ground, and so not touching the ground at all.

"I felt a very strong urge to approach closer, and stepped out of the car and tried to get over the railings. The beings were in fact only about 20ft or so away from me. I was still trying to get nearer, but I was unable to do so because my smaller child took fright and started to cry. So I got back into the car and drove away fast and went on to get my husband. Later, when we came back there, the craft and beings were all gone.

"When I told my husband all about it, he "told me off" for having got out of the car and gone out like that without any fear for my own life and my children's lives. He said they could have carried us off and he would never have known what had happened to us".

Four years ago - i.e. in 1994, Sra Mendoza had another sighting, and in the same area. She was with her husband and her sister-in-law when they saw a flying saucer above the same mountain where she had had the encounter in 1981.

She said: "It was a very bright shining thing, pretty large, and it had lights of various colours - including amber, blue, orange, and green. In my opinion it was what you could call a "mother-craft because it was enormous! It was round and had a cupola on top. Around it there was a series of luminous rotating borders of various colours. And it made no noise - none at all.

"It went off in a south/south-east direction, and that's where the Arecibo Observatory lies. These things that are being seen hereabouts always seem to be related somehow to the Observatory. People are always talking about the things that they see, but it seems that they are all too scared to report what is going on."

ANOTHER GIGANTIC UFO NEAR THE RADIO OBSERVATORY.

Señor Felipe Jiménez, a resident of Utuado, a town in the centre of the Island of Puerto Rico, was an eyewitness of an incredible sight some years ago - between December 1991 and January 1992.

He was obliged to go late one night into Arecibo to get some goods. And, when he was near the Alvarado Stock Farm in Hato Viejo, he suddenly saw a very big bright light, The time was about 1.30 am

Puzzled by the light, he stopped and turned off his engine. And then, looking up, he saw something that startled him, at a height, as he thought of maybe 500 ft or so. Here is his account:

"I stuck my head out of the window and looked up, and was astounded. It was a flying saucer as big as a stadium or a basketball park. It had blue and yellow lights revolving all around it. At that moment an ambulance appeared on the road. The driver of it stopped near me and also began to watch it. I think it was a municpal ambulance from Utuado.

"We were still watching that thing, and then suddenly I thought of checking to see what time it was and, looking at my watch, I found that whereas I had been thinking only five minutes had elapsed, in reality it had been 20! I just can't explain that difference in time.

"Then I started up my vehicle and the driver of the ambulance did likewise, and he drove off fast and I couldn't keep up with him.

"I got to Arecibo and picked up the stuff I had come for, and I met there another man who was doing the same thing. I had come from Lares along the fast route (expreso). The time was by now about 1.50 am or a bit later. I knew this fellow already, and I said to him: "You won't believe what I've just seen!" - and he answered "And you won't believe what I've just seen either!"

"So I asked him *WHAT*, and he said: "When I was coming along the Expreso from Lares to Arecibo I saw an enormous flying saucer, very bright, with lights". And I said: "Yes, and I saw it too, but in the mountainous area, near the Arecibo Radio Observatory, as I was coming from Utuado."

We chatted for a bit, and on my way back along the same road where I had seen the UFO I suddenly spotted three objects in the sky. They were *triangles*, with the edges lit up - only the edges. They were flying in a tight pattern of three - one in front and two behind - in the direction of Utuado. When they were above one of the peaks they suddenly vanished. *And, what is most interesting* is that right behind that mountain lies the Arecibo Observatory! The huge UFO, and also the three triangular craft, had all appeared from the vicinity of the observatory and were heading towards

Utuado, and I am driven to wonder whether the personnel of the Observatory will not also have seen those flying objects!"

And Jiménez went on to reveal something else: "Here in Utuado there is a man (name withheld) who works for the Electricity Authority and, on one of the jobs that he worked on near the Observatory he heard reports that a man from the Hato Viejo area had seen something similar, but had reported it to the authorities, after which several very well dressed individuals - apparently Federal Agents - had come to his house and had warned him sharply not to tell anybody about what he had seen.

"My personal opinion", continued Jiménez, "based on what I saw myself, is that the scientists working at the Radio Observatory have possibly communicated or are possibly already in contact with the crews of the craft, because there is such a high level of UFO sightings near the Observatory - and that cannot just be by mere chance. If just one isolated person had a sighting, it might indeed be chance, but when it is lots of people then I simply can't believe that!"

In conclusion, Jiménez said:

"All this worries me. Because, if it is really happening, why isn't it made public? Through fear of panic maybe? Something's going on. And I am worried".

MILITARY PURSUE A UFO.

The home of Señor José Angel Rodríguez, a resident of Arecibo, is near National Route No. 10 (from Arecibo to Utuado) and very close to the Radio Observatory.

In 1994 Sr. Rodríguez saw a UFO being chased. He says:

"It was one night when I was returning from a visit to my mother-in-law. Near my house, I saw two big OMNI HUMMERS type jeeps full of armed soldiers travelling along Route 10. They were all in camouflage kit and armed, and they had binoculars. Behind the two jeeps came two dark-grey coloured vans with small round radar antennae on top. Their windows were darkened. It all looked very curious. *And* those troops were following a great big ball of light, vividly glowing and silent. One of the soldiers was watching it all the time.

"From where I was, it looked to me as though the dimensions of the ball of light were about 7 ft X 3 or 4 ft., and as though it was not very high up in the air - may be 300 ft. or so. It was travelling slowly - more or less at the speed of a car, and more or less towards the mountains, i.e. roughly towards El Jobo."

From this statement by Rodríguez we could see that the object was not exactly circular, but rather *oval*, and that it was pretty big.

Rodríguez went on: "Seeing all this, I followed them, and I saw a soldier get out and look up at the thing. The "light", or the UFO or whatever it was, continued to fly on. Then the troops found the way blocked by road-works, and turned off and drove along the Arecibo - Utuado No. 10 toward El Jobo. I followed them as far as El Jobo, but I lost both the troops and their vans and the light ball after that. The light ball had headed for El Jobo.... and the weirdest thing about all this was that it was happening close to the Arecibo Observatory".

And Rodríguez then added: "Look, Martín. One night I had gone with a cousin of mine to look at the Radio Observatory and its towers and radio masts and, right in the midst of the towers we saw something quite incredible - a long object, quite large, and shaped like a boomerang, with lots of little lights. I shone a torch (plugged into my car's cigarette-lighter) at it, and immediately it shot away at high speed, passing right over our heads without making any sound whatsoever. The time was between 11.30 pm, and midnight. The thing was quite long, and had been hanging stationary there for quite a time. I couldn't make out what colour it was.

The staff of the Radio Observatory MUST have seen it. If we could see it from where we were, then assuredly they MUST have seen it too, being so much closer to it! Well, anyway, there's something queer going on there. The Radio Observatory people

must have some type of communication, and were communicating with that object via their computers or whatever, FOR THE FACT IS THAT THE THING HAD BEEN HANGING STATIONARY THERE. It wasn't an aircraft, nor was it any type of terrestrial military craft or device. Nor do I believe that what I saw there was a *STEALTH* aircraft, because a *STEALTH* could never have been able to hang stationary so long, so static, without moving. IN MY OPINION THEY ARE HIDING SOMETHING FROM US THERE AT THE RADIO OBSERVATORY."

CHUPACABRAS, LASERS, AND UFOs.

In the course of the wave of animal mutilations in connection with the creatures called "*chupacabras*" in Puerto Rico in 1996, quite a lot of these sorts of attacks on animals occurred in places in the Municipal Area of Arecibo on one day, Tuesday, February 6, 1996.

One of these incidents involved the family of Señora Marina Rivera, who lives in the Esperanza suburb of Arecibo, near to the Radio Observatory.

As this lady explained to us when we spoke with her on the following day during our investigation of the facts of the case, she had got up from bed at about 6.00 am to take a little grandson to school, and she noticed that her chickens were still perched up in their usual orange tree, quite close to the house.

At 6.45 am she left the house to take the child to school, and as the boy was due to have some tests that day, she stayed on at the school until the tests were over, and she returned with him about 12.30 pm. And, arriving there, she now found that six of her hens and two of her cocks had been killed, and were strewn around all over the patio and in front of the house.

The dead birds all displayed two incisions in their backs, and there was not a drop of blood in them. This was verified when she, together with a constable from the Arecibo Police Headquarters who had come in response to her call, opened up one of the hens with a knife and inspected the body.

Moreover it could be seen that the hen in question appeared to have had its liver and its internal organs *crushed*, as though under great pressure or force. And on the ground could be seen strange marks that seemed to indicate *three big claws*.

One of Señora Rivera's sisters who lives near by said that while Sra. Rivera was away at the school, she (the sister) had heard something like the crying of a baby but had not paid attention to it.

The deaths of the birds had to have occurred between 6.45 am, when Doña Rivera left, and 12.30 when she returned.

Doña Marina had no idea of what she ought to do with the chickens' carcases. The Government had already announced, via all the media in the Island, that a so-called special "TASK FORCE" of people from State Civil Defence, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Natural Resources, would assume the job of studying cases of this kind and would also collect and analyze the carcases.

Worried, she therefore asked the Police what she should do, because, if she were to bury them herself, she might well be accused of hiding evidence. But the Police did not know either what she was to do!

So she then telephoned to the Department of Agriculture, who told her that they had nobody available to deal with the matter and look at the fowls. And Civil Defence gave her the same answer!

This attitude on the part of othe personnnel of these two Government Agencies provided a flat refutation for talk of any alleged Governmental "Task Force".

So there she was, with a pile of dead fowls on her premises, already beginning to decompose and pose a health risk. So she decided to bury them herself. And then, during our interrogation of her, she revealed to us certain other very important matters:-

As we have already mentioned, she and her family dwell in the suburb of Esperanza, just beside the Radio Observatory, and she next proceeded to tell us that she and other local residents had, on several occasions, seen strange flying objects, some of them luminous and some opaque, and shaped like round discs, constantly flying about over the Arecibo Observatory!

At times too, she said, brilliant beams of bluish-white light have been seen shooting out from the buildings of the Radio Observatory and towards those mysterious aerial objects. These objects, she explained, rapidly evade the light beams by performing sharp angular turns, leaps in the sky, finally shooting straight up and escaping.

She said: "You know, those beams that they shoot up at them look like lasers but there's one queer thing about it; those rays aren't just ordinary lasers which - so far as I understand it - are shafts of continuous light. But these rays - they stretch them out or shorten them, just as they wish!

According to what this lady Doña Marina Rivera told us, the spokesmen for the Radio Observatory have already "explained" to the local residents, in order to allay their fears, that the objects seen flying about in the sky there are "meteorites", and the rays which they, the scientists and technicians of the Observatory, shoot up at the "meteorites" are merely "in order to illuminate and study the "meteorites"!

Señora Rivera went on:

"I don't of course know ... but, so far as I understand it, meteorites don't *FLY*; they are rocks from Space and they fall to the Earth because they are attracted by gravity - isn't that how it is? Meteorites can't fly about in different directions and dodge light beams in the way that these things do! MY OPINION IS THAT THESE THINGS *ARE SOMETHING ELSE - UFOS!* And they are shooting at them with these beams."

And we agree with her entirely.

And, along with all this, Señora Rivera also revealed to us that on certain occasions luminous objects of vast size have hung stationary above the Arecibo Radio Observatory's great parabolic dish. On one night, on one occasion, a relative of hers, who is a security officer at the Observatory, was up on one of the towers when a big, long object, brilliantly lit up, came down out of the sky and suddenly started to hang there, right above him, and blinding him with its light. (Is this maybe the very same object that was seen by Señor José Angel Rodríguez and his friend?).

The impact of this experience on the security officer was so great that, after the UFO had departed, he was in a dreadfully emotional state and had to receive medical attention. For a long time, he failed to respond to treatment at all, being apparently in a condition of total shock and constantly voicing religious hymns and prayers. And from that time onwards he was never again allowed to go up on the Observatory's towers.

According to Señora Rivera, certain people who work at the Radio Observatory have told her that their superior officers have instructed them never to speak of incidents of this type when they happen, "BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING VERY SECRET".

On another occasion, at around 2.00 am, she saw a luminous circular object wreathed in a powerful glow of yellowish-white light, pass rapidly over her house and vanish in the sky to the north-east. And - once again - the flight-path of the UFO originated from the Arecibo Radio Observatory.

CONCLUDING REMARKS BY JORGE MARTÍN.

Thus, as we see, the incidence of UFO sightings and UFO encounters near the Arecibo Radio Observatory has been frequent, and the cases described here show clearly that this is so. In the next issue of *EVIDENCIA OVNI* we shall present fresh reports on these matters and reports that show that the personnel of the Radio Observatory have been involved in the investigation of the UFO business, contrary to what their spokesmen have been saying for decades past. So watch out for it and don't miss our next issue. J.M.■

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