

Landings, in Lumières Dans La Nuit and Passport To Magonia.

148. Highway 17 at Maple Ridge Hill, Ontario, Canada. (9.30 p.m., November 5, 1967)

Terry Goodmurphy and Steven Griffon were driving westwards (note that it was two months after the mysterious affair of the horse "Snippy"). Nearing the top of the hill, they saw an orange glow in the sky, and thought it was due to a fire. Later they saw an object manoeuvring at a height of no more than about a hundred feet and they became alarmed and turned back, notifying the Ontario Police. The Police investigated, but found nothing. That same night, however, something occurred at the Lorne Wolgenuth farm at nearby Sowbery. For, on the following morning, at the time when two horses usually came in from the pasture to the barn, only one appeared, and it had a long cut on its neck. The other horse, a mare known as Susie, was found dead several hours later, her throat and jugular vein cut.

Jacques Vallée: *Passport To Magonia*, Chapter II, "The Haunted Land."

149. Petrila, Romania. (2.00 p.m., November 22, 1967)

Ladislau Schmit reported: "I suddenly saw all the chickens in my farmyard running towards me, cackling like lunatics and visibly terrified. They were all flying about . . . I raised my head, and clearly saw a very brilliant object . . . silver or aluminium, in the shape of a disc . . . at an altitude of about 16,000 feet . . . at first motionless in the sky, but after about a moment it began to move slowly . . . and soon took off at a bewildering speed towards the north-west and disappeared."

NICAP, *The UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 12 (June/July 1969), p. 1.

150. Arizona and Virginia (U.S.A.), Canada, and India. (1967)

"Objects that shot off beams of light, landed, and frightened witnesses and animals" were observed in the above-named areas during 1967.

NICAP, *The UFO Investigator*, Vol. IV, No. 3 (November/December 1967), p. 3.

151. Mohawk River area, Scotia, N.Y., U.S.A. (1967/1968)
A woman (pseudonym "Peggy G.") was said to have

learnt that several of her neighbours in this area along the banks of the New York State Barge Canal had reported the loss of their dogs, one of the neighbours having indeed stated specifically that her dog "had been taken away by little men." Becoming obsessed with the notion that she ought to report the matter to the authorities, "Peggy G." ended up receiving treatment in a mental hospital. "Although she refuses now to discuss the matter, those who are close to her state that she still swears her original story of the 'little men' is true."

In the following year, an outbreak of poltergeist phenomena occurred in the home of Jennifer Stevens, resident of the same area. There were strange noises in the house, and her Siamese cat behaved in an extremely jumpy manner, "huffing up and spitting at 'nothing'."

Jennifer Stevens: *Mystery On The Mohawk*, in FSR Special Issue No. 2, *Beyond Condon*, June 1969.

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NOTE

* I do not know what the present view of NICAP is of the "Snippy" case. It seems however that during the period immediately after the episode they shared the view that a perfectly rational explanation of the case was available and that there was no need to invoke UFO agencies as being responsible. However APRO and many other investigators appear to have been very far from sure that such an assumption would be justified, and one scientist conveyed to Charles Bowen, during a recent visit to this country, that his private investigation of the affair had led to many interesting discoveries—which we hope will be made known in due course. In view of all the other cases in which mutilation of animals is alleged to have occurred, and for which no rational explanation has been forthcoming, I have thought it right that the case of "Snippy" should not be excluded at present from this Catalogue.

G.C.

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.

FSR in public libraries

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter (FSR, Vol. 16, No. 5) regarding libraries and the *Review* I would like to make known my experience.

In a fit of public spiritedness I decided my own local library (Northampton) should have a supply of FSRs. So, after receiving their blessing, I put in a one-year subscription.

Three months later I made a check in the library. There were row upon row of specialist magazines from *Budgie Ailments Weekly* to *The Practical Sewage Review*, but no FSR.

My request for FSR sent one of the mini-skirted pages grovelling into a cupboard from which she produced the current issue.

Attempts to have the magazine displayed came to nothing. I think perhaps

they were a little shy of having flying saucer literature actually on view, despite the fact that at least one of Adamski's books is still listed in the main library.

I have, therefore, given up the idea of supplying cupboard fillers for the library. Perhaps I should hoist one up the Town Hall flagpole and fly it at half-mast unless someone promises to put it on view at the library.

Yours faithfully,
David Abbott, 108 Ridgeway, Northampton.

[Our reader should have pointed out that while FSR might not be favoured by Northampton Library, it may be read in the Library of the House of Commons, the Library of Congress, the Library of the United Nations, and the Libraries of many other famous institutions.—EDITOR.]

The truth about Spitzbergen

Dear Sir,—Your issue for November/December 1970 carried some discussion on the Spitzbergen incident, and the categorical assertion from Gordon Creighton that ". . . the matter can only be solved at the source, that is to say in Norway itself." I would beg to differ. I believe that it is probable the British press has already published the solution.

Not long ago I had access to what is probably the most comprehensive file of newspaper clippings on UFOs in the country, which includes the original report on the Kenneth Arnold sighting in 1947. The Penthouse team was quite wrong when they claimed that the German newspaper, *Stuttgarter Tageblatt*, was the first to break the silence about the Spitzbergen investigation

since its original disclosure three years earlier. On November 19, 1954, *The Times* reported an interview with a German engineer, Herr Klein—who had been employed in Speer's Ministry of Munitions during the Third Reich—that had been published the day before in the Zürich publication, *Tages-Anzeiger*.

Herr Klein had been concerned with the production of Hitler's secret weapons, and claimed one of them was a type of flying saucer. He states he was present when a saucer was released from Prague in 1945 and soared to a height of almost 31,000ft. in three minutes. The construction of the pilotless, ray-guided disc had begun in 1942. It was one of these discs, Herr Klein claims, which was released at Stettin and crashed on Spitzbergen. The model had been built at Peenemünde where the V1 and V2 were also produced. It is not necessary to believe that the craft was sophisticated, and indeed there is nothing which leads us to conclude that the saucer found on Spitzbergen was particularly advanced.

This leaves the statement by General Darnbyl that the craft which crashed was "emphatically not built by any country on earth." With respect, had this been the case the research programmes of the mid-1950's in circular aeroforms would have developed at a much faster rate. As it is, many of them subsequently folded. The secrecy that shrouded the Spitzbergen incident was, therefore, largely because both Great Britain and the United States were in the midst of planning programmes to build saucer prototypes. Needless to say these programmes were top secret, but occasionally a few were reported, such as the British project with Avro of Canada. This would account for the statement in 1955, given by Donald Quarles on behalf of the American government, that revolutionary new aeroforms were imminent, and that they were to include the flying saucer. It is by no means certain that these programmes were successful, or that Donald Quarles' statement was justified. We have only the swing-wing and the vertical take-off aircraft to show for it. One would surely have expected something a little more grandiose had the saucer on Spitzbergen been a genuine UFO, and had General Darnbyl truly been in possession of "sensational facts" as he claimed.

Gordon Creighton was allowed his proverb—"Shui Lo, Shih Ch'u." May I be allowed mine? It is—"Let sleeping dogs lie." To mix metaphors, Spitzbergen is a red herring.

Yours faithfully,
Jonathan M. Caplan, Downing College,
Cambridge.
3.1.1971.

Baker Street flash

Dear Sir,—As I do every Christmas, I have read again the sacred writings, namely the adventures of Sherlock Holmes, as related to Dr. John H. Watson, and as published by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

As Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was, in 1913, the first human being to describe a meeting with a UFO, in "The Horror of the Heights", I looked for references to UFOs and suchlike incidents.

There are a lot of them. For instance, the unfortunate Mr. James Phillimore who, stepping back into his house to get his umbrella, was never seen again; the equally unfortunate ship, *Alicia*, which sailed into a patch of mist from which she never emerged; the case of the well-known journalist and duellist, Isadora Persano, who was found stark staring mad with a match box in front of him containing a remarkable worm, said to be unknown to science.

The complete listing of all these cases I will leave as an exercise to the reader, noting simply that it is all related to the affair of the Giant Rat of Sumatra for which the world is not yet ready.

Sincerely yours,
Jacques Bergier, Paris.
December 28, 1970.

The object filmed over the A-1

Sir,—As those "in the know" have lost no time in dismissing this phenomenon as an aircraft con-trail, I showed *FSR Case Histories No. 2* to a personal friend of mine, an Air Force officer of rank equivalent to Group-Captain, who is attached to the Diplomatic and Military Mission of his country in London. Himself an expert on performance and types of aircraft, he has scores of technical and service specialists working under him, and he is, *inter alia*, responsible for all purchases of aircraft by his government from all countries of Europe, including Britain.

This officer took one look at the stills and said: "This is either a fake, or it is a UFO. You can tell them that the one thing that it certainly is *not* is an aircraft con-trail."

He informs me that he has seen a UFO himself, that his country's government takes the subject of UFOs very seriously, and that their Air Force has a top-secret department which studies the problem.

He is going to become a regular reader of *FSR*.

Gordon Creighton.
3.4.1971.

Important question

Sir,—May I enquire through your columns whether any cases are known in which the occupants of UFOs are thought to have interfered with the

ordinary human senses (that is to say, other than the so-called "psychic senses")?

Has there been, for example, any case in which the contactee has been asked by the UFO entities to smell a certain type of powder and has then lost his memory for a short space of time? Also, any cases in which, after this same experience of being asked to smell the powder, the person has subsequently suffered bleeding from the nose, temporary or partial loss of the senses of smell, taste, hearing, etc.?

I have details of a case of what I believe to have been this sort of thing, which happened as long ago as 1943. I am prepared to supply *FSR* with the full facts, on a confidential basis. In the meantime I am hoping that my letter will perhaps serve to jog a few memories or indeed possibly cause some of your readers to recall things that had hitherto remained entirely forgotten.

H.F. (Full name and address on file.)

Dog dies after UFO visitation

Dear Sir,—May I bring to your attention a most striking case of the effect of UFOs on animals, which can be added to the 1954 catalogue?

Under the heading "Dog Victim Of A Flying Saucer", the *Western Mail* of October 22, 1954, reported that according to workers at a rubber factory at Puzzuoli, near Naples, the sight of a flying saucer killed a Pekingese dog on October 21.

"They and the dog saw a silver object stop in mid-air for 15 seconds then rise vertically with a hissing sound. The Pekingese, they said, yelped at the apparition, then dropped dead!"

Interestingly, this incident occurred on the same date as case 46 in Part 3 of the New Catalogue.

Yours faithfully,
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Waunarwydd, Swansea.

Ultra-terrestrial, infra-terrestrial

Dear Sir,—I was interested to note your reference to John Keel's new term *ultra-terrestrial*.

Perhaps someone should invent the term *infra-terrestrial*, if Mr. Keel has not already done so.

By the former I believe he means "that which is related to metaphysics among UFOs." By the latter I mean "that which is related to parapsychology in ufology."

If I understand John Keel's terminology, the latter term—along with the common word extra-terrestrial—should be a step towards completing the Semantic spectrum.

Very truly yours,
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