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Vertical beams of light that heralded the

**STRANGE FORCE THAT MOVED
A CAR**

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The strange force that moved a car

Driver's encounter with unusual lights, dense black cloud and kite-shaped UFO, in Northern Sweden.

A translation by Miss Carole Thomas of GICOFF* from an article published in the September/October 1971 issue of the group's magazine.

"WHAT on Earth was the object I saw in the sky that Monday evening on the E4 road near Öjebyn?" This is the question that engineer Sten Sture Ceder has continually asked himself after the evening of September 20, 1971, when, at 10.45 p.m., he suddenly found himself surrounded by an intense, glaring light and after which unusual experience he saw a square black object race past him in a northerly direction. In a letter to GICOFF, Herr Ceder describes the incident as follows:

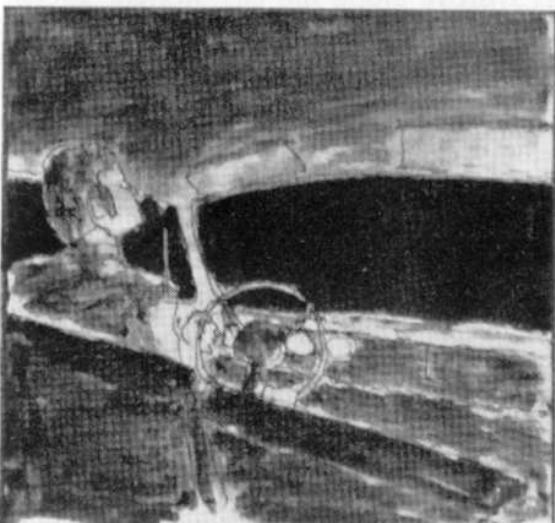
"I was on my way home after visiting a friend. We had talked a long while and it was therefore rather late when I left. Near the crossroads between Alvbynvägen and the E4, at some 200 metres distance, I noticed a strong light, similar to a northern light, with vertical beams that shone to the ground from an estimated height of between 10 and 50 metres (the height was rather difficult to judge). Approaching the crossroads, I glanced in the back mirror and saw that even behind the car there were beams at a distance of about 10 metres. In other words, I was encircled by beams of light to a diameter of about 200 metres. Immediately afterwards I felt an unnatural force from behind and even though I had put my foot right down on the brakes, the car continued to move forward. Then everything became black around me, completely blue-black."

"The blackness seemed to be a dense, floating mass of smoke that lay around me so that it was impossible to see anything. There was no light coming from the headlights despite the fact that they were switched on at full beam. Either the mass was so dense that it completely absorbed the light, or there was no current reaching the light bulbs.

"I had no idea whether I was still at the crossroads or not, but I automatically swung left in first gear in the usual direction. When I perceived the lights again I found myself on the E4, about 200 metres from the crossroads. Almost simultaneously I noticed a black mass that began to rise from the ground, outlining itself against the horizon. I can say nothing about the shape—it was shapeless. I drove on northwards and accelerated to 80 kilometres an hour, keeping the object in sight. It seemed very large."



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* Gothenburg's Information Centre for Unidentified Flying Objects. This article was forwarded to us by Sven-Olof Fredrickson, who is well-known to FSR and *Case Histories* readers.

Swedish artist's impressions of
1 Light beams.
2 Blackout.
3 Dark mass rising.

Note here that Herr Ceder later added that it could have been as large (apparent size) as the moon. At an estimated distance of 1,000 metres from the car, one can calculate the object to have been about 10 metres wide. The witness's account continues:

"The object crossed the E4 about 1 kilometre beyond the crossroads. It was now on my left-hand side and outlined against the sky like an angular kite. The outlines were very clear except at the lower corner where the edges were blurred and where there appeared to be a 'tail'. The object was much darker than the sky, the northern sky always being somewhat lighter than elsewhere at that time of the year. I could quite clearly see how it hid certain stars which later reappeared from behind it.

"I was driving the car in a course not quite parallel to that of the object, the difference in our directions being about 15°. Its speed was twice as fast as mine—which was about 80 kilometres an hour or more—and as I drove along the last straight stretch of road, the object disappeared below the horizon to the left of the E4. On my arrival home, I got out of the car and studied the sky closely around me. There were no clouds at that time. The weather was clear and quite warm for that time of year (around 4°C). The moon lay below the horizon and the stars were shining intensely. There was

no reflection in the sky from the lights of Piteå to the south, as there sometimes is."†

After some personal debate as to whether the credibility of his account would be accepted, Herr Ceder contacted the Piteå newspaper the next day, mainly in the hopes of finding out if any other person had witnessed the same phenomenon. The day following, a woman from a local village rang to say that both she and a friend had seen the light. They too had been on their way home and had noticed the light moving in the same direction from which he had come, but at some distance before the crossroads. One of Herr Ceder's neighbours also mentioned seeing a dark object earlier in the evening.

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GICOFF telephoned the witness personally in order to ask a few more detailed questions. The conversation between Björn Högman, spokesman for GICOFF, and Sten Sture Ceder was recorded as follows:

B.H.: You say the beams of light shone to the ground from a height of 10-50 metres. Can one compare this phenomenon with a column of light sharply contoured against the rest of the landscape?

S.S.C.: No, you couldn't. It looked like a steady northern light. However, the strange thing was that it had no inner light, so to speak—only around its edges. I am absolutely sure about this.

B.H.: Like a big circle of light?

S.S.C.: Yes, exactly.

B.H.: What did the inner part look like?

S.S.C.: It was completely black, an eerie, rolling blackness.

B.H.: You said that the circle of light had a diameter of 200 metres. That sounds very large, if you think that a football pitch is 90 metres between the goalposts!

S.S.C.: No, I'm not sure exactly. Perhaps it was smaller.

B.H.: Am I right in saying that you drove into the light and passed through the circle, so to speak? At that moment you braked hard and as you did so it became pitch black around you?

S.S.C.: Yes, exactly.

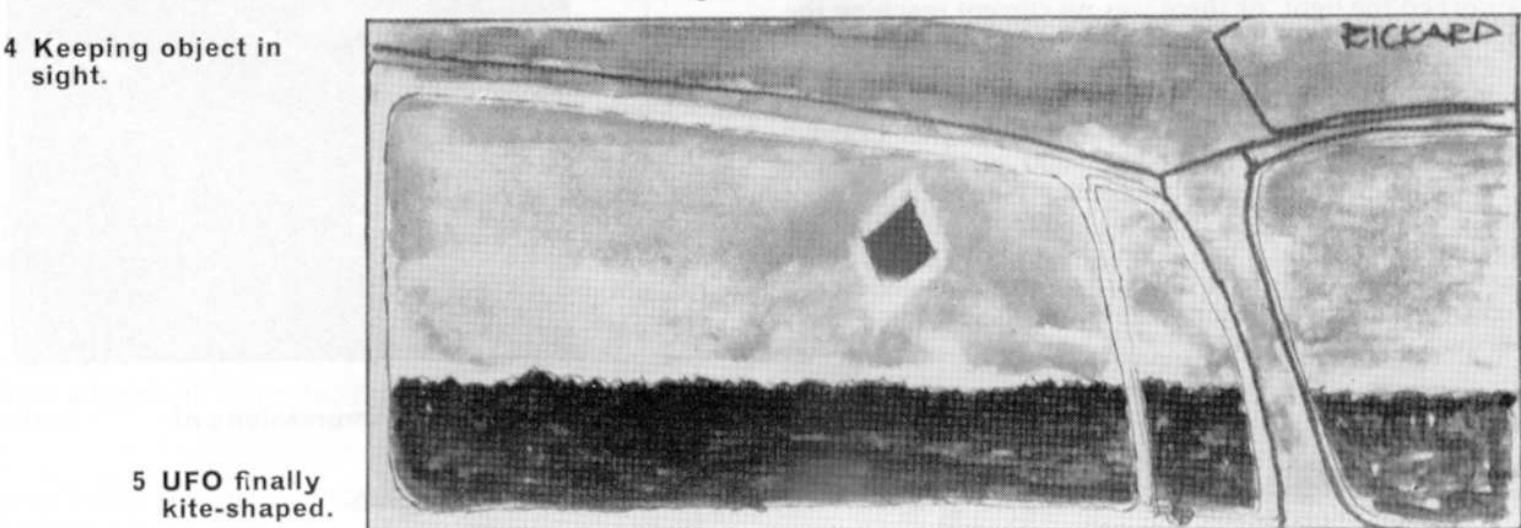
B.H.: How black was it? Could you see the bonnet of your own car?

S.S.C.: I cannot recall, but I do not think I could see it.



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4 Keeping object in sight.



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5 UFO finally kite-shaped.

B.H.: What kind of car do you have?

S.S.C.: A black Volvo.

B.H.: Did you see if the instrument panel was lit?

S.S.C.: I have no idea about that.

B.H.: Did you notice any heat in the car or anything else unusual?

S.S.C.: No, only a sense of discomfort. A kind of atmospheric pressure.

B.H.: About the black object—you said it was square. Do you mean like a box?

S.S.C.: I think it was flat like a sheet of paper. I didn't see its dimensions because it was like seeing the sheet from the same side all the time. I don't think it was square in the proper meaning of the word.

B.H.: You mentioned that the object had a "tail". Can you describe it?

S.S.C.: The contours of the lower angle were blurred and it was the effect of that that made it look like a tail. It was not luminous, but as black as the rest of the object.

Herr Ceder also mentioned that he and a friend drove to the place the next day to look for skid marks . . .

"I really put my foot down sharply on the brakes so there must have been skid marks on the asphalt," he said, but to his great surprise there were none to be

seen. It should also be mentioned that Herr Ceder stated that the whole observation took about five minutes.

Other witnesses

On the same day at about 5.30 p.m. Herr Ceder's neighbour had observed a light grey object for about one minute before it disappeared into the clouds. Unfortunately the two women, one of whom contacted Herr Ceder, have not been located.

Sources

1. Telephone interviews on September 25 and October 8 with Herr Ceder.

2. GICOFF's questionnaire and personal description received from the witness, dated September 30, 1971.

A note about northern lights

The northern lights are a common natural phenomenon to be seen in the night skies of polar regions. They occur in connection with sun spots, the phenomenon depending on charged particles from the sun, drawn by the earth's magnetic field to the polar belt, colliding with the outer atmospheric layer. The resulting lights are usually seen in the form of an undulating "drapery" of varying colours over the sky, giving the appearance of beams of light that shine to earth with ill-defined contours.

Gnomery down on the farm

Gordon Creighton

I HAVE received an interesting confidential report about happenings on a farm less than a hundred miles from London. I shall visit the place shortly, but in the meantime here are some of the quite "classic" features that have been recorded at intervals over the past eighteen years:

1. Farm workers and villagers have reported, on several occasions, that they have observed "gnomes" in broad daylight, in the fields.

2. Two women of the village frequently "saw gnomes dancing on the kitchen table." They described the creatures as being about one-third of the normal human size.

3. The owner of the local farm has frequently complained that tractors (petrol-driven) and other farm machines (all also petrol-driven) constantly break down in certain specific spots.

4. He also complains that there are areas in the fields where nothing will grow.

5. During a visit by investigators in 1966, one of the party had a nasty experience, being overcome with nausea and violent trembling. The investigator had to be carried back to the car. The same investigator was also

aware of a "strong vibration" or "powerful throbbing" in the air, which caused the person's body to sway rapidly backwards and forwards. The "beating in the air" or "throbbing" was described as "suggestive of invisible wings."

6. Cars of visitors have also stalled mysteriously and one investigator, visiting the farm alone on his bicycle, was unaccountably caused to have a nasty skid which precipitated him into a ditch.

The area in question has been under human habitation since Roman times. There is a long-standing local tradition about *fairies*. A former vicar once tried to make a scientific investigation, but failed to achieve any progress owing to the reticence of the villagers, who feared that the "fairies" might go away if too much prying went on.

Much of the tract of ground affected seems to be old river-bottom land, reclaimed during the last 20-25 years. There seem to have been rumours of "fairy people" associated with the site at least as far back as the time of the reclamation. This reclaimed field seems to be the centre of the zone in which crops will not grow, machines break down or engines fail mysteriously, and other strange mishaps occur.

Humanoids and craft seen at Rosedale

W. K. Allan

Our contributor has been described as the "tireless UFO investigator of Calgary." It was Bill Allan who was responsible for the reports of the UFO experiences of both the Calgary "doctor" and his horse, and the schoolteacher whose car "floated" along, which were published in *FSR Case Histories Supplement 6* of August 1971.

THIS report is based on a transcription from a tape recording of my interview with Miss Esther A. Clappison of Rosedale, Alberta, Canada. Rosedale is a small township some 65 miles ENE of Calgary.

Miss Clappison stated that at about 8.50 p.m. on June 9, 1971, when there was a full moon, she was attracted to a light that was coming through the window. She couldn't imagine what was the cause, so she went out to the porch at the front of her house. She was accompanied by her old dog George. When she arrived on the porch she was surprised to see a rectangular object "down on the ground" at an intersection of two roads. Recovering from her initial shock, she remembered she should try to observe details of the object: how big was it, and did it have an instrument panel?*

Then she became aware that there were three "men", two inside the craft seen through a "window", and one outside, and that one of those who were inside was making signs to the other man at the end of the craft—to the right of it as the witness looked at it—while at the same time he was trying to attract the attention of the man who was outside. While all this was going on, he appeared to be attempting to conceal with his person something that was in the front of the craft, something which Miss Clappison thought might be the 'instrument panel.' She thought this was quite deliberate, for she stated that he "... kept looking backwards to see that his arm was covering what was in front of that craft."

As for the man, or humanoid, who was outside, the witness considered that he was obviously picking up samples—rock, not 'dirt', because he was picking, not scooping.

Miss Clappison: "I tried to get closer and have a real eyeful, but the old dog wouldn't let me. Dog just pushed me right back."

Allan: "Did he bark at all?"

Miss C.: "No he didn't, he was scared to death and he wasn't having me go."

Allan: "Did he seem to be trembling?"

Miss C.: "Yes, and cowering."

Allan: "Cowering, and he shoved you back."

Miss C.: "Pushed me right back and that was quite a push, you've got to admit. Well then, I came in, but to be honest and frank, at this stage of the game I wasn't too fussy about getting that much closer to that thing, and I came in to attract my brother's attention. Then I looked through the window to see if it was there, and what they were doing, but there wasn't even the light. I returned (outside) to find there was nothing there, and

so help me I hadn't been drinking, and I'm not a drinking woman."

Allan: "Well now, about the size. Your brother Bill just held one end of the tape, and we measured where the vegetation was all burnt. I'd just like your estimate."

Miss C.: "That's what I would think . . . from that end of the room to the heater, or to the far end of the heater."

Allan: "Do you want to estimate what you would call that?"

Miss C.: "Well I was trying to figure—by my diamond willow stick, it was a length and two-thirds of a length; probably ten to thirteen feet."

Allan: "Well now, the burnt area actually from one extreme to the other, was just over 20 feet."

(The discrepancy might be due to the craft shifting to burn a larger area, or her estimate may have been of the illuminated opening rather than the exterior dimension of the craft.)

Miss C.: "Is that right!"

Allan: "So it may have hovered a little. You can definitely see, at this late date in October, that the grass is still kind of black, well blackened, and it hasn't grown."

Miss C.: "Yes, and that weed that nothing can destroy."

Allan: "That one big weed has a little bit of green left there, but all the rest is black."

Miss C.: "And you noticed on the other side of the road that there wasn't too much."

Allan: "That's true. Now, what colour was the light?"

Miss C.: "The light from that (object) was just like this." (She pointed to a lighted lamp with opaque shade.)

Allan: "White."

Miss C.: "Yes. There was nothing there, nothing was going [as, for example, machinery?—EDITOR], there was no sound."

Allan: "Could you see the outside of the ship in the moonlight?"

Miss C.: "No, I saw, what would you call it, the

* Miss Clappison, like many others in Calgary and district, had heard Mr. Allan broadcasting on his regular monthly radio programme on CFCN. In these talks it seems he leaves listeners with no doubts as to the things to look for in the event of a UFO confrontation—EDITOR.

panelling, and that's what I want to talk about in a minute."

Allan: "How big was the window through which you could see?"

Miss C.: "Well the whole back of it was out, there wasn't a thing, they must have pulled something up when they closed it again, the whole back was absolutely open."

Allan: "Tell me about these humanoids, the one that was picking up, could you estimate his height?"

Miss C.: "Well, none of them would be over five feet."

Allan: "They were the other side of the road. Could you see anything peculiar about their dress at that distance?"

Miss C.: "Their faces were obviously covered, there was something in the hood that they could see through, and it came through naturally as just—you could tell it was there and that was it, but their hands were the things that got me. They were like mittens, not exactly like a skidoo mitten, but you know, just the thumbs, very prominent thumbs going into points, but I gathered that was why he was having difficulty picking up the rocks. The hands were very obvious, and the wrists were very obvious."

Allan: "What colour was their . . .

Miss C.: "Olive green, olive green to drab green, definitely, very definitely green."

Allan: "And this was seen by the light of the ship itself?"

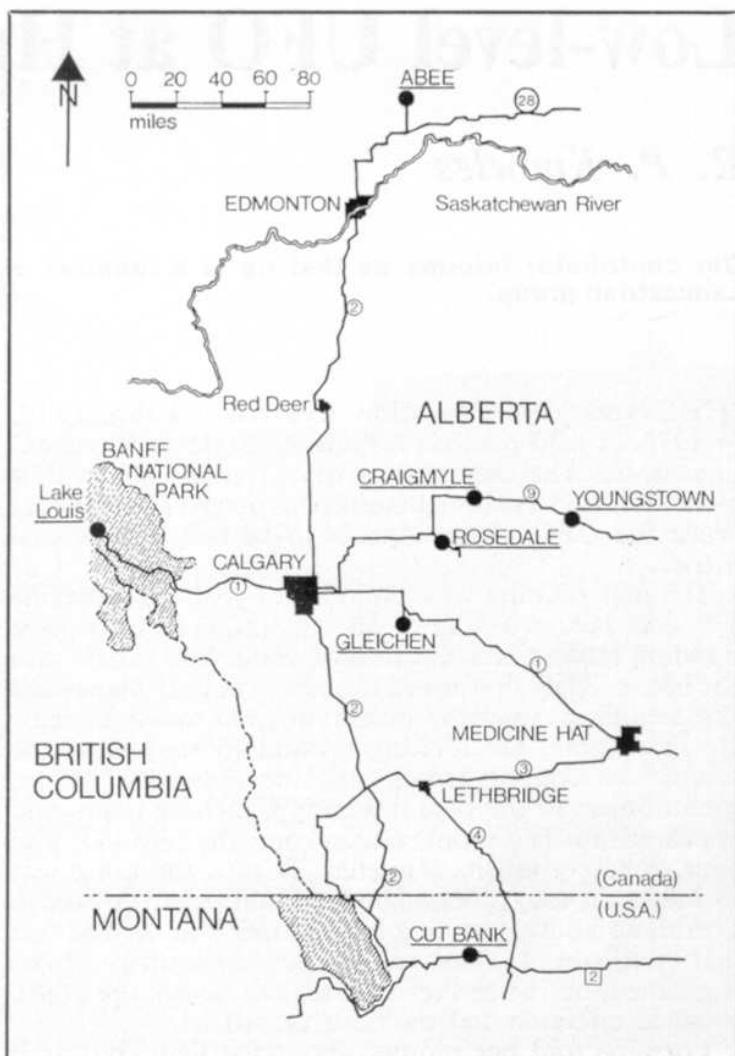
Miss C.: "By the light of the ship. Yes, the whole place was illuminated, but of course all I was looking at was the ship, trying to get the details."

Allan: "This instrument panel that he seemed to be shielding?"

Miss C.: "It went right across the thing and was about like that—15 inches and straight down, but there seemed to be darker shapes on the down part."

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I will close this report of the investigation of Miss Clappison's unusual claims by noting that the distance from the house to the landing spot is approximately 200 feet.



Bill Allan's "territory": underlined locations are sites of incidents he has investigated recently, some of which will be reported in future issues of our journals. Readers should note that CRAIGMYLE is the town where Mrs. Barbara Smith's car "floated along" (see FSR Case Histories, Supp. 6, August 1971). We were unable to identify the name from the tape.

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by Jacques Vallée and V-J. Ballester Olmos

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Low-level UFO at Haydock

R. P. Knowles

Our contributor informs us that he is a member of BUFORA and DIGAP, the Lancastrian group.

THE events described below occurred on February 12, 1972, at 6.30 p.m. on a housing estate in Haydock, Lancashire. The evening was dry, overcast and with a moderate wind. Although numerous people on the estate heard the UFO, there appears to be only four visual witnesses.

The first sighting was made by 13-year-old Lorraine T.* and her two friends (both aged 14) who were standing talking at a distance of about 200 yards from her house. They first heard a noise sounding somewhat like a modern American police car siren slowly increasing in volume. On looking around to see where the sound was coming from, Lorraine noticed a bright, round object in the sky. It was approaching them, and appeared to be about 60ft. from the ground and approximately 6ft. in diameter. By now the noise was so loud that they were frightened and began to run to Lorraine's house, glancing back as they did so. The fact that the object followed them made them more frightened, but when they reached the house, the object changed direction and the noise ceased.

Lorraine told her mother about the light, but as it was now not to be seen and all was quiet, she did not believe them, although she could see that they had been frightened by something. The girls stayed by the house for the next few minutes and then looked to see if they could see where the object had gone. They spotted it again, hovering silently a few houses away, and although no one could recall its source, a red light was seen to pass over the object and to disappear over a nearby rooftop. The white object then started to pulse (i.e. expand and contract) and the noise returned.

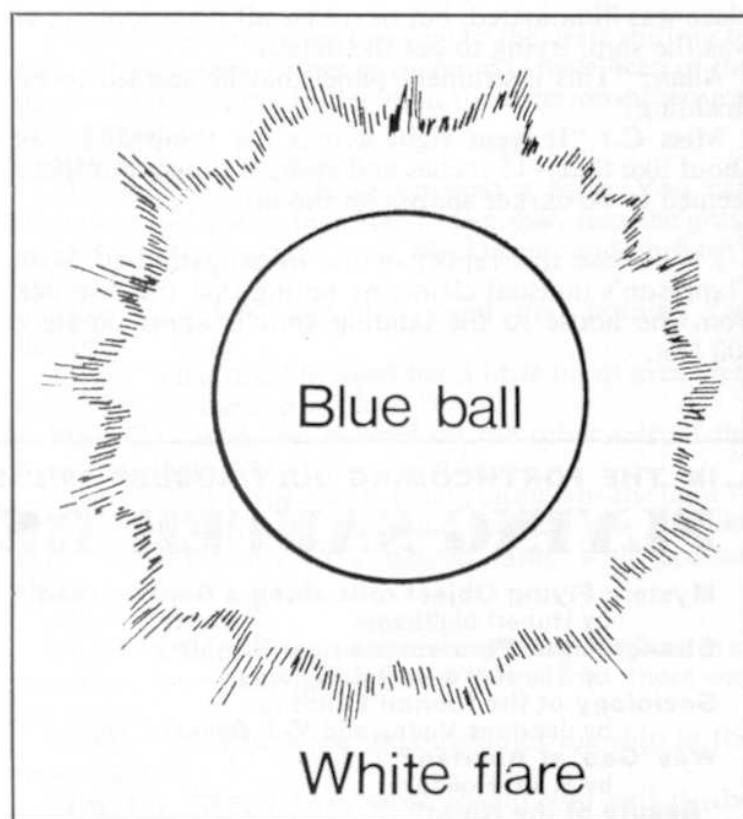
At this point the girls decided to phone the police and went to the nearest call box. The police, however, were not helpful, and assumed that they were being hoaxed, so the girls returned just in time to see the light suddenly move to a point further away and then fade out (television screen type exit), the noise going with it. By now quite a few people were out in the street looking for the source of the noise, but apparently nobody saw a thing. The time duration of the sighting was approximately 15 minutes.

The fourth witness, Mrs. S.† (aged 31), saw the object while it was hovering, and the girls were phoning for the police. According to Mrs. S. the sequence of events was as follows:

She was upstairs doing housework when she heard a noise, and her description was identical to the one given above. She was alone in the house at the time, except for her dog which was barking loudly (her husband is aged 34, and she has an 11-year-old daughter who had

just gone out to the corner shop). She looked out of a window but saw nothing unusual and assumed that it was caused by children in the neighbourhood. The noise stopped, so she carried on with her work. Suddenly it returned but this time it was much louder, and the dog was going wild downstairs. Feeling angry, she went downstairs to let the dog out to chase off the "noise makers".

She described the noise as having the same effect on her as when one scrapes a fork on a plate, but very much louder. The dog, however, on putting his head out of the door rushed back in and cowered in a corner (he also refused to go out the next day). Mrs. S. was most surprised at this and went outside to see for herself. About 20ft. above a nearby garage she saw a large blue ball surrounded by a white flare which expanded and contracted in rhythm with the noise.



Drawing based on sketch of the object made by Mrs. S.

*† Names and addresses of these two witnesses have been furnished but are withheld at their request.



Position of UFO, as seen by Mrs. S., superimposed on author's photograph of the location.

She rushed to her next-door neighbour and banged on the door to show him the object. Unfortunately for her, when he came to the door, the object and noise had ceased to exist. He had, however, heard the noise and although describing it as being very loud and unlike anything he had ever heard, he did not bother to investigate. When I asked him about the appearance of Mrs. S. immediately after the event he described her as being very distressed and as white as a sheet. On the night that I spoke to her (February 23, 1972) she was not aware that anyone else had seen the object although she knew that many people had heard it, even in a few cases from distances of up to a mile away. Mrs. S. has suffered no other ill effects other than a persistent mild headache that started several days after the sighting.

Most surprising of all, the local newspaper which does publish occasional UFO reports did not carry one word of an event which has had an impression on the thinking of quite a few people.

It appears significant that one of her neighbours, on hearing the noise for the second time, went out of his house, got into his car, and drove round the estate to look for the source (there were no E.M. effects). Although he must have been as close to the object as was Mrs. S., he did not see it. He puts this down to the fact that apparently he did not look upwards, even though he thought at the time that "only a flying saucer could make a noise like that." It would seem that the visual stimulus in this case was somewhat directed while the audible was not.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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South American Round-up, 1971—part 1

Gordon Creighton

AS readers will know, we passed long ago the point at which we could attempt either to translate or to print all the interesting UFO news reports that reach us from various parts of the world. Such is particularly the case with South America. The happenings given below are just a few that I have managed to isolate from the pile, but a full report on South America for 1971 is not feasible at present, and indeed the last year for which I have yet attempted to give any sort of more comprehensive survey was 1964.

1. The Governor (January 1971)

Writing from Brasília to the Pôrto Alegre paper *Correio do Povo* (January 23, 1971), the woman journalist Dinah Silveira de Queiroz comments that, whereas many of the people in the Rio-Guanabara area who recently saw a flying saucer "and also its skipper" are now unwilling to talk of the subject of UFOs—so greatly is this subject disliked—attitudes in the Federal Capital, Brasília, are curiously different. There the reports seem to be accepted far more naturally. For example, from time to time a journalist named Macedo and his wife go out to visit a fazenda (estate) that is actually called locally "the Martians' place." The fazenda is at a place called Alexânia, quite near to Brasília, though the approach road to it is pretty difficult. Last week [January 1971], says Dinah Silveira de Queiroz, a group of young diplomats made a little trip out there "to see the saucers," and they have reported to her on their experiences. One of their friends had already visited the estate, had observed no sign of UFOs there, and was on his way back to Brasília when he saw the hut of a poor peasant. He went over and asked the occupants whether they had ever seen any flying saucers.

"No," they replied.

"But," he asked, "Does nothing ever happen here?"

"Oh, yes, Sir!" they answered. "Every day the State Governor comes here and takes a stroll, looking for little stones."

"How do you know he's the Governor?" he asked.

"Why, because he's always dressed in black! It can be nobody else but him! He gets down out of his aeroplane and goes around looking for things in the woods here."

"Well, now," said our friend, "And what does the Governor's aeroplane look like?"

"Don't you know? Why, it's made of two dishes, like, one atop the other, and when it goes up in the air it changes colour and then disappears quicker than a flash."

This picturesque account, concludes Dinah Silveira de Queiroz, was the most interesting story that she heard in Brasília about the UFOs at Alexânia. (Our thanks to Sr. Jáder U. Pereira for this report.)

2. Another UFO seen and photographed over Antarctica (May 15, 1971)

Three Buenos Aires papers (*La Prensa* and *La Nación* of

May 19, 1971, and *Clarín* of May 20) carried a Chilean Air Force announcement from Santiago de Chile dated May 18 and stating that once again, this time at 10.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, personnel of their base in Antarctica had seen and had photographed a UFO.

According to the report, which emanated from the public relations department of the Chilean Air Force, the UFO was observed by military personnel working at the Presidente Frei Meteorological Centre, for a period of fifteen minutes. The UFO was stationary. It subsequently moved away and vanished towards the S.W.

The object was at approximately 35° above the horizon. It was thrice as bright as a star of the first magnitude, and was changing colour every few minutes—from red, through green, to bluish-grey.

According to the announcement, the UFO "produced no significant effect on communications" except that reception on the 3,200 kilo-cycle band was weak and the 20 metre band could not be heard at all. Meteorological conditions at the time were excellent. It was a clear, serene night, with a moon and no wind. The witnesses of the phenomenon were First Sergeant Domingo Saldías, Corporal José Bustamante and Corporal Eduardo Fritz.

There is one discrepancy in these three reports. According to *La Prensa*'s version of the Chilean Air Force report, the UFO did "cause significant alterations in communications." (I think this is simply a printing error, due to omission of the Spanish word *no*—G.C.)

The report printed in *Clarín* added that the UFO had been *photographed*, and that the film was on its way to Chile. (Our thanks to Sr. Alberto Kravtzov for these reports.)

3. UFO hovers over a church (June 25, 1971)

According to a report in the *Notícias Populares* (São Paulo) for June 26, 1971, a UFO was seen on the previous evening by various people in the Brazilian town of Osasco (scene of several sightings and reports in past years).

The first witness was a woman employee of the Municipality, Luzia Onofre da Silva, who, as she was closing a window in the old Law Courts building, saw a strange luminous object flying roughly from the south towards the west.

At first she thought it was a shooting star. But she then observed that its colour was blue and that it had come to a halt above the Church of Santo Antônio. She could now see that its shape was conical, and she cried out in alarm.

Among other witnesses there were a number of people of the town, including Professor André Bogassian, who said he had observed a similar object previously in broad daylight. His description of its shape agreed

with the description given by Sr. Luzia Onofre da Silva. (Our thanks to Mr. Nigel Rimes for this report.)

4. Men In Black with red ties flee in a saucer (July 7, 1971)

Has the British Labour Party been holding any conferences in Venezuela lately, instead of Blackpool?

According to a UPI-FT report from Caracas, Venezuela, which appeared in the *Folha da Tarde* for July 22, 1971, a Spanish doctor had written to the Caracas evening paper *El Mundo* concerning a remarkable sight which he had seen "when two men dressed in black and with red ties fled into Space in a flying saucer."

The witness, Dr. Guillermo Arguello de la Motta, who lives in Madrid, described in his letter the experience that he had had on July 7, 1971. He was a guest of Dr. Antonio Arocha and his family, at their property near the town of San Juan de los Morros, 145 kilometres to the east of Caracas, Capital of Venezuela. It was 6.00 p.m. when they suddenly saw two men clad in black and—a strange detail, he thought—both were wearing red ties and black berets. They got out of a brand-new red *Mustang* automobile, at a distance of about 500 metres from the house.

"The two men stood there waiting for about five minutes," wrote Dr. de la Motta, "and then began to put on orange-coloured belts, talking together animatedly in the meantime. Suddenly a shining object appeared in the sky. It rapidly descended, and then stopped at a height of about 60 centimetres from the ground. It was circular, bell-shaped underneath, and with a turret on the upper part. Its width could have been about 30 metres. What surprised us most of all about it was the rapid changes of colour, from orange to blue and then to white. When it halted, floating in the air, it rotated through almost 180°. Suddenly a small parabolic staircase came down from the base of it, which enabled the two men from the *Mustang* car to enter the saucer with ease. When the staircase had been drawn in again, the craft dipped slightly towards its left side and then, following an inclined flight path, vanished into the sky at an impressive speed. The machine was of course definitely no helicopter. It was totally silent and its shape was something totally unknown, i.e., not conventional."

Dr. Arguello de la Motta's letter concludes with the statement: "I have no objection to your using my name in connexion with any investigations that you may undertake." (Our thanks to Sr. Jader U. Pereira for this report.)

5. Great luminous UFO seen over airport (end of August 1971)

According to a report in the Rio newspaper *Correio da Manhã* (August 26, 1971) from its correspondent in the Federal Capital of Brazil, foreign judges and magistrates were in Brasília for an international congress on juridical matters when, along with Brazilian federal deputies and high officials, they had the greatest shock of their lives as a big object, described by them as "a great luminous ball," flew around above the Brasília airport and up and down above the road linking the airport with Plano Pilôto, and finally vanished over the horizon as mysteriously as it had come.

Brazilian Federal Deputy Dirceu Cardoso, from the State of Espírito Santo, was one of the eyewitnesses. He is considered among his colleagues of the Federal Parliament as a man who will not tolerate a joke, and even as one who will not listen to innocent or piquant tales . . . He was indeed anxious that his name should not be linked with any report of this mysterious phenomenon over the airport.

Questioned yesterday during a political gathering, he said however that he had been looking through that morning's papers for some account of the luminous object he had seen, and was astonished to find that there was not a word about it . . .

He told other Deputies of the details of the affair. He said he was returning into Brasília from the airport in his car at the time, and noticed that a traffic-jam was building up, with many vehicles stationary, while their occupants stood in groups looking up at the sky. He stopped too to see what it was all about. Just at that moment the luminous ball came nearer to the ground than at any other time. "It was like a full moon, moving about from left to right and up and down, until it finally vanished mysteriously."

Many of the people in the parked cars—all strangers to each other—were the foreign judges. According to what he, Deputy Dirceu Cardoso, was told by State Attorney Galba Menegale—also a witness—the mysterious luminous ball had been over Brasília for at least ten minutes already before he (Cardoso) came on the scene.

As some of the Federal Deputies pointed out, this was the second UFO sighting over Brasília. It was about five years previously that Deputy Bias Fortes (who also refused to talk much about the episode) told some of his friends in strictest confidence that he had seen "an enormous luminous ball flying around to and fro over the Plano Pilôto area of the new Federal Capital." (Our thanks to Dr. W. Buhler for this report.)

6. UFO at Ilha Bela (September 7, 1971, 7.00 p.m.)

We are obliged to Mr. Nigel Rimes for the following report.

Walter Cantovitz was on a beach near the town of Ilha Bela overlooking the channel between the Island and the Mainland, with São Sebastião slightly to the left. About half the sky was covered by high hazy cloud through which the moon shone. Suddenly his attention was caught by a large cone-shaped object motionless in the sky over the channel. It was of a greyish metallic colour and surrounded by a bright halo of greenish-orange.

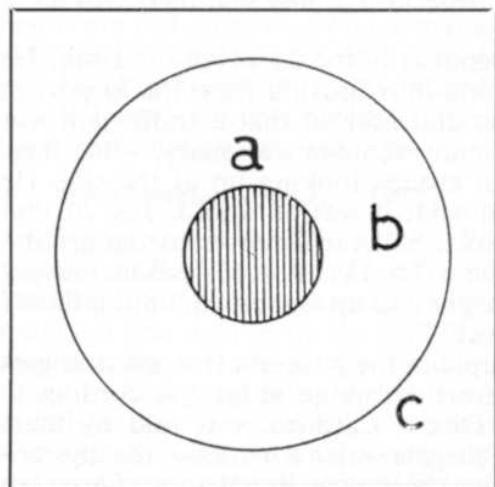
He was unable to decide whether the object was above or below the level of the clouds, as it was in a patch of clear sky. After a few seconds, just as he was about to call to his girl friend, who was near the road, on the look-out for a friend's car, the object moved off rapidly towards the south. Although the halo around it had not changed colour, it brightened markedly as the object moved away, and pulsated rapidly, from bright to dim. The object quickly diminished in apparent size as it went away. When it was overhead its apparent size was *larger than the Moon*. During the time that the object was hovering *the wind dropped to zero, and everything seemed very still*.

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A close encounter in Tatebayasi

Takao Ikeda

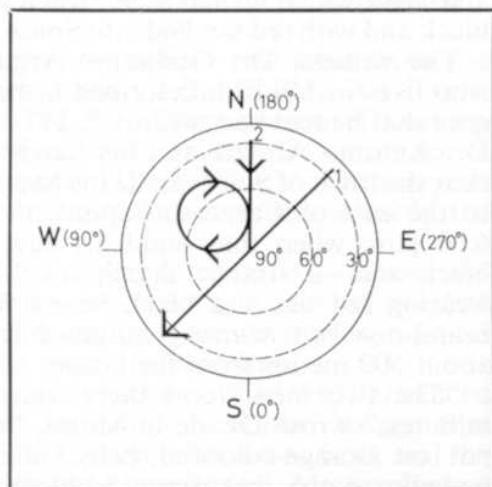
Our contributor is Editor of *Reports of UFO Phenomena happening in Japan*, published by Japan Space Phenomena Society of Hiroshima, Konu. This article is prepared from an item which appeared in issue No. 1 of the journal, dated April 1, 1972.



Left.

Diagram of the UFO when at its visually greatest size.

Key:
a. Dark central portion.
b. White, shining area of
Lunar magnitude.
c. Indistinct outline.



Right.

Trajectory of the UFO across the sky.

THIS incident was reported by Mr. Giyouiti Mita, a teacher at Oizumi High School, Oizumi City. The witness, Arai, is a seventeen-year-old schoolboy who has requested that his full name and address are withheld.

At about 18.30 hrs. on November 29, 1970, Arai was riding his bicycle on the way home at Kone, Tatebayasi City, Gunma Prefecture, after doing some shopping, when he saw the UFO. His main observation was heralded by the sighting of five or six objects which "flew" in formation on a straight path for about five seconds. Their course was from NE to SW.

Several seconds later a solitary object appeared in the sky to the North and approached swiftly. Arai parked his bicycle and ran up some steps into a raised enclosure to get a better view.

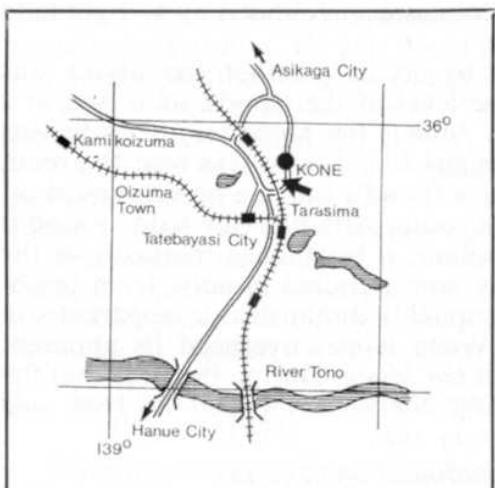
When it reached a point overhead the UFO changed direction and swung round towards the West, and then

went on to complete a circular course. This manoeuvre was repeated, by which time the object had descended so that its apparent diameter was approximately ten times that of the full moon. The UFO then hovered at a very low altitude for two or three seconds, then it climbed and disappeared overhead. Throughout the whole of its passage it was soundless. Its central part was described as being "a little dark" while the main ring around it was glowing white, its light being the equivalent magnitude of that of the moon. The outline was indistinct.

Arai had barely continued on his way when he saw a bright flash of white light to the SE from where he was riding. He was so surprised that he momentarily lost control and tumbled from his machine.

He stated, when interviewed, that it was cloudy, but calm, at the time.

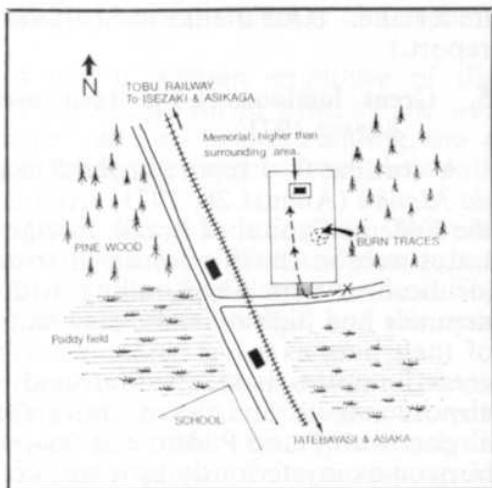
Recovering his composure sufficiently to remount his



Left.

Map of the area in which the sightings occurred.

The grid is a 10Km. square.
The arrow indicates location of sighting (see detail map of this area).



Right.

Map of the area in which the sighting occurred.

Broken line indicates route taken by Arai.
The 'X' indicates approximate position where he left his bicycle.

bike, he pedalled home as fast as he could, and once in the house he switched on the television set and sat waiting for the news programme, so certain was he that the incident would be reported. However, the news programme passed without a solitary mention of UFOs.

The next morning, when on the way to school, Arai stopped at the place where he had parked his bicycle and ran to observe the UFO. It was the site of a tombstone for the dead. He found, in the grass of the area surrounding the raised tombstone, four circular marks of flattened grass (see sketch). The three smaller marks B, C and D were equidistant (2 metres) from the larger mark, A. In marks C and D, and in part of A the grass was burnt brown. The UFO had been at its largest when it passed very low over this tombstone area, and as it passed a pillar of dust was drawn up.

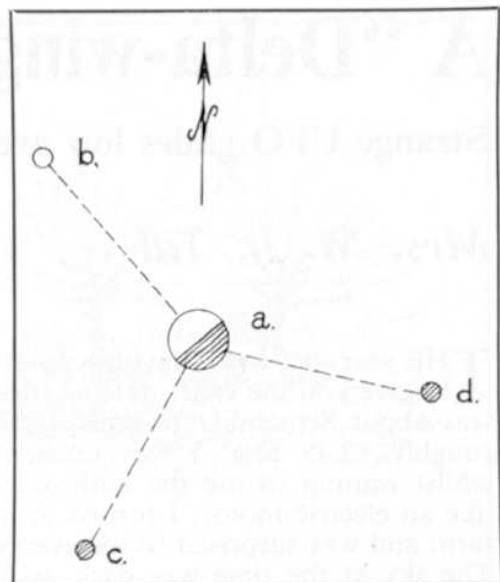
Mr. Mita said the witness was trembling when he interviewed him.

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Sketch of the landing traces:
Scale: 1:100
(metric).

Shaded areas denote areas of burnt grass.

Clear areas within circles denote flattened grass.



South American Round-up—continued from page 9

Sr. Walter Cantovitz claims to have an open mind about the subject of flying saucers, but is now more than curious about them.

7. UFO hovers over Rio suburb (On or about October 1, 1971)

At 7.50 p.m. on a dark overcast night, on or around October 1, 1971 (report in *O Globo* of October 7, 1971), at São Cristóvão, a northern suburb of Rio de Janeiro, about one dozen people saw a round, shining UFO which came flying slowly and silently and very low, and then stopped and hovered, and rose and fell once or twice, sending down three beams of light of various and changing colours, red at times.

One witness photographed the object. The picture, which is reproduced in this paper, shows a white object, like one plate upside-down on another, with a thick surrounding rim and two white appendages hanging down below (so-called "Medusa" effect?). Before it vanished, the UFO performed the usual change of colours, passing from white through yellow to red. (Our thanks to Dr. W. Buhler for the above report.)

8. "Attacked by 'Space Hippies'" (1970?)

The *Domingo Ilustrado* (Rio de Janeiro) of October 3, 1971, mentions that, about a year previously, the Brazilian farmer Luís Flozino de Oliveira was the victim of an attack by "Space Hippies". Small, very aggressive beings, bearded, with long hair and assymetrical eyes, they caught him working in his rice-field. Stunned at first, Flozino tried to fight back and grappled with them, knocking one of them down with a well-aimed blow, whereupon they all fled. [N.B. For "assymetrical eyes," see also the case of Tiago Machado in *The Pirassununga Landing*, by Nigel Rimes in FSR Special Issue No. 3, *UFO Percipients*—EDITOR.] (We are indebted to both

Dr. W. Buhler and Mr. Nigel Rimes for copies of the *Domingo Ilustrado* of October 3.)

9. Motorist harassed by UFO (October 3, 1971)

The following is a report which appeared in *O Globo* (Rio de Janeiro) for October 6, 1971:

"For God's sake don't make me talk about that any more! It was one of the worst moments of my whole life!" said Brazilian businessman Aziz Cury Jr. when he arrived at his Posto Avenida petrol-filling station at Anápolis (State of Goiás). 'That' was a silent luminous object which, he said, had flown across the road in front of his car and had caused him to do over 160 kilometres per hour.

"As he told the Anápolis Highway Police Patrol, it was at about 1.40 a.m. on Sunday, October 3. He was driving from Brasília, accompanied by his wife. When approaching Anápolis, he noticed that the engine of the car was beginning to sound quite different and that—not at his volition—he was now doing over 160 km.p.h.! Then there passed across in front of them, at a distance of about 300 metres, an enormous ball of light. Silently it passed to and fro in front of them several times, causing a change in the speed of the car on each such occasion. In shape it resembled a 'Mexican hat', and he said it only disappeared from view just before he reached the Highway Patrol Post.

"Friends of the witness describe him as a serious sort of man, incapable of perpetrating a hoax. He now becomes nervous and trembles if any of his friends so much as mention the matter, and he says he will never again travel by night, but only in broad daylight." (Our thanks to Dr. W. Buhler for this report.)

[Mr. Creighton's round-up will be concluded in the next issue of *FSR Case Histories*.]

A "Delta-winged" oddity

Strange UFO glides low over a Staffordshire village

Mrs. M. L. Till

THE year that I saw the object was 1964. I am unable to give you the exact date as I lost my diary, but it was about September or early October and the time roughly 12.45 a.m. I was outside satellite spotting whilst waiting to use the bathroom. Hearing a noise like an electric motor, I turned to look for lights at a farm and was surprised to see everywhere in darkness. The sky at the time was dark, with a slight horizon glow from a town about eight miles away over the hills.

It was then that a black silhouette rose, so it seemed, from behind the damson trees by the garage. I could not have moved had I wished! As soon as I saw the red light on it I relaxed and watched it coming slowly onwards. I shall never forget it. I was intrigued rather than scared. As a designer, I want to know the how and what about everything. Moving at about 5 m.p.h., the triangular object cleared our TV aerial by approximately 10-12ft. The height of the cottage is 16ft. to the eaves. The damson trees are about 22ft. high. Judging its size in relation to the cottage, the object was 30-35ft. wide; the length was not accurately observed due to the fact that my attention was drawn to other details, but I would guess it to have been about 40ft. The distance from where I stood to the back of the garage was 40ft. exactly, and to the point where the object was first seen, approximately 60ft. (please see diagram).

The colour of the object was dark metallic grey and I could see streaks in what I took to be paintwork, as though the coating was applied very thickly. There was a panel lying along the centre, the colour of red-hot metal, the glow from which enabled me to make out the colour of the bodywork. However, the panel was *not* of metal. It seemed to be composed of a material like perspex, set in a double row of nine squares, moulded, translucent and faceted. A bar of brighter light of a more orange hue moved along the panel in number order, i.e. after 9 came 1, 2, 3 etc., at roughly $\frac{1}{2}$ -second intervals. I looked in particular for signs of a glow from a cabin, but the craft seemed automatic—no sign of port-holes or cabin. There was no light at the front or *below* the wing-tips, but when the object was 15 yards ahead, i.e. across the lane, I noticed an oval-shaped light at each tip, magenta in colour, apparently inside a hollow channel. The sound which the object gave off was like a gentle "singing" purr, like a small electric motor. The tone or note was G natural.

My impressions during the sighting ran like this:

"That panel has something to do with the propulsion: caterpillar tractor-wise."

"Almost soundless—not jet, not piston. Electric?"

"How the devil does it go so slowly?"

"It lifts over trees, sinks again over the fields, rises again over the next clump of trees."

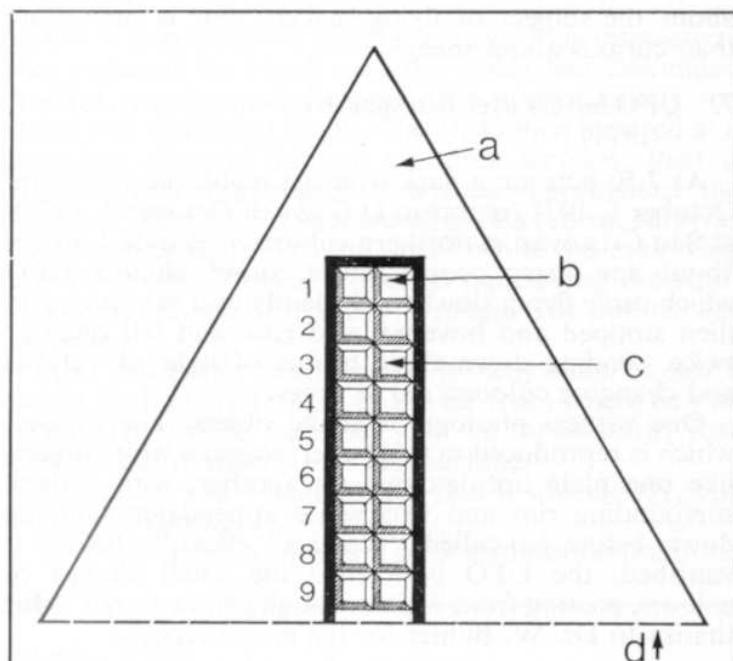
"Where is it beaming in? P.O. tower at Macclesfield Road?"

"Might be an Army or RAF experimental thing."

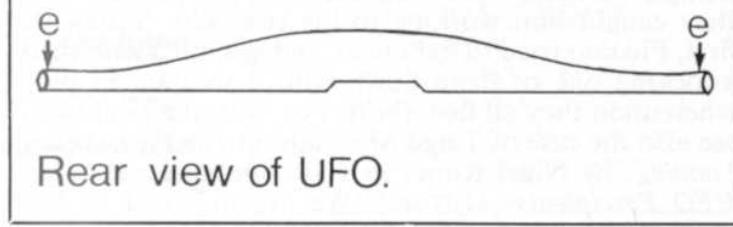
"Odd. All aircraft have red and green lights. Those wing-tips are strange, like neon reflecting down a tube."

"Beautiful thing, designed with maximum external simplicity."

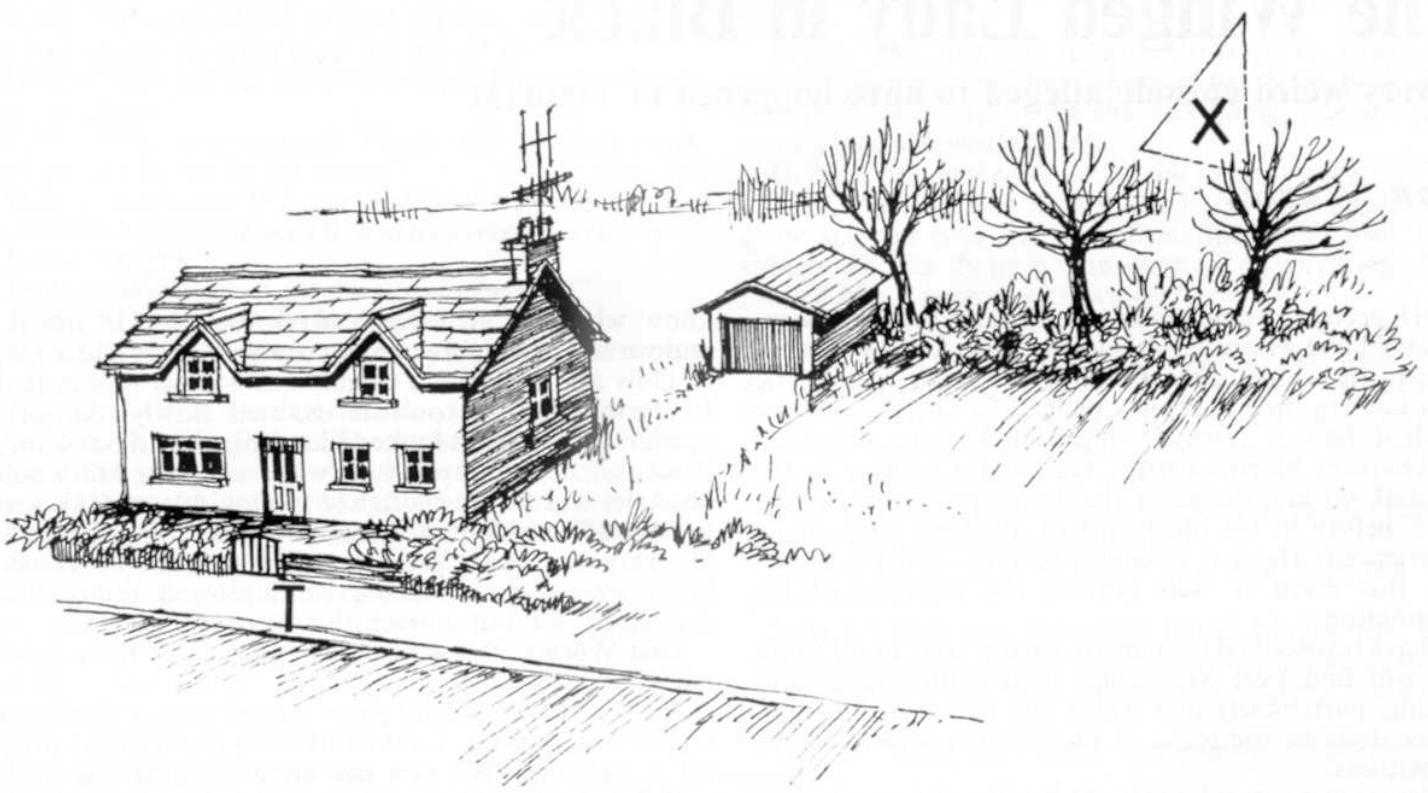
I described the sighting to my husband who was waiting to hear what the strange humming noise had been. I cannot say we are not sky-watchers. We saw our first inexplicable object in the 1950s, and have been interested since. The route of this delta-wing-type object,



Undersurface of UFO.



Rear view of UFO.



T: Mrs. Till's position, X: the object

considering it was so close to towns, was strangely over the most sparsely inhabited line of country around. The location of the sighting was 4 miles from Rudyard Lake, the nearest town being Leek, five miles away as the crow flies; Stoke-on-Trent is eight miles distant.

Postscript

We now live near Pwllheli in North Wales, and a curious incident was reported to me last February. A farmer asked: "Do you know anything about fireballs or meteorites?"

"A little," I replied, and then, cautiously . . . "why?"

"Last week I went out for logs and suddenly across the yard a bright red ball of fire suddenly shot up from the ground. It had a trail of sparks, and shot up into the

sky away over towards Aberdaron." [A village at the western tip of the Lleyn Peninsula—EDITOR.] A pause, then he continued: "We have seen red balls of fire with trails of sparks swishing over once or twice this winter."

He is a sane and sober individual, and he nodded when I said he'd probably seen bits of satellites breaking up and burning out on re-entry. However, I ducked away from commenting on the one that went "up".

A close encounter at Tatebayasi

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Further points

A weather map for 9.00 p.m. of that day showed that Tokyo and Nigata had cloudy weather: low atmospheric pressure and an associated cold front was over the southern part of Honshu, while there was high atmospheric pressure over the northern part of the Continent of Asia.

The reported object has all the characteristics of the oft-reported "Saturn-shaped UFO."

This event is significant as well as interesting, for it is the first instance of a (possible) landing in Japan.

THE WARMINSTER PHOTOGRAPHS: A RUMOUR

A disquieting rumour reached us recently, concerning the validity of the photographs of a luminous 'something' taken from Cradle Hill on March 28, 1970. Accordingly we are making further enquiries, as also is Mr. John Ben, who is as disturbed as we are about the rumour. We expect to advise readers of the outcome of our enquiries in the next issue of *Flying Saucer Review*.

EDITOR.

The Winged Lady in Black

A very weird episode alleged to have happened in Vietnam

Don Worley

THE account I am recording here must certainly seem a wild one. However, I have the good fortune to have known the witness, Pfc. Earl Morrison, all his life; he is in fact my step-nephew. Aged 21 at the time of the incident, he was Truck Driver, 11th Motors, Alfa Co., 1st Division Marine Corps. He has no interest in the unusual, no knowledge of the paranormal, and he had never before in his life heard of anything such as he experienced. He is a reliable observer, and he swears that this event is well beyond the capacity of his imagination.

I have transcribed his narrative from tape, and I think you will find Earl Morrison's own words more convincing, particularly in a weird tale like this. But first, let me describe the scene of the incident as told me by the witness.

The event occurred one night in either July or August 1969, before the monsoons. The location was a defensive perimeter near Da Nang, Vietnam. The time was approximately 1.00 or 1.30 a.m. There was no wind, or at most a very slight breeze. The temperature was guessed to have been in the upper 70s and the humidity was high. There were no limiting factors to visibility except darkness, but the witness recollects there was a half moon high in the sky. He remembers these details about the time and the weather that night because it was the only time he was on guard duty in 11th Motors, and also in view of what happened that night he is not likely to forget the details.

There was one outpost and a line of defence consisting of bunkers and "concertina", i.e. barbed wire coiled in big circles and loops. The witness and two other men on guard duty were sitting on top of a bunker watching a certain sector outside the perimeter. The bunker was raised about 6ft. from the terrain for good viewing of the area around, which consisted of swamps with low grass and no trees. The men were talking among themselves, looking out every once in a while in a westerly direction in case they should see anything moving out there. They had lights, but they shone only on the ground, giving a visibility of about 20ft. from the bunker; the lights were to detect anyone trying to cut the barbed wire to crawl under it.

Before recording the witness's story, I impressed upon him to tell me nothing more and nothing less about the incident than he had seen. I asked him to think carefully and be accurate, and to tell me only what he was certain of and not to make guesses. If he was not sure, I asked him to say so. He swore on his honour to do this. The following transcript from the tape is edited where it is necessary to delete unnecessary repetition.

Earl Morrison: "So we just talked and looked out there every once in a while. All of a sudden—I don't

know why—we all three looked out there in the sky and we saw this figure coming towards us. It had a kind of glow and we couldn't make out what it was at first. It started coming towards us, real slowly. All of a sudden we saw what looked like wings, like a bat's, only it was gigantic compared to what a regular bat would be. After it got close enough so we could see what it was, it looked like a woman. A naked woman. She was black. Her skin was black, her body was black, the wings were black, everything was black. But it glowed. It glowed in the night—kind of a greenish cast to it."

Don Worley: "You mean she glowed, or there was a glow around her?"

E.M.: "There was a glow on her and around her. Everything glowed. Looked like she glowed and threw off a radiance. We saw her arms towards the wings and they looked like regular moulded arms, each with a hand and fingers and everything, but they had skin from the wings going over them. And when she flapped her wings, there was no noise at first. It looked like her arms didn't have any bones in them, because they were limber just like a bat."

"She started going over us, and we still didn't hear anything. She was right above us, and when she got over the top of our heads she was maybe 6 or 7 feet up."

D.W.: "What did you guys do, just stand there?"

E.M.: "We couldn't do anything. We didn't know what to do. We just froze. We just watched what was going over because we couldn't believe our eyes."

D.W.: "Nobody went into a panic, dived for the bunker? Nobody fired at her?"

E.M.: "No. It's amazing what you would do under certain circumstances. And we just looked at it. We couldn't believe it because we had never seen anything like this before in our lives. So we watched her go straight over the top of us, and still she didn't make any noise flapping her wings. She blotted out the moon once—that's how close she was to us. And dark—looked like pitch black then, but we could still define her because she just glowed. Real bright like. And she started going past us straight towards our encampment. As we watched her—she had got about 10 feet or so away from us—we started hearing her wings flap. And it sounded, you know, like regular wings flapping. And she just started flying off and we watched her for quite a while. The total time when we first saw her and could almost define her until we lost sight of her and were unable to define her was between 3 or 4 minutes."

D.W.: "How fast was she going when she came over you?"

E.M.: "She was real slow. She blotted out the moon for maybe 10 seconds."

D.W.: "How would you compare her speed with a

walking man, a running man, or what?"

E.M.: "It would have to be a walking man, because she was almost floating over the top of us."

D.W.: "How did she move her wings? Like an ordinary bird, or what?"

E.M.: "No, they rippled. That's why I didn't think she had any bones in her arms."

D.W.: "Let's see if I can understand her arms. She had them outstretched like this and they were like rubber?"

E.M.: "Right."

D.W.: "Well, where did the wings come to?"

E.M.: "They came to her shoulders."

D.W.: "Well yes, but you got an arm there. Where was the rest of the wing?"

E.M.: "Well, it was fastened down here by her thigh or mid-thigh, or a little closer to her knee. Then they came up to her arm and straight over to her shoulder. She had them straight out like this with the bottom part hanging down and she was just flapping them like that."

D.W.: "Well, what makes you think this was a woman?"

E.M.: "Well, it looked like a woman. You could see her—she was naked."

D.W.: "What parts did you see of her?"

E.M.: "Her whole—well, if you were standing towards a person it would be the same thing as looking at the front of her."

D.W.: "Well, which position was she flying in?"

E.M.: "She was flying just like she was supposed to fly—the bottom part down, which meant that we saw her face, her chest and her legs."

D.W.: "You mean you saw things here?" [presumably with a gesture towards the bust—EDITOR].

E.M.: "Right! She was a very well developed woman . . . but she had wings. She glowed. She had down all over her body."

D.W.: "Down?"

E.M.: "Yes, just like fur. Or whatever it was. I guess it had to be fur because it didn't look like feathers."

D.W.: "But then still she looked dark?"

E.M.: "Right. Looked like she was negroid, because her skin tone was black."

D.W.: "Did you tell this to anyone the next day?"

E.M.: "Everybody. Nobody would believe us."

D.W.: "Did you report this officially to any officers?"

E.M.: "Of course we did, to our lieutenant and junior executives, and they kind of just looked at us and then walked off. Like we had been on dope or something. That night after it had happened we called the next post down the perimeter and asked them if they had seen anything in the sky. They said: 'No, what are you guys talking about?' So we shut up and didn't say any more."

D.W.: "Did you feel any effect to your person when she went over?"

E.M.: "No, I don't remember anything happening like that."

D.W.: "Why did you all three look at once? Didn't one of you say, look there?"

E.M.: "No, all of a sudden we all three looked at the same time. Wasn't any noise or anything. I don't know, it was just a feeling everybody had I suppose."

D.W.: "Did she have any hair on her head? What colour was it?"

E.M.: "It was black, but it was straight, like the Caucasian race and not kinky."

D.W.: "Did she especially seem to want to come to you guys?"

E.M.: "No, she was looking down at us when she was flying over, but then she put her head back like she was looking to where she was going, like she had some place she was going."

D.W.: "She looked down at you as she went over?"

E.M.: "Right. She didn't veer her course at all. She came straight over the top of us. She didn't look like somebody was flying a kite over us or anything. She looked like a person with wings."

D.W.: "Did she move her feet?"

E.M.: "No, everything was still except her head, and, of course, her arms. The skin of her wings looked like it was moulded on to her hands. Looked like the way she was born or something I guess."

D.W.: "I don't think she was ever born."

E.M.: "I don't believe she was either—maybe created or something, I don't know what."

D.W.: "What did the other two men with you say about this?"

E.M.: "They saw the same thing. Maybe one had seen some detail the other had not. But we were nearly in agreement. We more or less saw exactly the same thing."

D.W.: "Was she solid, transparent, vaporous, or what?"

E.M.: "She was solid!"

D.W.: "Was the edge of her self-luminous, reflecting, or a dull finish?"

E.M.: "It was just bright. Looked like it came from her body."

D.W.: "Was the edge of her fuzzy, blurred, ragged, or sharply outlined?"

E.M.: "It was sharply outlined."

D.W.: "How could it be if you got this fur or fuzz on her?"

E.M.: "Well, like I said, from the illumination—you could see everything and it was sharply clear. Her edges were smooth."

D.W.: "Did you smell anything?"

E.M.: "No, nothing."

D.W.: "Why didn't you hear her when she was right overhead?"

E.M.: "I don't know. She wasn't flying fast enough to go past her own noise."

D.W.: "Was she a skinny, fat, big or little woman?"

E.M.: "She looked medium-sized to me. If she'd been standing up I believe she's have been about 5 foot something. Maybe she seemed a little tall for a woman."

D.W.: "Did you see her eyes?"

E.M.: "I don't remember. I saw a regular face, but don't remember anything about the eyes."

D.W.: "Did you have anything strange happen before or afterwards?"

E.M.: "No, not that I can remember."

D.W.: "What were the names of these other two fellows who were there with you on guard duty that night?"

E.M.: "Oh, I can't remember, I have met so many people. They were just assigned with me that night. They were not special friends or anything like that, and now I don't have any idea what their names were."

D.W.: "Earl, what was the distance to the next bunker on the perimeter?"

E.M.: "150 metres."

D.W.: "Had you or either of the other two men, while in Vietnam, ever done anything mean or wrong to any of the natives there?"

E.M.: "Not that I know of. Of course, I don't know what the other two guys have done, but they didn't say anything about anything that night."

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One other fact might be mentioned here which may or may not be relevant. In September 1970, Earl Morrison became sick and was put into hospital in Japan. He suffered with swollen lymph glands in the armpits and groins which were operated upon. He still has some of these swellings. Swelling of the lymph glands is not an unknown disease, and it may have no bearing on this case, but it is a pity we have no way of getting any information on the state of the glands of the other two witnesses.

Readers' Reports

Low-level UFO at Halesowen

Dear Sirs,—I must bring to your attention a report of a UFO sighting over Halesowen which, to the minds of myself and my friends, may be of great note.

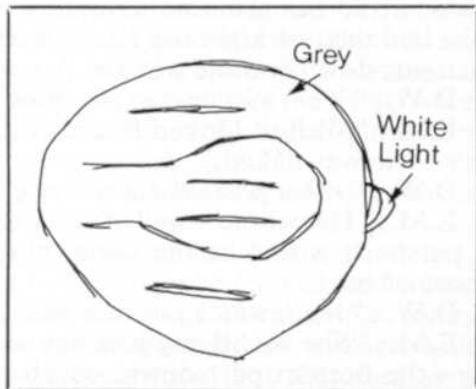
The sighting (one of many in our area at present!) was clearly and concisely reported. The individuals who saw the UFO are two 13-year-old boys, and one of 12 years. I consider them to be sound and reasonable, and, as I know them personally, can vouch that they have good backgrounds.

On January 20, 1972, the three boys were supposed to go swimming with

my father, who is Captain of the local Boys' Brigade, to which all three belong. They decided to walk around for a time as the night was clear and fresh.

At 9.05 p.m. approximately, they sighted the object. It remained clearly in view for some 10 minutes.

The object, like two saucers lip to lip, appeared to spin about its axis, and wobbled while remaining over a three-storey block of flats a few hundred yards from my home. The object had red lights around the rim, and one green light on top. At one point it also had a white light (as shown in the sketches). The object also had markings



The underside of the object as drawn by Gary Whyley, aged 13 years.

underneath, and one of the boys drew them for me.

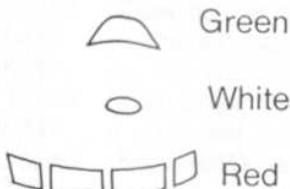
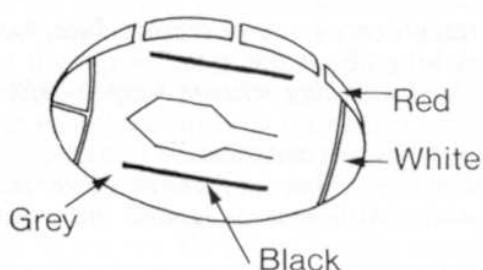
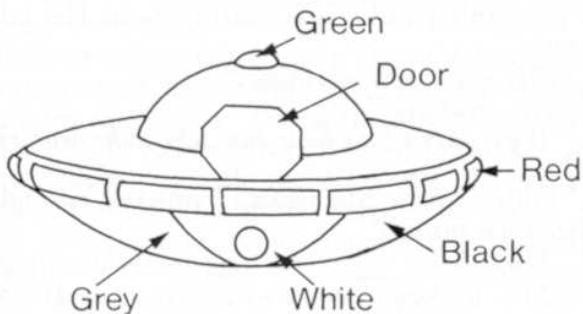
After a few minutes of watching the boys became frightened, and ran for my house hoping I would be at home. Unfortunately I was out, but my mother conveyed their message to me. The following evening I interviewed the boys with the aid of a friend. We consider their stories to be true, as we interviewed them separately and found little or nothing by way of discrepancies in their accounts. The only differences were in the way they sketched the object.

Dorian Panero, 12, of Howley Grange, has read books on the subject of UFOs. Nevertheless he was physically distressed by the incident.

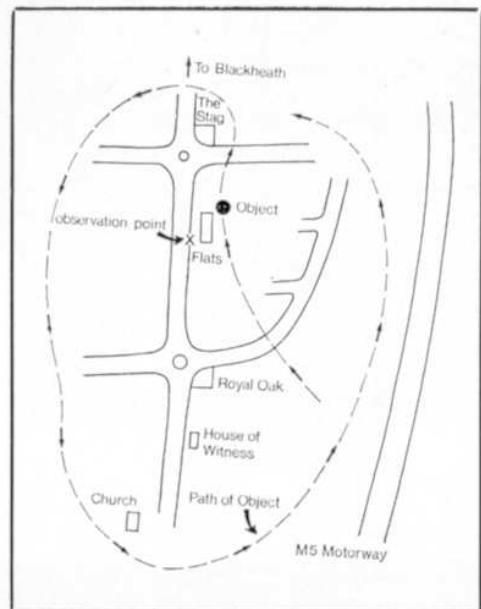
Gary Whyley, 13, also of Howley Grange, was less shaken, but became very annoyed when we insisted that he must have seen an aeroplane or helicopter. He said he knew exactly what planes and helicopters look like, and this was neither.

Carl Fogarty, 13, of Blackheath, was shaken by his experience, and he also became annoyed when my colleague tried to laugh their story off.

The boys heard no sound, felt no peculiar sensations and smelt nothing unusual. They said that when they fled from the scene, the object appeared to



Illustrations of the object, based on sketches received from Gary Whyley



Sketch map showing the flight-path of the object.
Ordnance survey reference; map 131: 986 845.

circle the area from "The Stag" public house to Carters Lane Baptist Church, right round my house and away towards the M5 motorway.

If you, or any other researchers would like interviews with the boys I am sure it could be arranged. I am disturbed that there are so many UFO reports in my district and that I cannot deal with them through having to work.

Yours truly,
Andy Priest,

24 Carters Lane, Halesowen, Worcestershire.
January 24, 1972.

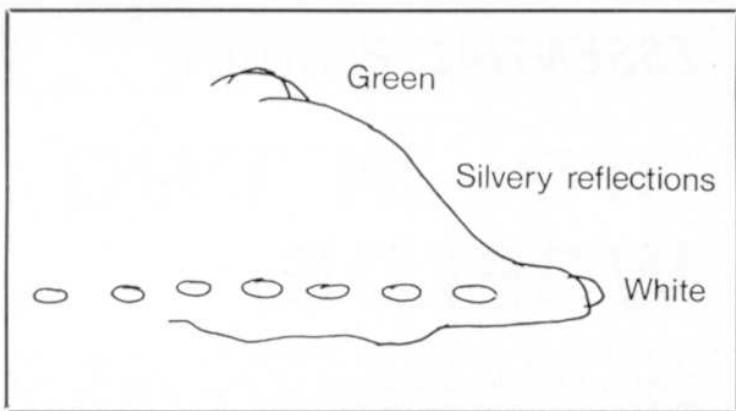
Wave of sightings over Yugoslavia

Dear Sir,—According to our correspondent **Milos Krmelj**, of Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, UFOs were seen very widely over Yugoslavia during the first two weeks of October, 1971, particularly over the territories of Serbia and his own region, the Slovenian Republic.

Some reports were of seemingly metallic, whitish, triangular objects such as the one observed on the morning of October 5 at an altitude of 10,000 metres by pilots of two Yugoslavian airliners when in the vicinity of Sarajevo. Other reports were of round objects. Witnesses were very numerous and for some days there was much animated talk among the public about UFOs, "men from other planets," etc.

One of the objects was photographed by a professor Milan Lazaric and the picture appeared in the paper *Delo* of

Right
The object as sketched by Dorian Panero, aged 12 years.



October 9. It showed an intensely white pear-shaped object with indistinct contours.

By the middle of October the authorities may have been thinking that there had been too much popular discussion of these matters, and reports began to appear explaining that the objects seen were all meteorological or cosmic ray balloons (which indeed some of them may have been). At one place, Bjelina, reports said that a mysterious box full of instruments was found and that it seemed to have fallen from the air. Generally the press were inclined to hint at espionage by foreign powers, especially Italy, in addition to the theory of cosmic or meteorological balloons.

Gordon Creighton,
FSR, London.

Dear Sirs,—On Monday, November 21, 1971, I was driving with my wife from Derby to Hilton along the Derby to Uttoxeter Road. It was 5.45 in the evening and I was driving on headlamps—the road being unlit.

As we passed close by Burnaston my wife pointed out a white, bright light which I estimated to be at 2,000ft. I have observed many aircraft approaching East Midlands Airport at night and am familiar with the appearance of their navigation lights at known altitudes. The light, however, did not seem to behave like a conventional aircraft. It was brighter than aircraft navigation lights and seemed to be moving slowly northwards. Sometimes it appeared to be stationary, or to perform slow gyrations like somebody waving a torch in circles. The light was flashing in an irregular manner—its appearance being alternately dull white and very bright white. It did not flash on and off.

Seven minutes later—we had passed through Etwall—it began to look slightly red at its lowest illumination, but still flashed bright white in an irregular manner.

I pulled off the main road and got out of the car to observe it more carefully. It was now hovering and gyrating but did not seem to be travelling in any particular direction. It was then that I noticed a similar light to the South. This light appeared to be over Rolleston-on-Dove and was at the same elevation as the first light, i.e. 40° approximately. The second light, however, was a definite red colour and it flashed irregularly from dull to bright but its colour did not change. The second light was absolutely stationary.

I started the car again and reached the house, not having observed either light for the last two to three minutes. I now observed the second light from the back garden. It appeared to have been joined on its western side by the first light, which could not now be seen in the North, although I did not now have a completely unimpeded view due to nearby houses. Both lights now performed slight gyrations and slowly parted. The first light moved slowly away to the West and the second light moved slowly away to the East.

The whole performance lasted roughly three-quarters of an hour, and at all times the lights were at an elevation of 40° or less. No particular sound could be heard and both appeared brighter than aircraft navigation lights.

The lights were observed by my wife and next-door neighbours. When viewed through binoculars they appeared hardly magnified, still appearing as very bright points of light.

I should like to state that I have read extensively on the subject of UFOs and have therefore tried to be as objective as possible in writing this report.

I shall be interested to know if you have received any other similar reports from this area.

Yours sincerely,
Gavin F. Wilshaw,
Peacroft Lane, Hilton, Derbyshire.
March 13, 1972.

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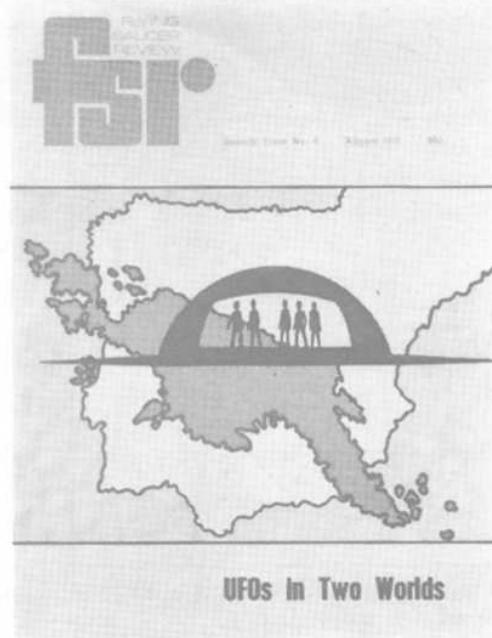
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