

To be just, however, a flood-tide in the progress of science and scientific discovery is now very evident, giving rise to new fundamental concepts and producing hard data resulting in the emergence of new, possibly strange and way-out technologies—technologies which will go far to, if not actually, establish “scientifically” what the mystics have been saying “unscientifically” for thousands of years. The battle to win respectability for these new technologies has been, and will continue to be, bitter in the face of a teeth-gnashing hard core of

unimaginative pontificators who will quite certainly be forced to yield to the growing number of recognised and highly qualified scientists, thinkers and savants now working on the wider and deeper aspects of human life, evolution and environment and who all appear to be approaching the same astonishing and, what would be to many, shocking answer.

I suggest that before the final breakthrough is made UFO researchers should seriously adopt the motto: *Sauve qui peut!*

## MAIL BAG

### The Birch photographs

Dear Sir,—I was distressed to see and hear Alex Birch on TV admit that his photo of flying saucers in 1962 was a hoax.

As I appeared on an ITV programme *Here and Now* with Alex Birch, Alan Watts, Hon. Brinsley le Poer Trench and Desmond Leslie arranged by Mr. Reginald Dutta in 1963, I had an opportunity of talking to Alex Birch and believed him to be a shy, truthful 15-year-old—but evidently he conned me with the rest.

However, as I have seen three things, since 1963, that I cannot explain it hasn't altered my belief that something is going on we don't know about—or perhaps some do.

The biggest mystery to me in this case is why three Air Ministry officials questioned an ordinary 15-year-old boy for three hours about something that does not exist.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. P. M. Watters,

12 Johns Walk, Whyteleafe, Surrey.  
January 14, 1973.

### Different animal effects

Dear Sir,—I write in respect of the effects that UFOs seem to have on animals, having followed with interest Gordon Creighton's series in *Flying Saucer Review*. Having recently heard of two instances involving cattle, I feel it may be of some help to the records if I related them.

These two instances involve not UFOs but IFOs, one being “Europa,” the new airship recently completed at Cardington, and the other being a black and white chequered gas balloon.

The airship was first seen by my next-door neighbour, a cattle farmer who was at the time feeding his stock. Seeing the unusual object he stopped work to watch it pass. After a moment

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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.

or two he noticed that the farm had gone quiet and looking round saw that the eyes of every beast in the area were also on the airship. They followed its path across the sky without moving until it disappeared in the distance. They even stopped eating to watch it.

The gas balloon had an even more spectacular effect, floating silently over the field at about 300ft. on the first of July. The cattle were grazing peacefully in the sunset at the end of a fifteen-acre meadow. On seeing the balloon commotion broke out amongst them and the entire herd bolted head-long down the field to hide in the sheds. From there they watched the fearful thing pass, continuing to watch the sky for a long time after it had gone.

Living near Thurleigh airfield—whose flightpaths seem to pass right over our village—many different aircraft fly over, from Jumbo-jets to *Phantom* fighters and *Harriers*, often at very low altitudes. The cattle take no notice whatsoever of them, though one would think that such a variety of screaming giants would frighten them. It seems, though, that the contrary argument may be true, that is; if it makes a noise it is normal and can be dismissed as harmless. The two IFOs obviously posed a sudden threat of the unknown, as their actions indicate. They had never before seen an aerial object that *did not* make a noise, and they panicked, even though the objects were both man-made.

Obviously one must be very careful when deciding what is relevant in a UFO report dealing with the reactions of animals. They are suspicious and fearful of anything new or different from the experience of their everyday lives.

Perhaps Mr. Creighton should look again at his files and perhaps place more value on those reports where no reaction was noticed. That really would indicate something odd.

Again it is a complicated, and if we're not very careful, misleading path we tread.

Yours faithfully,

Miss E. C. Hargreaves,

Copper Cottage, Ravensden, Bedford.

### Forerunner of the flying “lady” of Vietnam?

Dear Sir,—There is something I would like to add as a supplement to the report about the “flying ‘lady’” (*FSR Case Histories*, Suppl. 10, p. 14). The famous Russian traveller V. K. Arsenyev described a similar case in his book *V gorach Sichote-Alinya* (“In the Sichote-Align mountains,” Vladivostok, 1947, p. 52):

“The rain stopped, the temperature of the air remained low and the mist appeared over the water. It was then that I saw the mark on the path that was very similar to a man's footprint. My dog Alpa bristled up, snarled, and then something rushed about nearby trampling among the bushes. However, it didn't go away, but stopped nearby, standing stock-still. We had been standing like that for some minutes . . . then I stooped, picked up a stone and threw it towards the unknown animal. Then something happened that was quite unexpected: I heard the beating of wings. Something large and dark emerged from the fog and flew over the river. A moment later it disappeared in the dense mist. My dog, badly frightened, pressed itself to my feet.

“After supper I told the Udehe-men about this incident. They broke into a vivid story about a man who could fly in the air. Hunters often saw his tracks, tracks that appeared suddenly and vanished suddenly, in such a way that they could only be possible if the ‘man’ alighted on the ground, then took off again into the air.”

This event took place near the

mouth of the River Gobilli on July 11, 1908.

Yours truly,  
**Yurij B. Petrenko,**  
Kharkov—86, U.S.S.R.

#### More on "secrecy"

Dear Sir,—I am writing to you yet again because Vol. 2 No. 5 of the *Canadian UFO Report*, p. 24, mentions briefly a case which I suspect might possibly be the same as that kept secret by P. M. H. Edwards in "Speech of the Aliens Part 2" in FSR Vol. 16, No. 2, p. 23, case 34. They discuss a sighting on November 12, 1967, by a Calgary boy, who told under hypnosis of being taken into a UFO by an orange beam and given a physical examination by scaly creatures. I have asked John Magor for details but don't know if he will answer. The case withheld by Dr. Edwards is dated only "a few years" before 1970, but hypnosis cases can't be very common.

Suppression of information continues to prevail. In this country the newspaper, magazine, and book publishers seem to be agreed that UFO information cannot be permitted to be published because of "lack of public interest." Donald Keyhoe claims that he does have a publisher for his forthcoming fifth book, but he is keeping the title, publisher, and publication date strictly secret from everyone. Very frustrating.

Speaking of frustration—it has occurred to me that after 26 years of ufology, we (or at least I) know almost nothing for certain. Most of what we do know for certain is negative, and due more to space exploration than ufology. Thus, we do know that there is no atmosphere on the back side of the moon and that the surface temperature of Venus is 900°F, so Adamski's stories are in trouble; also, that the moons of Mars do not look at all artificial. However, I myself do not know of enough data to prove that Mars is not the source of UFOs, and the only way I know to prove this is to go there. Unfortunately, the American people have an unexplainable, intensely bitter hatred of space exploration, which makes it clear that the exploration of Mars will never take place.

In this desert of secrecy and lust for ignorance, FSR *ought* to be a welcome oasis. Unfortunately, it continues to withhold data regarded as "too traumatic" etc. to be published.

Yours sincerely,

"Ph.D.,"

Dallas, Texas (name and address on file).

January 8, 1973.

[We know the reason for our correspondent's wish to remain anonymous,

and we appreciate it. I am sure he will be glad to see that in these pages we have published the report which we at first considered "too traumatic" etc. to be published.—EDITOR.]

#### Technical details questioned

Dear Sir,—As always, there is some very interesting fare in the September/October 1972 magazine. However, there were some technical details in some of the articles which appeared to me, as a photographer, to be open to question. The first appears on page 3 about halfway down, where it says "... taking two shots at 3.5 f.p.s. ..." f.p.s. (frames per second) is used in cine photography, and as these were still photographs it probably should be f3.5 which would indicate the widest aperture of the lens on a modest still camera.

The second query is more involved. I refer to page 20, right-hand column, 3rd paragraph (incidentally, your printer has left off the two "ll's at the end of Bell & Howell). The point I am querying is the reference to the minimum speed of the cine camera being 1/16th or 1/24th. Should this perhaps be 16 f.p.s. and 24 f.p.s., these being the standard speeds used for silent and sound movies respectively on 16mm cameras. I assume that this is the type of camera a TV cameraman would use. If this is so, then a speed of 16 f.p.s. gives an effective shutter speed of approx. 1/32 of a second, and that of 24 f.p.s. 1/48 second. The theory being that if the shutter is open 16 times during 1 second, it must also be closed 16 times, to enable the film to be moved on for the next shot. And so each time the shutter was open was approx. one 32nd part of a second. Only a test with some sophisticated electronic test gear, of the actual camera used, could determine precisely how long the shutter was open at these running speeds, though the makers of the equipment would be able to say what shutter speed a camera in good condition would be giving. If my assumptions are correct, they in no way invalidate the author's\* argument. Instead I think it would double the estimated speed of the UFO. Perhaps you would check these thoughts of mine with someone who is more familiar with cine work than I am. I haven't done any movie-making for a number of years and my reasoning may be at fault. But if it is not, then I guess you would want to correct the facts on record.

**Colin Bord,**  
34a Barnsdale Road, London W9 3LL.  
January 6, 1973.

\* [The author being Mrs. Irene Granchi  
—EDITOR.]

#### On FSR editorial "Bad publicity"

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my attention that part of the September/October FSR editorial was devoted to berating me for "collaborating" with the *Sunday People* on an article that appeared in their pages, and I feel several points should be clarified in order to put this into perspective. The implication in the editorial was that I might well have sought out such an article in order to increase *Gemini's* circulation: this was not in fact so—had it been I would certainly consider adverse criticism was merited. However, far from my seeking an article in this paper, their reporter planted himself on me with practically no notice at all already armed with a considerable knowledge of the cases involved. Under such circumstances, whether "experienced" or "inexperienced"—and I would question whether the *ALL ROUND* UFO experience of FSR's editor is very much greater than my own—it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to dictate how an article should be presented: it is also impossible to prevent publication, as if this is attempted one may expect short shrift indeed. So far as the published description of *Gemini* as "the leading UFO journal" is concerned, this title was not claimed by me then, nor is it now—though the *Sunday People* were certainly aware of FSR's existence and of its promotion of the AVB case.

The suggestion that, because of this article, *Gemini* may not be conducted in a responsible manner is strongly resented. Agreed, as well as the more common aspects we examine those which may be classified "fringe." These are, however, treated in a responsible manner—should any reader doubt this they have only to obtain a copy of *Gemini* to decide for themselves. The article "Sex and Saucers" which touched off the *Sunday People's* interest was written in a serious and constructive vein and indeed researchers examining this aspect include Ray Palmer and John Keel, the latter having himself produced an article entitled "Sex and the Single Saucerer." It is *Gemini's* intention to continue to examine all possible facets of the UFO enigma, whether or no they be controversial—though I doubt if other "angles" will attract similar attention.

Yours faithfully,  
**Norman Oliver,**  
95 Taunton Road, London SE12 8PA.  
December 27, 1972.

[I am glad to be able to say that I have had no experience with UFOs, so Mr. Oliver has the advantage of me: my sole

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# World round-up

of news and comment  
about recent sightings

## AUSTRALIA

### UFO responds to flashing torch

This is the report of a personal observation, and of an investigation which he conducted, by newspaperman D. R. Moulton, writing in the Hobart, Tasmania, *Mercury* of December 9, 1971. The account was headlined: WHAT WAS IT AT NEW NORFOLK? A UFO? That was the only indication of locality in the report, which needs better estimates of direction, angles of elevation and, especially in the case of the apparently low-level part of the events, precise location. These are the details which should be filled in by the local investigation group (maps and diagrams would also help)—

“... I've joined the ranks of thousands who accept the fact that their eyes have seen something inexplicable ...

“It all started at 11.15 p.m., Tuesday, December 7, 1971. Everybody was safely in bed and I had just settled down with a good book when the phone rang.

“‘I've just seen a UFO,’ said my breathless friend Mr. A. de Blas, of Lachlan.

“I just took time to say I was on my way, shouted for my two teenage sons, David and Gregory, and within two minutes we were hurtling to Lachlan. About one mile from Mr. de Blas' house Gregory made the first sighting. We stopped to take a good look.

“We saw two red-orange circular lights with a third light to their left, with a general impression that ‘it’ was elliptical in shape.

“Our line of sight was roughly south to north.

“The object, which appeared lower than the light planes which frequent the area in daytime, just hovered.

“Sitting on the highway and using the top of a guide post, and a tree, to provide a rough bearing, I saw the object rise, and start moving north.

“Then, moving east to west, we saw a bright light which maintained a straight course, then stopped and pulsed with a more intense light, three times, before it moved on and out of sight behind some hills.

“At this stage the control tower at Hobart Airport was contacted but had nothing to report. There was no aircraft in the area, but it was a pity there was no radar on which the objects might have been picked up.

“We went to Mr. de Blas' house and commenced a watch with the de Blas family until 3 a.m.

“It was then I heard Mr. de Blas' story.

“He had been in his hopfield at 10.50 p.m. tending to irrigation.

“He was driving his tractor when he looked up and saw what appeared to be a light plane or a helicopter—‘it seemed to have a plastic dome’—about to crash-land on the next door property.

“He raced home to telephone for help then noticed the object rise, and head north. (I should point out here, Mr. de Blas is a former Army lieutenant and university trained. He does not imagine things.)

### TORCH SIGNALS

“He then told us that he had signalled the white object with a powerful torch and received three answering pulses of light.

“We compared times and the pulses he claimed to have received checked out accurately with the light we had seen pulsing.

“His wife verified his story and so did the children.

“The object disappeared into the northern sky at 12.30 a.m., but five minutes later, was visible as a faint light.

### CLOUDS ILLUMINATED

“By 12.45 a.m. the red-orange object was strong in the sky again. The amount of light it gave off illuminated clouds above and to the back of it.

“It was a magnificent spectacle, hovering in the same place.

**1.5 a.m.:** A pale orange-red light came in from the east and moved to a position at the side of the major light.

**1.7 a.m.:** Both objects assumed the same high brilliance, but one was still bigger than the other.

**1.15 a.m.:** Both objects appeared to be the same size.

**1.32 a.m.:** The object which had come in from the east moved closer and then there was just one major light. The light intensified and then started to fade.

“Ten minutes later the object came in a southerly direction, and using the house as a line of sight, it was seen to rise and fall.

“It adopted a south to north to south beat, and was still shining strongly at 3 a.m., when we decided to call it a night, mainly because my eldest son was due to sit for a matriculation examination yesterday morning.

“Yesterday every possible avenue of inquiry was pursued to find a natural or logical explanation. There

was none.

“The night was fine and without wind. There were no bush fires, no balloons gone astray, no nothing.

“And I learnt quite a few people had made similar sightings.”

Credit: **K. Roberts** of South Hobart, who is Secretary of the Tasmanian UFO Investigations Centre.

## BRAZIL

### Teacher “repeater,” and highway UFOs

The following account is taken from *O Globo* of January 1, 1973, the translation being by Gordon Creighton—

“The São Paulo Police—from all the indications, for the first time in their history—have taken official cognizance of the appearance of a flying saucer on the Gália-Ubirajara highway, and have even gone so far as to launch an enquiry into it, which is now in the hands of the State Authorities here, who propose to forward the report to the competent department of the FAB (Brazilian Air Force).

“On November 9 last year, secondary school teacher Exaldivar Umberto Borch, of the State High School known as the Francisco Abreu Sodré Gymnasium, appeared before Police Delegate Jaime Ferreira Menino of the Municipality of Gália, and made a statement about the strange apparition of an ‘unidentified object.’

### MANY WITNESSES

“Sr. Exaldivar lives in Gália, and travels twice a week to Ubirajara to give lessons at the High School, always returning around 9.30 p.m. On a Saturday, about three months ago, as he was coming back, driving in his car, alone, in the vicinity of the Figuerinha Estate, 2 km. from the bridge over the creek known as the Ribeirão Vermelho (“Red Brook”), he saw a peculiar light on the road. He began to feel nervous, for it was a totally pitch-black night, and the highway absolutely deserted, without another vehicle in the area. Then he observed, in the middle of the road, a circular object of a diameter of some 60 or 70 cms., emitting a soft, partly-opaque, partly-orange-coloured light. Thereupon he decided to return to Ubirajara, where he told other teachers and local residents about what had happened.

“Approximately one month later, making the same journey again, at the very same spot, and at almost the very same hour, he saw the ‘flying saucer’ once more. It vanished almost at once.

“Then, some days later, it made its third appearance. But this time Sr.

Exaldivar was not alone. Another car, driven by the lady teacher Lourdes Fátima Madeira, accompanied by her brother and two brothers-in-law, was behind Exaldivar's car, and all its occupants saw the 'mystery object.'

"By this time, the volume of discussion about the matter was getting pretty heavy in Ubirajara, and the Police themselves became conscious of the question.

"On October 28, teacher Exaldivar saw the 'flying saucer' once more, this time immobile one metre above the bridge, but this time emitting a far more powerful light. Its diameter was approximately 1.50 metres. He approached it, and it then began to move towards him. Scared, he stepped on the accelerator and made off back to Ubirajara to get the Director of the College, Professor Genésion Bocardi, to whom he related what he had seen. Sr. Bocardi accompanied him back to the bridge, but when they got there the 'flying saucer' had disappeared. In the meantime however, just a few minutes earlier, another secondary school teacher Catarina Carvalho Teixeira had also seen it, at the same place.

#### SEEING IS BELIEVING

"There are unbelievers everywhere, and the most unbelieving of them all in Ubirajara was secondary school teacher Sr. Durval Chaves do Carmo, who started making fun of Sr. Exaldivar about his 'flying saucer.' Exaldivar did not like this much, and on November 8 he invited Durval to go with him to the scene of the apparitions. Durval consented, and when they got there both of them saw the 'luminous object,' and it was also seen by the truck driver Vanilton Soares Correia and a party of boys.

"The two teachers returned to Ubirajara and got the priest, Padre James Lage Pessoa, to accompany them. But by the time they were back at the spot the saucer had gone again. The priest encountered there the truck-driver and the party of boys he was driving, still all scared by what they had seen.

"Next day Sr. Exaldivar went to the Gália Police Station and lodged his report about it, thus starting the enquiry, and all the residents of Ubirajara confirmed these happenings in their statements made at the Police Station."

Credit: **Senhora Irene Granchi** of Rio de Janeiro.

#### ENGLAND

##### Landing in Hertfordshire?

This intriguing item is taken straight from the front page of the *Evening Echo* (Hemel Hempstead) of February

12, 1973, where it appeared under the signature of John Goldstream—

"A mysterious object claimed to have been seen hovering near a Hertfordshire road is being investigated by experts. It is said to have made a brief appearance in the early hours one morning at the end of last week.

"According to three eyewitnesses, it seemed to hang almost motionless above a field next to the A414 Hemel Hempstead-St. Albans Road, near the M10 fly-over.

"Jim Sutcliffe, aged 28, was driving home to Howlands, Welwyn Garden City, at about three o'clock in the morning. 'Just where the road goes under the M10 bridge I saw a lot of cars pulled up at the side,' he said.

"I stopped and everyone was looking over a gate at a big, yellow glowing ball, hovering above the ground. As one of the astonished watchers went to tell the police, the *thing* shot straight up in the air and vanished."

"Drivers who saw the incident said the 'Thing' appeared to be about 20 or 30 feet above the ground. 'It looked at least 100 yards away,' said Jim.

"An anonymous caller told the *Evening Echo* that when he reached the bridge his car cut out for no reason and started again when the light rose.

"St. Albans police confirmed that a third eyewitness from Edgware reported the sighting.

"A spokesman for the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association said the sightings would be investigated."

##### Landing near Dover?

Here is an account taken from the *Dover Express* of February 9, 1973—

"An unidentified flying object was seen near the Dover-Deal road—flying in to land over Martin Mill and then taking off from a field near the Swingate Inn and heading towards St. Margaret's.

"Motor insurance underwriter, 29-year-old Mr. Barry Watts, of Sutherland Road, Deal, said he saw the object while driving towards Dover at 7.15 p.m. on Tuesday last week.

"He said: 'Near the first turning to St. Margaret's I saw this large amber flaming ball flashing across the sky from my right.

"I lost sight of it for a while but it seemed to be getting lower. Near the Swingate I saw it take off from a field, about 100 yards away, and heading towards the sea over St. Margaret's. It took off like a rocket."

"Mr. Watts said he could not describe the object in detail. 'It was unbelievable and weird . . . I've never seen anything like it before,' he added."

Credit: **Kathleen M. Beaufoy** of River, Dover, Kent; also to **Ian Taylor** of Dover.

##### Colour-changing lights over the Exe

From the *Western Morning News* of February 19, 1973, we learn that—

"Police in Devon and the A.A. were inundated last night by reports of unidentified flying objects in the Exe Estuary area.

"A police spokesman said: 'Most members of the public reporting sightings describe the objects as very bright lights of various colours including red, white, blue and yellow, travelling at a fast speed above the Exe Estuary.'

"The lights were all said to be moving from the Exmouth direction north towards Exeter. 'We have no idea what the explanation is' said the police spokesman.

"Coastguards, R.A.F. Mountbatten and other services were unable to offer an explanation. The police were not informed of any military exercises taking place in the estuary."

Credit: **Mrs. Ewan** of Teignmouth, Devon.

#### MOZAMBIQUE

##### UFO tails airliner

This report from Portuguese East Africa is taken from the *Rhodesia Herald* of February 8, 1973—

"A Boeing 737 jet of Mozambique's Deta airline was followed by an unidentified flying object for 20 minutes on a night flight from Beira to Lourenco Marques.

"The plane was flying at a height of 8,400m and a speed of 850km/h when the aircraft's veteran commander, Captain Gilberto Costa, and first pilot Edgar Nasi Pereira saw the object.

"They immediately called two air hostesses to the cockpit to corroborate the sighting.

"In a report submitted to the airline's administration and the Mozambique military authorities, the crew said the object followed the airliner for about 20 minutes.

"It switched from the right to the left side of the aircraft a few times with red lights flashing before disappearing at enormous speed."

Credit: **Philipp J. Human**, Umkomaas, Natal, S. Africa.

#### RHODESIA

##### Increase in UFO reports

The following item appeared in *Rhodesian Commentary* for January 1973—

"There have been an unprecedented number of unidentified flying objects—UFOs—sighted over Rhodesia recently. Five were spotted over Salisbury in October, four more were seen in

November and several in December.

"This is a big increase in sightings compared with last year, when only one UFO was reported over Rhodesia.

"As yet no one has an explanation for the sudden increase in Rhodesian sightings. But Mrs. Paula Charles, an official of Salisbury's Science Fiction Alpha Group, has claimed that UFOs are attracted to flaws in the earth's crust. Members are trying to discover whether such flaws exist in Rhodesia."

Credit: **Philipp J. Human.**

#### U.S.A.

##### One for Ted Holiday

Tucked away in the columns of the *Daily Mirror* of February 17, 1973, was this choice item—

"The White River monster is safe, protected in its watery lair by the full majesty of the law.

"The monster is the largest stickle-back in the world. It is claimed to be 40ft. long, and it has a magnificent

array of spikes along its back.

"Night fishermen have seen it several times over the years in a river near Newport, Arkansas.

"Now the State's politicians have made it unlawful to 'molest, trample or harm in any way the White River monster.'"

Credit: **M. H. Martin** of New Eltham.

#### U.S.S.R.

##### "Angel hair" with a difference!

The following brief report about an interesting UFO incident in Russia in 1914 was published in the magazine *Znannya ta Pratz* (No. 1 of 1967). One of the magazine's readers, A. Polishchuk, reported that, according to his grandfather, several brilliant cigar-shaped objects passed through the sky, from North to South, over the village of Rachin (now in the Rovno district of the Ukrainian SSR in the USSR). Not surprisingly the dating

could not be given more precisely than "one evening in 1914."

After the passage of the objects a jelly-like substance fell near the house of one peasant. It smelt unpleasant, and it was several hours before it dissolved.

Credit: **Yurij B. Petrenko**, Kharkov.

#### Latvian landing

Here is a short summary of an interesting UFO event that occurred in the Liepaya district of the Latvian SSR, as reported in the local newspaper *Communist* of December 1, 1967.

It seems that a number of people had witnessed the appearance of a large and very bright hemispherical object on November 14, 1967, at about 6.00 a.m. The UFO was in the air, but quite close to the ground, for a period of "several minutes" before rising up, moving off, and vanishing beyond the horizon.

Credit: **Yu. B. Petrenko.**

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## UFO ENTERS AND INSPECTS A ROOM (Continued from page 13)

Mateo Navaridas, an electronics engineer, who has had a direct hand in its analysis, mentioned the ideas of "time" and "decimal units" in connexion with certain drops in frequency. Javier Bosque, who at that precise moment was thinking about the strange obsession he had had, was greatly astonished to hear, from the lips of the electronics engineer, this reference to the idea of *time*. They discussed this point at great length, but arrived at no definite conclusion about it.

There are three hypotheses which come to our minds. The first hypothesis is this: that the same unity of space/time that Don Mateo Navaridas picked up was also caught, unconsciously, by Javier Bosque. The mental confusion caused by the shock prevented him from clarifying the idea, which persisted thereafter obsessively.

Our second hypothesis—still in the realm of the subconscious—is that Javier felt a necessity not only to record the sounds but also to measure them, seeking to find in them some pattern that would supply him with some idea and some grasp of the type of phenomenon with which he was confronted.

But there still remains the third hypothesis. The

hypothesis that the words about time and measurement of time were *induced in him*. To accept the possibility of a telepathic process is difficult, especially when we have other and simpler explanations to hand. Nevertheless, the certainty with which Javier Bosque averred that he had felt "the idea" in the frontal part of his brain remains very curious. We know in fact that this particular area of the brain relates to the realm of the analytic mind and that it is the part which is vulnerable to any type of hypnotic phenomenon. The basis of hypnosis lies precisely in the cancelling out by the "inductor" of this area of consciousness, the "inductor" then transferring his own consciousness into the hypnotised recipient, who ceases to analyse, believing that the images received *have already been analysed*, and so he acts accordingly, adopting as his own the idea implanted by suggestion.

It is naturally not our intention to claim that, in giving this account, we have aimed to prove anything. We know we are treading on very slippery ground, the field of Parapsychology, a science which, although it has become a branch of study taught by professors, is still in its beginnings. It is rash therefore to arrive at conclusions that are too definite.

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## MAIL BAG (Continued from page 30)

*preoccupation has been with reports of UFOs and of their alleged occupants, and discussion based on those reports. The "experience" of which I wrote was*

*in the difficult matter of putting our case in such a way that it does not lend itself to ridicule. Certainly there were some members of the press who knew of*

*FSR's careful presentation (not "promotion") of the AVB episode, and some of them discussed it with me: maybe that fact speaks for itself.—EDITOR.]*