

# A "FLYING" HUMANOID IN PUERTO RICO

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**B**ETWEEN 8.30 and 9.00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 1977, Senor Adrian de Olmos Ordonez, aged 42, of the town of Quebradillas, Puerto Rico, observed the extraordinary spectacle of a 3½ ft. humanoid from the balcony of his house where he was sitting.

The affair was widely reported on the following day by the main radio channels and the local newspaper, *El Vocero*. On the following Saturday, July 16, I managed to have a lengthy interview with the witness and with his neighbours who had seen the later stages of the phenomenon. I also examined the terrain where the sighting had taken place. In these investigations I was accompanied by my friend Sr. Jorge Martin who, being himself a competent artist, was able to make sketches to accompany the statements given by the principal witness. Here is the gist of Sr. Adrian de Olmos' statement to me about his sighting:—

"At around 8.30 to 9.00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, I was taking a rest and enjoying the evening air on my balcony, when suddenly I saw something emerge from the grounds of the farm opposite my house. It was a small figure, which stepped out from the darkness and passed under the barbed wire fence. My first thought was that it must be some child or other playing about over there... but then I perceived, from the way it was dressed, that it was a very strange being indeed, and I realized that the situation would have to be handled with caution.

"The being was walking in quite normal fashion towards the street lamp, the public street-lighting standard in front of my house. At that point I called out to my daughter, Irasema. The being was still moving cautiously towards the mercury lamp standard. I told Irasema to bring me a pencil and paper so that I might try to make a sketch of him... and I told her to turn on the light in the living room, but she made a mistake, as the switch is a double one, and she turned on the outside balcony light instead. The 'creature' had by then almost got to the lamp standard, but when it saw the light turned on it took fright. I saw it looking upwards at the street lamp, and my personal opinion is that it was seeking something, energy, or electricity, or something like that, for it was headed straight towards the lamp standard. In its right hand it was carrying a small shiny object. The light from our house was reflected off the glass of the creature's helmet, which shone with a tremendous brightness.

"Then, the minute the balcony light went on, I saw the creature run back instantly towards the barbed wire fence. It passed under the wire, and then

stopped... It placed its hands on the front part of its belt, and then a thing which it had on its back, like a rucksack, lit up, and emitted a sound like the noise of an electric drill... And then it rose up into the air, and made off towards the trees.

"By that time the neighbours and members of my family were appearing on the scene, and for about ten minutes they all saw lights moving from tree to tree on the farm, until finally they vanished from sight."

## Details of the humanoid

Sr. Adrian said the strange creature was about 3½ feet high. As described in his statement, he saw it emerge from the darkness on the farm land opposite the house. The humanoid bent down and passed under the barbed wire fence and made straight towards the street lamp standard, "walking normally, like a child." The proportions of its body were normal, except that, as he noted, its arms appeared to be relatively short. The entire body was covered in a green garment which seemed to be "filled with air," because it did not cling closely to the body. The head was covered by a helmet, of metallic appearance, which terminated at the top in a sort of antenna, "with a little light or flame at its tip." From each side of the helmet (which was of a lighter shade of green than the clothing) "there were things sticking out that seemed like pointed ears." The helmet was joined on to the clothing by a dark band at the level of the neck. It had some sort of glass in the front of it, running down from the forehead to the neck, and this glass reflected the light from the street lamp so vividly that it made it impossible for the witness to see the creature's face.

The humanoid was approaching the lamp standard cautiously, and had now reached a point some ten feet from it, and some thirty feet or so from where the witness was sitting. The witness was able to note that the strange being was holding in its right hand something "of the size of a matchbox, shining, and with a sharp point to it." And, all the while, the creature was looking up fixedly at the street lamp. This behaviour led the witness to think that the humanoid wanted in some fashion or other to test or to take the electrical current.

It was at this point that the witness's daughter, Irasema de Olmos Padin, aged 16, accidentally switched on the balcony light from inside the house. Thereupon, the humanoid "ran off in the direction from which he had come", passed under the barbed

wire fence, and then halted, with his back towards the witness. The latter was thus able to note that the humanoid had, on his back, like a knap-sack, "a little box, fastened with two straps," and that he "had a tail, which did not reach as far as the ground." (See sketch.)

The strange being at once put his hands "to his belt, to the thick belt which he was wearing," and at once "two red lights and two blue lights," which seemed to be rotating, lit up the box on his back. Between these two pairs of lights, the box "had an opening, or something of that sort." When these lights came on, "two other beams of light, pointing downwards," appeared from the under-part of the box. The witness described these beams of light as of the same colour as the sparks one sees in welding. Simultaneously, he heard a thin humming noise, "like the sound of a small electrical drill."

Immediately after that, the humanoid rose into the air and moved away towards the nearest trees on the farm opposite, travelling at a height which witness estimated at around ten or twelve feet. It was at this point that the witness's daughter came out on to the balcony and saw the lights of the presumed

propulsive apparatus of the entity. Immediately afterwards, the witness's wife and son, Sr. Dominga Padin de Olmos and Rafael Edgardo de Olmos, also came out of the house.

#### Additional details

As we gathered during our investigation, the humanoid moved off horizontally, "like superman" and "with his tail raised," for a distance of some 420 ft. or so to the nearest trees on the farm. By that time a group of the neighbours had already gathered and were listening to Sr. Adrian de Olmos. These neighbours included the following ten people: Marvel Gonzalez, Daniela Gonzalez, Josefina Gonzalez, Luis Cortes, Carlos Cortes, Iris Cortes, Mercedes Medina de Leon, Minerva Lugo, Betsaide Lugo, and Ivi Mena Lugo.

For the next ten minutes or so all these witnesses watched the lights on the box on the back of the creature "leaping from tree to tree", and at times descending to ground-level. Sr. Adrian de Olmos added that they were also able to see "... second lot of lights, doing the same thing," from which he concluded that there had been another creature, "helping the first one," for in fact he had had the impression, when the lights came on on the back of the first creature, at a distance of some 40 ft. or so from him, that "the apparatus on the creature's back was not working quite right."

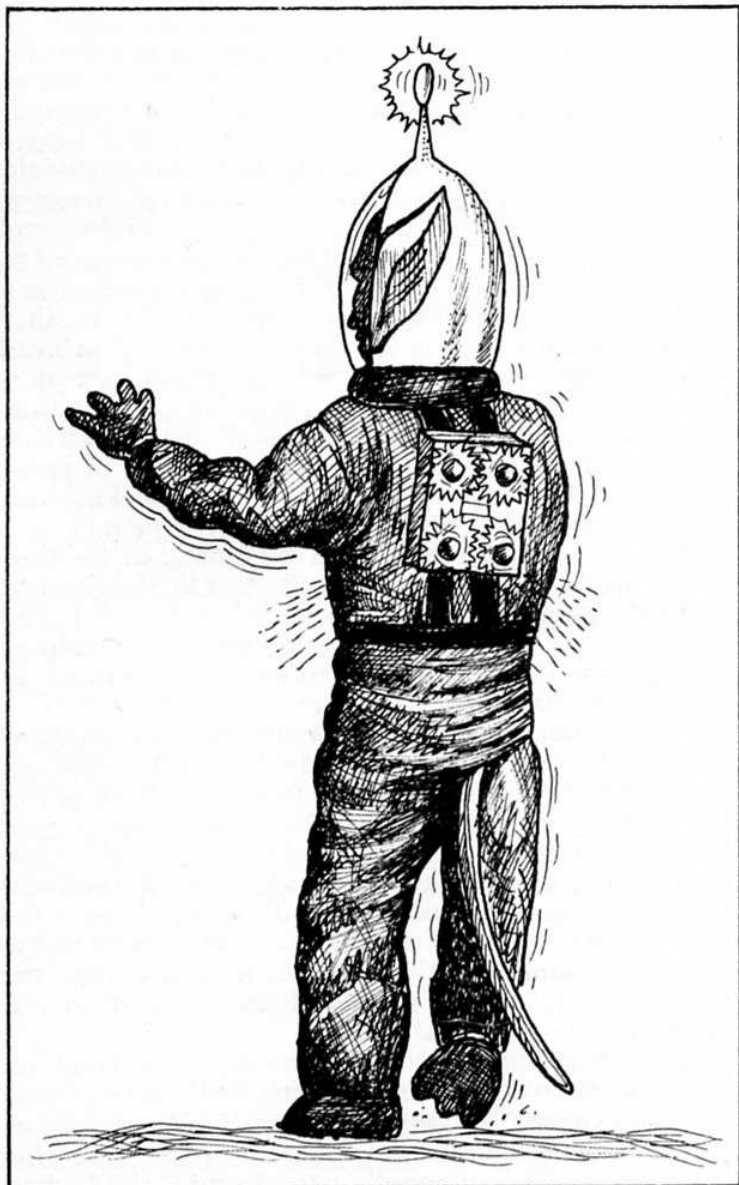
Finally the phenomenon was all over, and the lights vanished. But not before the residents of the whole neighbourhood had noticed that the cattle on the farm were "acting as though crazy," dashing to and fro and bellowing. A number of dogs in the neighbourhood, including the main witness's own bitch, Luly, were also barking frenziedly in the direction of the farm, where all lay shrouded in darkness.

Shortly after this two Police patrolmen, Johnny Ramos and William Castro, arrived on the scene. This was but the first of a whole series of visits by State Police which followed. So vast was the excitement and panic in the neighbourhood that many mothers were afraid "lest their children might be carried off." The Police therefore posted guards, who remained on duty until the dawn came.

Next day, the news of the affair spread with lightning speed, and the scene was invaded by hundreds of curiosity-seekers, including most of the pupils from the local school. On the same day, various radio stations reported the affair, and the local newspaper, *El Vocero*, carried a report of it on the following Friday, July 15. The local Police authorities have made an extensive investigation, but have nevertheless issued no explanation for the affair.

#### Duration of the sighting

According to Sr. Adrian de Olmos, his close view of the humanoid lasted for approximately one



Left: The humanoid, based on a sketch by Sr. Adrian de Olmos



minute. He was able to note such details as that the strange creature "had only four fingers on each hand," and "had feet like the feet of a duck." That he was able to note such striking details as these, in so weird a situation, may in part be attributable to the fact that Sr. Adrian is himself very keen on sketching, and has highly developed powers of observation.

In the course of our own enquiries we ascertained that Sr. Adrian is a serious and well-respected and hard-working person, held in high regard by all the neighbours. He is a businessman, engaged in the distribution of cattle feed throughout the north-western area of the Island. He had never before taken the slightest interest in the UFO Phenomenon, or in any related subjects. But, he told us, "Now I believe in these things, and I want to do some reading about them."

Following upon the sighting, he suffered a gastric disturbance for two days, being scarcely able to eat anything, and was nervy and edgy, especially towards his wife, as she herself confirmed to us.

The next day, his son, Rafael Edgardo, aged 15, found a footprint, presumed to have been left by the humanoid. (The newspaper *El Vocero* carried a photograph in its issue of July 15, showing Sr. Adrian and a number of neighbours and members of his family at the site, but the picture is not clear enough to show any details.)

Another footprint, found on the farm, at a spot adjoining the road, was erased by rain and the hordes of visitors before an attempt could be made to photograph it or take a mould of it. We ourselves, in our investigation of the terrain four days after the occurrence of the affair, found no physical traces, nor did we find any evidence of magnetic abnormality or radioactivity in the vicinity.

We must however mention that we found a broken branch, its foliage starting to wither, on the mango tree towards which the witness says the humanoid flew. While of course he did not actually observe the infliction of any damage to this tree by the entity, Sr. Adrian does not rule out the possibility that this may well be how the branch in question came to be damaged.

There is also another report, from a quite different quarter. An elderly woman neighbour, who on account of her advanced age wishes to remain anonymous so as to avoid fatigue and molestation, has reported that on Sunday, July 10, two days before Sr. Adrian's observation of the humanoid, she saw a luminous object fall from the sky in the same area from where the humanoid appeared. However, she had paid no further heed to the matter. Moreover, a ranch-owner, in the same district, has reported that, on the same night as Sr. Adrian de Olmos' sighting, all his cattle were thrown into a state of terror by some unknown cause, dashing themselves against the fences in their attempts to escape, and causing multiple wounds to themselves.

#### Summing up

Although this case contains no report of the presence of an unidentified flying object, it never-

theless would unquestionably appear to fall within the general framework of UFO phenomenology. And it may well be that this indicates that we have reached a new stage in the UFO phenomenon, as indicated by other recent developments, principally in the United States, during their 1973 Wave. (See 1973 - *Year of the Humanoids*, by David Webb, Center for UFO Studies, Illinois, USA, May 1976.)

It should be noted furthermore that this case at Quebradillas does not seem to be part of any general UFO wave affecting the Island of Puerto Rico at this time (if we except just two isolated cases which were reported, at Caguas and Rincon respectively, in April and May 1977).

The appearance of sporadic cases like this - sporadic both in terms of time and of space - seems in fact to have been the chief feature for the whole world throughout 1976-1977. At the same time the majority of the cases reported do seem to continue to show, as this one at Quebradillas does, the same hallmark characteristics which are traditionally displayed by the UFO phenomenon. Perhaps therefore one would be right in saying that we seem to be seeing a new phase, in which the appearance of entities, in isolated cases here and there, seems to predominate, but without any evidence of a "UFO Wave" as this has been experienced in the past, and indeed without reports of UFOs seen either in flight or upon the ground.

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While the entity may well have been interested in the local power lines, as the witness suggests, I feel that this case acquires far greater importance if we read it in conjunction with Oscar A. Galindez's article *Violent Humanoid encountered in Bolivia* (FSR Vol.16, No.4, July/August 1970, p.15). The entity in Bolivia was actually caught in the act, by a woman, as it was killing her sheep with a tubular instrument ending in a hook. Although the accounts of the two entities show some discrepancies (and we are well used to this) two interesting facts emerge: *namely that both creatures were thought to be about 3½ feet high, and that both creatures rose up into the air seemingly with the aid of some sort of apparatus like a rucksack fixed on the back.*

We must also not forget the testimony of the local farmer, who said that all the animals on his property (near Sr. Adrian de Olmos' house) were thrown into great panic on the night when the latter saw the entity examining the lamp-standard in front of his house. It is true that the farmer's

report does not appear to have included any mention of animal deaths or mutilations in that area on that particular night, but this may only have been because the creature responsible for such killings had been disturbed.

While, as I have said in a previous article, the endless variation in the reported appearance of UFO entities has now induced me to cease to believe in the existence of a multitude of different types of such creatures and to feel, rather, that we are the victims of such a manipulation that we have no true idea yet of what we are seeing or what we are experiencing, nevertheless it has to be admitted that, should I be wrong, and should such a vast variety of entity types indeed be found to exist, then this new report from Puerto Rico, plus Oscar Galindez' article of 1970 about the case in Bolivia, may be thought to provide us with some valuable information about the appearance of the creature responsible for the wave of animal killings and mutilations in Puerto Rico which has just been described for us in Sebastian Robiou Lamarche's last two articles, *UFOs and Mysterious Deaths of Animals* (FSR, Vol.22, Nos. 5 and 6).

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were effects on the television on two of the evenings and disturbances noted on two compasses. On the return journey from Stonehenge one of the fathers reported feeling unwell, complaining of being hot and flushed. Some time later he was admitted to a hospital where he remained receiving treatment for about two weeks. It is known that he had a complete body rash and the skin appeared as if scalded, but it is necessary to emphasise that this physiological effect may not have any connection with the UFO events.

A complete investigation into both the sightings and study of the film is now under way. Analysis of the film is being undertaken by the manufacturer. The case investigation is being done principally by Jenny Randles and myself, under the banner of the UFO Investigators' Network. A production team from Granada TV are also following the case and its investigation with a view to presenting the findings.

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