MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Appreciated in New Zealand

Dear Gordon Creighton, — So very pleased to read that FSR is not a "gonner" too,* and to help it stay that way I am enclosing \$20.00 (mind you, New Zealand currency at present is not really worth the paper on which it is printed) but this is the best I can do.

Thank you for all your wonderful work and please carry on, we need

you so much.

The closing down of so many other publications by the world-wide governmental cover-up still does not stop surveillance and contact of our planet by these inter-dimensional and extraterrestrial entities and forces, both good and negative.

So very best wishes to you and all the workers and helpers for FSR.

Sincerely,

Mrs Phyllis D. Hall (née Dixon), 2/16 Tamariki Avenue, Orewa, Hibiscus Coast, New Zealand, January 23, 1985

* Our sincere thanks to Mrs Hall! After being in steady decline from 1980 onwards, in common with all other UFO publications throughout the world (most of which have disappeared), FSR's circulation figures are now moving up again. EDITOR

"Delta" or "Boomerang" Over West Yorkshire?

Dear Sir, — I was interested in the report of the giant "Boomerang" over

New York State as reported in FSR 30/3.

Sometime in 1981 I saw a very similar UFO, which I reported by letter to Jenny Randles, who passed it on to Mr Walter Reid, BUFORA investigator and co-ordinator for N. Yorkshire.

I had recently bought a telescope, and, with my sister and her fiancé, we were looking at the Moon, when the fiancé, William Nicholls, cried "Christine. What's that!" I turned round and saw, gliding noiselessly over the roof of our house, towards Halifax, what looked like a huge Delta-winged aircraft as seen from the rear, with a row of red lights along the back of each wing. We both dashed round to the back of our house — a mere matter of seconds, but when we got there, the craft had vanished.

The sky that night was clear of cloud. We were all sober. And the craft was totally silent. I looked to see if there was any mention of it later in our newspaper, but nobody else seemed to have seen it or reported it.

My home lies between Bradford and Halifax, at Queensbury in West Yorks. The craft seemed to come from the direction of Bradford and to be going towards Halifax, and so was flying on a south-westerly course.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Christine Cunnington, 5 Park Close, Queensbury, Bradford, W. Yorks. BD13 2NG, March 15, 1985 See also the Reverend Donald Thomas's report of a huge craft with several rows of very bright white lights, observed flying close to the ground near the U.S. Air Force base at Brize Norton in Oxfordshire at about 11.30 p.m. on September 23, 1978. (Sightings & Strange Doings in Oxfordshire, FSR 29/3, p. 15). EDITOR

Unpalatable Truths

Dear Editor, — Enclosed is my check for \$24.50 for the renewal for FSR by airmail.

You are doing a splendid job with each issue and, if anything, you get better all the time. You're one of the few people in the whole English-speaking world that I know of who has the courage to write about a lot of things which are unpopular and which, under other circumstances, would have made — and should even now — make headlines.

We send our very best to everyone there and especially to Charles Bowen. He is fabulous, and hopefully all this work, and your work, will some day be recognized as not having been in vain. Sincerely yours.

Berthold E. Schwarz, M.D., 642 Azalea Lane, Vero Beach, Florida 32963, U.S.A. December 18, 1984

(Continued overleaf)

AN ITALIAN CONSULTANT FOR FSR

We announce with great pleasure that Signor Antonio Chiumiento, Vice-President of C.U.N. (The Italian National UFO Research Centre), has joined our team of Consultants. An indefatigable investigator, he lives in Pordenone, in North-Eastern Italy, and has already given us some extremely interesting reports in FSR Vol. 28/5, Vol. 28/6, and Vol. 30/2.

The Valentich Case — Important Further Comment

Dear Sir, — The publication of my article, "Vanished? — The Valentich Affair Re-examined", in Vol. 30, No. 2, requires a correction and some further clarification.

During September, 1984, while on business in the U.S., I had the pleasure to briefly stay with both Drs. Hynek and Haines. Extensive discussion and fine hospitality ensued. During my visit to Dr. Haines' home in California, an open house was made, which enabled me to meet with other resident researchers including Jacques Vallée and Paul Cerny.

My stay with Dr. Haines enabled me to discuss with him at length the Valentich affair and also listen to the controversial conversation tape. From these discussions it was clear that I was in error with regard to my references in my article (p. 7) to how Dr. Haines acquired his copies of the Valentich tape, I would therefore appreciate your co-operation in retracting this error on my part. I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused to Dr. Haines and to Guido Valentich. I should note that having been advised of this by Dr. Haines, I corrected my article and forwarded a further revised copy, however, it appears our erratic mail services have beaten us to the punch.

I further note in my revised article: "The (tape) conversation recorded is largely consistent with the publicly released Department of Aviation tape transcript. At least a word or two could be interpreted differently, but there is no significant difference."

In the article I noted Dr. Haine's manuscript referring to four scenarios with regard to what happened to Frederick Valentich. One of these was a "military weapons test". I further note in my revised article:

"Dr. Haines has been publicly quoted as referring to a "missile" but this is inaccurate. The "military weapons" hypothesis refers to something ostensibly more exotic. As the hypothesis is controversial, it is appropriate that it is aired in detail by Dr. Haines himself rather than in an assessment based on conversation I have had with him."

It is for this reason and because of the remarkable and fine work he has done on the Valentich case, I sincerely hope that Dr. Haines' manuscript finds a courageous publisher.

Finally, lest I be chided for my comments on the GSW UFO photo analysis technique, my revised article also contained the following clarification:

"While the GSW technique is of considerable utility in analysing "UFO photos", some of their assumptions and methodology have been subject to critical debate and their ambiguous status highlighted. For example see A. Hendry's "The UFO Handbook"."

In anticipation, I thank you for the opportunity of correcting an error and amplifying some points in my Valentich article

tich article.
Yours sincerely,
Bill Chalker,
P.O. Box 6,
Lane Cove, NSW, 2066,
Australia
January 22nd, 1985
c.c.: Dr. Richard Haines
P.S. Regarding the reader's letter
about the famous "nest" at Tully,
Queensland, the correct answer is that
the direction of the "swirl" was clockwise. I will hopefully be responding in
more detail shortly.

"Indirect Hypnosis"?

Dear Sir, — I note (FSR 30/1, page 16) that the Brazilian Antônio Carlos Ferreira was subjected by the parapsychologist Álvaro Fernandes to "indirect hypnosis, that is to say, using a medium or sensitive under hypnosis".

Since this is potentially a very significant case, perhaps the author, Senhora Irene Granchi, could very kindly explain exactly what "indirect hypnosis" is, how often it was employed on Antônio Carlos, and why it should be considered reliable?

Yours sincerely, Malcolm Smith,

No. 7, 23rd Avenue, Brighton, Brisbane,

Queensland 4017,

Australia

February 23, 1985

An interesting question, upon which we hope Sra. Granchi will perhaps be able to throw more light?

My own personal impression is that

this technique of employing a psychic medium is probably one of the areas on which, in the Soviet Paradise, the KGB are spending such large sums for research into the military benefits of Warfare. I understand, example, that they have had success in sending out a coded Intelligence through one drugged message medium (the "sender") and having it "picked up" at the other end, thousands of miles away, by another drugged medium (the "receiver").

EDITOR

From a South African Reader

Dear Sir, — I thoroughly enjoy each issue of FSR, and congratulate you on the high standard of articles. They certainly are provocative, and serve to prod sleeping humanity — or, at least, as many of them as read FSR. Yours sincerely,

David Powell,

127 David Street.

137 Dorado Street, Waterkloof Ridge, Pretoria 0181, Republic of South Africa February 10, 1985

Some Remarkable Dream Experiences

Dear Sir, — One night during the summer of 1967 I dreamt that I floated up out of my bed, watching it gradually receding from my field of vision. The road outside the house next came into view and on it, standing in wonderment, were two people who watched as I was propelled inexorably higher and higher.

My next vivid impression was of finding myself standing in a featureless room, undergoing an apparently conventional examination of my eyes, by a tall and very normal looking human being, dressed in a coverall such as one might expect a doctor to be wearing.

There my dream ended, and I awoke with a jolt, and experienced a most excruciating pain in my chest, which fortunately passed after a few minutes.

Were this shock, and the pain, due to the re-entry of my 'astral body' into the physical?*

I have never experienced anything else like it, before or since.

What has now begun to interest me very much indeed is the intriguing fact that in recent years there have been so many reports of "UFO abductees" being subjected to medical examinations.

Could not our Astral Body, or Soul, reveal all sorts of symptoms and details about us to a visiting Ufonaut possessed of highly advanced senses and capabilities?

Going back to 1957, when we were living in the same town (Loughborough, Leicestershire) but in a different house, I can recount another remarkable dream.

Beside the house there was a large natural depression in the land, at the bottom of which was a quagmire, with lush undergrowth, bushes and trees. We fondly called this depression 'the Wadi' (Arabic for 'a dry water-course').

One night, my wife dreamed that a saucer-shaped UFO landed in 'the Wadi'. It gave out a pulsating, humming noise, and three entities emerged from it.

At that point, my wife awoke with a start. BUT THE HUMMING NOISE STILL PERSISTED, and my wife became very frightened.

Then, after a few minutes, the hum gradually faded out.

About a week later, while we were watching television, my wife and I both heard the uncanny hum again. We exchanged meaningful glances, as our two small boys were in the room with us. But neither of the boys appeared to notice the hum, which easily penetrated the noise of the television.

My wife and I slipped out of the room and went into the garden adjacent to 'the Wadi'. As we emerged from the house, the hum got appreciably louder, but in fact we saw nothing, and gradually it faded out altogether.

Years later, when I became a reader of FSR and other publications about UFOs, I became aware that a hum is a very frequently reported feature.

In the light of these two dreamexperiences, I feel that dreams should never be written off as inconsequential and not connected with the UFO Mystery.

Yours sincerely, Raymond Fox-Strangways, Cherry Orchard Yews, Trull, Taunton, Somerset TA3 7LF. January 10, 1985

*Those who have specialized knowl-

edge of these matters claim that such a 'shock' or 'repercussive effect' is the typical, 'classic', sensation felt when the 'pyschic double' is jerked back into the physical body rapidly.

In my view this letter touches upon something that is very important, and yet is scarcely ever mentioned. For I think there is extremely little evidence yet that any UFO contacts take place with the percipient in his or her physical body. This would mean that one has to be out of that body before such a contact can occur.

Rendlesham, "Revolving Double-Breasted Liars", etc.

Dear Sir, - FSR 30/1 was quite an issue. Your editorials read well and stir the imagination, and I would like to "Revolving Doublecomment on Breasted Liars". Yes - classified telegrams are sent to and fro throughout the American governmental bureaucracies and those of our Allies. For your information, telegrams are called 'electrical messages' in American jargon. I have a copy of the unclassified document used by the U.S. Department of State to aid message-drafters in preparing subject and text headings. I could reveal more, but my prior access to Sensitive Compartmented Information, and my own signature on a form called the "Non-Disclosure Agreement", valid for seventy (70) years, precludes me from doing so.

A very good book, *The Puzzle Palace*, by James Bamford, is an excellent compilation and investigative report on the National Security Agency, on its sister-organizations like GCHQ (General Communications Headquarters) in the United Kingdom, and on the general intelligence-gathering efforts of machines and men.

NSA will never reveal much from the 239 UFO-related documents, because an Executive Order, signed by President Truman, exempted the newly-formed NSA from all past, present, and future U.S. laws — i.e. where there is a threat that the national security may be compromised. If you are interested in securing James Bamford's book I could pass the details to you.*

Apart from purely local reports, the American news media have of late displayed extremely little interest in the UFO Phenomenon. However, there was one very interesting exception. On Cable News Network, the fourth and most innovative of the American TV networks, a special assignment reporter gave an in-depth review of the Rendlesham incidents, closely paralelling Jenny Randles' article, "More About the Adventures of a Very Peculiar Lighthouse" (FSR Vol. 29, No. 6).

Mention was even made of the splendid theory of the British Police that the indentations found in the ground had not been made by a craft bu by *rabbits!* It appears in fact that these rabbits dug three holes forming a perfect equilateral triangle (12 ft. to each side).

This in-depth coverage of the Rendlesham case was spread over four days (January 21, 22, 23 and 25, 1985), and the reporting was notably unbiased. The C.N.N. have given indications that they plan further UFO coverage. Their head, Mr Ted Turner, who uses his WTBS/Atlanta superstation as a base, has it seems two particularly strong interests, the one being UFOs and the other the danger of Nuclear Holocaust.

The last part of the showing on Rendlesham (on January 25) included an audio-cassette tape that supposedly recorded the sounds of the U.S. Air Force Security Police approaching the UFO light in the Forest, and their conversations.

There then followed a review of the book CLEAR INTENT, by a reporter standing on the steps of the Pentagon, and by Lawrence Fawcett, one of the two authors.

The full address of C.N.N. (Cable News Network) is:

1050 Techwood Drive, ATLANTA, Georgia.

A transcript of the four-part report and/or a copy of the video would make interesting additions to the FSR files!

Yours sincerely, (full name and address on file), Arizona, U.S.A. January 26, 1985

*We bought a copy of this interesting and important book as soon as it came

The writer of this letter is employed in a "sensitive" field, and his or her name and address are therefore not divulged.

EDITOR