

Beginning of 1956 0100 Barre-des-Cévennes (Lozère), France

Type C

Two gendarmes, M. Simon & M. Barboule, were coming back from tours of duty, pushing their bicycle as they mounted a hill, and had reached a barn when they heard a noise that quickly became a "deafening racket". Then there appeared, about 50 yards away, a few yards above the ground, a round black discoidal mass about 35 ft in diameter and 4 ft thick, beneath which was a row of flue-pipe (tuyère) mouths, appearing red-hot, from which emerged short reddish flames. A strong hot wind blew from the object and pushed them against the barn. The object continued on to land in a flat field, passing within 50 yards of them. The red tube-mouths darkened, as if cooling down. After about a minute, a cupola of an opaque ivory-white color lighted up atop the object, and at the same time dazzling rays of several colors--yellow, green, and blue--emerged from the base of the cupola and were given off in all directions. Then a sort of white-luminous "balloon" emerged from the source of the rays, detached itself, and slowly twice made the circuit of the nearby hilltop peak, "Castelai". After this it rejoined the object and disappeared. During the flight of this "balloon", the witnesses noticed human-like silhouettes--perhaps 4 of them--slowly walking around the UFO, as if inspecting it. They went around it several times. When the "balloon" returned, these silhouettes disappeared. Then the light-rays and the cupola went out, and the hot wind began to blow again; with a deafening noise, the object rose vertically and disappeared in the sky.

During their observation, the gendarmes felt paralyzed; M. Simon put his hand on his revolver-holster, but could not remove it. M. Barboule's watch never ran properly again.

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Investigator: J. Tyrode.

Source: LDLN #116 (2/72), pp. 10-12.

HUMCAT #1894

(DATE UNCERTAIN).

56-01 1956 A 1640 Paraibuna, Brazil

Type G

A. Rossi, a metal worker, was approached while fishing by 2 strange beings, & paralyzed. They were very tall, bald, nude, and without sexual organs; they had only 2 fingers on their hands & only 2 toes on their feet. Telepathically they invited him to visit their planet. Their vessel, hovering above the ground, was shaped something like a sentry-box, 100 ft wide & 30 ft high. Rossi was given a fruit-juice-like liquid to drink, and the vessel departed to the other world, where the houses are round, people live on fruit juices, and reproduction is by staring into one another's eyes (source gives further details.) After 18 hours, Rossi was brought back to the river-bank.

Investigator:

Source: Letter of J. Escobar Faria to Richard Hall, 1964.

56-02 January 8, 1956 1400 St. Louis Heights, Hawaii

56-03 April 9, 1956 0700 Mooi River (Natal), South Africa

Type G

In the early morning Mrs. Elizabeth Klarer Fielding walked to the hill where she had previously seen a UFO (#54-125), & found the vessel on the ground there; in front of it stood the spaceman she had seen before. 6 ft 4" tall, he had long white hair & wore a silvery-whitish one-piece suit covering even his feet. She went aboard, seeing a man of darker complexion at the controls, and was taken in the UFO (details of which are given) to the "huge" Mother Ship in space, where she saw many people & was shown pictures of the UFOonauts' home planet. She spent "a whole day & evening" in space. See her book, Beyond The Light Barrier (1969 or 1970.)

Investigator: Cynthia Hind, for Fate

Source: Fate, 6/69; FSR II/6, pp. 2f.

56-04 June 11, 1956 Near ~~N~~oyces River, Texas

Type G

Dan Martin was taken aboard a large spaceship where he spent 7 hours, & attended a lecture by the master of the ship; for more details see his book, 7 Hours Aboard A Space Ship.

Investigator:

Sources: Spaceviewer I # 8, p. 1; Paris Flammonde, The Age of Flying Saucers (Hawthorn Books, N.Y., 1971), p. 148.

56-05 June 15, 1950 1910 São Sebastião, Brazil

Type G

João de Freitas Guimarães, a professor at the Catholic Faculty of Law in Santos, was sitting on the seashore when he saw a "pot-bellied machine" moving toward the beach. From this emerged 2 tall men with long, fair hair, wearing green one-piece suits. They invited him telepathically to enter the craft, which he did; it rose, passing through several zones of darkness & light, and leaving the earth's atmosphere behind. It returned in half an hour or so; his watch had stopped. He had the impression that they wanted to warn humanity about atom-bomb perils.

Investigator:

Source: FSR VII/5, pp. 18ff.

56-06 July 17, 1956 0420 Van Nuys, Calif.

Type B

Awakened by a sonic boom and his dogs' barking, Todd Kittredge saw a golden ball 8 ft in diameter descend into his front yard, splitting a tree. 3 men 6.5 ft tall emerged, walking through the wall; they had shoulder-length blond hair & wore green one-piece coveralls with shoes attached. Their eyes looked as though made of stone. When K. came out, they shook hands with him & in mechanical-sounding voices said they were from Venus, and were here to help earth people. When a dog snapped at one, they walked back in and the ball ascended.

This was the first of a series of contacts claimed by T.K.: cf. 56-09. Investigation by I. Epperson convinced her that the affair was a hoax.

Investigator: Idabel Epperson.

Sources: CSI Newsletter #6, pp. 15f.; Project Blue Book files.

56-07 July 19, 1956 Afternoon Panorama City, Calif.

Type B

Mrs. M.J., a housewife, said a giant steel-like ball had landed in her rose garden, and 3 6-foot men with shoulder-length blond hair, wearing green ski suits, got out & said they were from Venus. She called the Hollywood Citizen-News.

Investigation revealed that she was claiming repeated visits, & the investigator became convinced it was part of the Todd Kittredge hoax (56-06.)

Investigator: Idabel Epperson

Source: CSI Newsletter #6, pp. 15f.

56-08 July 19, 1956 Afternoon Van Nuys, Calif.

Type B

An anonymous telephone linesman called the Hollywood Citizen-News to report that a huge ball came down near his pole, and 3 tall men in green ski suits walked through the wall, shook his hand, & told him they were here to help earth people.

Investigator: none, but this is deemed a part of the Todd Kittredge hoax.

Source: Hollywood Citizen-News, 7/20/56.

56-09 July 30, 1956 1800 Van Nuys, Calif.

Type G

Going into his back yard, Todd Kittredge again (cf. 56-06) saw the golden ball hovering, & two men beside it. He was taken on a ride 700 miles above Los Angeles, and saw the mother-ship, called a "Giganta-Liner". They spoke to him telepathically by laying hands on his shoulders. The trip lasted 25 minutes.

Investigator: Lt. Louis C. Sauter (for Blue Book).

Source: Project Blue Book files.

1956* Addendum

Summer 1956 (1954?)* 1500 Château de Buron (Puy-de-Dôme), France Type E

M. "DLV" was one of a group of boys playing on the slopes of the Château. They came upon two dwarfs about 3 ft tall, dressed in shiny silvery "diving suits" with enormous (18"-diameter) round helmets having a flat circular brim like a British World War I helmet; their faces were not visible. These 2 beings, 75-100 ft from the boys, were occupied in removing stones from a broken-down stone wall and putting them into a rectangular box without a cover, which seemed to be made of the same shiny material as the suits. They moved very slowly, as though under a heavy weight. After about 2 min., the boys ran away.

Investigator: R. Eraud.

Source: LDLN #98 (2/69), p. 5.

(Ted: We already have this case, I think with an earlier date, from FSR, I believe. But I haven't been able to put my finger on it.)

Year could have been 1954

56-10 August, 1956 High Bridge, N.J.

Type G

A ball of fire appeared & landed, pulsating different colors; it was a saucer of Adamski type, as shown in photographs taken by the witness, Howard Menger. 3 tall men with long blond hair emerged; one raised his hand, & communicated telepathically with M., who was taken aboard the ship to a spot in space near Venus, the trip taking 15-20 minutes. There he saw projections of life on Venus.

Investigator:

Source: FSR IV/4, pp. 10-12.

56-11 August 22, 1956 1150 Le Boulu-Céret, France

Type D

Mme. Porta, riding a moped, was passed by 2 enormous, absolutely silent motorcycles, appearing nickel-plated, each carrying 2 passengers dressed in fawn-colored satin, with boots & "closely sealed helmets." They stopped, blocking the road, & as she squeezed past they looked at her: their faces were totally hidden by big smoked glasses. Ten yards further on, she looked back: they had vanished without a sound.

Investigator: M. Vidal.

Source: FSR XV/6, p. iii, quoting LDLN #100 (7/69).

1956 Addendum

Type A

New August (undated), 1956 1400 Granja de Torrehermosa (Badajoz), Spain

About 20 small boys, including 5-year-old C.S., heard a loud noise and observed a bullet-shaped object approaching from the NW at high speed; passing overhead, it turned east and descended to several m. above the ground, about 500 m. east of the boys. About 4 m. long and aluminum-colored, it had a transparent window at the narrow end through which could be seen the heads and shoulders of two apparently naked occupants. The children were joined by about ten adults and the group approached to within 50 m. gesturing to the "pilots." C.S. described them as appearing green, with apparent "antenna" on their heads. As the group drew near the object ascended rapidly to the east and disappeared "in a second." There were no traces.

Investigator: Claude Navarro

Source: Ballester Olmos, 200 Type I UFO Events (CUFOS, 1976), 5
(citing LDLN #123, March 1973, 4-6).

New

September (undated), 1956 1500 Nr Chester, California

Type E

Four people were bow-and-arrow hunting in the Wilson Lake area near Chester; the party split into two groups, and an off-duty deputy sheriff of Butte County was with his sister, when he saw a small figure through the manzanita bush. His sister was about 150 yds away. He was seated in a clearing when he heard gravel rolling down a slope behind him. He stood up and saw the figure about 70 feet away. He was about four feet tall with very human-looking facial features, and wore brightly colored clothes, consisting of green, tight-fitting pants, a gold jacket over a tan pull-over shirt, and low brown boots. Brown hair protruded slightly from under a red and gold cap. No buttons, zippers or other fasteners were visible. His general stature was entirely human and he could have passed for a small boy except that his features were those of a 35 or 40 year old man. His hands appeared normal, and he carried nothing. After staring at one another for about a minute, the little figure whirled around and leaped up the gravel slope in 20-foot strides, until he cleared the top and disappeared. The man's sister saw the figure only briefly and thought it was just another hunter. The man returned to the site later but could find no traces.

Investigator: Paul Cerny, for MUFON and CUFOS.

Source: Timothy Beckley and Harold Salkin, "UFOs Spotted Along California's Earthquake Lines," UFO Report III-5 (Dec. 1976), 72-73; letter from Cerny to Bloecher, March 30, 1977.

56-12 September, 1956 2030 Cabo Frio, Brazil

Type B

O. Guarichi, walking on the beach, saw an object land & 2 men of normal height, wearing metallic-looking uniforms, emerge from it. One of them picked up something from the beach; the other exchanged gestures with G. The craft was 60 ft wide, 9 ft high, and showed flashing lights as it left.

Investigator:

Source: Vallee, Magonia, p. 254, quoting Nachrichten, 3/61.

1956 Corrigenda

(HumCat #409)

September 1956 2320 Le Houlme (Seine-Maritime), France

Type A

M. Follon, riding his Solex, noticed a bright light across the valley. When he got to the other side he went to look at it. About 60 yards from the road hovered a "saucer" of aluminum color, 40 ft in diameter and 30 ft high, about 3 ft off the ground. (Source has drawing.) It had an antenna on top and below this a row of ports emitting verdigris-green flames; around its equator were windows about 14" x 20" in size. Through these he could see 3 or 4 "silhouettes of human form", apparently of normal stature, passing back and forth, seemingly busy at some task. He watched for 10 minutes, during which a car coming along the road had its headlights put out and its motor stopped. Then the flames from the ports increased to 20 ft in length, a powerful searchlight was directed southward, and the craft, making a loud noise, moved off to the south, rising at a 45° angle and soon attaining the speed of a jet aircraft.

Investigator: M. Ch. Freulon (for LULN.)

Source: LULN #137 (Aug/Sept. 1974), pp. 13f.

56-13 Sept. 9, 1956 2035 Big Bethel, Va.

Type A

Three witnesses, T.L. Bristow, Mrs. Bristow, and Mrs. W. McPherson, saw an object comparable in size to the moon, which descended gradually to the horizon. Two of the observers thought they could see occupants wearing some sort of headgear.

Investigator: E. V. Monismith (for Blue Book), who concluded that the object was the moon.

Source: Project Blue Book files.

56-14 November, 1956 Night Mt. Pocono, Penna.

Type C

Out walking on a moonlight night, Joe Bozak encountered 2 greenish-luminous individuals standing 18 inches above the ground. "We were waiting--we knew you would come", one said. Then a flat greenish glow perhaps 40 ft across drifted above the trees. Some of the greenish "fire" got on his right arm, where it destroyed the sweater sleeve. B. panicked and ran home.

Investigator:

Source: Long John Nebel's program on WOR, 12/26-27/56.

56-15 November 16, 1956 Night Parma, Ohio

Type A or B

"A woman & her 2 children, aged 10 & 15, observed a disc hovering over their front yard in the middle of the night. Three small figures were involved." The witness left the investigator with a very favorable impression.

Investigator: J. R. Reiss (for NICAP)

Source: Letter to T. Bloecher from R. Hall, 4/5/75.

56-16 November 28, 1956 Night Biggleswade, England

Type C

A strange customer in his shop, with a very high forehead, told John Whitworth that he could see a flying saucer if he would go to a certain spot on Nov. 28. W. went and did see hovering an object like a humming top, with lighted portholes. Just one year later the visitor returned & told him he would have a contact this time, at another spot. W. went with a crowd of others, including a BBC recording van, & was disappointed. Later a telephone call "in an unearthly voice" reproached him for bringing the others.

Investigator:

Source: FSR IV/3, p. 24.

56-17 December 15, 1956 1100 Derry, New Hampshire

Type E

While out gathering Christmas greens, A. G. Horne looked up & saw beside him a green dwarf only 2 ft tall, with a high-domed head, floppy ears, and a face

like a bloodhound, except for the filmed, lidless eyes, which resembled those of a snake. He had short arms & legs and "stumpy" hands & feet. He seemed to wear no clothing; the skin hung in folds like an elephant's. H. watched him for several minutes, then moved toward him; "he started for me with a kind of screeching sound, and I left there." (The witness has also seen a flight of small flying saucers at close hand.)

Investigator:

Source: Mr. Horne's letter to Walter Webb.

56-18 December 17, 1956 2100 Conashaugh, Penna.

Type D

Mrs. Marie Carow went out after dark with a 5-cell flashlight, and discovered 2 little men, 3.5 and 3 ft tall, standing motionless on her back lawn. Both wore helmets and snug-fitting suits of glistening silvery material, and were of fair complexion; the shorter one was stocky, the taller one slender. Mrs. C. played the beam on them for about 3 minutes, then ran back to tell her husband. When she went out again 15 minutes later, they were gone.

Investigators: J. E. Myer (1958) for Pike County Dispatch; Dr. Berthold Schwarz (1968) for FSR.

Source: B. Schwarz in FSR XV/5, pp. 16f.