

About 1959 (undated) -2200 At sea, in the Florida Straits

Type A

While serving in the USN aboard the aircraft carrier USS FDR, Chester Grusinski (name CONFIDENTIAL) was below decks when he noticed a number of seamen hurrying up to the flight deck of the carrier. When he got to the flight deck, there were approximately 25 other men present observing an oblong, orange light in the sky. The light approached the carrier in a "wobbling" fashion, blocking out the background of stars in the sky and becoming larger. At a distance of probably no more than several hundred feet from the vessel, it stopped and hovered; Grusinski could clearly see a row of square windows, lighted from within by a dull orange glow; in two of these windows, to his left, he could see occupants, one in each window. One appeared to be leaning against the glass and looking down at the witnesses, while the other could be seen only from the ~~head~~ neck up. Then they both moved away and were no longer visible. At its closest range, Grusinski could feel a wave of warmth coming from the object. After the figures disappeared, the bottom of the object began glowing a red-orange; it became brighter as the object began to move off, and they could clearly see then that it was cigar-shaped. The faster it moved, the brighter it got. The observation lasted from two to five minutes.

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The next day, G. got up early to see if there was any reference to the incident in the "plan of the day." He found none; when queried about it by others, he denied having seen anything. On the other hand, he was unable to find anyone else who was willing to talk about it. (Is this consistent?--tb) In January, 1960, he went AWOL; he returned a month later and while awaiting trial, cut his finger in an accident. It required the sewing up of a tendon, and while under anesthesia, he recalled that while coming out a doctor was questioning him about the UFO incident of months earlier. While recovering, he was asked more questions, but denied having seen anything.

Investigator: Dr. Ron Westrum, Ann Arbor.

Source: Original letter from witness to FATE, dated Dec. 28, 1977; letter to Dr. Westrum of May, 1978; report by Westrum of first-hand interview, dated Aug. 22, 1978 (courtesy of the investigator).

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NLT 1959 (date unknown) 2230 Leigh ( ), England. \* Type E

Mrs. C. Wickens had been visiting her sister's home in Leigh and on her way to catch a late bus noticed three figures crouching on the nearby grass verge; she could also make out several other groups of three and four figures standing further back in the shadows. All were dressed in clothing of dazzling white and wore balaclava-type helmets over their heads. They stood motionless, watching the witness, and there was a strange silence over the area. Then, on her left, she suddenly noticed a solitary robot-like figure standing well over six feet, and she was seized by terror and couldn't go on. She fled back to her sister's home where she remained for the night. Her sister wrote the experience off, claiming she had seen "boyscouts" camping on the green for the night. In the morning, there were no signs of such.

Investigator:

Source: Letter from the witness, published in the Maidstone (Kent)  
Evening Post, May 11, 1978.

Leonard Hewins saw a fiery round red object come in for a landing 100 yards away. When it stopped the light went out, and a blue haze about 12 ft high formed around the object. In this haze he saw 3 tall figures that "appeared to step up, lifting themselves with a clumsy movement." A 4th figure appeared, and they seated themselves 2 in front and 2 in the rear; then the object began to glow red again, & rose with a trail of sparks & a rushing sound.

Investigator: John D. Llewellyn (for BUFORA)

Source: Llewellyn in FSR XIII/5, p. 15.

A luminous object was seen to fall into the harbor of Gdynia; divers set to reach it brought back a piece of unruined metal whose composition is not publicly known. Several days later (according to Polish newspapers), a strange male figure wearing "a sort of uniform" was encountered dragging himself along the beach; part of his face & hair appeared to be burnt. On taking him to a hospital, it was found that the uniform was of metal, and that the being's organs were quite different from ours, the numbers of fingers & toes also differing. The creature died after an arm-band was removed; its body was sent to the USSR.

Investigator:

Source: Ion Hobana & Julien Weverbergh, UFOs From Behind The Iron Curtain  
(Bantam, 1975), pp. 1f.

59-03 March 7, 1959 0930 Silver Spring, Md.

Type E

Seeing behind a hedge a man in a white "helmet", Rev. Pearl Kerwin went around the hedge to meet him; she encountered a man in a white one-piece coverall type of suit covering even the feet, with bright blue trunks. The "helmet" was part of the suit, like a hood. She yelled, and the man ran off very rapidly, apparently "skimming" over the ground. John Gill, who saw his face at 15 ft distance, said there were 2 black holes where eyes should be.

Investigators: Eli Bernzweig, Don Neill, and Richard Hall (for NICAP).

Source: R. Hall's report to NICAP.

59-04 March 12, 1959 Night Purnong Landing, South Australia

Type 1

6-year-old Kim Marks was preparing for bed when he saw a 5-ft man, with a crimson face, wearing a red jacket & trousers with white trimmings. He was visible for a minute and a half. Kim's dog did not react. A few hours later, a multi-colored luminous object was seen close to the Marks property.

Investigator: Keith Basterfield (for S. A. UFO Research)

Source: Basterfield's 1976 list of Australian CEIII cases, p. 3.

59-05 Early April, 1959 2030 Kankakee, Illinois

Type C

David Soucie saw a white-glowing disc land and a large creature appear in front of it and proceed in his direction; he hid and watched it pass him. (Cf. 59-06.)

Investigator: none

Source: Letter from Carl L. Miller to D. Keyhoe, 2/11/61.



59-06 Mid-April, 1959 2030 Kankakee, Illinois

Type C

A week after 59-05, Carl Miller & David Soucie, watching from a railroad bridge, both saw a white-glowing disc hovering over the tracks. A huge black silhouetted form was seen moving in front of the light. It was apelike, with very long arms & no neck; it moved like an ape, using its arms. When it got within 100 yards of him, Miller ran.

Investigator: none

Source: Same as 59-05.

59-07 April 24, 1959 Daytime Piatã, Brazil

As he approached an object maneuvering over the sea, Hélió Aguiar's motorcycle engine stopped. He saw that the object was a silvery disc with a cupola, whose underside was flat with 4 small projecting hemispheres, and bearing some dark markings. He took 3 photographs of this (source has drawing of one photo), after which he felt a sense of confusion, & lost consciousness. When he came to, the UFO had vanished, but in his left hand was a paper, bearing in his own handwriting a message to put a stop to all atomic testing, because "the balance of the Universe is threatened."

Investigator: João Martins

Sources: APRO Bull. 7/59; FSR XIII/3, pp. 5f.

59-08 April 26, 1959 0000 São Paulo, Brazil

58-09 April 27, 1959 0310 São Paulo, Brazil

Type B

Having seen a "red hot"-appearing disc in the sky before he went to bed, Luis Da Silva woke and felt a compulsion to go out to the garden, where he found a note telling him to return the next night at 3:10 AM. He did so, and as a circular object appeared at an altitude of ca. 300 ft he felt himself paralyzed. From the UFO descended spirally a man who did not quite touch the ground: he wore a helmet, and was clad in plastic clothing, with gloves looking like glass. He told Da S. to return on Thursday at 2:05 AM, and reascended spirally to his craft. On Thursday the same sequence of events occurred, but 3 entities in sequence descended (only one at a time.) The last of these asked Da S. for a sheet of paper, and inscribed upon it a message of unknown markings (reproduced in source.) Gordon Creighton, a linguist, does not consider these marks to be genuine alphabetical symbols.

Investigator: Dr. Walter Buhler (for SBEDV.)

Sources: APRO Bull. 7/59; FSR XIII/3, pp. 7f.

59-13 June 27, 1959 1800 Boianai, New Guinea

Type A

24 hrs after sighting 59-12, the object reappeared in the same position, a little further off. Four men were seen occupied with something on top of it. Father Wm. Gill waved, and one of the men on the UFO did the same; then all the observers waved, and all 4 seemed to wave back. Flashlight signals were answered

by movements of the object, which oscillated & then came somewhat closer. After this there was no further response. After about 1.5 hrs of visibility the object was hidden by low clouds.

Investigator: Rev. Norman E. G. Cruttwell.

Source: FSR Special Issue #4, p. 18.

59-14 July 13, 1959 0540 Blenheim, New Zealand

Type A

Walking to her cowshed, Mrs. Frederick Moreland saw a round object with 2 green lights come down out of the clouds to hover at rooftop level. Around its edge were 2 counter-rotating belts of fiery-orange jets. A glass-like cowl covered its top, and through this she could see 2 men wearing divers' helmets, one of whom stood up & leaned forward; both were clad in tight-fitting silvery-colored suits. As it departed, the UFO made a whining high-pitched sound, and left behind it a smell "just like pepper".

Investigator: Harold Fulton (C.S.I. of N.Z.)

Source: APRO Bull. 9/59, p. 4.

On running outside after an electrical power failure, Mr. Gideon Johansson and his son saw a brilliant white light hovering over a nearby building. This descended, breaking through the top of a maple tree, until it was only 18" above the street, and 10 ft from Mr. J. It was an oval, dome-shaped machine 12 ft long & 8 ft high, light blue in color; in front was a large window surrounded by rivet-heads. Inside this, brilliantly illuminated by a white light, he could see 2 small seated individuals, with very high-crowned heads, big eyes, small mouths, and pointed chins. (Sketch in FSR.) Each had an earphone on one ear. They wore white uniforms with broad black belts crossed over their shoulders & chests. One of them loosened his belt to work on something below the window level. After 2 minutes the craft floated along the street for 25 yards, then disappeared in a flash, with a rush of air. A glassy deposit was found on the power lines 1 km away. Lr. J. suffered ill effects to his health, and the maple tree eventually died.

Investigators: K. Gosta Rehn (for APRO); Anders Liljegren (for UFO-Sweden.)

Sources: APRO Bull., 11-12/67, pp. 5f.; FSR (Liljegren account), 6/7C, pp. 14-16. (Gives date as "late October.")



1959 Corrigenda

(HumCat , 187)

End of Oct., 1959    1800    Aubagne (Bouches-du-Rhône), France

Type A

Mme. Moulet, 45, was hanging out her washing in the twilight, with her 3 children, when she saw an egg-shaped object descend silently, to hover just above her. (Source has sketch.) Through a wide triangular window in its front, strongly illuminated, she could see about 20 persons, tall, with wavy blond hair and very light skin, wearing white suits with short sleeves. They were smiling or perhaps laughing at her. The air became very cold. After 10-15 minutes the object took off again, disappearing in 2 or 3 sec., leaving a slight trail.

Investigator:    M. Cohin, of SVEPS.

Source:    LDLN #125 (May '73), pp. 10f.

59-16 December, 1959\* Night Brocton, England

Type E

The 3 witnesses' car stalled on a hill and they got out to push it. Suddenly they saw a small figure, only 3.5 ft tall, standing behind the car. Its head was 3 or 4 times normal size, enclosed in a large transparent bowl; from the neck down it was clad in close-fitting blackish clothing. This being asked "Are you in trouble?" and on receiving an affirmative answer, proceeded to push the car at a good pace up the hill, enabling the driver to start it. When they turned to thank the helpful stranger, he was gone.

Investigator: Wilfrid Daniels

\* Date could be early 1960.

Source: FSR XIII/3, p. 19.

59-17 Dec. 22, 1959 2350 Near Modesto, Calif.

Type: A

Kenneth Lindsley was walking when he saw a bright orange bowl-shaped object that descended to about 20 ft above the road, extending over the entire road. "On it I could see shadows which appeared to be moving, but I could not distinguish what they were." After 2 minutes, it rose again into the air. Others in the neighborhood also saw the object.

Investigator:

Source: APRO Bull., 1/60.