

the site ranged from 1 to 23, averaging out to 6.473. Thus, the affected soil was more than *six times* as high in radiation as the soil outside the site, even after a heavy rainstorm.

In the light of the doctor's lack of involvement with this and other facets of the investigation, it is not surprising to CUFORN that he made the following statement: "I do not believe that any conclusive judgement can be made at

this time regarding the validity of her account."

In contrast and in conclusion, CUFORN judges that this was a genuine double abduction incident.

References

1. See *Proceedings of the 1976 CUFOS Conference*, pp. 198-200.
2. See *1977 MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings*, pp. 107-131.
3. See *The APRO Bulletin*, March 1979, pp. 4-5.

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

A suggestion

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I am sure all your readers will want to say "Bravo" and "Thank you" on the completion of 25 years of the *Review!* It has been an heroic achievement which has made a unique contribution, if I may say so, to our planetary life in this century, and this I think is being realised by an increasing number of people throughout the world. It is 30 years since the saucer phenomenon first swam into my ken, and during that time the 'FSR' has been my unflinching companion, all 147 issues!

Reading your splendid Editorial on Aimé Michel, and listing his remarkable contributions over the years, would you ever think of publishing these in a special issue similar to your 1966 issue *The Humanoids?* I believe there would be a widespread welcome for this, and it would be a further aid in our ceaseless investigatory quest!

Ever yours sincerely,
[Rev.] Robert A. Nelson
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Dundrum,
Dublin 14,
Republic of Ireland.
May 24 1980

[The Rev'd Nelson's idea is a reasonable one which had some consideration even before M. Michel "retired." The idea was shelved because it was felt we should endeavour to get our publishing schedule up to date before we attempted any more special issues. That restriction still remains, but if, some time in the future, it is felt there would be sufficient demand for such an issue the project would be given consideration — EDITOR]

P. Moore and "The Sky at Night"

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Appalled by the erroneous statements made by Mr. Moore in this programme in December 1979 — such as "... funny how there are no 'foo fighters' (UFOs following planes) seen today," or "radar sightings are flights of duck, clouds of aphids and

(an old friend) temperature inversions" and so on — may I mention that I am having a continuing correspondence with Mr. Moore via the programme's producer Ms Patricia Wood.

Your correspondent Denise Langman, and thousands of viewers who watched this programme, will be amazed to learn of the format on which it was based.

Moore was supposed to show that he believes in UFOs but thinks that they are not extraterrestrial. Michael Bentine was to show that ET vehicles may exist.

How well this programme succeeded in conveying the ideas of the producer is apparent from the reaction of Denise Langman's workpersons.

From my correspondence, it appears Mr. Moore was not particularly well informed on the cases that I quoted to refute his mis-statements — most of all those concerning the Tungus 'Meteor' where he has, apparently, done little research.

Yours sincerely,
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May 21, 1980.

More on P. Moore

Dear Sir, — Your reader Denise Langman really should have watched the "Sky at Night" programme instead of relying on the opinion of her associates at work. It certainly was not a scientific study of the UFO phenomenon, but neither was it a debunking exercise either.

Michael Bentine is a believer and Patrick Moore a doubter (but not necessarily a disbeliever). In fact Mr. Moore admitted that one case had impressed him. . . "The witness definitely saw something very strange."

I found the whole thing entertaining and interesting. The little "Martian" who appeared outside Moore's house at the end of the programme was amusing and could not cause offence except to those who expected too much from this

type of presentation. (Patrick disappeared down a black hole in the last "Sky at Night" so he is liable to have a bit of fun at his own expense too!)

Moore's statement that in 1957 he sent a hoax UFO sighting to his local paper to test public reaction was a real eye opener. Twenty-two people confirmed the sighting! This may well indicate that a lot of people do see things that just aren't there.

Yours faithfully,
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May 22, 1980.

The importance of the contactee

Dear Sir, — I make no apology for stating the obvious, but having read the quite fascinating points of view expressed in the latest issue (Vol. 25, No. 6) of FSR's "letters to the editor," I do feel that we are in some danger of forgetting that, as yet, and until science proves otherwise, the focal point of the whole UFO conundrum is still the Creditability Factor — that is, the evidence given to incredible tales told by seemingly credible witnesses.

Indeed, I am motivated to write this letter by the fact that I recently received a quite impromptu visit from a psychiatrist who was holidaying in Pembrokeshire, and who wished to discuss UFOs with me. We had a most interesting talk, but, as with so many I have experienced in the past, it was prefaced by the statement that though his knowledge of ufology was not overmuch, he approached the subject "with an open mind."

I simply had to smile because, and in spite of his profession, that was precisely what he did *not* do. And why? Just because, and without exception, we are all victims of preconceived convictions, preconceived prejudices, preconceived biases, ideas, philosophies, tenets and preferences, all of which lie deep in our subconscious, and surface only when the

occasion demands. Unfortunately for our scientific scruples, we tend to judge and doubt the evidence quite illogically and quite unfairly if it cuts across our own deeply held convictions. In effect, it really does take an utterly dispassionate, clinical, scientific, and *honest* mind to probe into the ufological wonder and yet have that moral stature and stability to truly sift the evidence.

So I would take with more than a pinch of salt, Mr. Julian H. Kaneko's contention (FSR Vol. 25 No. 6) that it is "up to the new generation of philosophers. . . to tackle the UFO mystery." Surely it must be appreciated by now that the search for the ufological identity is so immense in its overall implications that it incorporates each and every branch of learning known to mankind. As I have stated many times previously, from the objective demands of the professional Astronomer to the subjective disciplines of the devout Zen Buddhist, the A to Z alphabet of the UFO prodigy means that *nothing* can be eliminated in our quest for knowledge.

And this includes all the religious dogmas, taboos, and faith to which the writer so disparagingly refers. Certainly a number of the American astronauts on their return to Earth came back humbler, more thoughtful, and more religious individuals after viewing the immensity of space, and accompanying UFOs.

Indeed, I am becoming more and more convinced that whilst the search for scientific and objective truth becomes equally a more and more academic exercise, it is to the contactee, 'silent' or otherwise, we should turn to in our search for an explanation.

Yours sincerely,

R. Jones Pugh, M.R.C.V.S.

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May 27, 1980.

Mirage mis-identified

Dear Sir, — I would draw your attention to FSR Vol. 25, No. 5, the article on "Jetliner 'Intercepted' by UFO near Valencia." On page 14 you publish a photograph purporting to be of a Spanish Air Force Mirage F1, supposedly involved in this incident.

I must point out that your photograph is, in fact, of a **French** Air Force Mirage V (or possibly Mirage III — rather hard to tell from this particular photo).

The Mirage F1 is a high-wing, swept-wing aircraft of normal design (i.e. with the conventional tailplane), whereas the Mirage Mk's I to V are all low-wing aircraft of *delta* plan-form (with no tailplane). There are also other marked differences noticeable between the air-

craft in your photo and a Mirage F1. (The Spanish Air Force uses the Mirage F1, Mirage IIIE, and Mirage IIID.)

I feel that it was pointless publishing this photograph, alleging it to be a particular aircraft involved in a UFO incident, when in fact it is nothing of the sort. An error glaringly obvious to even a casual aircraft spotter! Not at all in keeping with your excellent high-quality editing and reporting.

Thank you for FSR. Quite outstanding!
Yours faithfully,

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May 20, 1980.

[And thank you for the timely correction. Unfortunately I am not a 'plane spotter and have to rely on the good faith of those who send such material and, in this case, on the translation too. As I have 100% confidence in translator, and have no reason to doubt the integrity of the author, I suspect that the source material consulted by Sr. Benítez was to blame — EDITOR]

Projection of holograms

Dear Sir, — I have noted with interest the tendency in recent editions of your commendable publication for your contributors to reappraise the extra-terrestrial hypothesis. J. G. Adams' article on holographic images especially intrigued me, for this explained away some of the supernatural effects which gave credence to the extra-dimensional theory.

Not only this, but I feel there is another point entangled in the whole holographic concept that Mr. Adams failed to bring out. Basically, he concentrated his speculations on the hominoid apparitions witnesses have reported, but further, I should like to propose that there would be little better device for use with holographic projections than the UFO itself! Surely this may explain the inertia-defying antics these craft appear to get up to? And, more importantly, might it not provide an answer to those sceptics who claim there are too many annual reports of UFOs for us to consider seriously their off-planetary origin?

Bearing in mind that our inroads into holography are in their infancy, is it beyond the bounds of possibility that the UFO-nauts could be capable of projecting images of their craft from distances we may now consider quite impracticable?

Given that distance is no object to holographic projections of the future — our future — might both craft and

entities be images directly from another planet?

Who is to say that, despite hopes to the contrary, we may discover interstellar travel to be impossible (too hazardous, psychologically incompatible, etc.). Would our logical alternative not be the sending of our images through space in place of our actual physical bodies? And, if naivete is inherent in sentient life forms, then would this not be the choice of whatever aliens are "visiting" us?

We may be no nearer to an explanation behind the aliens' reasoning (if indeed there be one), but it is reassuring to know we can come up with tenable solutions for their magic.

Yours sincerely,

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May 28, 1980.

Livingston encounter: are estimated figures correct?

Dear Editor, — FSR Vol. 25, No. 6 contains an article by Messrs. M. Keatman and A. Collins headed "Physical Assault. . ." (etc.) in which a Mr. Robert Taylor describes a "top" or "dome" shaped object. The article goes on to give measurements and says (quote) "Judging from measurements taken at site it would appear that the object had a diameter of approx. seven metres."

Sir, are you not getting your metres mixed up with your "feet"? Seven metres is surely 22ft. 9ins. and yet the artist's impression gives the appearance of the object as being not more than seven or eight feet in diameter. This would also be more in proportion with the smaller spheres mentioned in the article which were estimated by Mr. Robert Taylor of 2½ feet.

I find the description of rods, on which "blades" or "propellers" were evenly spaced, most intriguing. I have seen in a shop window, in Horsham, articles for sale which in the shape of a clear glass hollow ball approx. three inches in diameter, and inside this ball are two black metal propellers. They continually spin. Their motive power is solar energy.

I wonder if there could be a connection?

Yours sincerely,

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May 21, 1980.

[The artist did not have access to the measurements: his drawing for the cover was based on a sketch by Mr. A. Collins. Perhaps the authors will check their estimated figures — EDITOR]

World round-up

*of news and comment
about recent sightings*

USSR

CE3 (perhaps CE4) reported

We learn with great interest from the June 25, 1980, issue of *Weekend*, which reprinted, in shortened form, details of three UFO and entity cases, sent in by their Moscow correspondent Alan Henderson. One of these was an account from a copy of the newspaper *Pravda* (no date of incident, or of the issue of *Pravda*, was given):—

“...the Russian newspaper *Pravda* has started publishing accounts of other strange sightings from different parts of the country.

“One that created...a stir...came from a vet, Dr. V. G. Paltsev. He said he found a grounded alien craft while on his rounds in the country, 500 miles south-east of Moscow.

“Beside it were three small ‘humanoids’ with egg-shaped heads and long fingers. As he approached, he too was knocked out by some strange force. When he recovered, his watch had stopped and he saw the saucer-shaped craft glow before rising and vanishing.

“After that, the vet dreamed repeatedly that he had been carried into the saucer while unconscious. And a doctor who questioned Paltsev under hypnosis said it seemed that he probably had been taken for a saucer ride.”

United States of America

Lawman k.o'd by UFO?

The following report is an AP item about an incident which took place on the night of August 27, 1979, near Warren, Minnesota, which is taken from the *San Francisco Chronicle* of August 31, 1979,—

“A brilliantly lighted object that swept down on a deputy sheriff's patrol car and left it damaged and the officer unconscious remained a mystery yesterday.

“Aside from being shocked and having a mild case of ‘welder's blindness,’ Deputy Val Johnson was in good condition yesterday, three days after the incident. It happened early Monday on the flats of the agricultural Red River Valley in northwestern Minnesota.

“The chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, Allan Hendry, investigated the case. At his Evanston, Ill., headquarters yesterday, he said ‘it is a most incredible case, and there are some most unusual clues,’ including the two bent antennas, shattered windshield, broken headlamp and a small dent in the hood.

“A truly anomalous case,’ said Hendry. ‘We receive about 1000 tips of UFOs a year. We investigate by phone the most interesting ones. But in the event of an unusual case like this, where damage is involved, it's worth going out to see.’

“Hendry said he was intrigued by the fact there was no damage to the rim of the headlamp. Also, the radio antennas were bent over, but there was no evidence of paint marks, and the bugs on them hadn't been scraped off.

“The fact Johnson's wrist watch and the electric clock in the car each stopped for 14 minutes heightened the mystery.

“The Federal Aviation Agency and Grand Forks Air Base had no reports of aircraft in the area at the time of the incident. ‘But it doesn't prove a plane wasn't there,’ said Hendry.

“Johnson, 35, who apparently was unconscious for about 30 minutes after the incident, has worked at the Marshall County sheriff's office 2½ years. Sheriff Dennis Brekke said in a telephone interview that Johnson is a good worker, stable, with a wife and three children, and ‘people like him real well.’

“Johnson intended to rest at his home in Oslo, Minn., yesterday but went to meet with reporters at the sheriff's office in Warren.

“I was pretty down in the dumps the first couple of days afterwards,’ the officer said. ‘I thought I was in mental difficulty.’”

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From a copy of the *Chicago Sun-Times* of September 5, 1979 — sent to us by reader **John Van Osten** of Medinah, Ill. — we learn additionally that about 400 miles away from Warren, a motorist at Vermilion, South Dakota, had a similar experience. He said he squeezed his eyes shut; his eyes were not burned. That was two days after the Warren encounter.

USA/MARS

Life on the red planet?

In the *Daily Mail* of February 4, 1980, we read that,—

“There is life on Mars — but space experts are scared to say so for fear of being ridiculed.

“That is the claim made by top American scientist Dr. Robert Jastrow, who has studied data from the Viking mission to Mars in 1976.

“Dr. Jastrow, founder of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies says

there is positive evidence of at least a primitive form of life on the red planet.

“In a hard-hitting attack on the space agency in the prestigious *Science Digest* magazine, he says NASA has not revealed the facts because it is afraid of ridicule.

“He says: ‘Scientists are very sensitive to being wrong. My only comment is that scientific caution is fine if you spend 30 dollars of your own money.

“‘But if you spend millions of dollars of somebody else's money you have to stand the heat. You have to confront the facts.

“‘Right now, the official announcement is that we don't think there's life on Mars.

“‘The taxpayer got a better return on the money he invested in Mars than he realises, but nobody has told him.’

“Repeated tests for Martian microbes on soil samples were positive, he says. A solution containing radio-active carbons was added to the Viking samples. ‘The trick was to see if there were microbes eating this food.

“‘If there were, they would exhale radioactive carbon dioxide. if the Geiger counter clicked, that would mean the microbes were eating. The Geiger counter clicked thousands of times.’

“Dr. Jastrow says the team who did the tests have been under ‘pressure’ to say nothing. ‘The microbe tests gave a clear, unmistakable signal of life,’ he added.

“NASA officials yesterday refused to comment.”

Credit: **C. Poole** of Stockport

Australia

Car controlled by UFO in Tasmania

The following item is taken from a collection of reports appearing in *The Tasmanian Mail* of February 27, 1980,—

“Retired Police Officer Miss Costello was making a trip from Queenstown to Devonport, one she had made many times, on August 20 [1979] when the interior of her car was suddenly lit by a bright green light, almost as if the interior light was on.

“It was about 10km from the Waratah turnoff on the Murchison Highway when the strange happenings started.

“With a greenish glow cast through her vehicle she also noticed a larger-than-Venus sized green light had appeared behind her car.

(Concluded on page iii of cover)