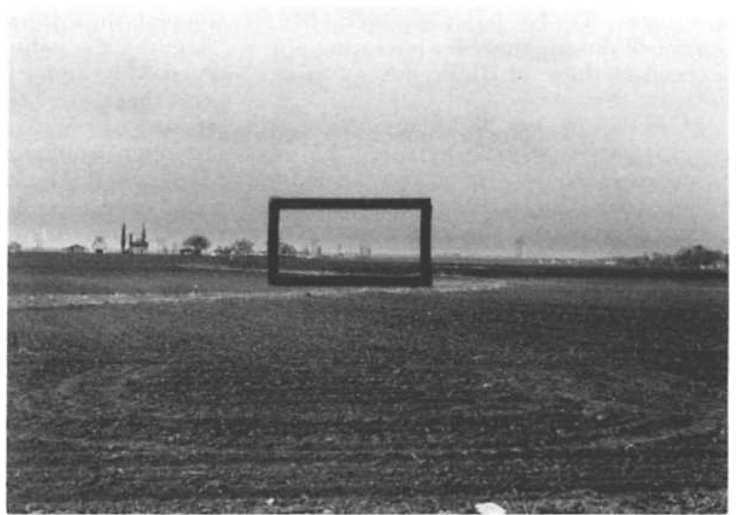


In the course of her briefing, conducted some three months after the incident, Pattie drew a sketch of the object (included here) which depicts it coming down. A few days later, she amended that — after thinking it over — the flying triangle was actually “a bit flatter” than portrayed in her drawing.

Parts of Pattie’s account coincide with other testimony taken regarding cases in the minor sighting spree which shaded north central Illinois in ’79. Besides her encounter, three separate incidents out of the ten on record involved triangular or conical-looking, soundless aerial craft.

In addition, the locale of her sighting is noteworthy. During the last half of July — and before the episode on the 28th — three presently-unexplained events were observed in the night sky above the same plot of farm land there: “a flare in the sky”, “a bright flash” and “something strange going on overhead”, according to eye-witness reports of varying detail. They all occurred between 9.30 and 10. p.m. And Pattie Ong observed one of the events — the bright flash — with two companions the evening before she drove to her unexpected rendezvous with the low-flying triangle.



The triangular form descended into the area of the bean field — marked by the black rectangle — outside Wenona. The camera was located on the road where Pattie Ong was driving, and is pointing North. On the night of the incident four-foot-tall bean plants covered the field.

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.

**No sliding doors,
but many obfuscators!**

Dear Sir, — My wife and I visited Broad Haven (FSR Vol. 23, Nos. 1 & 6) this August, arriving during the regatta at Little Haven. The larger keel boats were rounding Stack Rock and we learned that many local fisherman landed on it. Mr. Gerald Bird, who hires out boats from his small yard and who might be willing to take you there, has scrambled all over the small island and seen no sliding doors, through which a flying saucer was observed, from two separate points, to disappear. Furthermore, although there are rock faces, the only spot visible from Haven Fort Hotel in the east and near Ripperston Farm in the south is a grassy slope. The sighting was an illusion.

Nevertheless, the school and other sightings are accepted locally as real and Mr. Randall Jones Pugh (co-author of *The Dyfed Enigma*) told me that sightings continue, although mostly of lights in the sky. Of two ladies in the Haverfordwest tourist office, one had seen these and the other, Ms. Tegmen Hill living in a bungalow at Broad Haven, became convinced of the presence of something out of the ordinary when, about the time of the school sightings, her elkhound growled one night and all its hair including the fur undercoat stood on end,

making it look like a brush, for the first and only time in its life.

* * *

While Dr. Hynek’s categories are valuable statistically, the recent attempt to extend them may indicate that a new classification is required to deal with the variety of the phenomena as simply as possible. For the time being, specific use of the following terms for the categories could be useful.

Extraterrestrial. Objects of appearance or behaviour suggesting ability to travel outside earth’s atmosphere or be housed in space.

Flying saucer. Any UFO of definite shape, not only disk-shaped.

UFO. This general term should be applied specifically to lights in the sky of unconventional appearance or behaviour and to objects of indeterminate shape.

Illusion. A judgement hard to prove. Magic is no longer magical when its operation is explained; nevertheless it is illusion. Teleportation, or time-travel if it is possible, would not be illusion, however supernatural it seems. The holograph, a new scientific wonder, is not an illusion but would come into this category because it shows only an image and not the substance. A hoax is best described as illusion.

Supernatural. A residual term for

apparently pointless, purposeless phenomena e.g. poltergeist activity.

Obfuscator. Anyone who offers a ridiculous explanation of a particular experience. Obfuscators may be wearing blinkers (“space travel is bilge”) or wish to appear as reliable establishment figures, or speak in an official capacity, holding no brief for the truth.

This proposed classification is in the reverse order to Dr. Hynek’s and places first what is of most interest to humanity. We have more freedom than ever before in history, but not yet the freedom of the universe. This is the promise of the UFO and constitutes its main attraction.

Yours faithfully,
John M. Lade,
FSR Publications Ltd.,
West Malling,
Kent.
October 6, 1980.

From the Chairman of BUFORA

Dear Mr. Bowen, — In view of the letter you received from Stuart Campbell and your editorial comment on it, I have to clarify BUFORA’s policy regarding investigations and our attitude to other investigators.

BUFORA Council cannot support the view that any other investigator’s work on the same case is “unwarranted interference” and regret that this phrase

was used. To be fair, however, Mr. Campbell did say that his views were not necessarily those of BUFORA — as in this case they are not!

BUFORA makes NO claims for any special priorities, privileges or exclusivities over any other researcher or Group, willingly recognising that any person or body has every right to freely examine and comment upon any event anywhere.

Finally may I appeal to all activists in the UFO field to work in harmony and forget past differences. There is so much work to do, so many avenues of approach, that we only weaken and dilute our efforts by sterile controversy amongst ourselves. BUFORA's policy is to work with everyone who will help in reaching our published aims.

Yours sincerely,

L. W. Bayer,
Chairman — BUFORA.
Research Headquarters:
Newchapel Observatory,
Newchapel,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
October 20, 1980

The question of copyright

Dear Sir, — With reference to our investigation of the Livingston case from November 9, 1979.

The report, from which the three-part article was taken, is copyrighted to discourage misuse by the unscrupulous. For the record, any case copyrighted as such is freely available to be discussed and criticised. In no way did we intend to stop this and we are sorry if it may have seemed that that was our intention.

We have made a mistake in Part III of the article. The sighting from Dedridge, witnessed by Mrs. Stewart, occurred on the morning of November 10, 1979, and not October as was stated.

Finally, we would like to wish Stuart Campbell all the best with his investigation of the case.

Yours truly,

Martin Keatman,
Andy Collins.
31 Stuart Close North,
Walton, Stone,
Staffs ST15 0JU.
October 15, 1980.

The UMMO situation

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I have read your last Editorial, "Hoax, or Conspiracy?", published in the last issue of the FSR [Vol. 26, No. 2], and I must congratulate your objectivity in approaching the baffling and irritating UMMO affair.

Since the day I wrote — and you published — my five article series on this subject, new developments have arisen. To begin with, the flow of UMMO letters and scientific reports has never

stopped: the last letters received from the "Ummites" (whoever they are), are dated May and June of this same year, and they are *highly interesting*. They stopped corresponding with me in 1971, but other people have been contacted (in Madrid and Alicante), so that the thing goes on. Several scientists of high standing (in Spain and abroad, among them your Overseas Consultant, Aimé Michel himself) have shown a great interest and respect for the affair; I have myself published a book, *El Misterio de Ummo* (The UMMO Mystery) which has sold very well in Spain and Latin America, being for several weeks one of the first in the ranking. I sent one copy of it to our mutual friend Gordon Creighton; he can inform you about its contents, if you wish.

Incidentally, the "confident title *Un Caso Perfecto*" — as you describe in your Editorial — was imposed upon us by our publisher; we had in mind another one, more conservative and careful.

Yours sincerely,

Antonio Ribera,
Calle Barcelona 42,
San Feliu de Codinas,
(Barcelona),
Spain.

September 23, 1980

Correction please

Dear Sir, — Relevant to my letter "The importance of the Contactee" in the last but one issue of FSR, may I just point out that the definition of The Credibility Factor (T.C.F.) is the "CREDESCENCE" given to incredible tales told by seemingly creditable witnesses, and not, as reported, the *evidence*. . .

Doubtless my near illegible handwriting made this error almost inevitable.

However, I too would like to add my good wishes for the continued success of FSR, since after 25 years it has now set a standard of such good scientific and *honest* reportage that will be difficult to improve upon.

Let the Patrick Moores and the Michael Bentines of this world enjoy their little nod, wink, nudge nudge assessments of the ufological scene generally, whilst more enlightened individuals "press on regardless" in their efforts to search for the *raison d'être* of these strange craft appearing in our objective world.

Yours sincerely,

R. Jones Pugh, M.R.C.V.S.,
St. Brides View,
Roch,
Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire,
W. Wales.

August 20, 1980.

Penny dropping at last?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I thought that FSR readers might be interested to learn that Ufology in the Soviet Union enjoys a higher scientific status than here in the West. I was surprised to learn via the British Interplanetary Society journal *Spaceflight* Vol. 22, Nos. 9-10, page 320, that a study of our subject is included in the Soviet scientific communities general concept of SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) which up until now had been monopolised by the realm of Radio Astronomy both in Russia, America, and indeed, in all major countries possessing the hardware to undertake such a task. For almost twenty years communication by radio has been considered to be the uniquely rational way by which galactic races would communicate with each other. Radio Astronomers have searched in the most likely places, and have even searched in some unlikely places, but always the result has remained the same — nothing!

The subject of SETI now seems to be entering a transitional phase. Some SETI researchers are being rigorously scientific and they are basing their philosophy upon what is observed, which in this case, is absolutely nothing. They have assumed that we are unique! Others have become more adventurous and are considering alternatives to what has been attempted in the past and it is at this point that I would like to quote from the article which appears in *Spaceflight*.

The item is entitled "Soviet SETI Studies" and is by Boris Belitsky.

"...Kardashev regards electrically charged black holes as opening up entirely new dimensions of space and time for travel. And Gindilis is engaged in a study of anomalous atmospheric phenomena. All this may cause a lifted eyebrow here or there in more traditionally-minded scientific quarters, but is indicative of the new and highly promising 'no holds barred' approach to some of the most baffling scientific problems of our times. . ."

And about time, too!

Best wishes,

Bill Dillon,
43 Hollybush Road,
Vauxhall Park Estate,
Luton, Beds.
August 17, 1980.

NZ saga continues

Dear Sir, — There is no doubt that the New Zealand "Kaikoura UFOs" December 1978, have enjoyed a tremendous amount of international comment. I see in this latest FSR, further Kaikoura UFO report material and now with the Scientific debate on this saga about to get underway at the Smithsonian Institution in USA, we have not by any means heard the last of the affair. Captain Bill

Startup, Captain of the Argosy Freighter aircraft in the centre of this now classic case, has just announced publication of the book *Kaikoura UFOs*, which has been in preparation for 18 months or so. Published by Hodder & Stoughton.

Congratulations on celebrating 25 years of publication, I can still recall receiving in the mail a complimentary copy of your very first issue.

Yours faithfully,

Harold H. Fulton,
Director for NZ,
Mutual UFO Network,
PO Box 878,
Palmerston North,
New Zealand.
August 21, 1980.

No. 1 the best Cover?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Congratulations to F.S.R. on reaching its Silver Jubilee!

I have been a subscriber since Volume 1 and have found every issue of the magazine very interesting.

I still think that the original cover was the best — it gave suggestions of speed, distance, depth, space, with a "flying saucer" to boot!

Despite all your difficulties I wish you all the best for the future and look forward to many more issues.

Yours sincerely,

L. H. Navier,
19 Ormonde Avenue,
Hull,
East Yorkshire HU6 7LX.
July 12, 1980.

A fruitless search?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I have read with interest Mr. Randall Jones Pugh's letter (FSR 26/2).

I must take issue with his statement that a number of the American astronauts returning to Earth saw UFOs accompanying them. Actually, these "UFOs" were later perfectly identified as a variety of known terrestrial objects (cf. the respected French science magazine "La Recherche" No.102, pages 753-759).

As for the immensity of space, this is nothing new or special: it was already known and taken for granted long before the space age. If some of the U.S. astronauts were so awed by their space experience as to succumb to "religious" feelings, this was just a matter of *very personal and subjective* reaction born of their previous religious brainwashing. It *in no way* proves the scientific validity of the religious dogmas.

In fact, the religious dogmas are epitomized by the infamous Inquisition that terrorized Europe for more than 650 years. Its most famous victims: Giordano Bruno and Galileo Galilei. The religious

dogmas also blocked scientific progress in Europe for 1,500 years!

Whoever believes that the UFO enigma will one day be elucidated indulges in a naive illusion. For scientific advances can only be made within the framework of the 4-dimensional material universe of which we are eternal captives. It will be for ever impossible for us to go beyond this boundary and apprehend the parapsychical phenomena that are diverse manifestations of a plane of existence higher than ours. Nature probably comprises an infinite hierarchy of planes of existence. The parapsychical phenomena will therefore remain forever scientifically unprovable. *But the phenomena themselves are not important. What is important is the true nature of the intelligence lurking behind them, and this we shall NEVER know, for this knowledge will be deliberately withheld from us.*

Sincerely yours,

Julian H. Kaneko,
18, rue Le Corbusier,
CH-1208 Geneva, Switzerland.
August 20, 1980.

Pity the poor passengers!

Dear Sir, — I've only recently been able to read Volume 25, Numbers 5 & 6 of the *Flying Saucer Review* (received in June) so probably others have already asked you this question about the excellent article relating to the November 11, 1979 episode in Spain;

Page 15 of No. 5, 4th indent, in the left-hand column reads—

"I don't think so, because dinner was being served at that time".

Page 13 of the above, last line of the right-hand column reads—

"Well now, a few minutes before 11 p.m. . . ."

So sometime after the sighting at 11 p.m. the passengers were being served dinner, and while I've had only 3 trips around the world via ships and planes, that seems a very late hour for a dinner on a plane — as well as otherwise.

Then on page 32, in the 3rd indent is included— ". . . pilot. . . why he plunged the aircraft 14,000 feet. . ."

If dinner was in progress, let alone if the passengers were not warned about seat belts beforehand, my imagination about foodstuffs and passengers being abruptly commingled leaves a situation which must have justified comment.

Then again on page 15, right-hand column, the first indent includes— ". . . the passengers were not informed of what had happened, but were simply suddenly accommodated in one of the hotels. . . comments. . . pretty angry. . ."

The timing and sequence of the above together with the absence of any passenger observations does not seem to be believable. 109 dinners cannot be served all at once, and a 14,000 foot dive cannot be experienced by 109 passengers without more than mere angry comments about being put into a hotel.

I believe I have read elsewhere that comment already has been made regarding the item on page 32, indent 6 reading— ". . . plunge 12,000 feet in 30 seconds — something no plane I know can do. . ."

12,000 feet divided by 5,280 feet is 2.27 miles per 30 seconds, times 2 = 4.54 miles per minute × 60 is 272.4mph, or no great cruising speed let alone a diving speed.

No doubt I've missed points, but I suggest that this episode in Spain might need further comments about timing, etc.

Thanks for your attention from a subscriber to your excellent magazine for several years.

Yours sincerely,
H. E. Haglund,
32 Woodlane Road,
Ithaca,
NY 14856,
U.S.A.
July 16, 1980.

[I have read elsewhere that the passengers were already in an ugly frame of mind after a long delay at Majorca (hence the late dinner?), and were near to rebellion when they made the unscheduled stop at Valencia. Among other things, the airworthiness of the 'plane was questioned. Perhaps they did have a rough ride — EDITOR]

Disappointing movie

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I have been enjoying the articles entitled *Retrievals of the Third Kind* and am fascinated by the thought that the U.S. Government is covering up the truth about U.F.O.'s. It puzzles me as to why the government is so afraid to admit the existence of U.F.O.'s.

Recently a film entitled *Hangar 18* has come out here in the United States. From the previews and trailers of it one gets the impression that it is a documentary style film about the same subject as *Retrievals of the Third Kind* (i.e. Government covering up the fact that they found crashed U.F.O.'s and then examine them in a secret Hangar). Instead it was science-fiction film which reminded one of *Star Wars* as far as special-effects go.

It was related in that the basic story was about a government cover-up of a crashed U.F.O., but much of the film seemed to be doing more harm than good to the cause of making people less sceptical about U.F.O.'s. I suppose some of the film was based upon fact, but

anyone who goes to see this film expecting a documentary will be entertained but disappointed.

Sincerely yours,
Michael R. Johnson,
1226 Citracado Pkwy,
Escondido,
California 92025.
August 12, 1980.

Psychic link?

Dear Sir, — I have been an avid reader of *Flying Saucer Review* for many years now, and am greatly interested in the UFO phenomenon. Being Vice President of a Bath Spiritualist Church I meet many people who not only share my interest, but who have actually witnessed sightings around this area.

Being interested in paranormal phenomena, we feel that psychics have a natural affinity to link up with intelligences who control these crafts.

Mediums, being sensitives, act as receiving stations to certain wavelengths on a much higher frequency than a normal person could attain.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) A. M. Tylee,
Bathampton,
Bath,
Avon.
BA2 6UR.
August 16, 1980.

Another psychic link?

Dear Sir, — I have just read a book on UFOs and it re-called an experience my niece and I had in 1968. I expect you have heard of similar cases, but it may still be of some interest to you.

Around August of that year we were living on an island in the north of Western Australia. This particular day we listened to a lecture on the radio about so-called UFOs given by an English Professor. He finished by stating one could contact these beings by thought. We thought it highly hilarious as we were very sceptical of such things, and had never read any books on the subject.

That evening we went for a stroll on a deserted beach and lay back on the sands to enjoy the beautiful evening and admire the starry sky. My niece brought up the subject of the lecture, and

suggested we experiment by sending out a thought message to see if it had any effect. As I was quite sure it wouldn't, I agreed. After some discussion we decided to concentrate on a sentence which ran something like "...if there are any UFOs in the area contact us, please." Eventually restraining our mirth, we relaxed and beamed out this thought. Suddenly something disturbed us, as I remember we sat up simultaneously and gave a concerted gasp of fright. Suspended low in the sky above our heads hovered a beautiful shining silver disc. It seemed to pulsate, and different colours emanated from it. It's difficult to estimate the size, although it seemed very large in comparison with the stars, perhaps the size of a dinner plate.

We observed it for perhaps half an hour, unable to make out any details as we could only see the base. By now, our composure returning, we were longing to have a closer view. So we deliberated on sending another message asking if it would descend a little nearer that we might study it more closely. Before we had time to formulate the words we would use, and as though it were listening to our conversation, it suddenly descended towards us at a terrific speed at which, I am sorry to say we took to our heels and ran for home. When we glanced back it had vanished.

Up until then I had had a few psychic happenings which I had dismissed from my mind as unexplainable, but my experience from then on opened my eyes to the wonders that surround us. I feel that although this experience seemed objective at the time, it was really subjective and perhaps for the purpose of lifting us from the Materialism into which we have sunk.

Another little incident which may be connected occurred two years later when we were travelling through Germany. We had just descended a steep hill and stopped the car while I looked at the map to ascertain our route. There was no traffic all, and it was a very quiet place. While studying the map we realized we were floating back up the hill seemingly on a cushion of air. About half way up the hill the car stopped and my niece put it into gear and we set off again.

Yours sincerely,
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Croydon Road,
Caterham,
Surrey CR3 6XG.
June 26, 1980.

Adamski, the Moon, and flesh and blood contacts

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Regarding your Editorial "Was This The Message". I would like to say something about your comments on George Adamski.

To state that he said that the Moon "was a place of lush vegetation and water" and leave it at that, conveys the wrong impression of what was actually reported in *Inside The Space Ships*. Without going into what was written in the book, I would like to say that I have made a certain amount of investigation into information available on the Moon and the American exploration of that world and found that there is much which corroborates what was stated in *Inside The Space Ships*. I'll be glad to share this information with anyone who is interested.

Also, and this needs to be put quite clearly. No matter what Mr. Daniels and others — including Desmond Leslie — have said or believe, George Adamski's contacts with our space visitors were not in any way trance or hypnotic experiences. He stated clearly, many many times, that the space visitors he met were ordinary flesh and blood human beings like ourselves who come in space ships from the other planets in our solar system and systems beyond. To those who cannot accept this he is a liar. Distorting what he said has no value and only introduces mysteries where there need be none.

I agree there was a message. I would like to quote George Adamski: "Nothing that the space travellers have told us is new. Their wisdom has been with us for centuries. In the past we have chosen to ignore it, giving excuses of one kind or another. They are but reminding us in simple, understandable language, again showing us the way of a life of peace and happiness..." and "As I have said many times in my lectures, it is not the sighting of space craft that should concern us, for one sighting is no different than another, but the knowledge that they bring us for the betterment of our lives. For without this we cannot hope for a better world."

Is there still time to heed the message? I am going to hold that thought.
Yours sincerely,
Cliff Poole,
94 Kelbrook Court,
Offerton,
Stockport,
Cheshire SK2 5NT.
July 16, 1980.

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England

Mystery circles near Warminster

In the Bath *Evening Chronicle* of August 15, 1980, we read that,—

“Mysterious circles discovered in cornfields near Westbury White Horse have led to claims The Warminster Thing is back.

“The Thing first appeared above Warminster on Christmas Day, 1964. Hundreds of subsequent ‘sightings’ turned the town into a centre for UFO enthusiasts.

“The latest mystery centres around three depressions, each 18 yards across, found within a quarter of a mile of each other in cornfields below the White Horse.

“Two are still visible but the the third has disappeared since the grain was harvested.

“The depressions have mystified farmers and tourists. ‘If it’s not a helicopter that has caused them then it is very mysterious,’ said one farmer. ‘It certainly isn’t wind or rain damage because the marks are too regular for that.’

“Another farmer has asked the Army if they can throw any light on the mystery but so far he has received no reply.

“An Army spokesman told the *Chronicle* he would investigate but added, ‘I can see no reason for a helicopter landing in a field of corn.’

“The marks are all perfect circles with well defined boundaries and there are no tracks leading from them. Inside the circles the grain is flattened in a tight clockwise direction.

“A spokesman for the British UFO Society said an immediate investigation would be launched.

“He added that similar marks had been found in the Westbury and Warminster area during the height of the Warminster Thing sightings in the 1960s but none had been discovered since then.

“‘At the moment we are not ruling out a landing by a UFO but we must first investigate properly.’

“He appealed to anyone who had witnessed anything strange in the area in the past month to contact the society.”

Credit: **John D. Patton** of Bath, and **A. White** of Westbury.

More mystery animals?

Shades of the “puma” hunts in West Surrey and Hampshire in the early 1960s were resurrected by an item in the *Surrey-Hants Star* (Aldershot) of July 17, 1980,—

“The Aldershot Police big game squad — complete with panda car — was on full alert as the *Star* went to press this week following a late night ‘sighting’ of a cheetah on the Farnborough Road.

“The cheetah — fastest animal on earth — was ‘spotted’ by a Queen’s Hotel employee as he drove along the A325 on his way to work at 3.10a.m. on Tuesday.

“He called Aldershot police to tell them of his find, insisting to the naturally sceptical desk sergeant that he was stone cold sober.

“The story took a new turn just after 4a.m., when there was another cheetah report — also from the Queen’s Hotel.

“Mr. Bedwell, the hotel’s porter, called to say that he could hear a ‘large cat’ prowling around the back of the hotel.

“The big game coppers were quickly on the scene, but despite a search the elusive cat had vanished.”

Credit.: **Miss Y. Cooper** of Camberley, Surrey.

Canada

Mystery object over Bear River: Dog scared

The Halifax, Nova Scotia, *Chronicle-Herald* of July 10, 1980, carried the following account relating to an incident on July 5, 1980, near Bear River, Digby County—

“Marlene LeJune is not really concerned that the ‘Empire’ is striking back in theatres across North America, but she does not want aliens to use her yard as a landing base again.

“Mrs. LeJune says she saw an object hovering over trees near her home at 2 a.m. Saturday, and it was an experience she won’t soon forget.

“She said after returning from a 4 p.m. to midnight shift at the Digby Hospital, she had read for a couple of hours and begun to get ready for bed when she heard voices in the backyard.

“As her husband and oldest son were away, she looked down at the dog and told him that he would have to go out to investigate for her.

“But the dog, she said, was less than thrilled about the idea. Normally it would bolt out of the door at any hour, barking at anything. This time it hid under her bed.

“Seeing nothing at the door, Mrs. LeJune decided to check through the house. She said she saw nothing when she first checked the back door and yard with an outside light on.

“But, she said, when she switched the light off and glanced out again, she saw, hovering above the tree tops about 500 feet away, a round bright blue-white, moon-shaped object with white lights flashing around it.

“She said she first thought she was imagining things and walked away from the window, but, when she looked again moments later, it was still there.

“She said the object made virtually no noise and was about the size of a house.

“Again she walked away from the window, and again she returned to see the object still there. She said she looked at it for nearly five minutes before going to bed to continue reading.

“‘I never thought to call anyone,’ she said, adding she would have gone out except she feared for the safety of her two other children.

“Later that night, she said, she heard engines but passed it off as teen-agers driving cars nearby.

“She said one other thing seemed strange — it became very bright behind the house while she was in bed.

“She said she thought that was because the clouds cleared, allowing the full moon to shine.

“But the next morning her friends told her there was no moon and later a friend found a ring of discoloured grass about 20 feet in diameter in the field where Mrs. LeJune saw the object.

“Mrs. LeJune said the grass was brown and slightly depressed but not burned. She said there were no footsteps or any evidence of heavy impressions in the ground.

“She said she is convinced she saw something, but exactly what, and from where, she could not speculate.

“But, she said, several other persons in the area reported that their animals acted very strangely the morning before she saw the object.

“RCMP are investigating the incident.”

Credit: **Mrs. N. J. Roop** of Aylesford, Nova Scotia.

Malaysia

Did UFO attack oil plant?

The *Courier Mail* of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, published the following account under the headline “Laser beam from UFO caused fire” in its edition of June 14, 1980. The story was based on an AAP report originating at Kuala Lumpur, and it is presumed the Sunday referred to was June 8, 1980,—

"A flying saucer launched a near-miss laser beam attack on an oil installation terminal at Port Klang on Malaysia's west coast last Sunday, according to three people.

"They told police they saw the UFO blast a house with a laser beam and start a fire which destroyed two houses and a shop only 6m away from the Felda and Caltex oil terminal, the *New Straits Times* newspaper reported.

"The 'attack' took place three days after the big fire and explosions which ripped Port Klang last week.

"The three people asked not to be identified. They said they saw a bright luminous ball-like object about 10 m. above the oil installation.

"The bluish-red object, about 60 cm in diameter, was spinning, they said."

Credit: **R. W. Boudy** of Brisbane

Finland

Preliminary details of an abduction case

We append the details of Report 2/80 of Suomen Ufotutkijat ry (UFO Research of Finland),—

"Our chairman, Mr. Ilkka Serra attended the 1980 MUFON Symposium on June 7 in Houston, Texas, representing all the Scandinavian UFO research organizations and lecturing on Scandinavian UFO research. And in the Spring we found out about an old sighting concerning 14 to 15 objects, and a new abduction case.

"As far as the length of the observation time, the number and luminosity of the objects are concerned, the most significant UFO case in Finland took place at the Pahkakoski hydroelectric power plant in northern Finland on March 19, 1979, between midnight and 5.45 a.m. There were at least two witnesses. First at around midnight a red ball of light was seen landing behind a nearby forest. A similar object was seen in the same direction at 1.35 a.m. and at 1.45 a.m. Then at 2.55 a.m. two objects were seen simultaneously and immediately after that a total of 14 or 15 objects were seen hovering over a marshland behind the forest. They were disc-shaped and appeared to have a diameter of 30 metres each. One of the objects directed a bright beam of light downwards. No sound was heard. The hovering continued until 5.45 a.m. when the objects disappeared.

"Aino Ivanoff, age 52, experienced a two-hour abduction on April 2, 1980. Most of the details were revealed under hypnosis. She was driving on a country road near Pudasjärvi in northern Finland, after midnight, and crossed a bridge at 1.15 a.m. Immediately after the bridge she entered a strange fog and the car lights were suddenly directed

upwards. She hit the brakes and stopped the car. She saw an aluminium-coloured domed object with oval-shaped portholes. She was somehow taken inside and examined on a metallic table by three men dressed in black. The table was the only piece of furniture in the room. The fog was still there when she returned to the outside world and most of the way back home she had to drive in the fog. She noticed that there had been a time lapse of two hours. After the incident she was extremely tired for a week and found five small dots on her right shoulder. She was given a message supporting peace and opposing war. She was also told that men in black are unable to get [beget? — ED] children."

It is understood that research work is continuing on this second case.

West Germany

Young woman chased by UFO

According to a report in the South German (Munich) newspaper *Münchner Merkur* for Monday, April 14, 1980, a young woman from the former German Province of Alsace (now the French eastern *départements* of Bas-Rhin and Haut-Rhin) has had a frightening experience with a UFO. We regret the absence of such elementary details as place and time,—

"Patricia Dziomba, aged 27, dashed up to the doorway of a house and rang the bell, stammering: 'I'm being chased by a flying saucer!'

"The lady's story, as told to the press, is that she was driving along in her car when suddenly a brilliantly lit object came shooting down at a tremendous speed out of the sky and came straight at her. 'I was terribly frightened and at once turned round and began driving back in the direction from which I had come. Shortly after that, I found the glowing sphere suddenly right in front of me. Then, at a bend in the road, I had another shock. My car stopped and the engine went dead. I tried vainly several times to start it again.' Then, seeing a house about 200 metres distant, she got out of the car and ran to it. 'As I stood there, right outside the door, I saw that the UFO was still there, flying round the house.'

"The owner of the house, Michel Ludwizak, who opened the door to her, states: 'After the lady had described her experience to me, I went out in front of the house and indeed I saw the ball of light myself. It was by then far off, but clearly visible.'

"Ludwizak and Patricia Dziomba at once went to the Police. In the course of the subsequent investigations it transpired that the occupants of the control-tower of the Mulhouse-Basel airport had also seen something strange

the same night — an 'object' they said, 'which could not possibly have been an aircraft.' All further investigations regarding the 'spooky object' have proved fruitless. Subsequently two further witnesses claimed to have seen the flying saucer."

Credit and thanks to: **Mrs. Mary Boyd** of Florence, who also made the translation from German.

Scotland

Huge UFO over Newarthill

From the *Motherwell Times* of October 2, 1980, we learn that on Thursday, September 25, 1980,—

"A Newarthill family are convinced they saw a UFO in the sky early last Thursday morning.

"Mr. William Quigley, his wife Nora, and daughter Janice, claim they saw a huge unidentified flying object around 4.30 a.m.

"Mr. Quigley, who stays at 8 Torridon Avenue, told us on Friday: 'It was a sort of round shape with huge green and red lights. It was too huge to be an aircraft and there was no noise of engines as it passed over our house.'

"There is no stretch of the imagination here as my wife and daughter both watched it as I viewed it through binoculars. There were stars in the sky but it certainly wasn't a shooting star. The huge lights alone convinced me there was something alien up there and the remarkable thing is that it happened on our doorstep."

"A police spokesman said there were no other reports of a UFO in the area."

Credit to "A Motherwell reader"

England

Police in UFO chase near Wetherby

The following story was carried by the *Yorkshire Post* in its issue for September 15, 1980, about an incident reported on Saturday, September 13,—

"Police in West and North Yorkshire have been chasing a mysterious UFO.

"The object — a bright diamond-shaped light — was first seen by police officers near Wetherby early on Saturday.

"It was travelling silently northwards about 2,000ft. above the ground. Officers in a police car followed it until it changed direction over Wetherby.

"A West Yorkshire police spokesman said: 'Altogether, five officers saw this object and described it as brighter and larger than any star.'

"PC Roy Allen and PC Richard Gordon had been alerted in York that the

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object was heading towards their patrol car.

"PC Allen said yesterday: 'We were on the York bypass when suddenly we saw it. The light stopped moving and hovered in the sky for some time. Eventually it moved off in the direction of Hull.'

"Police made checks at local RAF stations and at RAF Fylingdales, but did not receive a satisfactory explanation.

"A senior officer at York said: 'There is nothing more we can do. It has been logged as an unidentified flying object.'

"Humberside police said a UFO sighting was reported by teenagers shortly before 10 p.m. on Saturday.

"A spokesman said that they had reported an oval-shaped, pinky-red object.

"The Army is carrying out a Home Defence exercise in the North, but a spokesman at York said he knew of nothing that could account for the sighting."

Credit: **O. Atherton** of Harrogate

England

UFO that hovered near Bradford

The following short account from the *Bradford Telegram & Argus* of July 7, 1980, was sent in by a reader who says it was near her home but, "... as I wear bifocals and have to look where I am going, I missed the fun as usual." The sighting took place on July 5, 1980,—

"A woman was amazed when she saw

what appeared to be a flying saucer hovering above Lister's Mill, Manningham, Bradford, at 8.45 on Saturday evening.

"'I've never believed in this before,' said Mrs. Christina Harris, of Baildon, 'but I really did see it. It was round, in metallic silver and black, and it moved off smoothly towards Bradford city centre.

"'I saw an Asian child watching it, too. When it moved I followed it, although I wanted to shout out to people in the street to look up.

"'I eventually lost sight of it. I thought at first it was a kite, but it moved too smoothly and was the wrong shape.'"

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