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woman rubbed José Ignacio's body with the sort of sponge in order to bring him to a high state of excitation so that he would feel great attraction to her and experience no nervousness or other thoughts such as might disturb their relationship at that moment.

Final Conclusions

Given the absolutely sincere and serious character of the witness, regarding which I have no doubt whatsoever, and given the fact that we investigated the affair on the spot and that it agrees with the testimony of many witnesses in encounters of the first kind, and

given the psychological and hypnological tests carried out on the witness, and the similarity of the case to other cases, as for example that of Villas Boas, and given also the fact that the witness had never read any publication whatsoever on this subject and always laughed when anyone said anything about Flying Saucers — as some of his friends explicitly assured us — my analysis of this case induces me to conclude in favour of the truthfulness of José Ignacio Alvaro, and to state that in my opinion it is correct that he WAS A VISUAL, PHYSICAL, AND MORAL WITNESS TO A CASE THAT IS FAR MORE THAN A MERE CASE OF THE THIRD KIND.

Signed: Edgardo R. Fontanet
Director G.I.I.F.O.

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Old Chinese Country Records

A "Ball" in the Sky over He-Shun County

In his book *"Meng-Hsi-Bi-Tan"*,³ the celebrated Sung Dynasty scholar Chen-Kuo records that "a little over ten years ago" a Yang-Zhou man had frequently seen, over a period of time, a "shining globe". It was very large and was vividly bright, and its light would fade out and then come on again.

The famous Sung Dynasty poet Su-Dong-Po, in his poem *"Yu-Chin-Shan-Si"*,⁴ also described a strange "globe" seemingly just like that recorded by Chen-Kuo. A number of writers have already said that these "globes" or "spheres" seen by the two famous men in question were visitors from Outer Space.

Another Shan-Xi Province record (the *He-Shun Xian-Zhi*, He-Shun County Annals) also contains a similar account. It says that "In the period from 3.00 to 5.00 p.m. on the twentieth day of the ninth moon of the 24th year of Kuang-Xu (1899), at Tian-Gu-Ming, south-east of the county town, there was seen a trail of black vapour and, contained in it, two black spheres. Then the colour changed towards a bluish and then in an instant they vanished." Here again, we have reference to "spheres", or "balls" or "globes", and clearly it was not just another case of a shooting star.

That "sphere" at Yang-Zhou was seen during the year period A.D. 1056–1063, and this last-mentioned case was in 1899, 800 years later. Were both of the same origin?

Something truly "Alien"

In the seventh moon of the eighth year of the Tang Dynasty Emperor Tai-Zong Zhen-Guan, at Ching-Long near Fen-Chou, a fiery bright belching dragon was seen in the sky. It descended to the ground, and made an excavation, and entered the ground, and left something metallic a foot wide and seven inches long."

Here again, we see the Chinese terms "prodigy" and "thing" and it emits a very powerful light. And there is also reference to "metal". The use of the term *lung* — a dragon — in describing it, refers to gas emitted from it. The amount of the gas emanating from it being great, seen from the ground it could only have looked like something "belching". The emission of gas recalls the case in He-Shun County. The use of the Chinese term *"duo-di"* to describe how it came down to the ground indicates clearly that it dropped *straight down* onto the surface of the earth. The reference to "metal" being left on the ground may indicate wreckage, or to something left there by it. The eighth year of the Tang Emperor Tai-Zong Zhen-Guan was A.D. 634, or more than 1,300 years ago. This was the earliest reference that I found to "foreign bodies" seen in Shan-Xi Province.

"In the 28th year of the Ming Dynasty Emperor Wan-Li (1600 A.D.), on the early morning of the twelfth day of the first moon of the lunar year, at Zhong-Bai -Cun in Pu-Xian County, the sound of a great wind was suddenly heard and in the clouds there was seen a strange object shaped like a tub, some ten feet or so long, of a yellow colour, with a curled tail. It fell beneath a willow tree on the hills, and instantly vanished without trace." "At Yu-Zi there was a bright fiery thing shaped like a bushel; it fell to the south-west, making a noise like a drum." These are two separate entries, but may very likely refer to one and the same event. The sighting in Pu-Xian County is described in considerable detail. The "strange object" made a noise and was yellow, and it "fell" beneath a willow tree on the hills, as though resting. It is described as "shaped like a tub" (or "bucket". G.C.) So much for its physical appearance.

As it hung up there in the sky, and as seen from the ground by anyone looking up, it could look like a round dish. What is most remarkable is that those two "strange objects" were seen at the same time. The fiery bright thing "like a bushel" at Yu-Zi, "fell in the

south-west", and in fact Pu-Xian County does indeed lie precisely to the south-west of Yu-Zi. Could it be that the "thing" was first seen at Yu-Zi and then fell in Pu-Xian County, and, when the Pu-Xian people saw it, it had ended up beneath a willow tree, its speed by then having been reduced so that consequently it no longer looked so bright?

Some Accounts of "Fiery Balls"

The old books contain numerous references to "fiery balls", most of them doubtless being ordinary shooting stars. But a few of them do not seem to be shooting stars, and I give some examples:—

"In the third moon of the 18th year of the Ming Dynasty Emperor Chong-Zhen (A.D. 1634) a shooting star appeared at Can-Su. It gave out an intermittent sound and was of a red fiery colour like thread. It dropped straight down to the ground and, after a good while, its light was extinguished. It was seen by people at Fen-Zhou and at Ping-Yang ... During the night of the 24th day of the twelfth moon, in the sky at Jie-Ti, a bright fiery object shaped like a bushel was seen. It rose up from the west and came down in the south-west, and as it passed it made a noise."

"In the sixth moon of the eighth year of the Emperor Kang-Xi (A.D. 1669) a shooting star was seen during the night at Jiang-Zhou and made the night sky as bright as daylight. It came from the south-west and passed between Ming-Lun-Tang and Liang-

Dong, and vanished from sight at Geng-Xu. At Dong-Guan near Huo-Zhou a white vapour like white silk rose up suddenly into the air and passed through dense clouds."

With the exception of the item from the *He-Shun County Annals*, all the foregoing cases come from the SHAN-XI TONG-ZHI (SHAN-XI BULLETIN), and many of them had come originally from old books. No doubt some of these accounts contain hearsay and rumour, akin to "religious superstition", but they cannot simply have been concocted without foundation. I think we ought to collect all these old accounts together and put them in order and give a scientific description of them.

(Romanization in Pin-Yin system. G.C.)

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THE "PIEZO-PERINATAL" SCENE: A LETTER FROM BUDD HOPKINS TO "FATE" MAGAZINE

So long ago as 1976 (FSR Vol. 22, No. 3) we printed the article *Hypnotic Regression of Alleged CE-III Cases: Ambiguities on the Road to UFOs*, by Dr. Alvin H. Lawson, Professor of English at California State University, Long Beach. And we have referred to this egregious piece of theorizing on a number of occasions since then, notably in our Editorial in Vol. 29, No. 1; in Antonio Ribera's article on abductees in Vol. 29, No. 6; and in our introduction to his *Soria Abduction: Part I*, in Vol. 30, No. 3.

There was also the important article by Larry Fenwick and his colleagues of CUFORN (*Canadian Rock-Band Abducted?*), in FSR Vol. 29, No. 3 and, most important of all, without any doubt whatever, Dr. J. Allen Hynek's article, *Abductees Are "Normal" People*, in FSR Vol. 30, No. 3.

Mr. Budd Hopkins, author of the remarkable book *Missing Time: A Documented Study of UFO Abductions*, has now given us a copy of the following letter which he recently addressed to the Editor of *FATE* Magazine. We agree with Mr. Hopkins that it may well be of interest to many of our readers, for, as Dr. Hynek has observed (*and his question still remains unanswered*), if all the abduction reports are the results of perinatal traumata, then why on earth do the patients always blather about having been inside dome-shaped contraptions and seen sundry queer characters (either giants or mere runts) who mess about with them generally and engage in physical and medical examinations of them? *Why — for example — don't they start reporting, for a change, having seen pink elephants or double-decker London buses?*

(Incidentally a newly-born babe would scarcely be likely to remember a huge normal-sized obstetrician or nurse as a runt smaller than himself!)

Mr. Hopkins' book, which was published in 1981 by Richard Marek Inc., 200 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016) is available in Britain from Ms. Stebbing, and we can thoroughly recommend it. It has already been excellently reviewed for us by Janet and Colin Bord in their *FSR Bookshelf-13* (see our Vol. 27, No. 5). — Editor

To the Editor:

"FATE" MAGAZINE

246 W. 16th St.
N.Y., N.Y. 10011
March 15, 1985

Dear Sir,

It is a dreary task, I'm afraid, to have to deal yet again with Prof. Alvin Lawson's absurd "explanation" of UFO abduction reports. Arguing with all the ingrained habits of the English teacher that he is, Lawson constantly confuses superficial resemblance with causal connection. Thus, since some abductees describe their captors as looking, in Lawson's interpretation, "fetus-like", there must be a causal connection; the abductee must be remembering his own birth, disguised as a UFO abduction! Let's forget, for the time being, the mystery of how a new-born infant knows what he looked like as a partly formed fetus (the old mirror-and-light-in-the-womb-trick). Let's also not ask why, since the abductee was presumably delivered as a full-term baby and not a half-formed fetus, he should have any "fetus imagery" in his "birth trauma recollections" in the first place. Let's only ask what kind of warped logic lies behind a "birth recollection — UFO abduction account" in which the baby — recollected as a fully-grown adult — appears on the examination table surrounded by fetuses! What became of the doctors and nurses?

Lawson has asked UFO investigators to compare abductees' actual birth experiences with "relevant" details from their UFO accounts. He has said that if there is no connection his theory should be discarded. Well, I followed his suggestion and did my own survey in a number of cases. The woman who described being held by clamp-like devices at one point in her abduction account ("an obvious forceps delivery") was the third of four children and was delivered so fast that her mother barely made it into the hospital. No forceps. One abductee who was, in fact, a "forceps delivery" was *walked* into the UFO as casually as one could wish. No clamps. Lawson asks for "even one" Caesarian baby whose abduction account has head pain ("vaginal contraction pressure"). How about a number of normally delivered people whose abduction accounts present *no* head pain? I have several. No remembered "vaginal contraction pressure". And so on. The so-called correlations just don't exist.

Perhaps the most ludicrous assertion of Lawson's theory is his statement that abduction accounts, to be true, must have no "birth imagery". And what is birth imagery, according to Lawson? I quote: "chest straps,

doors, beams of light, humming sounds, probing physical examinations, brightly-lit rooms, spiral stairways, backpacks, bubble headgear, windows", and so on. He challenges investigators to come up with an abduction account that contains — by *his* standard — no birth imagery, an obviously impossible task. I once asked him to make up for me an abduction account that had no birth imagery. He refused, which I and others present (at the 1981 CUFOS conference in Chicago) took to be an admission that his theory could not be falsified; it was, therefore not a testable hypothesis. If a theory can be made to explain everything, every possibility, it obviously explains nothing.

Lawson tries desperately to account for the presence of amnesia so frequently encountered in "missing time" abduction accounts, and brings in some vague reference to a hormone that causes birth contractions in women. This hormone, he says, "causes amnesia in laboratory animals." I had an amnesiac German Shepherd dog once, who told me he could not remember much of his puppyhood, but I never believed him. Never trust a laboratory animal who tells you he's suffering from amnesia, whatever he says. Some animals will lie through their teeth!

I don't mean to overdo my reaction to Lawson's "theory", because I know all too well how frustratingly endless the job of investigating the UFO phenomenon can be, and how emotionally draining. Abduction accounts, taken head on, are immensely unsettling, so it is psychologically understandable to try to explain them away any way one can. *I truly sympathize with Prof. Lawson's need to construct a big, thick carpet to sweep them under.*

The field of UFO investigation is rife with theoreticians out to prove *something* — that the earth is hollow; that cracking rocks can induce elaborate, nearly identical narrative images; that UFOs are built by Nazis living in Antarctica; that nearly every dream or UFO account is an adult recalling the look of things at his birth; or that the CIA is at the back of *everything* ... We've had plasmas, swarming ants, even swamp gas, but if half the energy people have spent on developing tenuous to downright crack-brained theories had been spent on investigating the incidents that are reported to us, and on listening carefully to what the witnesses are saying, we might be closer now to the truth than we seem to be. With all sincerity I invite Alvin Lawson to put theory aside and get back to data, to investigating the temporary disappearances, the physical marks and wounds, the ground traces and independent witness descriptions that accompany

UFO abduction accounts — *and when the abductee describes a doorway, may he think of it as a doorway and not someone's cervix. We need him back.*

Yours truly,
Budd Hopkins

And Now for the Views of Another Psychologist

By pure chance, the same post which brought us Budd Hopkins' letter, also brought an interesting little snippet forwarded by Lucius Farish of Plumerville, Arkansas (an old and valued correspondent of many years standing, from whom we do not seem to have heard lately, so his note is most warmly welcomed!).

The item in question comes from the American publication *Family Weekly* (March 31, 1985) and is as follows:—

What Do You Know? And When Did You First Know It?

The medical profession keeps pushing back the starting point of human consciousness. San Diego

clinical psychologist David Chamberlain has pushed it all the way back to the delivery room. He claims that children have vivid memories of their own births. He says: "Babies are real people, trapped, as it were, in baby bodies. They are fully equipped with sensory and learning abilities."

Chamberlain has asked children under hypnosis to describe their surroundings at the time of their birth. He found that their recollections included such details as Mother's hairstyle, obstetric instruments used, and conversations in the delivery room. In later interviews with their mothers, Chamberlain found that the children's memories were remarkably accurate. And extremely sophisticated. He concludes that "at birth, babies note who is nervous, careless, tired, crying. They sense when fathers are uninterested, afraid, or ecstatic."

Maybe we should find a better welcome to the world for the little nippers than a slap on the behind.

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As Lucius Farish comments: "It would appear that *actual* birth memories are far different from Lawson's ideas!". — G.C.

ANOTHER "A.V.B." CASE FROM BRAZIL

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We are indebted to Antonio Ribera for this interesting case, which occurred in the far south of Brazil but was investigated by an Argentine group in Santa Fe, to whom, therefore, we also extend our thanks. Toni Ribera points out that the episode, which sounds entirely genuine, fits perfectly into the pattern of the "contactee" as outlined by him in his recent article in FSR 29/6. EDITOR

(Translation from Spanish)

Name of witness: José Ignacio Alvaro
Occupation: student
Age: 20 years
Place of residence: Pelotas, State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.
Type of contact: Third Kind
Date: March 2, 1978

The Witness's Account

"**T** all started at 8.00 p.m. on March 2, 1978, when an electricity failure plunged the town of Pelotas into darkness, and at once a spherical object appeared over the town. I was with Izenozia Silva da Silva and Orlando Costa Silva. I started walking towards the suburb where my parents live, and when I was near

their front entrance I found myself confronted with an extremely strange flying object standing there in front of me. From it came a beam of bluish light, directed at me; my mind became confused and I quickly began to see scenes from my life in my family, and scenes of violence, and a few minutes later I lost consciousness.

"Then, about an hour later, I woke up and found myself at a place about a kilometre distant from my father's house. Half-dazed, I kept hearing just one phrase: 'THE TASK IS ACCOMPLISHED'.

"To convince myself that I was not asleep, being still dazed, I pinched myself several times on my skin and on my face, and quickly made for my parents' place to tell them at once of what had happened to me, for they were already uneasy having heard what my comrades had reported. I tried to sleep, but could

not, and I could still hear this voice which kept on saying the same thing: 'THE TASK IS ACCOMPLISHED'."

The Witness's Account under Hypnosis

During a session of hypnosis carried out by the psychologist Palmor Carapecos, José Ignacio revealed the following story:-

"A form emerged from the object and took me by the hand and led me inside it. To enter the craft, I went up a sort of ladder. Inside was a coloured table with lots of lights. They told me I had a task to accomplish. I didn't understand, and they kept on saying it, and I still didn't understand, and then suddenly a completely nude woman appeared in front of me. She had a sort of sponge in her hand, and she rubbed my body down with it. I felt the contact of her hands on my skin. She was a tall woman with protuberant eyes and big curvaceous breasts.

She gently told me not to be nervous and to relax. Her "silvery" hair was of the same thickness as the hair of a normal woman. Then suddenly she started fondling me and I began to get excited, and it all happened just as in a sexual relationship between a man and a woman on our own planet, the only difference being that she uttered a sort of groan..."

The Witness's Own Feelings About the Case

"My main problem", he said, "is that many of my friends became a bit distant towards me. That was to begin with, and when I really did feel myself that I was crazy. But then when I was told that other people had had the same or very similar experiences, I felt calmer.

"I'd be very happy to have the experience again and would be ready to do it, without any problem. And not only that, but I'd be even far more pleased to know the child born from this relationship — it would be marvellous to be able to know a Spacechild."

Fresh Investigations

After investigating the witness, I went and examined the place where he assured me the extraterrestrials had left him, and there I found some truly strange marks. They weren't of any known shape, they were very different from the sort of marks normally left by this type of craft.

Investigating the people who live about there, I found that the majority of them said a round, glowing flying object surrounded by a halo had been low down over that field and had remained floating there for five minutes and had then departed, vanishing slowly over the horizon.

Pelotas

Pelotas, a town in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, has at present over 300,000 inhabitants, and contains many of the more important University faculties of the State such as, for example, the Catholic Faculty of Medicine.

Pelotas is a very important place for UFO sightings. It lies between many mountains, which we know very well are the most frequent scenes of UFO sightings.

Preliminary Conclusions

On the basis of our study of this case, we can extract four important points from it which I will try to explain, although without theorizing:-

1. An electricity cut darkened the city, and at once the UFO appeared.

2. José Ignacio says: "It sent out a bluish beam of light towards me. I quickly began to see scenes from my life in my family and scenes of violence, and a few moments later I lost consciousness."

3. The internal voice telling him that "THE TASK IS ACCOMPLISHED".

4. The woman had in her hand a sort of sponge with which she rubbed José Ignacio's body.

As regards point no. 1, we can say that, in the majority of cases, before they appear, the UFOs cause a blackout or cut in the electricity. This may be because the blackout is caused by the UFO's taking the electricity for its own propulsion.

The appearance of the UFO over the town may have been in order to let the witness know that they were here, and that the experience he was going to have would be real and not due to madness. And I would emphasise that the UFO was seen flying over the town by a great many people.

As regards the second point, namely the beam of bluish light. I would say that the purpose of this was to examine the individual who was to undergo the experience. And we may note that in the first few moments the witness recalled certain passages from his own life. This could be related to the information that the extraterrestrial beings were engaged in taking from him at a psychological level. Then finally, the witness's loss of consciousness happened when their examination of him was completed and they had made their decision to take him aboard for the experiment.

As regards point 3, we may say that this inner voice which José Ignacio heard, telling him insistently "THE TASK IS ACCOMPLISHED", was the last thing that he heard from the extraterrestrials and it remained printed on his consciousness (as they wished it to do), so as to reassure him and calm him.

Finally, as regards point 4, we can say that the

MAIL BAG

Correspondents are asked to keep their letters short and give full name and address (not necessarily for publication). It is not always possible for the Editor to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Missing Time

Dear Gordon, — As a query to FSR readers, I am interested in hearing from any UFO investigators or members of the general public who have knowledge of the following:—

An experience of "losing" several days — of living through a specific period of time that yields no recollections whatsoever, despite the fact that others — family, friends, employers, etc. — know that this "lost" time period was passed, generally, in a normal manner.

I have encountered lately what I take to be UFO experiences of an hour of two — most likely abductions — in which the amnesia spreads, as it were, to include hunks of normal time on either side of the UFO experience. In other words, the abductee works or goes to school or whatever, but a two-hour abduction experience one evening wipes out three or four whole days of memory.

Amnesia in abduction cases seems to be a very inexact business, as if "they" are anaesthetists who have yet to figure out the proper dosages for us. Sincerely,

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March 19, 1985

"Clear Intent"

Dear Mr. Creighton, — On behalf of Larry Fawcett and myself I want to express to you and the staff of *Flying Saucer Review* our most profound thanks for your enormous support of "CLEAR INTENT" in the last several issues of FSR.

We are going into a sixth printing in the U.S. and the book will soon appear in Japan and Australia. We are also urging our publisher to arrange for a British edition as soon as possible.

Response to the book has been excellent, but, alas, Government-stonewalling is still going on. Publicly, we are still getting the same old story about UFOs being no threat to national security, and *Project Blue Book* conclusions are still being mailed to enquiring citizens!

Yet, behind the scenes, when we confront them with compelling evidence, Government agencies have been forced to release more documentation on the UFO phenomenon. *They are quite sensitive to charges of "cover-up", and would rather risk releasing some lesser classified material than have "cover-up" brickbats thrown at them!*

Of course, the highly-classified data will remain just that until we can overwhelmingly prove that this documentation exists. We know it does but, in essence, we would have to provide an itemized list of it as evidence in support of our claims, with file numbers, dates, etc.

We at CAUS (CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY) anticipate the release of several thousand more documents this year, with some new data already coming from the FBI, the U.S. COAST GUARD, the STATE DEPARTMENT, and the NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY. We do have evidence of important early UFO studies by the AIR FORCE that have never seen the light of day.

The results of CAUS's new enquiries will appear in our newly-revived JUST CAUSE NEWSLETTER,* of which I enclose herewith Issues Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (September 1984, December 1984, and March 1985) for your files.

Again, our thanks for your enthusiastic support, and I promise more revelations on Government UFO involvement will be forthcoming.

On behalf of Larry Fawcett and myself,

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in which you can block the public from making requests for release of documents under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act is by charging swingeing fees for such a service. The STATE DEPARTMENT, the CIA and NORAD (NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENCE COMMAND) are reportedly already leading the way in this respect, and one can visualize that there might be no limit to what they and other Departments might decide to charge.

EDITOR

Getting to the heart of the Matter?

Dear Sir, — Since your letter of 16 November 1984 to me, I have read the subsequent issues of FSR with renewed interest.

May I congratulate you, and all those concerned in the production of the magazine. The articles now appearing seem indeed to be getting to the heart — if that is possible — of the UFO phenomenon.

The contributions of such people as Antonio Ribera, Dr. Hynek, and you, yourself, are informative, to the point, and, I might say, courageous!

Keep up the good work.

Yours sincerely,
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Worthing, Sussex.
April 2, 1985

Thank you. We have extremely good reason for never forgetting the danger!

ED.

Personality changes after UFO experiences?

Dear Sir, — I was interested in one aspect of your report entitled "Abduction at Mirassol" (FSR, 30/1), namely the behaviour of the dog *Hongue*.

Apparently, due to the encounter, the dog's behaviour changed. Now the same sort of situation resulted after a figure approached the house at Ripperstone Farm, in the Stack Rocks case in South Wales in 1977. (See FSR Vol. 23, No. 6.)

Whatever the reason may have been, the Coombs family, as will be recalled, had to have *Blackie*, their Labrador, put to sleep as he had become so unreliable. His original confidence had vanished.