more photos and it was then we noticed all of the cows were suddenly close to us. They came relentlessly onwards. It seemed they were under some kind of control for they completely encircled us with the swiftness of a military operation and I was still standing on the five feet square by three feet high stone.

The cows had formed a complete solid circle round us, five to six deep. I had no space to jump down and Paul was trapped standing by the stone so I said we had to get to the gate somehow but must not spook them. I gently got down between two animals and said something like, "Come on, make room!", and as we walked among them they were nudging and smelling us with their wet noses.

We walked steadily towards the gate which was about two hundred yards away and I remember hoping none of them would panic, otherwise we would be in trouble. They formed a half circle round us and one kept nudging me in the back so I turned round and held up my hands and shouted "Get back!", and they all stopped in unison. We walked on and they continued with us, the nearest ones about twelve to eighteen inches away. They all seemed huge, a lot of cow at three quarters of a ton each. The walk to the gate seemed endless and on reaching it the chain appeared reluctant to unfasten but with

"The cows had formed a complete solid circle round us five to six deep...fifty is a lot of cow at three quarters of a ton each!"

more nudging from behind we were through and safely away from the wet noses, bulging bodies and expressionless eyes.

We cannot understand how they got so close to us so quickly and manoeuvred with such precision. I had the feeling we had been purposely escorted out of those fields. It was an enigmatic place, a mixture of serenity and foreboding.

We ended the long walk back to the car with a cup of coffee but finally found ourselves locked into the farmyard because someone had padlocked the entry gate. Luckily we were able to lift the metal gate off its hinges and swing it round on the fastening chains, drive through, replace the gate and off to freedom.



MAILBAG

Reported "Saucer Nest" in New Zealand

Dear Editor, — When I sent you the material which you published in FSR 37/3 (More UFO Reports From New Zealand) I ought to have pointed out that Karekare, scene of the suspected "saucer nest", not being near to the Bay of Islands, it was the only item in the report that I had not investigated personally. I was relying on the opinions of Captain Cathie and Squadron-Leader Habgood that this was a genuine mystery, but apparently they had not really investigated it either.

However FSR reader Murray Bott (who had supplied the Western Leader with the original photo) got in touch with me as soon as he had seen the article in FSR and pointed out that the newspaper's report of the affair was inaccurate. The area of collapsed reeds was, he said, "not a circle, but more like a semi-circle", nor were the reeds arranged in a circular pattern. He has since discovered several similar patches of collapsed reeds, and has concluded that there was in every case a perfectly natural explanation. If publishing, please credit Murray Bott and MUFON, of which he is the N.Z. Director, for supplying this information and the enclosed newsclipping.

(Newsclipping not reproduced due to lack of space available. ED. FSR).

There do not seem to have been any genuine crop circles in New Zealand lately but only a couple of rather clumsy hoaxes.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon Tuckey,

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New Zealand.

December 18, 1992.

Response to John White's Article

Dear Mr. Creighton, — In response to John White's article in FSR 37/2, and to Harry Edgington's letter in FSR 37/4 and your comments on that letter, I would like to say that I found John White's piece very interesting, and would like to read more of this type, including one by Mr. White on Lucifer/Satan, and that these articles by John White and Dan Lloyd (FSR 37/3), and your editorials, are what I find most interesting in the magazine.

One does not necessarily have to agree with, or even to understand, all

aspects of these articles to be able to appreciate their original and thought-provoking qualities.

Yours sincerely,

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March 21, 1993.

An Extended Viewpoint

Dear Mr.Creighton, — I enclose my cheque for £15 to renew my subscription and would like to add how very much pleasure I have received over the years from getting FSR and how beautifully it is presented.

Also I find that now, apart from the interest of the "sightings", you have achieved an extended viewpoint, of how to perceive the Universe in a new light... another "voyage of discovery".

May I wish you a continued success, and express my thanks.

Yours sincerely,

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April 9, 1993.

More on Freixedo and his Books

Dear Mr. Creighton, — Permit me to thank you for the kind words and support toward my translation efforts which you expressed in the Spring 1993 issue of FSR (38/1) which were kindly relayed to me by Dr. Bert Schwarz.

Fortunately, you will not have to wait much longer for *Defendámonos de los Dioses* to appear in English. I completed the translation last summer, and it will appear this summer — if all goes well — from IllumiNet Press, P.O. Box 746, Avondale Estates, Georgia 30002, USA.

La Granja Humana (The Human Farm) and Israël: Pueblo Contacto (Israel: A Contactee People) have also been translated and are next in queue.

I will keep you updated on any further developments. Once more, many thanks for your support. Sincerely,

Scott Corrales,

Scott Corrales Writing Consultants, 5423 Walnut Street, Apt. 1, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232, U.S.A. April 14, 1993.

And a Letter from Salvador Freixedo himself —

(Translation from Spanish. G.C.)

My Very Dear Friend, — I have just received the Spring Number of FSR (38/1) and once more I see my name in an important spot at the start of the journal — for which I must once again thank you for the great honour which it represents for me to figure so prominently in the world's most illustrious specialist review on the question of UFOs.

Ithink my book Visionaries, Mystics, and Contactees has been selling pretty well, and according to what the publisher tells me he is thinking of issuing a second edition straight away. It is true that the number of copies that he prints is small, but a start has been made with something anyway. He has also told me that in the autumn of this year he is planning to publish Defendámonos. (In English its title will be Beware of the Gods. I think this is a better title than "Let Us Defend Ourselves Against The Gods", which would be too long.)

Some time ago I sent you the second article by my wife Magdalena, on the things happening, and continuing to happen, in Puerto Rico. Should it interest you, you may of course publish it in full or in an abridged form. (We assuredly will—as soon as we can! Editor).

In the next two weeks we shall both be going to Argentina, where there has always been a great degree of UFO activity. We shall probably bring back with us some sort of report from there and we will send it to you.

I am also thinking of sending you a copy of an article of mine due to appear soon in the Spanish review ESPACIO Y TIEMPO (SPACE AND TIME). In it I try to make a thorough examination of the entire political content that has gradually been developing behind the UFO Phenomenon. I believe that at the present time there is a vast political background to it, but I also believe that this entire coverup that for years past has been put across on the subject is going to collapse with a resounding crash. They can't keep so transcendental a fact as this secret much longer.

Here in Spain the Armed Forces are gradually revealing their own UFO archives that have hitherto been secret.* And the officer who has been entrusted with the task of doing this is Air Force Lt.-Colonel Angel Bastida. (And — oh coincidence! — it turns out that he is my nephew — my sister's son!).

Again, many thanks. I still plan to take a trip to England and Ireland, but there is always something new turning up that stops one from doing all that one would like to do.

Abrazos, and our greetings to your wife.

Salvador Freixedo,

Urb. El Mirador, chalet 21, Cadalso de los Vidrios 28640, Madrid. May 18, 1993.

NOTE BY EDITOR: I have already received a vast amount of material on this (all of course in Spanish) from our other Spanish friends, FSR Consultants Sr. Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Sr. Joan Plana Crivillén, and Sr.J.J. Benítez. This material, which will take some time to go through (I have only two eyes and two arms, contrary to what seems to be expected of me) but I note already that Sr. Crivillén has sent me the entire text of an article, Los OVNIs y El Ejercito del Aire, (The UFOs And The Air Force) by Lt.-Col. Angel Bastida himself, which was published in the Spanish air Force's journal Revista de Aeronautica y Astronautica for August/September 1992. And Sr. J.J. Benítez has sent me, inter alia, a ten-page article, written by himself, about Lt.-Col. Bastida's activities and revelations, and titled "For The First Time In History A Military Officer Talks At The University About UFOs."

I emphasise that one can only attempt a résumé of all this material, given the limited resources of FSR, and it is hoped that such a résumé can be managed in due course. (I beg leave however to doubt whether this material contains anything of any real value whatsoever apart from harmless details of encounters by Spanish aircraft with UFOs in Spain's Air-To that extent, I suggest, these "revelations", startling as they may seem to be, are in themselves only a part of the ongoing official cover-up and black-out. I'll bet they contain not one single word about abductions, about genetic tinkering and cross-breeding and about the forcible extraction of sperm and ova from humans,

such as we now know is going on in other parts of the world, and most particularly in the United States of America. Were all *that* to be revealed suddenly in Spain, I agree with Sal Freixedo that it would produce such a terrible shock world-wide, that I tremble at the thought of its possible consequences for mankind.

Meanwhile, on this matter of the Spanish Air Force's "change of mind", I have much pleasure in publishing now an article in English, *The Spanish Air Force UFO Files*, by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, which Vicente-Juan has himself very kindly and very thoughtfully sent to me. It will be found on page 20. G.C.

Another Letter From the Shropshire Astronomers

Dear Gordon, - I thank you for publishing our letter in FSR (37/4). Much appreciated. I am writing to tell you of a new project we are doing. I have set up and am running, an Astronomical BBS called Starbase Four. This is a BBS where astronomers, world-wide, log onto, to read and leave important information. there are many megabytes of Astro-Software for people to download. The thing is that I have taken this one step further, i.e., it is now a serious astro-board but I have also added a serious ufological area. This area is where ufologists can leave and collect important information and also enter into debate with astronomers on both subjects. There is also a UFO-filerelated area where people can download information on sightings and other UFO

I believe this is the first Astro/ UFO Board in the United Kingdom. To access the Board you need a modem from v21 300 baud up to V32 9600 baud.

The BBS is open 24 hours a day and can be accessed on 0691 671900.

If you need any more information, let me know. I hope to get the UFO section to grow over the next month, and need plenty of good input.

Yours,

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May 4, 1993.

(Bravo! Surely indeed there must be some new "extended viewpoints" developing, for sadly I recall, over many years past, quite a few talks that I have given before clubs or societies containing not a few amateur astronomers, and I remember the ridicule that was encountered. I usually silenced much of this ridicule from the astronomers by retorting that, anyway, I wasn't a bit sure that any part of our "UFO Problem" necessarily derived from "our" observable three-dimensional Universe. But today this idea seems to be catching on at last. EDITOR).