

follow-up by researchers. I would like to make two points:—

- 1) Is it *less* intelligent to use technology to translate languages than it is to learn that language (and presumably several others if contacts are global)? I suspect levels one and two might readily transpose.
- 2) The fact that repressed memories seem to refer to entities who either communicate telepathically, or in

the language of the contactee, does *not* prove that these repressed memories are deliberately instilled by an advanced intelligence. If these memories were subconscious fantasies the same elements would probably emerge. Telepathy, because the fantasy is a mental product and is “in the mind,” and normal language because an Englishman “thinks” in English, a Frenchman in French and so on.

A WARM AND PEACEFUL EXPERIENCE

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she has an interest in Buddhism. She shares what could be termed a “telepathic link” with her five-year-old niece, who can often pick up her thoughts and achieves a high success rate with zener cards, and who also has seen a figure —unseen by Mrs. Findlay) in her kitchen. All in all, a good background of psychic experiences, and when it was suggested to Mrs. Findlay that her UFO encounter could have been an extension of her psychic ability, she felt inclined to agree.

Conclusion

The remarkable “unreality” of the surroundings at the time of the encounter does make one wonder whether the incident had any objective reality at all, or whether Mrs. Findlay was temporarily transported into an altered state of consciousness, this making the observation possible for her. Maybe a person already in possession of a measure of psychic ability makes this operation easier. Whatever the truth of the matter, it does seem that an alternative reality, a subjective state of mind, could be the place to look for UFOs.

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's fullname 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.

A reply to Mr. Kaneko

Dear Editor, — Several statements in Julian H. Kaneko's letter (Vol. 26 No. 5) call for an answer, since he is expounding on subjects about which his information is incomplete.

He states that the CIA is not concealing any knowledge about UFOs. As a matter of documented record, the CIA became involved in investigation of UFOs up to its eartips before 1953, and in 1953 was responsible for establishing the US official policy of denial and ridicule of the subject. That the CIA's motives in 1953 might have been soundly (though indirectly) based on security reasons is beside the point. Those 1953 reasons are no longer valid.

In the 1960s, the CIA was still heavily and secretly involved. I have personal knowledge from a confidential, but totally reliable, source that several dozen detailed photos of UFOs in flight were in AF files by that time. Those pictures have never been made public. They were analyzed by classified enhancement equipment and in

the opinion of the scientists who performed the work, the objects were aircraft of an unfamiliar design and from an unknown source. I regret I'm unable at this time to publish full details on this, but until such time as an American president grants immunity, my source must remain silent.

Mr. Kaneko states unequivocally that Marian apparitions and UFOs are caused by one and the same “Immaterial Entity.” He forgets that many, if not most, close encounters with UFO entities cause psychological and physical damage so severe, at times, as to be irreparable. The benevolent appearances of genuine Marian apparitions have yielded only beneficial results, after the initial ridicule and disbelief toward the percipients has ended.

If the Vatican suspects that *some* UFO phenomena and religious apparitions are linked, it remains silent not because it fears a death blow to Catholic/Christian dogma, but because, like the rest of mankind, it simply does not know enough about UFOs to make any kind of public pro-

nouncement. My inquiries to various Catholic priests have resulted in disinterested shrugs, raised eyebrows, or at best a logical statement that UFOs are still on the borderline of human knowledge. Only rarely have I found a priest/intellectual who admits that the Church should be paying the question of parapsychological phenomena, including UFOs, the attention they deserve. One such source is of the opinion that the next generation of clerics will probably do this.

The Church never fears Truth about anything. If UFOs are part of creation, and they logically *have* to be, then knowledge about them will simply expand our knowledge about God. This is the aim of *all* true religions, since “religion” can be defined as man's relationship with his Creator.

Mr. Kaneko credits the “Paraphysical Intelligence” (God) with a need for amusing itself by setting up human-UFO interaction. The Christian God is infinite. He has no need for amusement. Amusement denotes that one is bored and needs to be freed from boredom. God, living out-

side of Time, has no boredom or any failing. He is infallible in all ways.

I, too, suspect that *some* UFOs might be connected with man's relationship to God, but others seem to be manifestations of other intelligences — benevolent, malevolent, or neutral — at or above the intelligence of mankind. The parapsychical aspects of many UFO manifestations indicate that they come from realms of being outside our own space-time. All major world religions teach that there are numerous types of intelligent entities in the order of creation between man and God.

Mr. Kaneko also mentions the "absurdity of religious fanaticism" which convulses Northern Ireland, as well as other countries. "Absurd," as defined by Webster, means stupid or unreasonably ridiculous. The tragedy in Northern Ireland is far from ridiculous or stupid. It is a *political* situation, carefully planned and reasoned, in which the forces of international Marxist terrorism are using as pawns the victims of ancient rivalries and hatreds. It is a deliberate attempt by outside forces to create chaos, discord, and bloodshed for its own nefarious purposes. The sooner *all* Irish, of whatever political or religious persuasion, realize this fact, the sooner they can prevent themselves from becoming involved in a Vietnam—El Salvador type situation.

This last, of course, has nothing whatsoever to do with UFOs, but since Mr. Kaneko threw it into his potpourri letter, perhaps I will be forgiven for taking the time to answer him on this point, also.

Very truly yours,
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May 18, 1981.

Huge torpedo-shaped UFO possibly in 1938

Dear Editor, — On Friday, 21 May, on the early morning BBC radio before 8 o'clock I heard Miss J. Randles make an astonishing statement to the effect that she did not believe in interplanetary space ships.

With all the information that this good lady is privy to, I find it impossible to understand how she can have that idea. Its implications are great. What is implied is that all souls testi-

fying otherwise are either liars, hoaxers or simply mistaken. You know the sworn reliability of scores and scores of these people — people have been hanged on far far less corroborative testimony. I would like to know just what else Miss Randles thinks these things are? If Miss Randles further enlightened us later on the radio then I apologise for not having heard for I would very likely have been at work.

I have had many graphic experiences of my own of more telling dimensions than just LITS, and I wrote to FSR about 20 years ago, give or take a year or two, of an experience that I had before the war. At that time, the nearest that we came to this sort of thing was Buck Rogers at the cinema. Nobody would have seriously considered the existence of these space ships and the term UFO was non-existent. So on the foregoing, I cannot be accused of hallucinating on the strength of anything I'd read about UFOs. It simply wasn't an existent subject at the time of this event.

At the time I was about 13, give or take a year — time plays tricks with the accuracy of exact time fixing. I was just running from my home one bitter cold winter's night, and I hadn't gone half-a-mile when a tingling sensation went right through me and the hairs on the back of my neck stood up. At that instant I was terrified — very terrified. Hairs had never stood up on my neck before or since and the tingling wasn't so pleasant either.

Though I didn't hear a thing I sensed the direction of its source — over my right shoulder. There it was, only a few hundred feet high, torpedo-shaped, but huge like two football fields placed end to end. It had a pale blue haze around it and a row/s of brightly lit windows. I seem to remember that the windows were rectangular with rounded corners but after all this time I cannot be sure.

I was walking down Kings Road, Bradford, towards the town along a section that was raised well above the surrounding fields at that time — it is now built up. One had a magnificent view over the area of Bradford along the valley towards Shipley.

This object was travelling from my rear to front and slightly to the right. It was very fast, much faster than any aeroplane flying at that time. It disappeared over the not too distant horizon of Bradford in two or three seconds. With that I turned back, I was

very frightened indeed. The time of this event was sometime in the evening, it was night, it was cold, and the sky was cloudless with millions of stars.

It was quite definitely a material object and manufactured, and not of this earth. I don't recall that there was any mention of it in the papers or on the radio, but I did keep my ears open. Never heard a mention of it in any form.

Like so many people I only became aware of the objects around 1950, and for long enough I considered UFO buffs as crackpots or notoriety-seekers. It was some time before I connected some of the testimonies with my experience and realised how foolish I'd been in my condemnation of UFO buffs. From then on I've read all I can on the subject and done hours of night sky watching. I have seen many and some of the most remarkable sightings — too many to include in this letter.

I might add that as a simple truth, mathematically, the law of averages decrees that we just cannot be the only planet with intelligent life attempting space travel. What we've done must have been repeated many times in many places. I'm certain from my small endeavours that interplanetary space ships are a fact so as I said in the beginning it intrigues me how Miss Randles can come up with any other idea? I would love to hear from her via FSR, or direct even.

Congratulations on a fine magazine in FSR; I just regret the termination of the Special Issues.

Yours sincerely,
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May 23, 1981.

Support for Zigel'

Dear Mr. Creighton, — Tenor and content of the article by N. A. Schnee in FSR 27, No. 1 are so unusual that they call for a few comments.

First of all, it seems hard to believe that a Soviet citizen and member of NTORES should want to publish in a Western journal an article abounding with hostile statements about, among others, the Communist Party, the Academy of Sciences, and his own

NTORES, unless the publication has the official party blessing. In that case, however, the article must be viewed with extreme caution.

Various people, mentioned by name (Safonov, Petrovich, Zigel', Smilga), are attacked or ridiculed in a manner reminiscent of mediaeval polemics hardly befitting a modern scientist, and casting doubt upon Mr. Schnee's ability to approach ufology with an objective mind. The idea that a UFO investigator of F. Y. Zigel's stature should phone the Moscow KGB to break-up a UFO meeting is downright preposterous.

Mr. Schnee mentions that Dr. Zigel's second book contains "one or two UFO reports," and that the third volume contains "just a few pages about UFOs". These two volumes are in the West, a fact Mr. Schnee probably is unaware of, and Mr. Brand of MUFON-CES assures me that the books actually contain almost 100 carefully investigated cases. Such deliberate falsifications of facts cast additional doubts on the veracity of the article as a whole. It appears that one of its chief aims is to discredit Dr. Zigel'. A second purpose may have been to promote Mr. Azhazha, an unknown on the UFO scene, for unknown reasons to the position of chief Soviet UFO investigator.

In my opinion publications of Schnee's article has done a disservice to UFOlogy in general and to Dr. Zigel' in particular. Soviet articles should probably be treated with the same objective criticism as close encounters of the third kind!

Yours sincerely,
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September 3, 1981.

[FSR is neither pro-Schnee nor pro-Zigel'. We were surprised at Mr. Schnee's polemics, but are currently redressing the balance with an article favourable to Dr. Zigel', — EDITOR]

Various matters

Dear Sir, — As a point of correction, Ernie Sears does not hold the position of Public Relations Officer for BUFORA, as stated by Jenny Randles in FSR Vol. 27 No. 2.

I have found the book reviews by Janet and Colin Bord extremely valuable, being as they are highly erudite and fairly balanced. These hard-working writers are a valuable asset to FSR.

I was sorry to learn of the demise of Leslie Otley. His considerable contribution to ufology in the earlier years deserves wider mention, and much interesting material was to be found in his Tyneside UFO Society magazine ORBIT. It is worth a reminder that the substantial library and files of TUFOS were donated to the Newcastle Central Library.

Yours faithfully,
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October 1, 1981

Police explanation of Swiss sighting. Also an incident in Greece

Dear Sir, — Following your printed request in the World Round-up column in FSR Volume 27, No. 2, I did write to the Jura Police Department, and I enclose herewith their reply:—

"Monsieur,
"Nous accusons réception de votre lettre du 24.9.81, ainsi que de la photocopie d'un article paru dans le 'Flying Saucer Review' et vous en remercions.

"Toutefois, nous devons vous communiquer que l'objet en question n'était qu'une boule de feu électrique et que ce phénomène a été provoqué par un court-circuit. Nous ne possédons pas d'autres explications à ce sujet.

"Nous regrettons de ne pouvoir vous donner de plus amples renseignements et vous présentons, Monsieur, nos salutations distinguées.

(signed) "Bernard Dula, Le Commandant de la Police Cantonale Jurasienne." (28.9.81)

I don't understand much about UFOs, but it seems strange to me that, at the time of the happening the police said it was all a mystery to them, yet now they say it was a *boule électrique*. And could such a *boule* shoot up vertically into the sky?

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Since I am writing to you, I'd like to take the opportunity to tell of a happening, and maybe you will have an answer for me. It took place in 1979 in Porto Germeno on the Gulf of Corinth. It was July 27th, or rather, since it happened after midnight, July 28th.

I awoke, and, as I could not go to sleep again, I went out on the terrace. I would guess it was around 3.0 a.m. (give or take an hour), and I looked up at the stars. The Milky Way was in full view, and I was amazed at the number of shooting stars which seemed to be falling down on me — there must have been at least a dozen. Then I was attracted by an orange light which did not fall down in the same direction as the shooting stars, but went at an incredible speed from left to right — that would be from East to West — horizontally clear across the sky. Ever since then I've wondered if it was a UFO, or just another satellite in orbit?

If I run across any further news items from Switzerland, I'll gladly send them to you, already translated, to lessen the burden of Mr. Creighton.

Yours faithfully,
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September 4, 1981

A GIGANTIC "CIGAR" OVER THE ATLANTIC

Editor's note (Continued from page 21)

given in slightly greater detail in my editorial leader on pages 1 and 2 of this issue. My memory of Captain Howard's narrative is that *most* of the passengers saw the

UFOs. Stewardess Daphne Walker came on to the flight deck to ask the skipper what it was 'out there' as all the passengers wanted to know.