

“One evening in the autumn of 1975, two soldiers of a certain unit of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army stationed in Jian-Shui County in the Province of Yün-Nan encountered a huge saucer-shaped flying object that was circling around above their heads and emitting beams of soft orange-coloured light. One of the men at once ran into the camp to give the alarm, while the other stayed there to watch it.

A few minutes later, when the Camp Commandant with about a dozen armed men came running up to the entrance to the Barracks, they found no trace of the soldier who had remained behind. The Commandant at once ordered that a general search be made by all personnel, officers and enlisted men, but there was no sign of him.

A few hours later, four soldiers, taking over sentry duty, suddenly heard the sound of someone moaning behind them, and, looking around, found that it was the missing man, who in miraculous fashion had reappeared. They at once perceived that his eyebrows, beard, and hair, had grown extremely long. When he had fully recovered consciousness it was found that his memory was totally gone. His wristwatch showed that it had stopped long ago. It was not a watch of the type indicating the date, so it was not possible to establish how many ‘days of a different time’ he had spent ‘elsewhere’. His weapons and watch all were found to be slightly magnetized.

#### COMMENT BY PAUL DONG:

It is difficult to evaluate the reliability of the foregoing report. The Chinese UFO investigator Shi Bo has already been to see Mr. Zhang Ke-Tao about the case, and asked him for the full name of the soldier and for details as to the source of the story, but, for some reason unknown to us Mr. Zhang Ke-Tao has been unable to supply these details and so at present we have no means of investigating the case. So far, the case has only appeared in a magazine article by Zhang Ke-Tao under the title *Flying Saucers don't favour foreign countries only with their visits.*

#### TAILPIECE BY EDITOR, FSR:

A highly placed British legal official who is well-known at FSR and who is himself a long-standing student of all aspects of “our subject”, informed me, this year, that, when visiting the Far East recently on legal business, he had occasion to meet some officers of the Red Chinese “KGB”.

These gentlemen related to him the recent case of a Chinese man who had been kidnapped by a UFO and never seen again. They regarded the report as genuine and highly alarming. ■

### III. THE MAN WHO AGED BY FIVE DAYS IN FIFTEEN MINUTES. (Translation from German. G.C.) *UFONACHRICHTEN*, May/June 1996 © By HARTWIG HAUSDORF (GERMANY)

[On February 27, 1996, two German UFO-investigators, Hartwig Hausdorf and Dr. Johannes Fiebag, visited Putre, in the extreme northern tip of Chile, and saw the place where Corporal Armando Valdés had had his extraordinary experience 19 years earlier. Here is my translation of Herr Hausdorf’s account, as published in the *UFONACHRICHTEN* for May/June 1996. EDITOR OF FSR.]

**PUTRE, NORTHERN CHILE, February 27, 1996.**

**“As the Chilean soldiers, in full camouflage kit and with automatic rifles at the ready, rapidly bore down on us -far too rapidly for our liking- it was obvious that we were on restricted military terrain, so we hastily set about snapping as many photos as we could. But as the heavily armed party came on, we started to feel thoroughly uneasy and were preparing for trouble”....**

Along with Dr. Johannes Fiebag, Germany’s most competent UFO-investigator, I was on the very spot where

one of the most spectacular UFO events of the last twenty years had occurred. I am referring to the abduction of the Chilean Army Corporal Armando Valdés who, in the early morning hours of April 25, 1977, had been abducted and carried off, right in front of all his terrified comrades, in an unknown flying object. The report of that happening had gone around the world at the time and had also been seen in Germany and had evoked much discussion here.

#### WHAT ACTUALLY DID HAPPEN?

At about 04.15 hrs. in the early morning of that fateful day, April 25, 1977, six soldiers of the Chilean Army were sitting round their camp fire while two others kept watch near by. Suddenly two brightly shining flying objects appeared in the sky and began slowly to descend. As the soldiers all confirmed later, one of the two objects then vanished behind the nearby mountain range, a bright glow in the sky above remaining to indicate the place in question. The second UFO, however, of a glowing purplish hue with two intensely bright red lights, came swooping down at a height of only a few hundred metres and not far from the

soldiers.

The detachment's leader, Corporal Armando Valdés (aged 22 at the time), ordered his men to action stations and at once walked over to reconnoitre the mystery object. What happened next "froze the blood in their veins". *For, out of the disc sweeping towards them at only a few metres from the ground there came a beam of light and Valdés suddenly vanished from the earth as though swallowed up. And that happened at a moment when his nearest man was only three metres away from him!*

*A quarter of an hour later Valdés was back there again -as though "re-materialized"- popping up suddenly right before the eyes of his companions. He attempted to say something to them, but all that came from his lips was incomprehensible sounds. Then he fell to the ground unconscious.*

*At about 7.00 am that same morning he recovered consciousness, but the eyewitnesses reported that on his wristwatch, which still showed 4.30 am (the time when he had re-appeared) the date-indicator on the watch had advanced by five full days. And -even more uncanny- during his fifteen-minute absence the Corporal had grown a beard such as it would have taken five days to produce if he did not shave!*

#### **WE HEARD THE ORIGINAL 1977 TAPES.**

Later that same day, as the news of the Corporal's weird experience flew like a bush-fire through Putre (population 2,000), the man who was the local schoolmaster at that time also heard of it and, taking his tape-recorder, he set out for the scene of the occurrence and actually succeeded in getting interviews with the abductee Corporal and the other eyewitnesses.

We met this man, the former teacher Don Pedro Araneda, in Arica, on February 26, 1996, and secured from him a detailed account of the abduction. It was for us a thrilling evening, in the course of which we were able to learn much about the affair that had never been reported in the media at the time.

**The old schoolmaster, now aged 60, had also brought with him original tape-recordings that he had made on that memorable April 25, 1977. Our lady-interpreter gave us a running translation as we listened, and we were able to form an excellent picture of the events as they had occurred.**

**From the excited - indeed at times panicky- voices of the Corporal and his men we could clearly perceive how agitated, how emotional, they had all been. Prayers were constantly being murmured -by hardboiled troops who would very likely never forget, right to the ends of their lives, the fear that they had experienced in those hours.**

**And constantly we were hearing, all the time, their expressions concerning the "unbelievableness" of the happenings, and, all the time, their expressions of the constant wish that it would be better if in the end the incredible occurrence could eventually turn out to have been nothing more than a dream. But the event had been a piece of solid reality up there in the Chilean Andes, at the end of the world. [It sounds as though in 1977, the Chilean authorities can have had no**

**knowledge of all of these tapes! G.C.]**

#### **"WE WILL BE BACK."**

And now, almost 19 years after those spectacular happenings, we were being given the possibility of probing, right at the very site, many details that had hitherto remained unknown. For example, we were able to rectify the question as to the name of the place where it had actually occurred, and which had been wrongly reported at the time. The group of soldiers had not been out on a patrol in the mountains, but were simply manning an outpost of the Putre Garrison lying 3 or 4 miles outside the town of that name. This outpost is employed mostly for the stabling of the Garrison's horses and mules, and is only accessible on foot or with a heavy-terrain vehicle.

**Shortly before the arrival of the UFO and the disappearance of the Corporal, the animals had all fallen unusually quiet, and a dog had been seen to be cowering with ears pricked.**

Then, as originally reported, the two UFOs had appeared, one of them going down behind the chain of mountains behind the outpost. The second UFO, as originally reported, had come swooping down over the area and then headed for the soldiers. As Valdés walked off towards the UFO, he appeared to be drawn up by a beam of light coming from the craft. And then, from one instant to the next, he had vanished. A quarter of an hour later he popped up again -just as though he had been "re-materialized".

After he had recovered somewhat from his spell of unconsciousness, Valdés was able to recall certain aspects of his involuntary visit to the UFO, but he was unable to say anything whatever regarding the beings who had taken him. But he was able to remember one statement made by them:

**"This isn't the first time that you are seeing such things! And we will be back!"**

#### **A MYSTERIOUS SPOT.**

And here, en passant, is a curious fact to be noted. On the way to Putre we were to experience yet another unusual phenomenon ourselves. For, at a certain spot on the road, the laws of Physics seemed to be turned upside-down! As the local native population are only too well aware, **vehicles in neutral gear run up-hill there!** We wanted to test whether a **bottle** would behave in the same fashion as the bus. Though sceptical enough at the outset, and expecting it would simply turn out to be an "old wives' tale", Dr. Johannes Fiebag and I followed that bottle for 200 metres up-hill. And indeed the thing did steadily go on rolling up-hill instead of doing the opposite as would have been only right and proper for round objects. To watch a bottle slowly rolling its way up a hill is truly an unusual enough experience. (We have photos of its progress.)

Returning now to the matter of our abduction case. Leading out from Putre there is a stretch of dusty road that brings you to a canyon and then along a gorge for some two kilometres or so with a range of mountains on each side. Then the country opens up on to a plain,

likewise surrounded by mountains. An ideal landing spot. And that is where the outpost is located.

One of the colleagues of the erstwhile local schoolmaster Don Pedro Araneda (this colleague was also well acquainted with the local surroundings and knowledgeable on all details of the kidnapping), led us out to view the exact spot where Valdés was abducted.

We were by then well aware that we were on territory within the military security zone, and so, when we saw soldiers approaching, we were understandably nervous, and we hastened to get our photos as fast as we could. Several uniformed men, with their automatic rifles at the ready, were now heading towards us rapidly - a whole lot more rapidly than we would have liked! Were we now in for trouble? We had already photographed the military outpost - so we prepared for the worst.

But, when we showed that we were packing away our cameras and preparing to leave the scene, the soldiers too turned away. Once again we had been lucky.

**Just as, after his mysterious return, Corporal Valdés had at once been put into solitary detention by the Military Authorities, so too were all his companions. Then from Putre Valdés was first sent to Arica. And then from Arica he was finally flown down southwards, to the capital, Santiago, and there put into a military hospital.**

#### **A WALL OF SILENCE.**

After about a year, Valdés returned to Putre, but accompanied by two men in civilian clothing, most probably Secret Service agents. He gathered up a few personal effects, and said goodbye to all his friends. But the two men accompanying him were inflexible in their insistence that not a word was to be uttered by anyone about the abduction. That subject had at once simply been blocked right off.

As I learned while I was in Arica, Valdés - who is now 40 years old - is still serving in the Chilean Army. Since his discharge from the Army Hospital he has been stationed at Concepción, a garrison-town 500 kms. to the south of the Capital, Santiago - in the truest sense of the phrase "right at the end of the world"! And he is still

**kept incommunicado there. No interviews with him are permitted. A wall of silence.....**

Incidentally, unidentified flying objects were seen all over Concepción in 1979 (two years after Valdés' abduction) and on that occasion the entire body of troops in the garrison there were eyewitnesses! And there, once again, the "Military Muzzle" was employed, so that the outside world never learned a thing about that burst of sightings.

#### **(WERE THE ETs KEEPING THEIR PROMISE - GIVEN IN PUTRE - "WE WILL BE BACK"?) -TAIL PIECE.**

And here I will add a wee piece of background "family news" - though whether it is or is not basically connected with Valdés' kidnapping I cannot give any answer, either positive or negative, without further information, and that I do not have.

**But the "news" is that Valdés has a little daughter. And she is said to be suffering from an "unknown illness". This clearly indicates that the doctors treating her find the symptoms... "puzzling". H.H.**

#### **NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR.**

Our thanks and appreciation to Herr Werner L. Forster, Editor of the journal UFONACHRICHTEN (UFO NEWS), Postfach 1211, 87630 Obergünzburg-Kempton, Germany, for this remarkable piece of "follow-up work". In "our subject" it does not often happen that we come across such fine supportive evidence after so many years. Usually it is sadly lacking. For example, it was only very slowly that we began to realize how unfortunate it was for UFO research that we had "lost sight" of all the children involved in the UFO reports of the earliest years. Had there been some system whereby their later growth and development could have been studied, what might we have learned by now!

For example, just think of the children of "Dr. X" in France, or the children of Mrs. Cynthia Appleton in Birmingham! In both of these cases, it was evident that the *children* were the main targets for the alien interest. And today we know why! -G.C.■

## **BOOK REVIEW: *HOW TO DEFEND YOURSELF AGAINST ALIEN ABDUCTION,***

**By ANN DRUFFEL, FSR CONSULTANT.**

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**REVIEW BY JIM OWEN, North-East Representative of VUFORS,  
in AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN, December 1998.**

I started this book with an open mind and after page one, my thoughts were, "This is not your normal book on Abductions." Before I knew it the pages were slipping behind me and I found the book an exciting and refreshing

view on that controversial subject: **ALIEN ABDUCTIONS.** I have always believed that the one question uppermost in the minds of abductees is, "**HOW CAN I STOP THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN?**"