

MAILBAG

MORE "UNKNOWNS" REPORTED IN SWEDISH WATERS

Sir — In recent years there have been reports of "unknown submarines" intruding into Swedish and Norwegian coastal waters. On numerous occasions, the Swedish Navy has depth-charged certain areas where sonar responses had been received. They even pointed a finger at *Russia* as being the offender.

However, according to a news bulletin from Radio Sweden on February 17, 1995, the culprits have now been identified as minks swimming past. The news item even included recordings of sonar echoes from a submarine and from mink, these being entirely similar.

An apology has now been made to Russia by Sweden.

Yours sincerely

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NOTE BY EDITOR. Fine Cosmic Supermink indeed! FSR has now been going for 40 years and all through those 40 years we have been hearing this marvellous hogwash, not only from Scandinavia but also from Argentina, where, years ago, for about a week or ten days, the Argentine Navy was depth-charging "something" that they thought they had "bottled up" in Puerto Nuevo Bay. But it got away of course in the end. Mink again, no doubt. (Or maybe, since it was Argentina, could it possibly have been a giant coypu? East Anglian newspapers please copy).

HERETIC

Dear Friend — We are planning to publish a new Spanish magazine "on our subject", and Magdalena, my wife, has been appointed to serve as the international co-ordinator on Ufology for the project.

Could we please have a good picture of you, and also have your credentials? (I have tried to find both, in other journals and publications, but, as you know, you are an "auteur maudit", an accursed heretic, and therefore systematically ignored * by the "authorities" in the "UFO world")

Very best wishes to you both, Yours sincerely Salvador Freixedo 32454 CENNLE - La Quinta ORENSE Spain July 29, 1995

*Yes - and one is obliged to admire the remarkably thorough "hatchet job" that has been done, both here in Britain and throughout the world. As Ann Druffel (USA) wrote to me some time ago, it "looks as though you might be right about something or other, to have merited so much vituperation!". EDITOR

APPRECIATION OF RON PEARSON

Dear Mr. Creighton — I would like to commend you for your excellent magazine, and all the different thoughts and ideas expressed in the articles. I was particularly impressed by Mr. R.D. Pearson's articles, even though I know nothing about physics, as I have read several books by phsyicists written in layman's language. I do hope that we will read more of Mr. Pearson's articles in the future.

Another aspect of your magazine which I would like to comment on is the wonderful English in all its aspects. It makes the magazine such a joy to read.

My best wishes for the future to you, and your wife, for the wonderful magazine you publish.

Yours sincerely
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FROM STAUNCH OLD FRIENDS

Dear Gordon and Eve — Congratulations on the Fortieth Year of FSR! We are proud to be associated with it, even in a small way, and we trust there will be many more years of fascination with, and new information, on "our subject".

With warm regards to both of you,

Jacques and Janine Vallée September 10,1995

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Thank you both! It has indeed been a pleasure and an honour to have you. Your valued association with FSR has been anything but "in a small way" and I recall that I translated your first book into English. G.C.

A WEIRD SIGHTING

Dear FSR — It has taken me several years to be able to come to terms with, and speak openly about, an encounter that I myself, my wife, and three children, had in the summer of 1991 as I was driving in the Bathgate Hills in West Lothian, Scotland.

At approximately 2200 hrs. I was travelling on the road which runs adjacent to an area known as the Knock Forest. As I approached a dangerous bend in the road, my attention was drawn to my right by a sudden burst of movement.

What had caught my eye was a running figure of "humanoid" shape. The figure appeared to be moving at such a speed that I was left with only the image, as if frozen, in my mind's eye. It was approximately 6' tall, and appeared extremely unhappy that we had disturbed it. Its appearance was that of a "bright negative" against the dark background of the forest. It had a human-like face contorted in a snarl which was directed back at us as it sped effortlessly through the trees. The estimated speed of the figure was between 50 and 70 mph.

The encounter lasted for only a few seconds, but has left an indelible image with me that I find difficult to erase.

I would be interested in hearing from anyone who has had a similar encounter involving great speed and the appearance of "humanoid" negative types.

Yours faithfully

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COSMIC TOP SECRET

Dear Mr. Creighton — Re: Flying Saucer Review vol.39 no 4, p.16 "A word about the term 'Cosmic Top-Secret'". I want to confirm that such a security classification did in fact exist, and perhaps it still does for all I know.

When I was an officer in the Royal Canadian Navy, I was at one time attached to the staff of the Flag Officer Atlantic Coast in Halifax, and I held what was referred to as a 'dual appointment' in that I was, in addition, on the staff of NATO at the same time. In order to fulfill my NATO responsibilities, it was necessary for me to have a very high security clearance. The clearance I was given was Cosmic Top Secret.

So there you have it. It did exist. I held this position during the years 1954 and 1955.

Please keep up your excellent work. You are doing a marvellous job.

Yours sincerely

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