



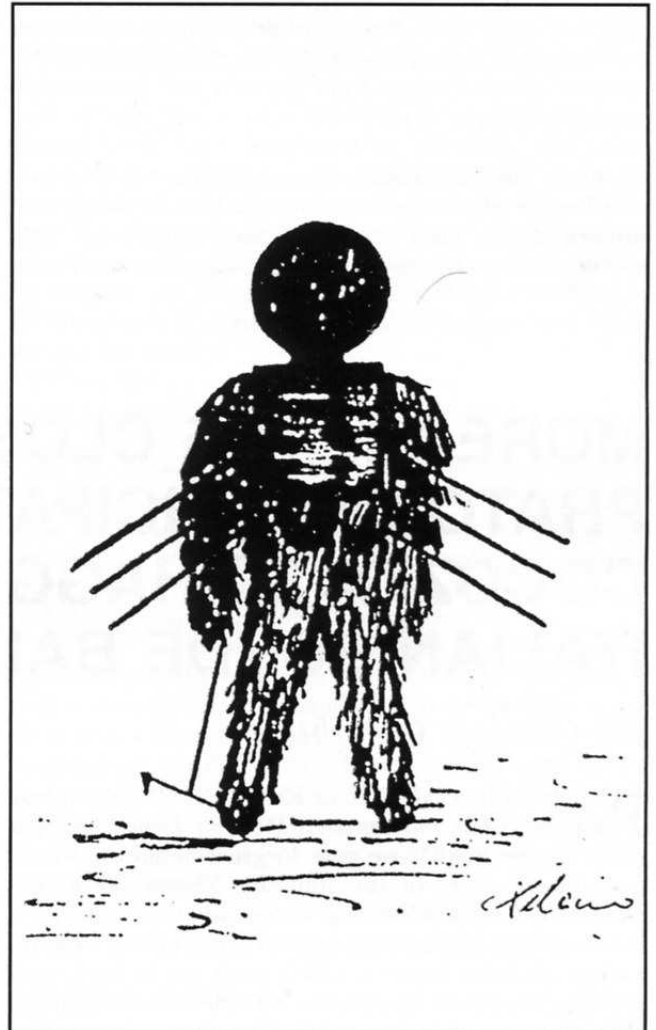
Profile view of the "sonde balloon".

We would however inform you that, following upon the enquiries made subsequent to the reception from the Corps of Carabinieri of the facts as reported to them by COCOZZA, it has been ascertained that, on the day in question, sonde balloons

were released from the stations at Fiumicino, Trapani, Elmas, and Brindisi. The possibility is not excluded that, on the morning of the day in question, that balloons referred to may have been found in the zone of the sighting or in its vicinity.

By Order of the Minister,  
(Signed): Vice-Chief of Cabinet

COMMENT BY C.U.N.: "The Minister for Defence seeking vainly and foolishly for any excuse".



The "sonde balloon" departs, emitting flames from its flanks.

## A WELCOME END TO A FESTERING FEUD

*A LETTER FROM DR. ROBERTO PINOTTI, FSR Consultant;  
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To The Editor  
FSR.

Dear Gordon, — To begin with, let me thank you for your kind mention, in FSR 36/1, of my books and their titles and publishers.

These books are the best proof of the vitality of C.U.N. and of myself, and of our vigorous battle against the sceptics, the debunkers, and the "Monnerists".\*

In January of this year, with our Fourth National Congress, C.U.N., our National Ufological Centre, has commemorated our activity, over the last twenty-five years, in Milano. And it was a big success!

During the past six years an attempt has been made (by ..., and ..., and ...), to destroy C.U.N., and it has

failed. Not only has it failed, but it has called forth a powerful reaction to it, just as happened with a similar movement which developed in Britain under the influence of ... and ...

The result is that the Centro Italiano Studi Ufologici (C.I.S.U.), which was set up in 1984 in Torino (Turin) in opposition to us, has now failed. And our C.U.N. has been re-organised in a new, and growing, positive ufological effort.

And proof of this is forthcoming in the person of Antonio Chiumiento himself. Assuredly you remember everything. Antonio — the Vice-President of C.U.N. — quitted us in 1984 to become President of the new organisation, C.I.S.U. For all of us that was of

course a "stab in the back", and Chiumiento himself naturally bears some share of the responsibility for what happened. On the other hand, we in C.U.N. fully realised that Antonio was being misled and deceived, and was being *used*. And our prediction eventually came true, and, after having utilized him for some months against us as their President, the "rattlesnakes" simply "ditched" him.

Why did they "ditch" him? Simply because Antonio Chiumiento, from his experiences as an active field investigator of the UFO Phenomenon, was only too thoroughly convinced of the *reality* of that Phenomenon. *In other words — he was no "Monnerist"!*

All in all, then, it was a sad tale. But now I am glad to be able to write and tell you that, after the lapse of five years, we have had a meeting with Antonio Chiumiento, and he has given us a fully detailed account of the machinations and procedure whereby, in 1985, C.I.S.U. had managed to transform him into such a fierce opponent of C.U.N. And, following upon this meeting, it was decided by the Board of C.U.N. that we would accept Antonio's explanations, *and that we would forgive and forget!* (For, after all, he himself had been the principal sufferer in all that had happened).

In the meantime, I am now also glad to be able to tell you, Antonio Chiumiento has completed his studies in Economics, and has received his university degree, and that he is back with us in C.U.N. once more, as one of our Consultants. And, as such, he is of course happy to appear once more on the Panel of Consultants of FSR with (like myself!) the label of "C.U.N.", and no longer with that of "C.I.S.U."! And he is writing to you himself, to advise you, so this letter from me is just by way of confirmation.

— And, one more matter of interest. A new book (by myself and by C.U.N.) is going to be published, in English, in the U.S.A., by Lt.Col. Wendelle Stevens' firm, UFO PHOTO ARCHIVES. Its title will be "UFO CONTACTS IN ITALY", and thus it will be concerned solely with Italian cases, and will constitute a complete and up-dated report on all UFO activity in this country.

And, since so many of C.U.N.'s Italian reports were translated into English by *you*, and published by *you*, in FSR, we decided to keep all the Gordon Creighton translations from FSR, proper credit being given, and to dedicate the book to Gordon Creighton for his constant activity in the divulgence of Italian UFO cases. So I hope that you will be happy to see that your efforts too did so much to help Italian UFO research!

Thank you again. And keep up your good work for the truth, and against the enemies of our common effort.

Sincerely yours,

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**NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR.** Thank you too, Roberto, for a most generous gesture which is very much appre-

ciated. As you have indicated, it has long been our policy at FSR — *as Europeans* — to see that the proper credit is attributed to the work of *Italy's* investigators of our extraordinary subject, for unquestionably they have played a great role.

And I think it is no less incumbent upon us to express our warmest and sincerest congratulations to you, and to Antonio Chiumiento, and all others who may have been concerned, for a rare display of magnanimity and sensible conciliation in settling an old dispute!

For those who did not see any of the excellent reports that Antonio Chiumiento sent to us some years ago, we list them here:-

1. "The Little Oriental Airman" In FSR 28/5 (1983).
2. "An Encounter With 'Rat-Faces' In Italy". In FSR 28/6 (1983).
3. "The Little Oriental Airman. Postscript." In FSR 29/1 (1983).
4. "UFO Alert At A NATO Base In Italy". In FSR 30/2 (1984).
5. "A Landing At Varzi, In Northern Italy". In FSR 30/6 (1985).
6. "Encounter On an Italian Chicken-Farm". In FSR 32/4 (1987).

\* Just as students of Post-Renaissance Art had to learn all about "Mannerism", we poor unfortunates, in our own little field of study, have been afflicted of late with an even more monstrous phenomenon, namely "Monnerism".

Michel Monnerie of France was, so it seems, one of the first in that country to perceive the "True Light", and to realise that all the UFO research done throughout the world since 1947 was complete nonsense, *for the simple reason that neither UFOs, nor their occupants, exist.* Under the banner of the "New Wave", the crusade ravaged French Ufology. And when, in 1979, Gérard Barthel and Jacques Brucker produced their monumental piece of hogwash, the book "LA GRANDE PEUR MARTIENNE" ("THE GREAT MARTIAN SCARE"), prefaced by "the eminent French astrophysicist Evry Schatzman of the C.N.R.S." (we all know — don't we — what these letters "C.N.R.S." stand for when it comes to a question of discussing UFOs!), the two authors found that they could not do better than dedicate their product "To our dear friend Michel Monnerie, who opened our eyes".

Significantly enough, the book was published by the French "Rationalist" Press in Paris. It is not difficult to guess what sort of "political interests" would have been associated with such an enterprise. (British TV viewers have themselves had a little dose of it in this summer of 1991).

We understand that nowadays a copy of the Barthel/Brucker masterpiece is not too easy to find. Those who might wish to savour some of its more piquant "truths" are referred to the undermentioned items in recent FSRs:-

1. *The New "French Disease"*. (G.C.) In FSR 33/3 (1988).
2. *The "Great Martian Scare"*. (Pier Luigi Sani). In FSR 34/3 (1989)
3. *Letter from Pier Luigi Sani*. In FSR 35/2 (Mail Bag) (1990).

### Reports of Compass or Detector Readings Wanted

Dear Editor, — I will pay \$20 each, up to a total of \$1,000 per person, for photocopies of every published UFO report that I do not have which mentions that a magnetic compass needle or a magnetic detector was apparently affected by the object. As I already have a collection of such published magnetic (not electromagnetic) effect cases, those who are interested in this offer should first request my list of known reports.

Yours sincerely,

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