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NAGAI CITY, JAPAN**

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CANADIAN POWER FAILURES AND UFO SIGHTINGS

Claude MacDuff

An enquiry into the possible relationship between the presence of UFOs and electricity failures in Quebec Province in July, 1971. Our contributor is a French-Canadian correspondent of FSR. The article was written in English.

RESEARCHERS into the UFO phenomenon have shown that there is a definite relationship between UFO sightings and electricity blackouts which occur at the same time in the same regions, and that relationship certainly applies to happenings in Quebec Province in 1971, between July 18 and 24. In that period of one week a succession of power failures occurred, coinciding with many observations of UFOs in the same localities, some of them even occurring over and near electric power stations of Hydro-Quebec, the electricity company of the Province of Quebec. The city of Montreal and its surroundings were particularly stricken by the blackouts which occurred twice in the same week.

These events were reported in many French language newspapers of the Province. At that time, no connection between the two categories of occurrences could be made because we lacked the principal data, but as the weeks went by and as reports of observations came in, and an "official explanation" from Hydro-Quebec was given to the newspapers, the truth (or at least part of it) began to emerge.

The material for this article is taken principally from articles and clippings from French language newspapers and also from personal accounts of observations in the region of Montreal. One interesting case of a UFO which left traces in a farmer's field was investigated by me and some of my collaborators. First, however, I will relate an important sighting that occurred at the city of Rimouski, situated 345 miles north-east of Montreal. The case was published three days later in the principal newspapers, including one of the most serious and staid, *Le Devoir*, which carefully checks its facts before publishing them.

Subsequently reports on the observations were received by me and by the French-Canadian "Société de Recherches sur les Phénomènes Mystérieux du Québec." Here is an extract from *Le Devoir* of July 23, 1971:

"Rimouski, P.Q.: Some unidentified flying objects, round in shape, continuously flashing, were sighted in the sky at different places in the Rimouski region, causing much disturbance among the population.

"It twirls, and it is red as fire with green and blue rays that flash around.' This is the way many witnesses described the phenomenon sighted Tuesday night, July 20, 1971, at Rimouski, Sainte-Odile, Sacré-Coeur and Bic. (Note areas marked Nos. 1, 2 and 3 on Map).

"The same phenomenon was also sighted on the North Shore, at Grandes-Bergeronnes, where the objects were observed to be above Rimouski, and also from Betsiamites, on the same North Shore. (Areas Nos. 4 and 5 on Map).

"The most acceptable hypothesis that these objects could have been artificial satellites of earthly origin, but seen in special conditions, has been denied by the Chief of the Department of Physics of the Centre d'Etudes Universitaires de Rimouski, Mr. Michel Campagnat, who mentioned that such satellites traverse an arc in the sky in ten minutes and, most important, cannot in any way be geo-stationary as in the case of the sighted objects."

I would like to draw attention to details of the observations and to certain points relating to these sightings which will demonstrate that the "official explanation" by Hydro-Quebec does not correspond to the facts.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We regret to announce that publication of FSR CASE HISTORIES is to be suspended after Supplement 18. From 1970 until 1972, *FSR Case Histories* was subsidised from the successful FSR and Special Issues, and from 1973 it was breaking even. However, it has now ceased to be a viable project, due to this year's catastrophic increases in the cost of paper and printing, and frequent increases in postage.

Readers with unexpired portions of subscriptions remaining after No. 18 has appeared may like to indicate whether the balance should be transferred to their FSR accounts, or whether they would like the equivalent in available back issues (see back cover).

For us to remit small amounts of money would be difficult, and expensive (particularly overseas), so we trust readers will avail themselves of one of the alternatives detailed above.

—EDITOR (June 1974).

UFOs over the Manic

First, according to a report received at the offices of the Société de Recherches sur les Phénomènes Mystérieux de Québec at that time, UFOs were sighted over the Manic, at Manicouagan, (Note area 6 on Map.) where the largest and most powerful hydro-electric power station of the Province is situated. It is from that station that most of the current is distributed in the Province, and, thanks to the five dams of the Manicouagan, the supply of electricity covers many important areas of the Province. It is also over this important station that UFOs were sighted on Friday, July 23, 1971, as well as in some other areas, corresponding with a general power failure in a large sector of the Province.

Next, if you look at the maps showing the sighting areas, you will note that most of the sightings occurred in localities very close to the Saint-Lawrence River, and all along its course. This may be of no particular significance, but it is remarkable that many of the important observations were made over cities along its course, and this will remind us that one of the theories put forward to explain the movements of UFOs is that of "corridors" or passages which are followed by UFOs — particularly along the main watercourses or rivers of some countries, including France, South American countries, U.S.A. and Canada. Hence, it is possible

that during this period, the Saint-Lawrence River and many populated areas have been analysed and recorded on files by extra-terrestrial devices, and that we are now among the other "lists" of records made over a long time.

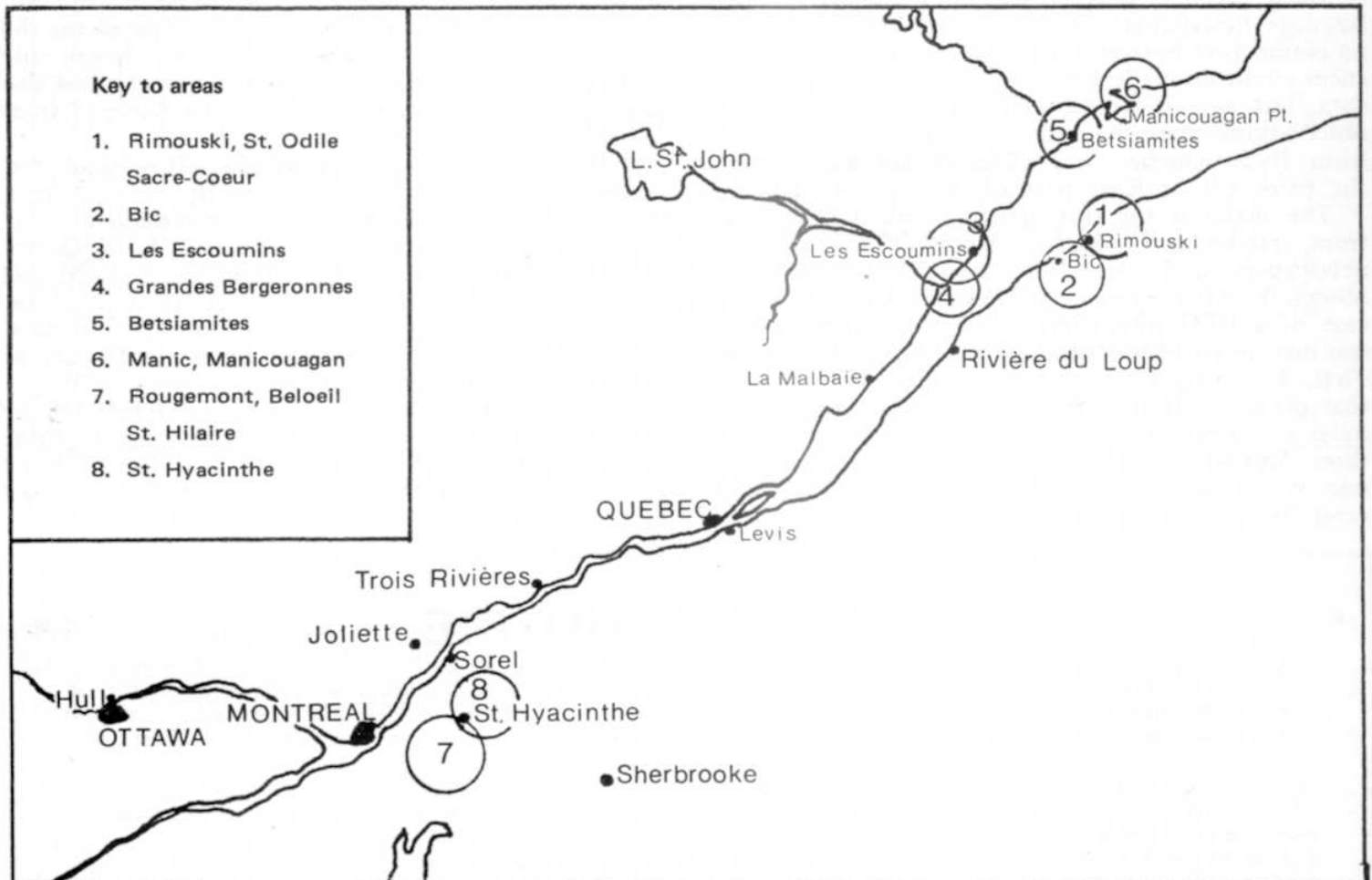
Note that principal observations were made starting from approximately extreme north-east of the river, at Rimouski and Manicouagan, and proceeding up towards its source we pass by Riviere-du-Loup, La Malbaie, Quebec and Levis, Trois-Rivieres, Sorel, Montreal, Ottawa and Hull, where the observations made during that period apparently cease.

Note also that all along the river there are many sub-stations of Hydro-Quebec, and that the main blackout of three occurred on Friday, July 23, 1971. On July 20, many sightings were made, including a near-landing in an area close to Montreal, and at Rougemont, Beloeil, Saint-Hilaire and Saint-Hyacinthe, where the UFO which evidently left traces was seen. (Note areas 7 and 8 on Map.)

As the weeks passed by, we noticed that the Province of Quebec was very much "visited" during that month, sightings reaching a peak during July 18 to 24, and extending to the 30th.

The cause of the blackouts

Let us now learn what was the "cause" of these three power failures in the Province during that period. As many residents of the Province were



Map of St. Lawrence River Area. (Scale: 1 inch to 79 miles.)

waiting for an explanation, they suddenly had the pleasure to read in their regional newspaper a short article, thanks to an official spokesman of Hydro-Quebec to whom we are very grateful for explaining so briefly, without any other details, the reason for the black-out of the Province. Here is the account given in the French-Canadian newspaper, *Montreal Matin* of 29 July, 1971:

"The blackout which has paralysed a large sector of the Province of Quebec, July 23, 1971, *might have been caused* (my italics—C. MacD) by lightning damage to a 750 K.V. power line. After careful investigation on the causes of relay functions, Hydro-Quebec came to the conclusion that an arc drop at the precise moment of the lightning must have caused a false telesignal of the same frequency which normally operates the relays in case of malfunction. The simultaneous cut-out of service from three lines of 735,000 volts caused the general black-out."

If this black-out had occurred only once, or if it had occurred in the very stormy winter that we had during 1971-72, this explanation could have been accepted very well. But imagine — three times in a period of ten days, if we extend it some days more, and three times that the same "cause" repeats itself! No, I personally do not agree with the "probable" cause, and neither do other Canadian ufologists. When someone asked the spokesman for additional details, the reply was "There is nothing else to say; any explanation other than that of lightning damage cannot be seriously considered."

I personally wonder which part of the Province the official was in during the week of July 18 to 24 because, during that period, no regional storm nor thunderstorm was registered in the areas where the main electric power stations, or even the substations, are situated. It was a period of very nice weather without any disturbance. As far as I can remember, the weather was sunny and clear, and we must note that no precise indication was given of the exact electric power station that was damaged by the lightning. In view of the very large sector of the Province which was paralysed by the power failure, the only important station where this could have occurred was the main Hydro-Quebec station at Manic and, as I said, there was no local or meteorological disturbance powerful enough to damage the station or cause a "false telesignal of the same frequency." Finally, remember that sightings of UFOs were made in and above the area of Manic, and we can now perfectly well admit that there is a connection between these happenings.

With all respect to the official, his explanation does not fit the facts. (Remember the time it took the Canadian and American experts in 1965 to explain "officially" the general black-out that struck Canada and the U.S.A. simultaneously!)

Let us try to consider these happenings in the right light, that is, as a relationship between UFO sightings and black-outs, and let us consider now the case of the UFO which left marks on the ground on July 20.

UFO leaves landing traces at Saint-Hyacinthe?

The case was reported in the French newspaper *Le Petit Journal* on November 24, 1971. The information was given to the newspaper by a newly-formed group of UFO researchers, in which I participated largely at that time. All of us were very well informed on all aspects of the UFO problem, and we aimed to be well organised for observation and investigation of UFO sightings. Shortly after we got together, we were informed that an important event had occurred in the Sainte-Hyacinthe area (*area 8 on Map*) and fortunately we were able to go to the site very shortly after the event. A report of the case was made by the group and later sent to the newspaper. Here is a complete account of the sighting:

On the Saint-Dominic road, at Saint-Hyacinthe, there is a large field of potatoes and a farm held by the farmer and his wife. Both these people are modern in outlook, knowing perfectly well the characteristics of motorised vehicles, like cars, tractors, etc. They have a serious disposition and are not given to playing tricks or courting publicity. The following is the testimony of the farmer's wife:

"It was mid-July; I would say probably the 20th according to other events that occurred before. It was a cloudy evening and there was no moon in the sky. I was in the living room, near the window, looking to the west. Suddenly, as I looked out, I saw at about 2,000 feet from the house, above two trees, five huge red lights that seemed to rotate around a solid dark body. I never saw anything like it in my life. They were not lights from a tractor or other vehicle used on a farm, because I am familiar with them. I tried to call my husband, but he was taking a shower at that moment and did not hear me. I came back to the window and the objects were still there. Then the lights separated. They were lights of a bright clear red colour which stood at a height of about 15 feet above the trees. There was no motor noise or other sound. Then the lights went off and that was all. Later on, I reported what I had seen to my husband, but he did not believe me and said that I had probably had a kind of hallucination."

The next day, the farmer was going through his field to inspect it when to his surprise he found unusual markings which would correspond to the details given by his wife the day before regarding the place and movements of the object. Shortly after, the case became known to a member of our newly-formed group and we went to the site. There we found the markings still present. The following is my account which was given to the newspaper which published the case:

"After we (the investigators) interviewed the farmer's wife on her sighting, we went to the potato field with the farmer. We saw, at about 1,800 feet from the house (not by the trees as said by the woman; this could be understood if we consider that, according to her angle of vision through the window in a westerly direction, she first thought that the object had hovered over the trees, but in fact it is more probable it hovered

some yards further) a perfect circle, 11 feet in diameter where the crops and potatoes had been completely crushed and burned in the centre, and less burned around the circumference. This was probably caused by an intense heat source. At about 450 feet east of the circle there was another circle of the same proportions and having the same characteristics.

"In conclusion, the traces left, the perfect geometrical form of the circles, the burnt vegetation and crops, and the farmer's wife's description of her sighting of the 20th of what she saw the evening before her husband discovered the tracks, together constitute strong evidence of a UFO event. The investigators surmised that the object halted at a height of about 15 feet, and burnt a circular area with some type of energy or radiation. From the house, the two circles would seem next to each other by the visual angle, but they are in fact separated by a distance of about 450 feet. The distance of 1,800 feet between the house and the circle No. 1 would in all probability explain why the farmer's wife said that the five red lights were rotating around the dark body *over the trees*; these lights were certainly rotating around that body, but the object probably stood still twice, in two different fields, for there were two distinctive circles in each field."

Police investigators

And now I would like to bring the reader's attention to three important points. First, a car of the Provincial Police of Quebec was seen in the

area, going here and there in the vicinity of Saint-Dominique's road and of the other farmers' land. It should be noted that apparently no one else saw the object and the farmer did not want the case publicised because he did not want his fields disturbed and devastated by a curious crowd. This "visit" by the Provincial Police was very unusual, for Police agents were never seen in the area. Suddenly, some days after this important sighting and in the period of July 18 to 30, more agents were seen looking around in many areas. Note that in Quebec Province, the Provincial Police and the R.C.M.P. (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) investigated the cases at *government level!* Need I say more?

Other local UFO reports

Secondly, it should be said that there are other regions close to Saint-Hyacinthe where there have been cases of sightings, some at very close range. The main ones were at Rougemont, Saint-Hilaire and Beloeil (included in the circled area No. 7 on the Map. Again, these regions were visited in 1971, and it seems that they are favoured, because in the summer of 1972, residents of these towns sighted many unusual lighted objects, principally over fields, electric power lines and marshlands. I know personally one of the active investigators in this area and he has sent some interesting reports of observations made there.

Finally, we also have to consider that in 1971 there were many similar cases where the ground was

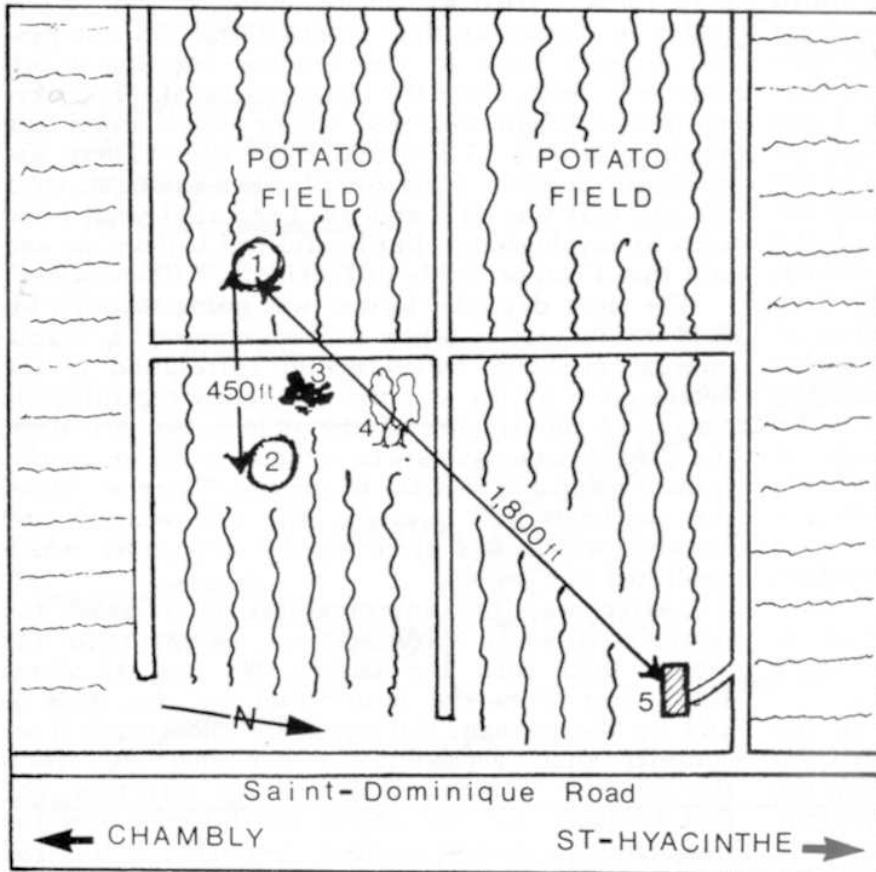
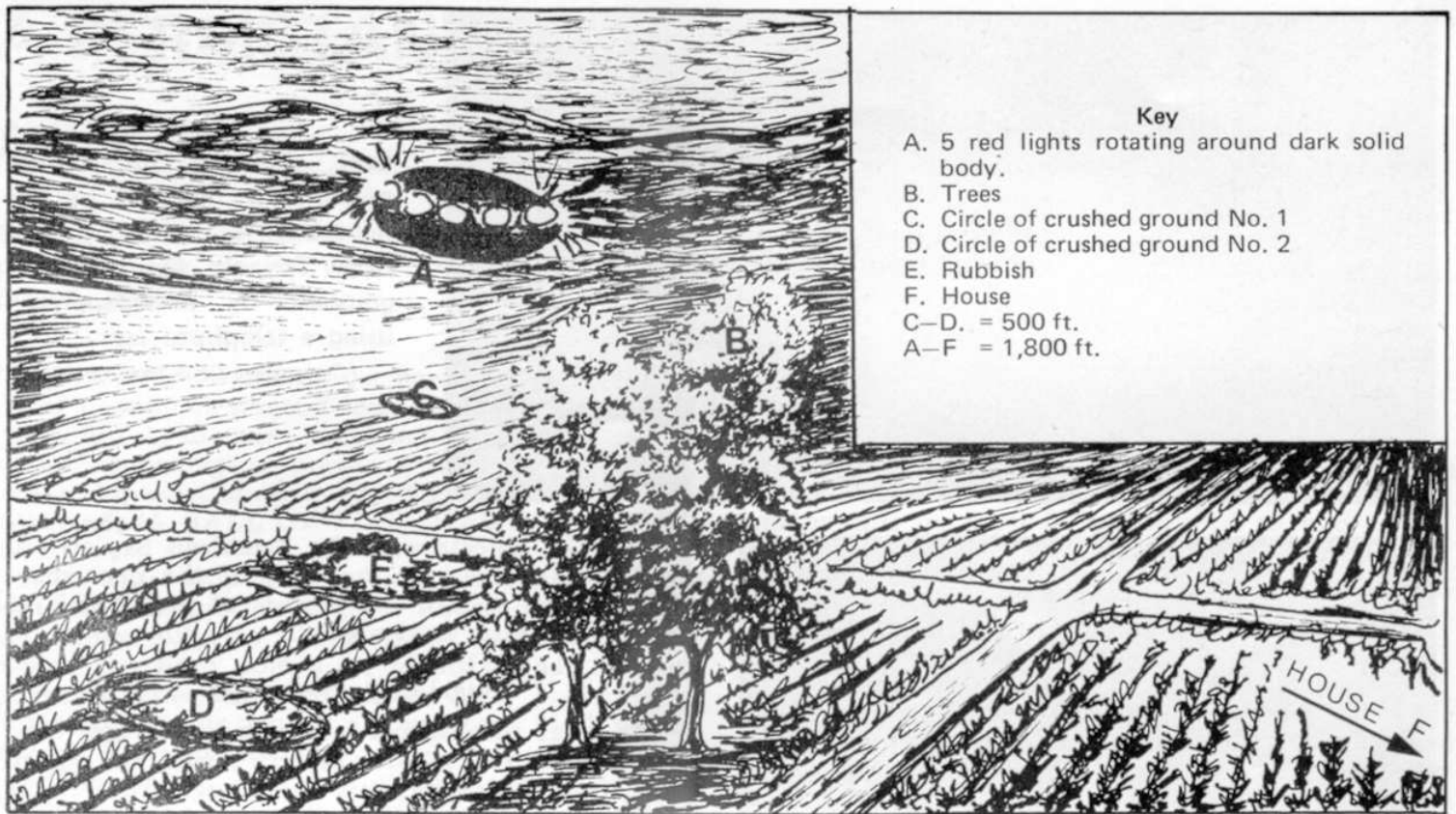


Diagram of UFO sighting near ground, Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec. (Not to scale)

Key:

1. Circle No. 1, 11 feet
2. Circle No. 2, 11 feet in diameter
3. Rubbish
4. Trees
5. House



Near landing, St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, July 20, 1971.

impressed by a UFO which either hovered or landed, not only in Canada but in many countries of the world.

I was able to write this article thanks to the help of some of my close collaborators in the

subject, and I am very grateful to them. Principally I must thank them for providing reports without which much factual material and important evidence would be lacking.

UFOs PICTURED OVER JAPAN

Press and Police photographs snap strange objects over Toyama City and Nagai City

Yusuke J. Matsumura

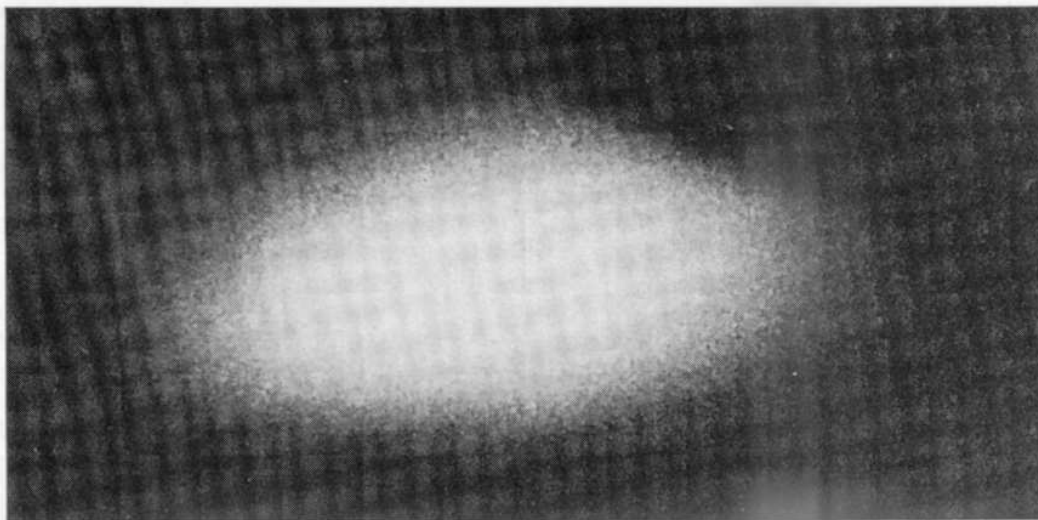
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BETWEEN 5 and 10 pale white objects, almost translucent, appeared over Toyama City — which is in the central western part of Honshu, facing the Sea of Japan — for nearly three hours from 8.30 p.m., on August 24, 1973. At first the objects were seen to be circling slowly, flying side by side in a long and slender stick-shaped form which, at other times, widened, but later watchers saw them flying in a round formation. Suddenly they got up speed and disappeared in a straight line. These manoeuvres were repeated, then suddenly they stopped in mid-air, and this caused a sensation among the many observers, reported the local newspaper *Kita Nihon Shimbun*.

The formation was estimated to be at an altitude of between 1,000 to 2,000 metres, and something like 300 people were watching, baffled. Even passing taxi drivers stopped their vehicles to look up at the spectacle.

Next day the *Kita Nihon Shimbun* published a photograph of one of the mysterious objects caught in the 250 mm tele-photo lens of the newspaper's cameraman, M. Omokata. The time the photograph was taken was about 10.30 p.m. (Camera: Nikon F, using Tri-x film.)

Meanwhile the Toyama Astronomical Observatory was flooded with reports of the incident for several days. According to the newspaper the question as to



Left: One of the several mysterious white objects sighted by hundreds of people over Toyama City, photographed by newspapermen using a telephoto lens.

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The policeman's photograph showing a luminous object over the scene of a car crash at Nagai City.

whether the objects were the American Skylab was investigated. However, the time of the occurrence differed from that of the passage of the Skylab, so the objects remain unidentified.

Nagai City photograph

The next photograph was taken at Nagai City, which is situated in North Eastern Japan. The object, with "trail" streaming, was in passage from North East to South West in the night sky, and it was photographed by Police Sergeant Yoshiyuki Matsuda, chief of the traffic section of Nagai Police Station. The sergeant happened to be at the scene of a traffic accident in the Yamagata Prefecture in Nagai City, where he was taking official photographs [the rear part of a car in a tilted position can be seen on the left of the fuller version of the photograph which we have used in our cover design —EDITOR]. The date was July 9, 1973, and the time around about 11.00 p.m.

The police sergeant said the night was cloudy after rain, and no stars were visible. The place was situated in the midst of rice fields, and there were no illuminations such as neon-lights, lamps and so on.

Altogether nine pictures were taken at a speed of 1/60 and at f5.6, with flash, using a Konica f.1.8 camera. This image of the luminous object was found on the first of the nine frames. The negative was examined by CBA International, and was found to have no flaws. The object was not caused by a ray leak, nor was it a ghost image, as the policeman testified.

Meanwhile this appeared to be corroborated by a UFO incident which was reported in the prefecture, reports that caused something of a sensation. In Yamagata City, which lies close to Nagai City, a number of round objects shining with a milky-white hue (their apparent size was about 30 to 40 cms. in diameter) appeared over the vicinity of the summit of Mt. Ohmori. Altogether more than 50 inhabitants saw them appear and disappear repeatedly over a period of four hours from about 9.00 p.m. This remarkable "Flying saucer show" was reported, with a photograph, in the local newspaper the *Yamagata Shimbun*.

A PERSISTANT PROWLER AT SOUSAS

Nigel Rimes

Our contributor is FSR Representative in Brazil, and when time, and travelling permit, works closely with that respected correspondent of ours in Rio, Dr. W. Buhler

THE *Correio Popular*, local newspaper in the town of Campinas, where I live, carried in its issue for June 9, 1973 the following interesting report about happenings at Sousas, a nearby locality. The report appeared under the headlines: "SUSPENSE IN SOUSAS; 'A BALL OF FIRE'; WAS IT A FLYING SAUCER?"

"A large proportion of the population of the district of Sousas are living in a state of expectancy due, apparently, to a 'ball of fire' — an expression which has been coined to identify what in more scientific terms might be called a 'UFO' — discovered some six months ago by a young bank clerk named Gilmar Aparecido Barijan.

"The 'thing', which is of oval shape and of a bright red colour, has been blamed by a number of the residents for a sudden power failure at the local school on June 7 of this year. At any rate, according to folk who live in the district, the school building was blacked out at the very moment when the 'ball of fire' passed overhead, observed by a number of witnesses.

"Technicians from the CPFL (São Paulo Power & Light Co.) stated, in this connexion, that the failure of the lights at the school was due to the fuses having blown. Even so, the doubt still exists, for there are those who even suggest that the fuses blew *precisely because* the 'thing' was passing over.

A LONG STORY

"Gilmar Aparecido Barijan, a youth of 16, who was the first to inform the Sousas residents about the 'ball of fire', yesterday told our reporters what has been going on, frequently interjecting, between his statements: *'The thing is following me.'*

"Gilmar, who works for the local branch of the Bradesco Bank, and is also a student at the Manoel Marcondes Machado State High School (the school where the lights failed), told us that he first saw the object some six months ago, hovering over the farm where he lives with his parents. On that first occasion he was unable to discern the shape and colour of the object very clearly, and did not dare to approach it. He thought nothing more of the matter, and just went on leading his normal life — which consisted of eight hours work daily at the bank, his night-classes at the High School, and the journeys to and fro between Sousas and his home, which lies a few kilometres from the town of Joaquim Egidio.

"But his attention was forcibly brought back to the object when, returning home from school one

night in his car, he saw it over Joaquim Egidio. It seemed to be following him, and it only vanished when he entered his house. There he told his parents and brothers and sisters about the thing. He thought it had been about 700 metres from him, and on this occasion it had seemed to him to be shaped like an ordinary globe of the world, and of about the same size as such globes.

"From that moment on, and for the next 25 days consecutively, he saw the same ball of fire every night when on his way home from the classes. During this period he noticed that the trajectory followed by the object was always along the same route, between Sousas and his home, but the object varied a good deal in its appearance, and was alternately either on his right side or his left as he drove home. This was proof that it really was moving.

A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE

"Gilmar only secured definite—and objective—proof, however, on the night of June 7, during an experience that was quite painful.

"On the night in question he had wanted to convince his sisters that the thing really did exist, so he had taken them with him in the car to the place where he usually sighted it.

"They set out from Sousas at 10.00 p.m., with Gilmar determined to prove his story. When they were a short distance from Joaquim Egidio, they saw the fireball suddenly in the sky. Gilmar says it was about 500 metres from their car. The sisters, Neide and Sueli, quickly discarded their former scepticism and began to insist that Gilmar take them back to Sousas without delay. They had not really expected to see the object, nor to experience such fear if they did so.

"At their insistence, Gilmar prepared to turn back. He put the car into reverse so as to turn round, and at that moment, in the twinkling of an eye, the 'fireball' came straight towards the car, and halted right in front of it for several seconds. Its distance from them now seemed to be about 50 metres. It was of the size of a small car, and was emitting concentric rings of yellow light, thus giving the impression of being enveloped in a circle of fire.

"During the few instants that Gilmar found himself 'face to face with the thing,' as he put it, he was able to make out its elliptical form, and to note the effects that it was producing both on his body and on the car. 'For ten minutes,' he told us, 'I was trying to get the car moving again, because the engine had failed, and all the while I was experiencing

an intense tingling of my skin and a terrific headache.'

"These symptoms have in fact not yet quitted him, although Gilmar was back at work as usual yesterday. As he told us his story there were still signs on his face of the fatigue and strain of the previous day, and he stressed that the experience had been an extremely painful one. Gilmar now says he intends to stay in Sousas, in the house of one of the sisters, for many months to come. 'I don't want to repeat that experience in a hurry,' he said.

OTHER CASES IN THE SAME LOCALITY

"Cleuza Aparecido João and Edna Ribeiro, two girl university students, are among other people who have also witnessed the spectacle of the 'ball of fire.' Last Thursday they were returning home at 10.30 p.m. when they saw two men beside the road, looking up at the sky.

"Cleuza slowed down, stopped the car, and both girls got out to have a look at the sky for themselves. To their mingled astonishment and terror they beheld a strange spherical object about 200 metres above the car. The object was bathed in an intense light and really did resemble the customary description given of a flying saucer.

"In their complete surprise, the girls only realized what it was when the 'fireball' started to move, at first horizontally and then vertically.

"A caravan was quickly organized for the purpose of investigating, but by that time the thing had gone too far, and doubts began to be felt as to whether it really had been a UFO.

GREAT CURIOSITY AT NIGHT

"At the High School in Sousas however the teachers and students do not seem to share such doubts. They say that they had seen the same phenomenon on the previous Saturday, the object being quite close to them and clearly visible.

"On Wednesday (June 9) when the lights failed in the town, they saw it again, but on this occasion they say it flew over quite fast.

"Intensely curious about the whole business, the students met together after class last night, at 11.00 p.m., and set off in more than twenty cars for the Serra das Cabras hills (the area where Gilmar had his experience). The caravan of cars also included students from the Catholic University of Campinas, in addition to others who had joined in out of curiosity. All hoped to be able to get more precise details about the 'thing,' which some witnesses have described as a 'fireball' while others have called it 'an elongated luminous body.' In everybody's mind is the same question: what is this thing? Is it just an optical illusion, or some physical phenomenon that can easily be explained, or is it indeed a flying saucer?"

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Since that report in the paper there have been further sightings. On the night of June 13 more than fifty people were out on the Serra das Cabras

watching for the "fireball." Gilmar was among them. He has now come out in bluish-red patches all over the body.

At about 1.00 a.m. the object came in sight, far off on the horizon towards the east. It flew about in several different directions, rose and fell vertically, and finally vanished. The witnesses, who include several of my own students, are in agreement that, distant as it was, the object was of about one-third of the apparent size of the full Moon. They also confirm that the colour of the object was bright red, with concentric rings of yellow.

Julio Hadler, my "tame Brazilian scientist," tells me that a fireball of the same type landed on a farm near Jundiai about two years ago. There was apparently no sign of any occupants on it but for three months thereafter nothing would grow on the spot where it had touched down. We do not know whether vegetation is growing there again now, but he will try to find out. (Sousas and Jundiai both lie to the south of Campinas from where I write.)

I will complete this report with translations of two other reports which I have recently seen in the Brazilian press.

1. Landing In Argentina

From the *Notícias Populares* (São Paulo), June 13, 1973:

"Two people were frightened by a flying saucer in the Argentine town of Oriente, near Mar del Plata. The authorities went to the place indicated and found that the vegetation was all scorched, as though burnt by fire, at the spot where the saucer had reportedly landed.

"A farmer claims to have been the first to spot the saucer. He then drew it to the attention of a young man, *who had stopped to see what was wrong with the engine of his car.* (My italics,—N.R.)

"At first all they could see was an intense light, then suddenly they perceived an enormous, wingless, disc-shaped object.

"All the witnesses agreed that it took off straight up, and vanished towards the South.

SHOWER OF SULPHUR

"UFOs have recently been seen in several areas of the Brazilian States of São Paulo and Paraná. Indeed countless people have been seeing them, for many years past.

"The most frightening case to date in the State of São Paulo took place on December 18, 1954, some 20 kms. from Arealva. An object passed overhead, and soon afterwards a thick cloud formed, which precipitated a liquid in the form of a rainshower. It had a powerful sulphurous odour. There was a general panic, and a number of persons had their clothing burnt by the sulphur.

"On the following day, all the roofs of the town were yellow. The local doctor sent samples of the yellow substance to a specialized institute. The result of the analysis was never made known."

2. Blood-Sucker in Brazil

"A number of São Paulo newspapers reported on

June 13, 1973, that an enormous, mysterious monster has caught no less than eleven pet dogs in the town of Osasco and has sucked each one dry of blood. The municipal veterinarian, who examined the bodies of the dogs, said that there was not a drop of blood left in any of them, and that he had never seen anything like it in his whole career.

"In each case the throat of the dog had been torn out and the jugular vein exposed.

"Several people claim to have seen the 'vampire,' and describe it as a 'huge dark shape.'

"During the previous night, June 12/13, there were seven major fires in the city of São Paulo."

DID A UFO LAND IN THEIR FRONT GARDEN?

A new physical trace incident reported from South Africa

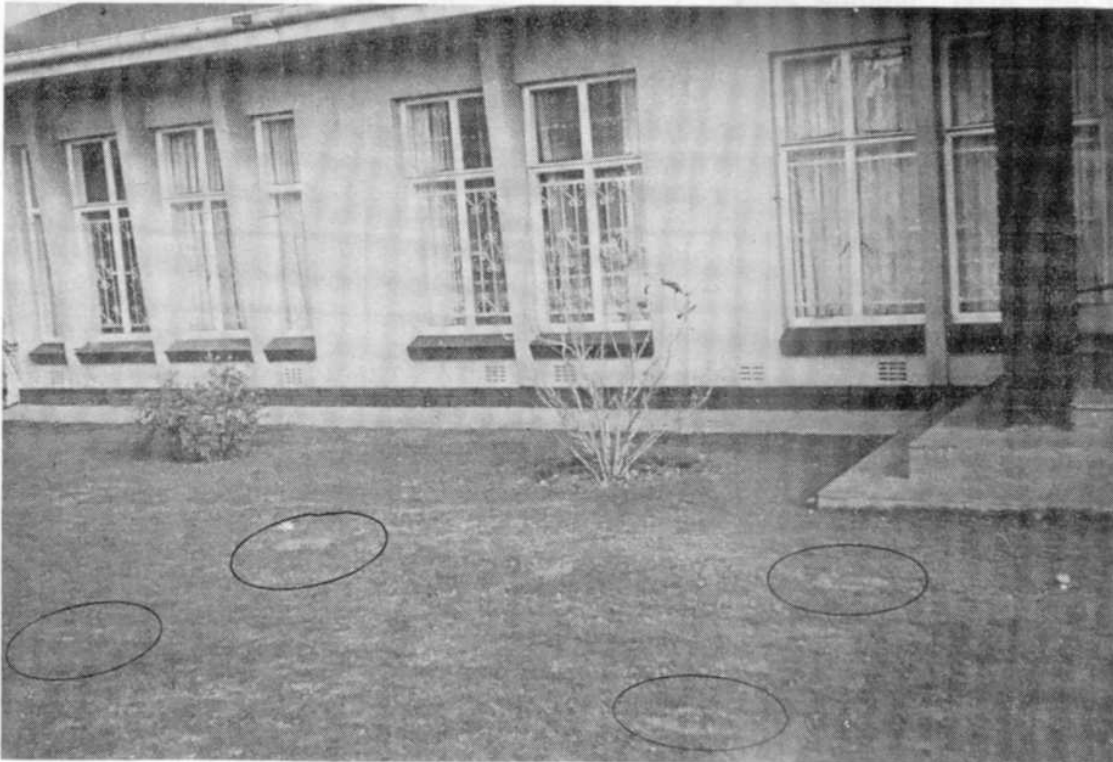
Ivan Clark

THIS is an interesting report of an incident which at first was explained away, not surprisingly, in the following terms: "...Oh, someone probably just parked their car on the Krugers' lawn." At first glance it did look as though this might be a reasonable explanation, but on closer examination it became clear that this was probably not the case.

It all started on April 30, 1973, at about 3.30 a.m. in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Kruger, of Queenstown, Cape Province. These good people were awakened by excessive light in their bedroom. Mrs. Kruger woke first, and stated later that she had heard a noise like a jet aircraft in the distance. She paid no more attention to it, but both of them were aware that the room was lit up more than it usually is by the street lamp outside. Nevertheless it did not occur to either of them that anything unusual was happening outside.

It seems that after a while Mr. Kruger got up to make coffee for his wife and himself as they could not sleep. After drinking their coffee they were unable to sleep any more that night. The bedroom curtains are thick and heavy, and neither husband nor wife observed a light source outside; in fact they said they felt no inclination to look outside at all. Mr. Kruger states that the excess of light must have lasted for some ten minutes.

Next day, while watering the front lawn, Mrs. Kruger noticed four marks on the grass just outside their bedroom window; the grass was light brown. When I visited the house later, I took a good look at the grass and marks myself. I could see that the grass in the marks was "dead" but not burnt. The marks could be described as being of a squared oval shape, with dimensions about 23 cms. by 15 cms. Together they formed a rectangle 3 metres by 1.5

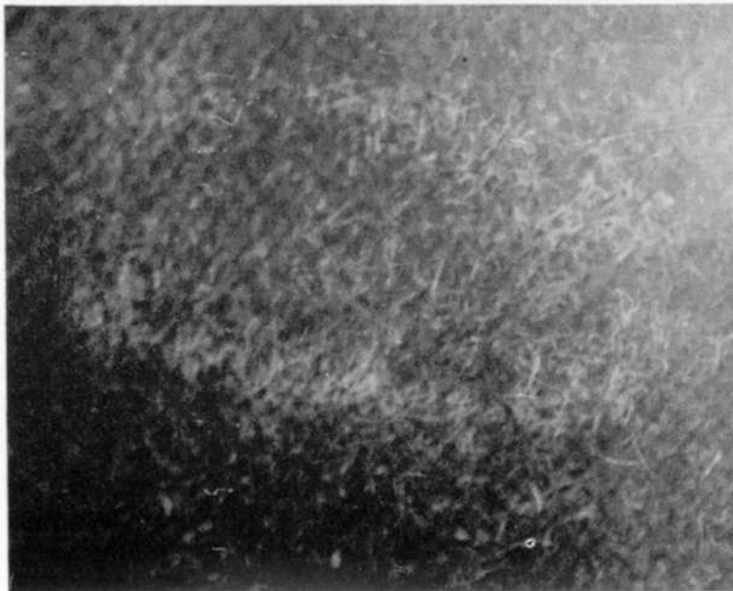


Photograph taken 20 days after the "landing" showing "pad marks," which are ringed to distinguish them from post marking, which occurred subsequently.



Above: Photograph taken 20 days after "landing", showing scorch mark on pillar.

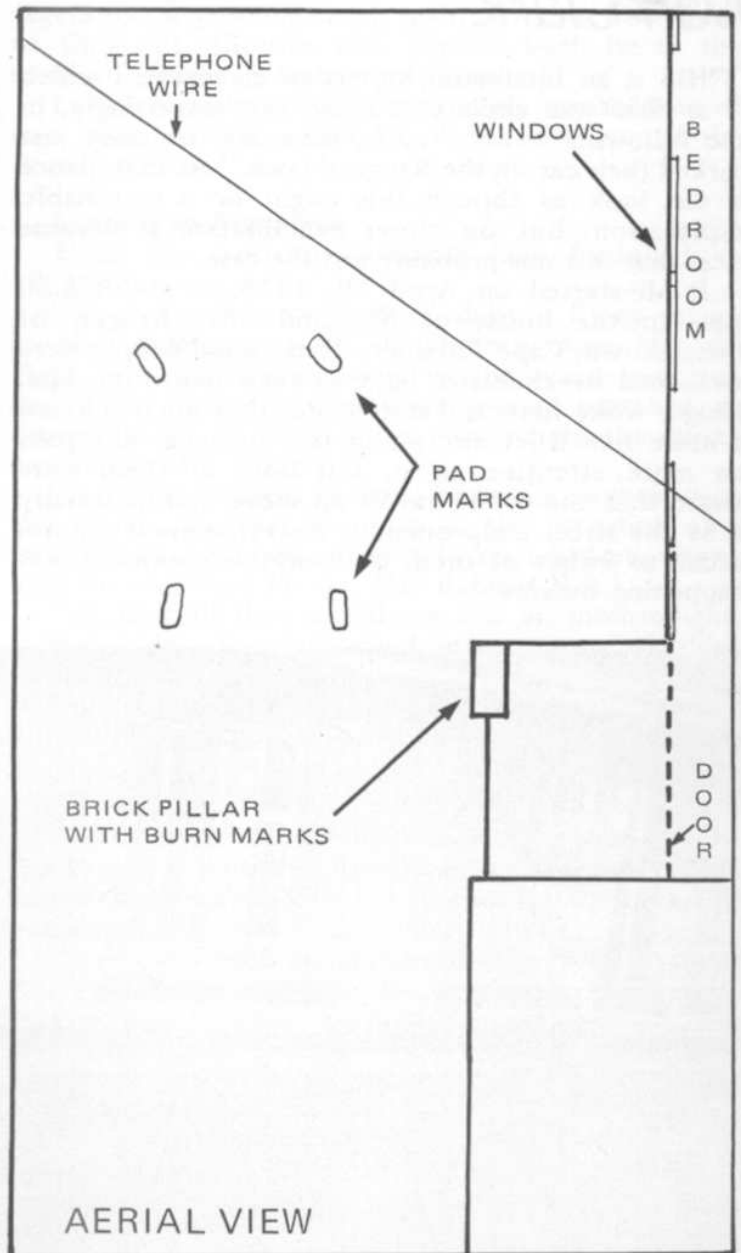
Below: Close-up of one of the marks on lawn, from photograph taken 12 days after "landing".



metres. Two of the marks (see sketch) are at an angle of between 40° and 45° with relation to the other two marks, and it so happens that they thus are pointing in the same direction as the telephone wire leading into the Krugers' house from the road.

The grass in the centre and on the outer rim of each mark was very green, as there had been no frost at Queenstown up to the time when I visited the site. However, my photograph, taken 20 days later, shows frost marks as well as "pad" marks.

It was not until 12 days after they were discovered that the local investigators — friends of mine — got to see the marks, which were very prominent. I was in England at the time, on leave, but I have learned since that my friend Mr. Dyke noticed a mark on a baked brick porch pillar close to the marks on the lawn. When this was pointed out to him, Mr. Kruger was very surprised and upset.



Above: Diagrammatic sketch showing relative positions of "pad marks", brick pillar and the Kruger house

It is definitely a high density burn mark, and has left a whitish ash on the bricks.

A fellow investigator, Mr. Gerber, exposed a gamma-ray tab, first to the marks on the lawn and, secondly, to the burn mark on the pillar. The colour of the paper changed from the normal yellow to a deep orange, indicating the presence of a certain degree of radiation. Unfortunately we do not know if the reading for radiation on the grass marks was greater than that on the pillar or vice-versa. They shouldn't have used the same tab paper for both areas, but unfortunately Mr. Gerber did not have other papers with him for re-loading the tab. However it does seem possible that there must have been considerable radiation present on April 30, for the reading was taken 12 days after the event.

My opinion is that the object may have used the porch pillar to repel itself away and clear of the Krugers' house. I checked the gardens far away up and down the street, and it appears that Mr. Kruger's lawn was the only spot with a reasonable amount of space on which an aerial object could possibly land, with the exception of the road, of course, but that would have been rather conspicuous, even at 3.30 a.m.

Mr. Kruger was upset by all the publicity that this affair was given, and shortly afterwards took his family away for a holiday. I tried to re-assure him with the suggestion that the object, if it was a UFO, had just picked his lawn at random, and really had nothing personal against him.

Who knows?

PUERTO RICO PLAGUED BY GAS AND TORCHLIGHT

Gordon Creighton

SEÑOR SALVADOR FREIXEDO has been good enough to send us a copy of the Puerto Rican illustrated magazine *Avance* for November 2, 1972, which contains a quite remarkable concentration of no less than four good articles¹ by Puerto Rican writers on the UFO Phenomenon in general and the recent "flap" in particular. One article, by Sr. Freixedo himself, is perhaps one of the finest concentrated summings-up that we have ever seen on the UFO Phenomenon, but it deals with that problem as a whole and as it contains no ideas with which FSR readers have not been made acquainted at some time or other I will not quote from it here. It is really not designed for the specialist reader but for the general public. For this deeply thoughtful ex-Jesuit, the parapsychological explanation is now the only one that really recommends itself, and he concludes his piece with the remarkable sentence used by Dr. James Macdonald when giving his evidence on UFOs before the Armed Services Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives in 1968. We have printed this before, on the cover of FSR Special Issue No.2, *Beyond Condon*, but I will quote it again here because of its potentially enormous importance:—

"I now regard Hypothesis 7 [the Extraterrestrial Hypothesis,—G.C.] as the one most likely to prove correct. My scientific interests lead me to hedge that prediction just to the extent of suggesting that, if the UFOs are not of extramundane origin, then I suspect that they will prove to be something very much more bizarre, something of perhaps even greater scientific interest than extraterrestrial devices."²

Who knows to what extent that single statement may have been responsible for another courageous investigator's premature departure from the stage?

In the remainder of this article I will give a boil-down of all the recent cases that are included in the other three articles, which are all complementary to Salvador Freixedo's article *UFOs over the Caribbean*.³ Taken together they give what seems to be an excellent picture from which we can see that the Caribbean Islands are experiencing just the sort of phenomenon which we have been reporting from nearby South America and from all other parts of the world for years past. However, we have still probably not yet seen the real pay-out from Puerto Rico. This present digest of mine gives, for example, only two claimed landings and only one claimed encounter with entities. Salvador Freixedo's own article has one astounding entity encounter and an instantaneous cancer-healing, and mentions the discovery of many other "contactees."

In fact, in a letter written to me since his return to Puerto Rico last autumn, Sr. Freixedo says that there are a remarkable number of contactees now coming to light on that island. He speaks of *eight or nine cases* already known to him, and we await further reports from him about this extraordinary and probably crucial aspect of the UFO Phenomenon.

We are indebted also to the Editor of *Avance* and to Sr. Jose Bauer Garcia, Sr. Alfonso Martinez Taboas, and to the CEOVNI Group (Centro Estudios OVNI, Puerto Rico) for making this material available to us.

Puerto Rican Cases

The articles open with references to Puerto Rican sightings of around October 1 (though we know of course from Sr. Freixedo that the "flap" began at least around the start of August).

On the night of October 4, at Adjuntas, a small town in a rural area in the centre of the Island, according to the account given next day to the

press by a sixteen-year-old girl named Gladys Maldonado Quiñones, she saw, in her bedroom, two beings with scaly skin of a greenish brown hue who "communicated with her telepathically." She said they gave her a ring and a stone. She also claimed to have had strange dreams recently, in which she "had visited space-craft at bases on other planets." Critics were not slow to point out that Gladys was not particularly bright and had not gone beyond the fifth grade in school. The psychiatrist Carlos Busquets is said to be making a special study of the case of Gladys, and we hope that Sr. Freixedo or one of FSR's numerous other friends and readers in Puerto Rico will perhaps be good enough to send us in due course a copy of any report that Sr. Busquets may publish.

On the same evening (October 4), the American scientist Stanton T. Friedman delivered a lecture (title: *The Flying Saucers do Exist*) in the general studies auditorium of the University of Puerto Rico. Mr. Friedman told his audience that he had been studying the subject for thirteen years and that, although he had not yet seen a UFO himself, it was quite certain that such objects existed and that for many years past the Department of Defence of the United States has been concealing the fact that the Earth has been under periodic visitation by extra-terrestrial beings in craft from other planets, and that some of these beings have made contact with humans by means of telepathy. He added that the visitors are of a higher intelligence than ourselves, and that their craft originate from places very different indeed from Earth.

Shortly after giving this lecture, Mr. Friedman moved out of San Juan to Adjuntas, to pursue his investigations there, but so far we know no more regarding his findings.

The Adjuntas area

The number of people in the Adjuntas area who claim to have seen UFOs is remarkable. There, as all over the Island, newspaper offices and TV stations and police stations were inundated with phone calls. In Adjuntas the witnesses include the mayor (Alcalde), his wife, Sr. Blanca Gonzalez, Police-Lieut. Raúl Rentas, teachers, workers, housewives, peasants. The nights particularly mentioned in the *Avance* articles are October 8 and 9, but there were few nights with no reports. Sightings were mainly between 7.00 and 10.00 p.m., and the nocturnal pattern is general elsewhere in the Island. The crowds flocking to Adjuntas have caused the bars and amusement centres to flourish and everywhere great excitement has prevailed.

Puerto Rico's last UFO Wave (1968) was also over the central, southern, and western areas. (Be it noted that the U.S. Government's "big dish" radio-telescope installation at Arecibo is right up on the centre, more or less, of the northern coast.) An interesting point that has emerged is that these rural areas of Puerto Rico which appear to have been under inspection *are on, or close to, zones of high natural radioactivity in the soil*, as has been confirmed

by consultation of the U.S. Geological Survey's map, *Natural Gamma Aeroradioactivity of Puerto Rico*.

In all cases, the UFOs allegedly seen at close quarters have been described as less than 16 ft. in diameter. As usual, a striking feature is that so many have been seen in the close vicinity of reservoirs, dams, electricity plants, high-voltage power lines, and radio installations.

The principal place-names recurring in these sighting reports are: San Juan; Aguadilla; Jayuya; Ponce; Bayamón; Carolina; Caguas; Cayey; Lares; Hormigueros; Yauco; and Río Pedras. (I note however that Arecibo does also figure in the list.)

The Sightings

Following upon the claim of the girl who said she had seen the two greenish-brown creatures early in October, 1972, my digest of the reported cases runs as follows:

1. **Saturday, October 7.** Thirty families in the Jardines de San Francisco residential area (Río Pedras) saw an oval, brightly shining object on a piece of open waste-ground between the urban concentrations of San Francisco and San Ignacio.
2. **On or around October 9.** Lt. Col. Luis Maldonado Trinidad, Head of the Southern Police District, reported to Headquarters that many people, including policemen, had seen silent shining yellow globes moving very rapidly through the sky.
3. **Wednesday, October 11.** Residents of the Jardines del Caribe district, on the Ponce-Peñuelas highway, claimed a sighting. Other witnesses were Police-Sergeant Nelson Irizarry and P.C. Francisco Vicente, both of whom reported it to the press. All agreed that it was a green object, turning orange at times, spinning very rapidly, and with an intermittently flashing light.
4. **Thursday October 12,** at about 10 p.m. people in the Lomas Verdes residential estate (Bayamón district) saw a green and orange object overhead. The named witnesses were three women: Sra. Elisa Alvarado; Sra. Luisa Cruz; Sra. Livia Maldonado.
5. **Night of October 12.** Jayuya. Sr. Rafael Rodríguez, using a telescope, watched several varicoloured objects flying from North to South, towards Los Picachos, and at times changing shape and seeming to take on the outlines of fish.
6. **Yauco.** (Date not given.) A group of young people saw five UFOs flying in formation and took photographs of them.
7. **Friday, October 13.** At about 2.30 a.m., in the old part of San Juan, Sr. Joaquín Mercado and his wife observed, from their terrace, a triangular formation of lights moving to and fro in the sky.
8. **October 13.** On the early morning of the same day, twenty employees of the Aguadilla Sub-regional Hospital, employees of the Moda Footwear Plant, and four policemen, all claimed they had seen UFOs roaming the skies. The hospital supervisor, Sr. Rosa

G. de Castro, told reporters that she had seen the UFOs very clearly. She described them as large dish-shaped objects with a cone on the upper part and with lights rotating around the periphery. At one moment, she said, she saw something shoot out towards the ground from one of them, and then rise up to it again.

9. **Lares-Utuado highway.** Date not given. One serious citizen reported that he had seen a "dish-shaped object with yellow lights" which was travelling along slowly and halting at intervals.

10. **Coamo.** Sr. Juan J. Noriega wrote to the newspaper *El Imparcial* that he had seen "a great luminous ball" which came close to the ground. As it did so, he was able to see that on its sides there were "intensely bright openings" which looked like observation windows.

11. **Isabella.** Three citizens wrote to the same paper reporting an earlier sighting. They said: "At the end of August we saw in the sky a thing like a gigantic shining egg. It seemed as though it was hanging there. Then it began to move around in circles, and from the egg we saw other, smaller, eggs separate off. Some of these disappeared towards San Juan, and one of them came towards us and took up a stationary position in the air at about 100 metres from the beach."

12. **Saturday, October 28.** At about 11.15 p.m., Dona Julia Serrano and members of her family were in her apartment in the residential suburb of Jardines de San Francisco (Río Pedras area) when they saw a vivid light and heard a strange sound coming from near the roof of the house. All cried out in alarm as they beheld, just above the house, "an oval-shaped thing so bright that you could not bear to look at it. It appeared to be made of transparent crystal." Speaking to a representative of the newspaper *Claridad*, one of the witnesses said *the object was emitting what seemed to be rays*. Another witness said: "I got the impression that it was taking photographs of us, for it was moving very, very slowly, and at times stopping and standing quite still in the air, and giving off a sound like the noise made when an air-conditioning plant is working."⁴ Said a third witness: "I got the impression that they were looking for something, and that they were watching us." After five minutes the object flew off towards the Fuentes Fluviales electricity plant and vanished in the direction of the San Francisco residential estate.

Sighting over the Dominican Republic

The articles in *Avance* contain two sightings from the neighbouring island:

i. Reports of UFOs over the Dominican Republic began around October 1. On October 6, two brothers, Damaris and Ricardo Peña, were driving by jeep to Barahona (southern part of the Republic) when they saw a powerful light which they took at first to be from an approaching vehicle. But the light, which was of various colours, vanished. Not far from

this same location various people saw shortly afterwards three strange lights. (Time of these incidents: about 10.15 p.m.)

ii. According to the Dominican Republic newspaper *Listín Diario* of October 19, there was a UFO landing at 7.00 p.m. (precise day not given) at the village of El Fundo, district of Bani.

Sergeant of Marines Diego Amado Lugo was standing talking with primary school teacher Luis Barias Peña beside a road and near a reservoir, when they saw a flying object which was emitting an intermittent green light. The object was travelling at the speed of an aircraft, and when it was only a few metres from them it landed and was on the ground for three minutes.⁵ While it was landed its flashing green light was replaced by a flashing red one. When it moved off it went towards the South-East. They said it was the size of an automobile.

Other residents of El Fundo said they saw the same object. Members of the local COFA (UFO study group) conducted an investigation at the alleged landing site, but found no traces or marks, no signs of burning on vegetation or nearby trees, and no smell of sulphur. However no check for radio-activity was made.

The Explanations

In a situation where so many folk are seeing things, it is necessary that those whose duty it is to produce explanations shall work overtime to find good ones. And good ones they have found.

According to Sr. José Bauer Garcia's article, a chemical engineer named Roberto Pérez, of the Ponce Cement Works, paid a call at the famous Arecibo Ionosphere Observatory (Puerto Rico's "giant dish") to learn what all these curious red and green and orange lights in the sky could be.

He did not go away disappointed, for the Observatory officials assured him that the explanation for the whole thing was simple: "*gases released by the Observatory's staff for the purpose of dispersing the atmosphere when it was overladen.*"

This explanation was eagerly seized upon by San Juan's principal newspaper. (We have not yet heard however whether there has been any protest from the neighbouring Dominican Republic at the way in which these gases have been flying more than 100 km. across the sea to their territory and landing there in great clumps the size of an automobile.)

Another group of experts were reported in the Puertorican press to be preparing to prove, irrefutably, that the UFOs seen over the Island in October were all "optical illusions and reflections produced by a giant reflector."

Meanwhile, on October 4, the newspaper *El Nuevo Día* had come out with the real explanation: "*the whole phenomenon was due to the movements of night-wandering helicopters of the Armed Forces.*"

The same paper also gave an alternative explanation: UFOs were hallucinations engendered in the minds of folk who have been "brainwashed into believing in them," and who therefore "think they are under an obligation to see something."

Yet another astute individual, a resident of Adjuntas, did some deep research and came up with a still better explanation: "all the so-called 'flying saucers' seen over Puerto Rico were simply due to the beams of light from the hand-torches used by his children." (I should certainly like to know where these children buy their batteries, for, as C.E.O.V.N.I. point out, this must mean that the beams of his children's remarkable torches can reach over 100 km. into the Dominican Republic, where the month of October also saw a heavy concentration of UFO reports.)

Commenting upon these choice explanations, Sr. José Bauer Garcia agrees that they are splendid. Unfortunately, however, he says, the more intelligent sections of the population of Puerto Rico are smart enough to know that both the USA and the USSR—the most advanced nations technologically in the world—believe they have made discoveries which strongly suggest the possibility of life elsewhere in the Universe. And he adds that there is another group of people in Puerto Rico, "connected with religious circles," who go even further than that, "and see in these phenomena the handiwork of demonic beings who, by virtue of their formidable mental capacities, are able to cause humans to undergo some perniciously evil experiences." This group "consider the UFO Problem to be a much graver one than is realized."

The article by Alfonso Martínez Taboas does not deal with the current Caribbean Wave but with certain well-known cases, for all of which he quotes FSR as his source. These cases are those of Imjärvi; Inácio da Souza; the case of the young Canadians of the Léger and Sauvé families; and the case of San Pedro de los Altos. There is also a photograph of the Canadian, Michalak, showing the group of sixteen circular burns on his chest, allegedly received when this man stood close to a landed UFO on a Canadian highway.

Alfonso Martínez Taboas also discusses at length Dr. Hynek and his book *The UFO Experience*, the ideas of both Dr. Jacques Vallée and John Keel, and quotes from their books *Passport to Magonia* and *Operation Trojan Horse*. He emphasises the constant

discrepancies to be found in all alleged "messages from Extraterrestrials," and concludes that the very greatest prudence is advisable in approaching the whole subject, as it is obvious that somebody is lying.

All the articles in *Avance* contain references to FSR and have engendered an unprecedented number of letters from would-be readers in the Island.

Notes

- 1 Titles of articles: *Los Ovnis Veulven a ponerse de modo*; *La Realidad de los OVNIs*; *Cuando los OVNIs se manifiestan*; *Platillos Voladores sobre Puerto Rico*.
- 2 See: *Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects: Hearings Before the Committee on Science and Astronautics, U.S. House of Representatives, Nineteenth Congress, Second Session*, p.36. U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 1968.
- 3 See *FSR Case Histories*, Supplement 14.
- 4 Could this noise "like the sound of an air-conditioning plant" be the same noise which, undetected by the audience, became superimposed upon Sr. Salvador Freixedo's voice when he was lecturing? (See his *UFOs Over the Caribbean*.)
- 5 When analyzing the great number of reported landings in South America for the year 1965, I found that their average time upon the ground seemed to be about three or four minutes.

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A HIGH ALTITUDE OBJECT PHOTOGRAPHED OVER PUERTO RICO

Sebastian Robiou Lamarche

Translation from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton

FLORIN GHEORGHITĂ'S article about the high-altitude objects seen over Romania* has reminded me of the following interesting case which occurred here in Puerto Rico on April 30, 1969, when a strikingly similar object was photographed from a military aircraft.

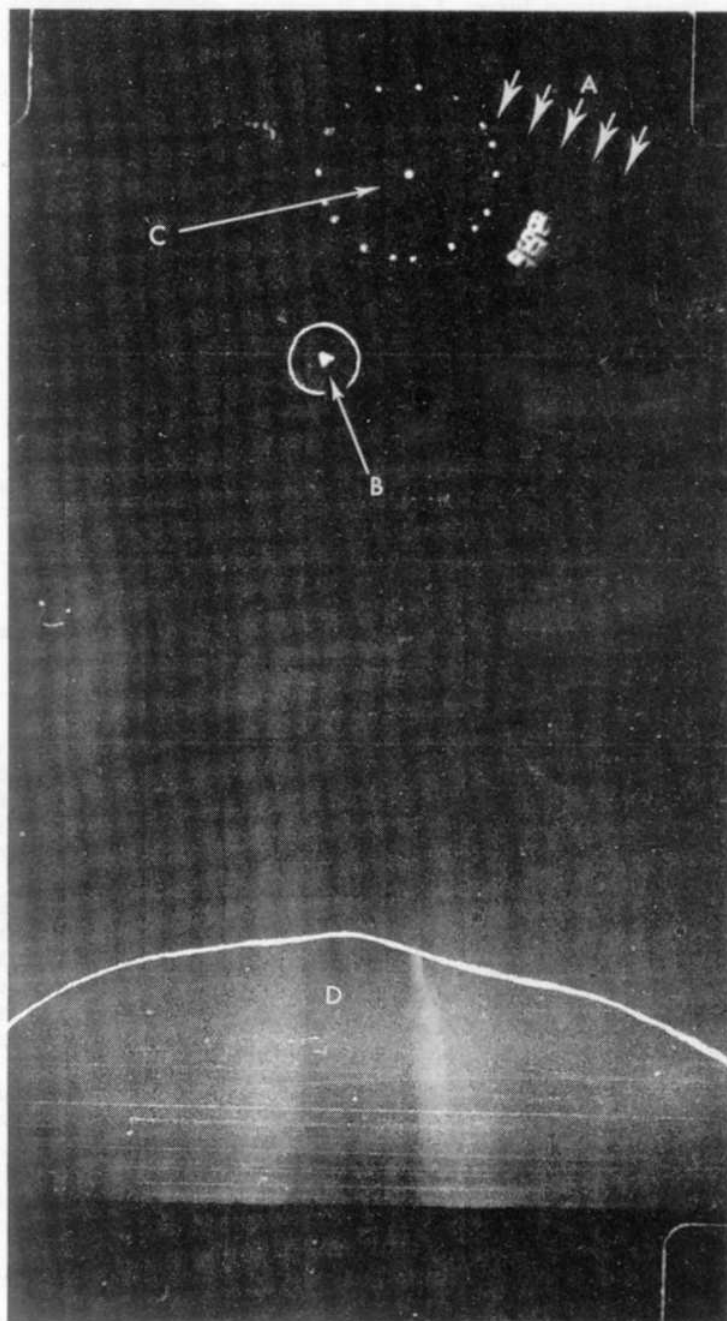
The UFO was discovered, high in the sky, at dawn, by hundreds of eyewitnesses on the southern coast of the Island of Puerto Rico. The first official report about it came from the encampment of the National Guard at Salinas. The object was travelling on a westward course, and was picked up intermittently on the radar, according to the account given by the control tower. (It was also reported that the same or a similar object had been detected during the previous night, over the little island of Vieques, off the eastern coast of Puerto Rico, and on April 30 hundreds of people at La Romana, in the neighbouring Dominican Republic, also saw "a luminous object travelling slowly eastwards emitting flashes.")

The Air National Guard of Puerto Rico sent up a T-33 fighter to investigate the morning intruder. Still travelling from east to west, its altitude was estimated at between 29,000 and 31,000 ft.

At about 10.00 a.m. the Air National Guard sent up a second aircraft. This was an F-104, which climbed to about 60,000 ft but found that the UFO was still above it. From the photographs secured from the F-104, the altitude of the UFO has been calculated at 70,000 or 80,000 ft. It was moving very slowly — at about eight miles per hour — and was about 200 ft. in length. It was seemingly solid, white in colour, with one area brighter than the rest (apparently reflecting the rays of the sun). In shape it appeared to be triangular, with a concave base. A B-52 bomber from Ramey Air Force Base also reported picking it up on his radarscope.

On the following day, May 1, the same object, or a similar one, was seen by various pilots of the Caribair Line. And on May 2 a pilot flying to Port-au-Prince in Haiti reported having sighted a similar object.

I have made a detailed investigation of this case. I was able to interview Charles Bumstead, the pilot of the T-33 aircraft which was sent up to take a look at the UFO. And I was subsequently also able to interview Colonel Fred Brown, the commanding officer of the F-104.



Key:

- A Sun Rays
- B Object
- C Jet Gun Sight
- D Sun Reflection on jet camera lens

* Published in *FSR Case Histories* No.13, February 1973.

Moreover we got a very full and detailed report on the case from Mr. Harry M. Hoose of the U.S. Weather Bureau. Mr. Hoose told us, *inter alia*, that the UFO apparently had a radio transmitter, inasmuch as "between 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. the radio signals from balloons that we had released suffered inexplicable interference."

Press reports on the sighting appeared in the Puertorican papers *El Dia* and *San Juan Star* of May 1, and also in *El Carbide*, a newspaper published in the Dominican Republic, for the same date.

Some time later, I read a report about a NASA project, in which they were said to be launching immense study-balloons from Ascension Island, off the West Coast of Africa. According to the report (which was by Marvin Miles and in the *Los Angeles Times*) these balloons, globe-shaped, reached altitudes of between 68,000 and 79,000 feet. Marvin Miles said there were still seven of these globes in orbit around the Earth, transmitting scientific data to the satellite *Nimbus 4*, which was in a polar orbit. Each of the huge globes was described as carrying 10 lbs. of scientific instruments. The report also mentioned that fifteen more globes of the same type had been launched.

I accordingly wrote to NASA requesting further details as to the precise positioning of these special balloons, but received no reply.

In view of the fact that the air currents passing over the West Indies and the southern part of Puerto Rico originate from the West Coast of Africa, I formed the conclusion that the object seen over Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic by hundreds of people on April 30 and May 1 might very well have been one of those balloons. The characteristics of the object over Puerto Rico certainly resemble very much the features of a balloon.

The photo shown above comes from the film taken from one of the aircraft sent up to intercept the object, and was given to me by a member of the crew. The circle outlined on the photo is the airplane's gunsight.

I hope that these details about the recent case over Puerto Rico will help FSR readers to secure a better grasp of the situation, and help in clarifying the all-important question of what is a sonde balloon or a high-altitude cosmic research balloon and what is a true "UFO" in our meaning of the term.

Readers' Reports

More than moonshine?

Dear Sir,—This report appeared in today's issue of *Le Parisien* (September 11):

"Maubeuge. Two 'flying saucers', or at least so identified by those who saw them, were observed in two communities around Maubeuge (Nord). The first appearance took place on September 3 at about 21.40 hours. A man in his seventies saw a luminous cylinder of red colour about 4 metres from the ground. The machine moved slowly and silently, now vertically and now horizontally. After watching the 'saucer' for some ten (*dizaine*) minutes, the old man went to get his neighbour who also observed the phenomenon. Later the two men saw the departure of the machine.

"The second UFO (*OVNI in French*) was seen on the next day at about 23.10 hours in another community near Maubeuge by four persons. It was of elliptical form and emitted strong whitish luminosity as well as converging beams of light. The sighting lasted for about ten (*une dizaine*) minutes. The vegetation at the places where the sightings occurred was slightly burnt. Parisian experts came to the sites and took away samples of soil for analysis."

I realise that the information is very poor. "*Une dizaine de minutes*" is a vague French expression. No names of the communities are given. And who were those Parisian experts? No source of this information is given either. However, I thought that this might be of interest to you.

Incidentally, the town of Maubeuge in the French Department of Nord has a peculiar reputation. The popular saying is that "this is not worth the moonlight at Maubeuge" — describing something utterly worthless. But then the town does exist, and if the sightings really occurred there, there is no way of avoiding it.

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A Revisitation

Dear Sir,—At the time of my first sighting, in 1956, I was living in Southampton. I remember it was a glorious summer day with a clear blue sky. Four workmates and I were enjoying the sun during our lunch hour, when suddenly someone spotted a distant light in the sky, about as bright as a large star at night. When viewed through binoculars (6 x 30) it was seen to be slowly revolving.

While I was using the binoculars, I saw three disc-shaped objects streak across the sky towards us. Then quite suddenly they seemed to disappear (perhaps because they then turned edge-ways-on to us). Unfortunately only one other man spotted these discs with the naked eye. The "star" or "mother-ship" (?) remained perfectly stationary in the sky for another four hours, over the south-west part of the town.

About two years later, at the same place, whilst at work, for no apparent reason I suddenly said to a workmate, "Let's go outside and see if we can see a UFO." Much to our surprise, on looking up we saw a large disc-shaped object silhouetted very clearly against high white cloud. It was actually coming in our direction and flew with a stop-and-go motion, sometimes hovering for a second. Finally, when directly overhead, it shot straight upwards and was lost to our sight, quickly disappearing into a patch of clear blue sky.

On both occasions there was little or no wind. The time of the first sighting was approximately 1.00 p.m. and the second 12.00 noon.

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PRELIMINARY CATALOGUE OF TYPE I CASES IN ARGENTINA—PART 5

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FOR the purpose of this catalogue, sub-classifications have been made in Dr. Jacques Vallee's sub-divisions of Type I UFO reports.

Parts 1 to 4 of this catalogue have covered 77 cases which fall into Sub-classes A-1 and A-2. Listed hereunder is part of Sub-class A-3 comprising 13 cases. The remaining six cases will appear in our next issue.

The initial figure given for each case refers to the serial order of the event within the class to which it belongs, and the figure in parenthesis indicates the chronological position of the case within the total context of all classes.

Sub-class A3: Visibly abnormal body or phenomenon, flying at not more than ten metres from the ground

1. (8). 1957, August 5; Tolar Grande (Salta). 10.00 hrs. For six hours various strange machines shaped like spinning-tops were performing evolutions in the sky over Las Salinas de Arizaro (salt marshes) near Taípe. They flew at varying speeds and heights, performing a series of acrobatic manoeuvres and leaving behind them trails of white smoke. They were seen by a team of employees of the Vialidad Nacional (Public Highways Administration) and by a Gendarmerie patrol. The latter succeeded in taking photographs of the strange objects. On several occasions the UFOs performed sweeps at ground-level as though interested in learning the geological configuration.

Quoted from *La Razón*, in CODOVNI Bulletin, 1957.

2. (9). 1958, April 12; Tabladitas, 14 km. from Abra Pampa (Jujuy). Night.

Sr. Armando Avila Garrón, a well-known university professor, was strolling with his wife when they heard a sound similar to that of a motorbicycle and, shortly afterwards, saw a strange aerial vehicle, intensely brightly illuminated, the precise shape of which they were unable to determine. It passed in front of them, at a distance of some 20 or 30 metres, and almost touching the ground. It was surrounded by a large white aureole. Then it veered towards the east and vanished at high speed.

Riatti, C., and Vogt, C.: *El Enigma de los Platos Voladores*, in Patoruzito, Buenos Aires, 1959.

3. (10). 1958, August 8; Unsué-Bolívar Highway (Buenos Aires). 01.27 hrs.

As a Senate official was driving in his car, the engine suddenly stopped, and also his dashboard clock. At the same moment he caught sight of an unwonted type of machine, at a distance of some 300 metres, with a cupola from which a vivid blue light was being emitted. It was also giving off a soft whistle, like the noise of a ventilator, and advancing quite slowly and at very little distance above the ground. When the UFO suddenly climbed rapidly and made off towards the south the engine of the car began to function normally again.

Vallee, Dr. J.: *Challenge to Science*, H. Regnery Co., Chicago, 1966, p.52. [Also Neville Spearman Ltd., London.]

4. (13). 1959, Summer (approx.); Pan de Azúcar (Córdoba). Night.

Senora Stutz and Senora Rossi and the husband of the latter (he being a pilot with a civilian air line) were on a camping trip and had set up their tent in a valley bordering on the Pan de Azúcar (Sugar-Loaf Mountain). At midnight it began to rain heavily, so the two ladies tried to recover some things they had left out in the open. Sr. Rossi was asleep. Both ladies observed a strange opaque mass coming straight towards them. When only some 15 m. or so from them, it changed course rapidly and vanished into the night. In size and appearance it resembled the fuselage of an ordinary passenger air-liner, but without wings. A number of small rectangles could be seen along its body. It bore no lights and emitted no perceptible sound. It was flying at a height of not more than eight to ten metres.

Communication to CADIU from Señora Stutz and Señora Rossi.

5. (16). 1960, July 3; Yacanto-Córdoba Highway (Córdoba). 16.30 hrs.

At a spot some 70 km. from the city of Córdoba, Captain Francisco Luis Niotti of the Argentine Air Force observed an object stationary in the air at a distance of about 100 metres from him, on the right-hand side of the road, and at a height of between 10 and 15 metres from the ground. He stopped the car and took photographs of the UFO. It was of a conical shape, opaque, and he estimated its size at 8 metres vertically by 4 metres diameter. It was travelling along slowly and in complete silence. Then it accelerated and vanished at considerable speed.

Revista Nacional de Aeronáutica (National Aeronautical Review), November 1960, p.30.

6. (22). 1962, May 12; near Bahía Blanca (?) (Buenos Aires). 04.30 hrs.

Four trustworthy persons who were travelling by car saw three luminous objects at a short distance from them. Over a section of the route the objects were travelling in the same direction as the car, irradiating a dazzling light that damaged the retina of one of the eyewitnesses. One of the three objects performed rising and falling manoeuvres and then flew at ground level and must have flattened trees.

La Nación, Buenos Aires, May 24, 1962.

7. (26). 1962, May 13; Monte de las Palomas, Río Primero (Córdoba). 04.30 hrs.

Sr. Eduardo Ovejero and three well-known professional men from Córdoba were out hunting when they saw a small ball of violet light come down and vanish among the trees. They thought it might possibly have been a meteorite, but a few moments later the whole area around them began to be flooded with a whitish mist which grew denser from minute to minute, rendering all vision impossible. The mist felt dry, and had an indeterminate smell. Despite its density however they were able to observe a light coming from the west, moving along at treetop height. They ruled out the possibility that it might be the headlight of a locomotive, as the railway line was quite far away from them. The light passed over silently at a distance of a few metres from them, and they were able to establish that it consisted in fact of two lights of discoidal appearance. The mist vanished as though it had been absorbed by the phenomenon.

Communication to CADIU from Sr. E. Ovejero.

8. (59). 1964, June 6; Río Choromoro (Tucumán). 21.30 hrs.

As they were driving home from Salta in a van, Sr. Vicente R. Pellicer, Dr. Juan Medrano, and the engineer José Luis Cervino twice observed the passage, at low altitude, of a rectangular-shaped, reddish-orange object with an appendage below resembling something pentagonal. The upper part of it had black stripes across it, from the extremities of which smoke or vapour seemed to be coming. Two large vanes were rotating around it in clockwise direction. It was some 6 metres wide and its vertical thickness was 5 metres, and it was moving along at a distance of a few metres from the road. At one point it crossed the road and, as it passed over a small, reddish, rectangular light stationary on the road (and which the eyewitnesses had imagined was a warning light placed there by some truck-driver), it seemed to absorb the latter, for it suddenly vanished.

La Gaceta, San Miguel de Tucumán, June 14, 1964, and Creighton: Argentina 1963/64—Part IV, in FSR, May/June 1966.

9. (85). 1965, December 13; near Estación Palavecino (Entre Ríos). Night.

Many people, including Police Commissioner Regino Jaime, saw a big, dazzling luminous, spherical object, the colour of which kept varying between blue and orange. Travelling at enormous speed, the UFO passed over so low that it almost touched the ground. The Commissioner's son was for a while blind and unable to speak as a result of the effect it had upon him.

La Razón and *La Crónica*, both of Buenos Aires, for December 14, 1965.

10. (87). 1966, January 9; Chascomús (Buenos Aires). Night.

Mario Alvarez and two sisters named Delia and Amanda Clemenzoni were driving home from Mar del Plata when their engine failed and the lights went out. At the same moment they saw what seemed to be an object with strange

characteristics flying slowly away. It was emitting a dazzling beam of bluish light and climbing. It finally vanished from sight, whereupon the engine of their car began to function normally again.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, January 10, 1966.

11. (89). 1966, May 3; Frontera, near Reconquista (Santa Fe). 22.00 hrs.

Various inhabitants of this region, including Abel Portugal, a police employee, observed an object travelling through the sky and emitting green, yellow and red flashes of light. At one moment it seemed to be landing, and they rushed to the presumed site, but were unable to find anything there.

La Crónica, Buenos Aires, May 5, 1966.

12. (100). 1967, November 12; Centeno (Santa Fe). 09.00 hrs.

A youth on his way to Centeno saw an egg-shaped object coming down fairly slowly into a field of maize with its major axis disposed vertically. Its edges were clearly outlined and it shone with a metallic reflection. It gave out two orange bursts of flame, without smoke and without any audible noise, and disappeared behind trees. No marks were found on the ground.

Communication from the Centre for Physical Studies (Centro de Estudios Físicos), Santa Fe. [See also Roberto A. Ferrari's *Possible Landings At Centeno, Argentina* in: *FSR Case Histories*, Supplement Six, August 1971.]

13. (106). 1968, January; Río Segundo (Córdoba). 01.30 hrs.

Señoritas Clara and Delicia González observed a light yellow luminous sphere moving along above one of the banks of the Río Segundo. Its apparent diameter was about 0.60 metre and it was silent. It came to a distance of some 8 metres from the witnesses and then halted below a clearing. They shut the door of the house until it moved off, still very low.

Communication to CADIU from Señoritas Clara and Delicia González.

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