



Photograph 3

bably the only people who have investigated it, as it was much newer and few folk knew of it. It was similar to the first mark, with its major axis about $4\frac{1}{2}$ metres and its lesser axis 3 metres. The major axis was again oriented from East to West. Nearby there was also another smaller mark, one metre in diameter, circular, and some 70 cms. from the large oval.

Both these marks were quite intact, and the contrast between the yellow dried grass inside them and the green grass all around was most striking. (See photos 3 and 4.)

The analysis of our samples of soil and vegetation at the second site gave the same results as in the first case—entirely negative.

When questioning local residents we learned that “strange lights” had been seen there during the period in question, and also objects had been seen flying overhead.



Photograph 4

Conclusion

In the first case, two witnesses saw the object, and the correlation between the object and the oval landing mark seems clear. In the second case, although no witness of the landing was found, the strange characteristics of the oval mark and the yellow, dessicated, flattened grass lead us to suspect that it had been produced by the same means. It seems therefore that we can say that there were UFO landings at Centeno on the early morning of November 5, 1967, and during the night of November 19/20, 1967.

I would add that the effect on the dried grass has been extremely curious. The marks—which put one in mind of the sort of burns that would be given by a hot metal plate—indicate that the interaction between the UFO and ground was not confined merely to the zone of contact. The question as to what type of radiation it is that is responsible and in what conditions it is able to produce these effects remains open.

Readers' Reports

Taxi-driver's testimony

The following letter is from a new reader of *Flying Saucer Review* and *FSR Case Histories*, who took out subscriptions following the appearance of the Editor in the BBC-TV programme “Search” on May 26.

Dear Sir,—I am a taxi-driver and what got me definitely interested in these strange things derives from the following true account:

About four years ago my wife, Mary (a real down-to-earth woman), went out to the back green with our younger son, Donald (aged at that time 24 years), to bring into the house some clothes or washing that had been forgotten. They were both at the same time attracted to something hovering

low down in the sky quite near them, and they both gave me the following description from the view they had.

“It” seemed to be cigar-shaped, or it may have been saucer-shaped, from the angle it was seen (my son's remark). It was the length of two railway carriages with big lighted windows on its upper structure; there was a deep blue-purple light coming from underneath it. No motor or engine noise was heard. The light coming from underneath the great “ship” gradually got brighter, becoming lilac and then brilliant white, when it flew off into the night sky at an incredible speed.

Now here is the sequel to the foregoing. Eighteen months later a taxi-driver whose name is Hugh Milligan, who is quoted as saying “I never

believed in any of that tripe”, was going home at 3.25 a.m. after his night shift. He then saw hovering about 50ft. above his block of flats a great ship estimated to be about 250ft. across. He gave the same particulars about it as my wife and son had done.

He was so astounded, and a wee bit afraid, so he called our control on his radio. The control asked over the air if any other taxi was near. Six other taxis turned up and the seven drivers watched this “ship” for about five minutes, after which it “whoofed” away into the night sky at tremendous speed. Since then Hugh got permission from the janitor of the flats to use the roof area to keep watch for an hour or two each night; he could manage it with his big UFO camera and huge

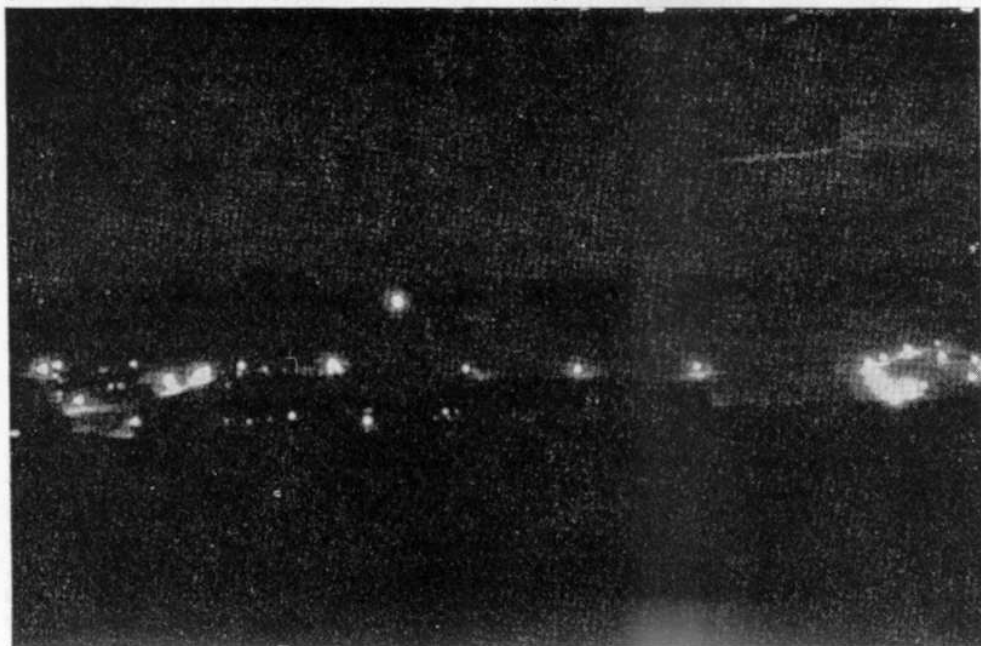
binoculars (a changed man, eh?).
Archibald C. Walker, G.M., 59
 Kilchattan Drive, Kings Park, Glasgow
 S4.

Yet another photo from Warminster

Dear Sir,—After reading your much publicised account and the investigations into the Warminster sighting of March 28, 1970, I felt that I should report a similar sighting that occurred on Saturday, February 13, 1971.

I must point out that as I am something of a newcomer to the Warminster "scene" and have visited Cradle Hill only three times I am not fully conversant with the surroundings at Warminster. However, I have enclosed a transparency that may possibly be of some help to your Warminster investigations; on the other hand, there may be no connection between the two sightings at all.

Briefly, the events surrounding the sighting are as follows: On February 13, 1971, my colleagues and I arrived at Warminster, Cradle Hill, at approximately 21.30 hrs. to find that an army exercise was in progress, including aircraft and helicopters. During the exercise (approximately 22.20 hrs.) a "blue" light appeared across the valley. Visually, it looked very similar to that shown on the front cover of FSR Vol. 16, No. 4. However, from the time of appearance and termination the light was stationary and visible for approximately two minutes, during which time a photograph was obtained. Incidentally, the photograph was taken from halfway between Cradle Hill gates and Field Barn gates.



Army light, or what? The image in this Warminster photograph appears quite unlike that captured on film by Mr. Foxwell on March 28, 1970 (see FSR July/August and November/December 1970 and March/April 1971).

At approximately 23.20 hrs. the light appeared for the second time in the same position as the first, but this time it moved in a horizontal path at a constant speed (slow speed) toward an easterly direction, and then disappeared.

The appearances and disappearances of the light in all cases were like a lamp being switched on and then off suddenly. A few suggestions were put forward as to the possible identity of the light, but at this point I remain neutral. The army exercise terminated at approximately 23.30 hrs.

At the time of the sighting there were quite an assortment of skywatchers present.

Incidentally, the light shown on the transparency is located just below the horizon of the hill and above the street lamps.

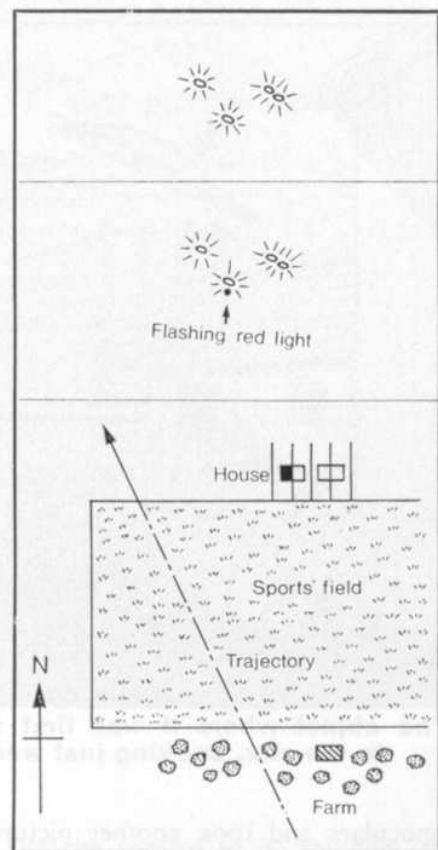
Yours faithfully,
Frank M. G. Morton, 65 Malmsey House, Vauxhall Street, London SE11. (June 16, 1971.)

Unusual lights over Ongar

Dear Sir,—This is an account of an unusual observation on Monday, June 28, 1971.

The time was approximately 10.20 p.m., it was twilight with about two-eighths cloud cover, stars were visible, the horizon was clear and not hazy and there was a very slight breeze. The moon in its position approximately due west, was at about half moon.

On looking out of the rear window of our house (from a lighted room into the twilight), I observed a large star-shaped light scintillating in the sky. I called the attention of my mother



Ongar lights and plan of location

and father and we all went out into the back garden to observe it better. My next-door neighbour, Mr. Trundel, was also outside, so my father called to him and showed him the object. At this point the object was stationary, just to the west of due south, about 100-200ft. up or about 10-20 degrees from the horizontal, the object appearing to be about 1/2 to 1 mile away.

The drawing shows our house in relation to the trees and farmhouse which are approximately 500 yards away.

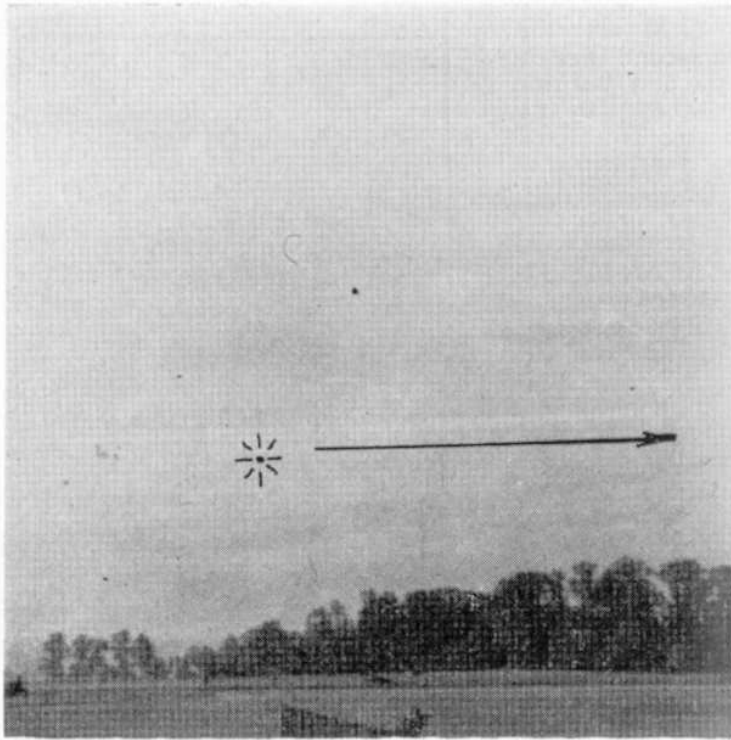
At this point I went into my bedroom, upstairs, where my mother was already getting out my binoculars and loaded camera. The object had now remained stationary for two to three minutes, but suddenly the light increased in brilliance and size, then started moving right, to the west.

I took one photograph, then focused my 16 x 50 binoculars on the object. (Later I found my photo had failed).

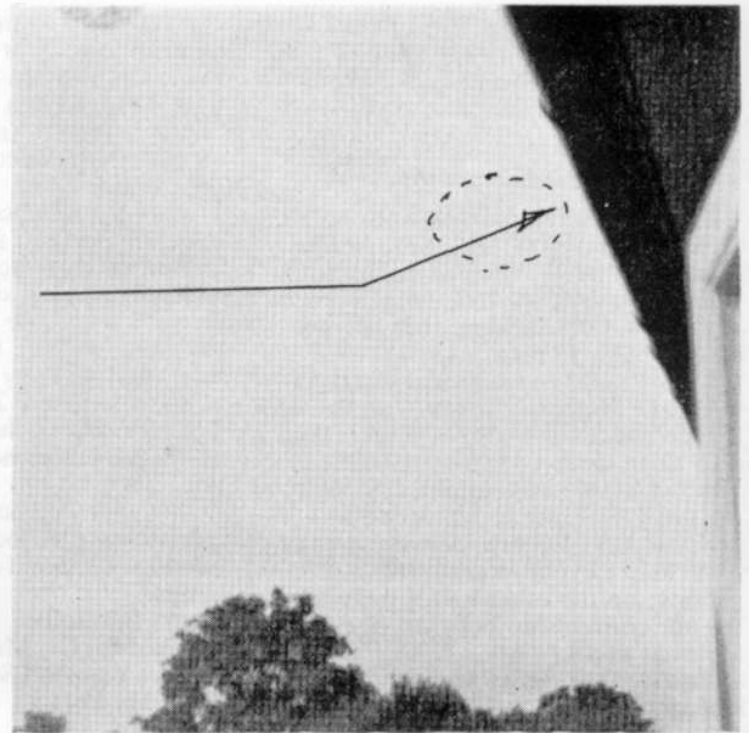
I observed the following:

The oval shape of the lights may be due to the focus, which in my haste was not quite correct.

The object was now moving at about the speed of a light aircraft, but completely noiselessly. I put down the



The object where it was first sighted, in relation to the star. Looking just west of due south



Looking due west, where the object inclined upwards and its light extinguished, somewhere within dotted area

binoculars and took another picture and then returned to the binoculars again. The lights were still in the same configuration, but I could now observe a red flashing light in the position indicated.

Behind the lights I could only make out a fuzzy shape, but nothing positive, as if these were searchlights or landing lights of some sort.

The object kept moving to the right (west) and just as it was approaching due west, and I was about to lose view of it behind the eaves of the roof, it suddenly changed course upwards (about 45 degrees), sped up and its lights extinguished.

The time was approximately 10.25 p.m., the sighting had lasted about five minutes. I came downstairs and went into the front garden for about three to four minutes but could see nothing more of the object. Throughout the whole five minutes the three other witnesses said they heard no noise from the object. Although I also heard no noise, I twice heard a sound like a very distant rumble of a jet aircraft (I am sure this noise was nothing to do with the object, and it could mean that an aircraft was in the vicinity and may also have observed the phenomenon.)

Later on that evening I saw Mr. Trundel again and he remarked to me that from where he was standing in his garden he had seen two lights with the naked eye and that just before the lights had extinguished he had seen the flight path incline and the object speed up. He also remarked that the

flight path inclined so that the object would pass across the face of the moon from our position and when it did the lights extinguished.

At first I thought we may have been observing the landing lights of a light aircraft doing a practice approach run. Three things seem to count this out:

(i) The absence of noise during a five-minute period, with the object between one half to one mile away during that time.

(ii) Even when observed through the 16 × 50 binoculars there was a total absence of the red and green, port and starboard navigation lights.

(iii) That even when the lights were running across and round us they did not change their configuration as they would have done if they had been aircraft landing lights on or in the leading edge of the wings along the line of flight.

Approximate grid references on O.S. sheet 161, London N.E.

(1) My house TL 555.037, (2) where the object appeared TL 553.028, about ½ to 1 mile distance between the two points, away over Ongar town.

I had my photographs developed, but I am afraid nothing came out at all, most probably due to my bad photography. However, the next morning I took some more exposures of the area which I have marked up with the positions as near as possible.

Allen V. J. Stockel, Onslow Gardens, Ongar, Essex.

Dunston-on-Tyne UFO

Dear Sir,—Two weeks ago (May 10,

1971) I saw a UFO, and it was witnessed by my mother. Members of the family are amused, and my mother has become doubtful, but I am convinced it was a flying saucer.

My sister and I went to the local library and looked up some books on the subject. After reading them I felt I should report what I had seen to someone, as it leaves doubts on other UFO reports if all other people keep quiet. I wrote to *Orbit* magazine in our nearest city—no reply! [This magazine has ceased publication—ED.] Then I found your address in a book and hoped you might be interested in my report.

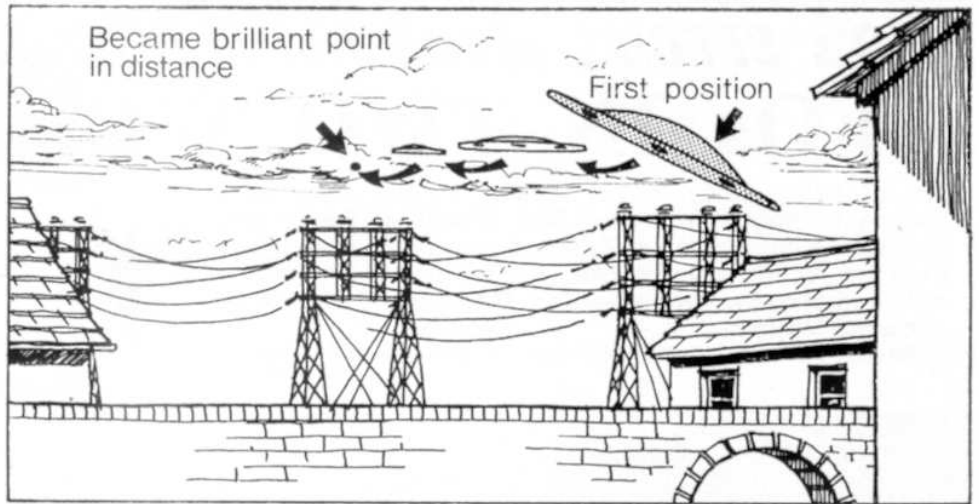
It was a bright evening with an almost clear sky when at about 8.15 I went over to the television set to switch on. As I was doing this I looked through the window and my attention was caught by a "line of bright light" above a pylon which stands directly in front of Dunston Power Station. This light was strange: the only way I can explain it is thus . . . imagine trying to describe a beautiful diamond to people who have only ever seen plain glass.

The light "hovered" in a diagonal aspect for some minutes, and I could see smokey grey spots appearing under the light. These gave the appearance of moving in a circle. Above the light there was the impression of a grey, round dome. This dome was visible in the same way as is the dark part of the moon when half lit. The light seemed to diminish in length and I realised it was going away. My mother who had been watching it with me at that point exclaimed: "It's going round!" I had

said nothing about that, but she also seemed to get the impression that it was spinning. (Although she now insists it was only an aeroplane, she was at first amazed at the UFO.)

As the "light" grew smaller it straightened into a horizontal position and in a few seconds it was just a small dot in the distance. A fighter plane—possibly a *Lightning*—swept into view from the North West, just as the dot was disappearing. It veered round to where the object had been, shot over the power station and flew away to the South.

I have tried to be objective, but as far as my sketch is concerned I am willing to admit my representation of the UFO's exact disappearance may be directionally faulty. When I first saw it I thought it was an aeroplane trail, but then I saw it as a brilliant light like



a neon, showing the grey spots underneath when it was moving. As it became just a brilliant point of light it bobbed

under a dark grey cloud.
Miss L. Linton, Meadow Close,
Dunston-on-Tyne, Co. Durham.

Possible resemblances

Gordon Creighton

AKE FRANZEN'S article *The Little Man of Norrbotten* (*FSR Case Histories* No. 4, pp. 13-14) is illustrated by two interesting photographs of a model of the little creature, made on the basis of the descriptions furnished by several witnesses.

While one must not jump to rash conclusions or give too much reliance to a model which was, as everyone must realise, constructed in the absence of an original and merely in accordance with oral statements, I recall one sketch of a type of small creature which seems curiously near to it, both as regards the shape and position of the eyes and the profile of the face.

This is the sketch which appears on

p. 32 of NICAP's publication *UFOs: A New Look* (1969).

On November 2, 1967, two Indian youths, Guy Tossie and Will Begay, encountered a domed UFO, 8ft. wide, which was hovering about 5ft. above the surface of Highway 26 outside Ririe, Idaho, U.S.A.

Two creatures, each about 3½ft. in height, floated down. They were wearing packs on their backs which protruded above and behind their heads. Their faces were oval, with rough skin heavily pitted and creased. They had small round eyes, straight slit-like mouths and large ears standing high on hairless heads. They wore tight one-piece garments.

The bottom of the UFO appeared green and orange, in alternating colours.

The rim seemed to be spinning, and had bright flashing lights, green and orange, while the object hovered. A light appeared at the bottom at take-off, yellow, and playing like a flame.

One creature got into the car beside the witnesses. Tossie escaped from the car and ran to a nearby farm, pursued by a bright light carried by the second creature.

Not only does there seem to be a marked resemblance in respect of both eyes and ears, but it should also be borne in mind that the Norrbotten creature is represented as carrying a bright lamp.

UFO and the car which "floated along"

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Mrs. Smyth's husband, Dave, was also questioned.

"When did you first hear about this thing?"

"When she got home from school."

"What did she say?"

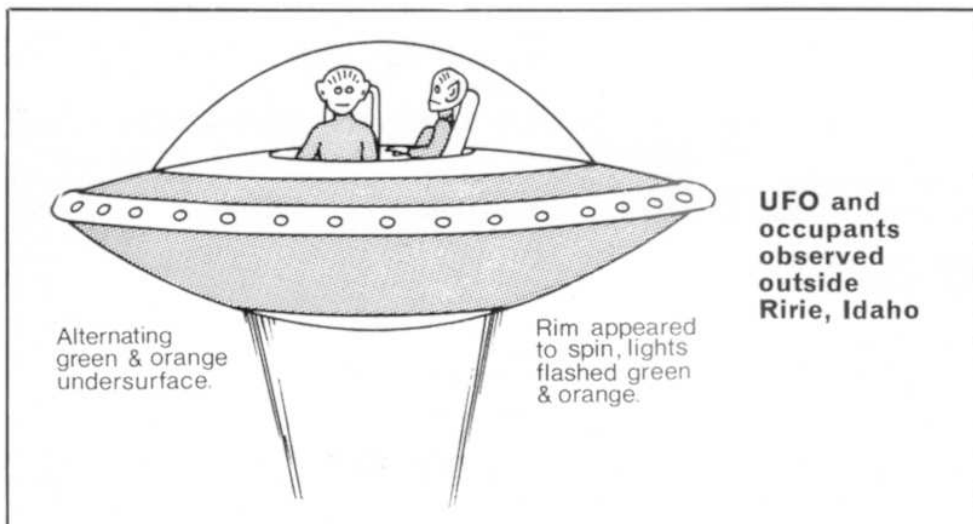
"She came out with this: 'Honey, you ain't gonna believe this. I saw a thing that looked like a flying saucer.'"

"And what did you say?"

"I laughed."

"Do you believe her now?"

"Well, yeah."



Alternating green & orange undersurface.

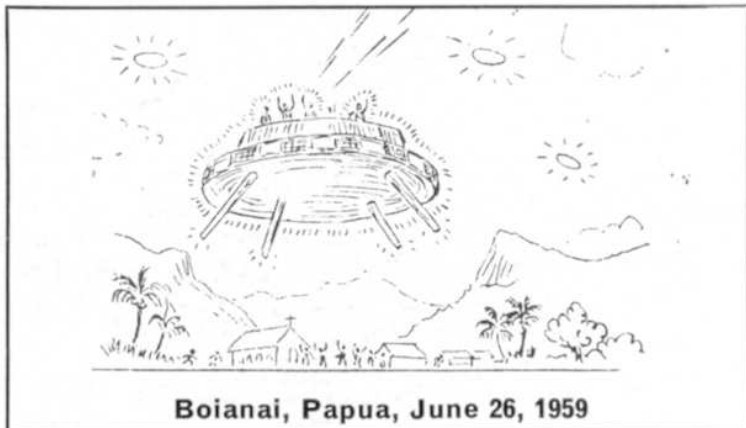
Rim appeared to spin, lights flashed green & orange.

UFO and occupants observed outside Ririe, Idaho

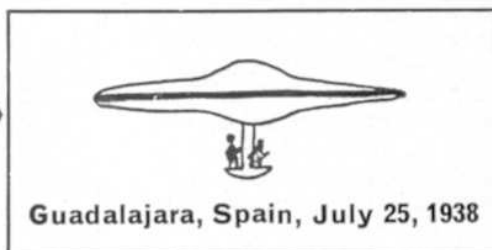
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