

An airline pilot, Chaskov, sleeping in a beach cottage was awakened by an explosive noise and saw a bright blue-white light outside. In the morning his grandmother, Sra. Chaskova, told him that she had gone out to investigate this and had seen a large number of objects like "inverted soup-plates", lit up by an orange glow, hovering just above the ocean. She watched them for half an hour, during which time she saw two human figures emerge on to the top of one of the discs and remain standing there for a while. Then they redescended, and the vessels took off, one after the other, at tremendous speed.

Investigator: Commander Auriphebo Simões

Source: FSR XIV/1, p. 13, quoting A. Simões, Os Discos Voadores--Fantasia e Realidade (São Paulo, 1957.)

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52-02 February or March, 1952 1630 Lomo de Ballena, Peru

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Driving northwards to Lima on the Pan-American Highway, "C.A.V." saw near Lomo de Ballena a grayish, shining metallic disc hovering a few feet over the desert; he stopped and ran toward it. An opening appeared and there emerged 3 "mummy-like" beings about 5 feet tall, with joined legs and a single large foot. They had no faces, only a sort of transparent jelly with a bubble in the middle. They wore no clothing, but had a "towely" skin. They asked, in English, whether they were in North America; on being told that it was South America, the voice switched to Spanish. They asked C.A.V. to "take them to his chief", and said they came from another star and were concerned about atomic-energy dangers. They said they were asexual and reproduced by fission; during the conversation, one actually did so. They invited him into the craft, which was transparent and contained no machinery, and took him on a flight down the coast. C.A.V. repeated the story under hypnosis.

Investigator: Richard Greenwell

Sources: J. & C. Lorenzen, UFOs Over The Americas (Signet Paperback, 1968), pp. 122-148; FSR XVI-6, 12f. (the latter including correction of date.)

52-03 April 4, 1952 Evening Hasselbach, East Germany

Type B

Oskar Linke, the former mayor of Gletmershausen (in East Germany) was riding home on his motorcycle with his 11-year-old stepdaughter Gabrielle when a tire burst near Hasselbach. They saw 60 yards away a "deer" which proved to be 2 human figures wearing shimmering metallic clothing, who were examining something on the ground. Approaching to within 30 ft, he saw an object "like a huge oval warning-pan" 40-50 ft across. Along the sides were 2 parallel rows of 1-ft-diameter holes, and in the middle was a black cylindrical "conning tower" about 10 ft high. Hearing Linke's daughter call to him, the figures (one of whom had a flashing lamp on his chest) rushed back to the object & entered the tower. Then the edge of the saucer started to glow--first green, then red--and to spin like a top, rising up the tower; then the whole machine rose (the cylinder once more protruding from the top) and flew away. At the site the cylinder had left a circular depression in the earth. Linke did not hear of flying saucers until after he had escaped to West Berlin.

Investigator: Antony Terry

Source: Terry in London Sunday Graphic, 7/6/52.

52-04 May, 1952 2250 Prospect Heights, Ill.

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Mrs. Ann Sohn looked out the window and saw a luminous discoid object hovering over the vacant lot beside her house. Along its side ran a row of square windows, and on top was a transparent dome; beneath it was a cloud of green-glowing vapor. The body of the craft was white-luminous, the windows dark, except for the last 3, inside which was a very intense white light. In each of these 3 windows a man was visible, 2 facing Mrs. S. and the 3d in profile. They were wearing parka-like coveralls with hoods or headpieces. She watched for 3-5 minutes, then the men were seen to move levers; the ship became a brilliant red-orange, then departed at fantastic speed.

Investigator: Bob Runser, for CUFOS.


Source: Runser's special report to CUFOS, 10/75.

52-05 May 24, 1952 Los Angeles, Calif.

Type B

Marianne Cascio, 11 years old, was playing in a woods by a corn field near her home when she saw a flash in the sky. Her brother was playing several hundred yards away and did not notice anything unusual. At some point after this flash, something terrified the girl for she fled home and, in hysterics, went to her room and pulled down the shades and turned up the stereo set full blast. It took some period of time for her parents to calm her down. The source of her fright was not then identified.

In 1974, under hypnosis, Marianne disclosed that at some point after the flash, she discovered a small figure standing nearby looking at her. She thought he was at first a new neighbor child, and she asked him if he wanted to help her build her tree fort. He did not respond, and she noticed that he was dressed oddly, with a partially-concealed face (part of a helmet?), his one-piece jumpsuit extending up over his head. His eyes were like an Oriental's eyes. He was about 4' 11" tall, similar in height to Marianne. Around his waist he had a belt with a series of dials on it, which he was manipulating. Marianne then heard (telepathically) him to relax, and she found herself being led through several doors into a room with dials and other electronic equipment. (She had heard a beeping sound just prior to being taken on board.) There was a television-like screen in which she could see a picture of her entire anatomy. She was given a physical examination; frightened, she began crying and became very sick. At some point, she saw two crystal-like implements in small boxes, with rotating lights, one of which circled clockwise, and one counter-clockwise. She was instructed not to look at the latter but, in her fright, paid no attention, staring at the circling light. The next thing she recalled was being back on



the ground and, thoroughly frightened, running home in hysterics.

In the months following this event, Marianne's eyes began to deteriorate. At some point in 1953 she was declared legally blind, with almost no vision left except for limited peripheral abilities. About the time she commenced hypnotic regression, her ability to see began to increase in an unusual manner: she was able to make out "auras" and to see "by energy." Examination by doctors disclosed no improvement in her badly damaged retina (which had, in fact, deteriorated since 1953), and they were unable to account for her restoration of sight. Furthermore, under continuing hypnosis, it was disclosed that she had experienced a second abduction sometime between 1967 and 1973, the details of which are not yet clear, nor for which dates have been reconstructed. However, it was during this experience that she was told that she would be given a limited restoration of her sight. That she now sees at least adequately was demonstrated on March 13, 1977, at the E-T Conference in N.Y.C. An independent inquiry will be conducted with the assistance of Betty Hill, Marianne's mentor and advisor.

Investigators: Dr. Berthold Schwarz (hypnotic regression); etc.

Sources: Steiger, Brad, "Space Intelligences and Earth's New Species of Super-Kids," UFO Report III-5 (Dec. 1976), pp. 56-58; Marianne's personal account in radio/telephone interview, Feb. 27, 1977, with Ted Bloecher (on Foundation Faith's weekly radio show); her own account at the FF's E-T Conference, March 13, 1977, and personal reply to specific questions by TRB at that time.

52-06 June, 1952 Daytime Newton Abbot (Devon), England

Type E

Near the top of Haytor, Mrs. C. Woods saw a little man watching her, shading his eyes from the sun. She was within 40 yards when he dived out of sight between stones. He was 3 to 4 ft tall, dressed in a brown smock with a cord round the waist, and with a brown cap or brown hair. He appeared elderly rather than young.

Investigator:

Source: Diarmuid McManus, Irish Earth Folk (Devin-Adair, NYC, 1959), pp. 38-40.

52-07 June, 1952 2300 Little Spring Creek, Tenn.

Type B

Walking home from a movie, Carl Haynes heard "weird music and singing", which proved to come from "the brightest lights you ever saw" down on the far side of the creek bank. Approaching within 75 yards, he could see four or five little men dancing and singing around a shiny aluminum-like object with open door, from which the music came. It looked like "2 saucers stuck together", with a central dome around which rotated very brilliant multicolored lights; the center was 7-8 ft high. The men were 4.5-5 ft tall and had high-pitched voices; in their hands they held something resembling guns. Within 10 minutes they stopped singing, and began putting things in the "space-ship." He thought they had detected his presence, and "would have done something about him" but for the creek between. They went back in, the door closed, and the UFO took off "straight up in a kind of corkscrew motion", with a whistling sound, becoming brighter as it took off. The whole episode took nearly an hour. When H. revisited the spot, he found 4 impressions of balls, and a deep-sunk spike mark in the middle. Also, there were many narrow, "heelless" footprints in the dust. Another man (now dead) had also seen the lights and heard the music.

Investigator: S Ingram

Source: Ingram, UFOs Over The Tennessee Valley, pp. 65-71.

The anonymous witness's attention being directed to the sky by a woman, he saw "what looked like a daylight moon lowering itself thru the haze." It stopped and hovered for 30 sec, then rose & disappeared. A few minutes later, looking from a car window, he saw it again (now seen to be "oblong"), hovering over the Alco Co. "Then a gondola seemed to lower from the object", and he could see what looked like "a bunch of Navy officers in Navy white hats", all wearing huge dark glasses, rushing to the windows. Red lights were flashing behind them. Then the "gondola" was withdrawn, and the object rose. 3 round, smaller objects appeared and entered the "dirigible" from the bottom. He mentioned it to his companions, but when they looked out it had vanished. Each time he saw the object, he noted "a very strong smell of ozone." There was no newspaper story.

Investigator: none

Source: Witness's unsigned letter to NICAP of 3/15/65.

Going to the river Serchio before dawn to fish, Carlo Rossi saw hovering over it a circular object, apparently drawing up water through a long tube. It was black, with oval openings around the edge, and in the center a transparent tower 5 m in diameter and extending 3 m below the disc. In this were 4 thin tubes attached to a central cylinder, and a bluish flame was passing between these tubes. Under the disc were 5 equidistant propellers, and on top 3 concentric ones. The only sound was "like silk rustling." From a porthole in the turret a human face looked out, and stretched out an arm toward R., who threw himself over the ridge of the bank. He saw a green ray projected above him, and felt an electric-like shock. Then he saw the UFO depart "at frightful speed."

2 months later, he encountered there a very thin & tall fisherman with a peculiar accent, who asked him if he had ever seen any sort of aircraft over the river, and gave him a peculiar cigarette that immediately made him feel faint. The stranger grabbed the cigarette from him, threw it in the river, & hastened away.

Investigator: Siro Menicucci, for the Research Group for the Study of UFO Phenomena, Prato.

Sources: Firenze La Nazione, 9/26/52; UFO In Italia, 137-143 (gives a drawing); FSR XXI/5, pp. 25f.

52-f0 July 28, 1952 0400 Mormon Mesa, Nevada

Type B

Truman Bethurum was out in the desert looking for fossils when he encountered a flying saucer and was introduced to its friendly crew. Their leader was a beautiful, apparently young woman, Aura Rhanes (actually a grandmother), wearing a black & red outfit. B. was told the UFO came from a planet "Clarion", invisible to us because it is always behind the moon. The space people subsequently contacted him several times, and once he was taken on a ride to Clarion.

Investigator:

Source: Bethurum, Aboard A Flying Saucer.

Giampiero Monguzzi and his wife, on the Scerscen glacier, noticed with alarm that all sounds had ceased: even their voices became inaudible. Then they noticed, 200 m away, "a gigantic object" on the ice--lens-shaped, with a rod antenna on top. M. took a photograph; then he saw a man in a metallic "diver's suit" approach and circle the craft, as if inspecting it. The suit "almost looked hairy." He carried something like a flashlight. M. photographed him. He disappeared behind the disc, then part of its surface began to rotate, and the craft rose like an elevator, showing many portholes in the upper half. After its departure, sounds returned. No trace was left on the ice.

It was stated by Epoca at the time that Monguzzi had confessed that the story was fictitious and that the photographs were of small models.

Investigator:

Source: UFO In Italia, pp. 144-149, quoting Epoca #109, 11/8/52.

Summer, 1952 (or 1953) Night Rouge Valley, Oregon

Type E

Mrs. L. Zamrzla, her husband, and their 12-year-old daughter were driving home when 3 strange-looking figures glided in front of their headlights. Her husband braked, and they sat and watched them cross the road & disappear into the trees. The beings were 3-4 ft tall, with very white and smooth egg-shaped bodies with long thin necks, but no visible heads or legs. The daughter said they looked "like the Shmoos from Li'l Abner, only bigger."

Investigator: none.

Source: Letter from Mrs. Zamrzla to Us magazine, 2/4/78.

August 21, 1952 0750 Bakersfield (Kern), California

Type G?

Early on the morning that Bakersfield was devastated by a heavy earthquake, L.E. Coberley, working on the drilling tower Rough Neck (Kern River Oil Company) observed a number of bright lights up in a canyon not far from the oil rigs. He could see nothing at the site, but at 0715 a loud droning sound could be heard above the noise of the rigs. Then, at 0750, two large objects were observed by numerous witnesses hovering over the tower for at least 7 minutes. They were metallic-blue in color and the outer rims of the disks revolved at unbelievable speed. Both objects had portholes or windows in them. They departed at speeds so fast they could scarcely be followed.

Coberley went off duty at 0800 and, with two riders, was on his way out of the drilling site when all three passed out cold. When they regained consciousness, it was 1000, and the car motor was still running. None could account for the missing two hours. At 1300, the earthquake struck.

The report was passed on to APRO for followup by Douwe Bosga; to date, all requests for followup information on this report have been ignored by APRO. Its status as a possible abduction report remains conditional.

Investigator: (APRO)

Source: Letter from the witness to Dr. Hynek, dated Dec. 16, 1977.

The anonymous witness's headlights illuminated a silvery, "cloud-like" egg-shaped object about 8 ft wide and 4 ft thick, some 12 ft above the ground. It sank to the ground and a 3-foot being emerged, whom the witness at first took for a child. He got out of his car and confronted, a few feet away, a being with light-green complexion and silvery clothing, who asked him telepathically for help in "putting their ship aloft." Witness asked for "a formula for steel that would not rust" and was given "a formula for regular rim steel, but including the word 'Unimic'." The being gave his name as "Tamarak" and said he was from "the eighth or tenth planet from your source of energy." The witness was ordered back into his car, and the UFO took off, out of sight in seconds.

Investigator: V. Tarlton, for MUFON.

Source: Tarlton's special report to MUFON, 4/67.

Hearing a buzzing sound, Mrs. Suzanne E. Knight looked out and saw something like an airplane fuselage, dull silver in color and with some thin white smoke coming out the rear end. On a small mast at the front was a small red light. Through a row of large square windows could be seen, brilliantly yellow-lighted, something like cabinets with slanted tops, and, in the front, a helmeted man looking straight ahead. No controls or instruments were visible. Beneath the fuselage was a windowed gondola, showing the backs of little seats. After trying in vain to get the newspaper on the phone, she looked again: the man was gone, and so was the "observation car". Then the lights went out, and the object began to glow red, as if red-hot, and to rock from side to side. She called her relatives, but it was gone by the time she returned to the window.

Investigator: none

Source: Witness's letter (with sketches) to NICAP, 9/23/67.

52-14 August 2, 1952 Prescott, Arizona

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Type B

52-15 August 6, 1952 2100 W. Lumberton, N.C.

Type B

Mr. James Allen saw an orange ball coming through the air; it hit his chimney, knocked part of it in, and fell in his back yard. It was 8 ft long, 6 ft high. He walked to within 10 ft; the lights went out, and he saw a little man 30" high standing beside it. "When I asked if it was hurt, it went away in a whiff; then it made a loud noise, like air whistling, and was gone."

Investigator: none

Source: Lumberton (N.C.) Robesonian, 8/7/52.

Sonny Desvergers, a scoutmaster, driving with 3 boy scouts after dark, noticed a light in the woods and went in to investigate. In a clearing it became oppressively hot & humid, he smelled a pungent smell, and he had the feeling of being watched. Looking up, he saw a dark body above him. Backing up & shining his flashlight on it, he saw a huge smooth gray disc, somewhat concave on bottom, with vanes around the edge and a dome in the middle. Then he heard a slight sound, and a small ball of red fire began to drift toward him, expanding into a cloud of red mist; as this enveloped him, he lost consciousness. On recovery he ran for the road, & encountered the car of a deputy sheriff summoned by the boys, who had seen the red fire strike him. His arms, face, & cap showed slight burns, and his hair was singed. At the site the grass showed scorched roots. --ATIC investigators found that D. had

been expelled from the Marines for stealing a car, had been in prison, and had a reputation as a liar. --In later accounts, D. said that he had got aboard the rim of the saucer and had fought there with 3 weak humanoids in greyish clothing who had a sweaty odor.

Investigators: Project Blue Book

Sources: Edward Ruppelt, The Report On Unidentified Flying Objects,
(Doubleday, 1956), pp. 233-245; FSR II-6, p. 32.

While driving, William Squyres saw an object off to his right; he slowed down and stopped, but when he got out of the car (100 yards from it) it began a rapid vertical ascent with a sound "like a covey of quail flying", disappearing vertically. It looked like 2 platters put together, about 75 ft long, 40 ft wide & 15 ft high, and was hovering with a slight rocking motion 10 ft off the ground. It was of a dull aluminum color, and had a row of small rotating propellers around the circumference. There was a window in front (a sketch is given) through which he could see the blue-lighted head & shoulders of a man, and several large windows in the mid-section through which blue-lighted movement of some sort could be seen. At the site was found a 60-foot impression in the grass.

Investigators: Project Blue Book

Source: Air Force Project Blue Book files.

52-18 August 25, 1952 1935 Near Maxatawny, Pa.

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Type ~~2~~

A 25-foot shiny dome-shaped object surrounded by a ring of jet pipes (see witness's sketch) was seen by Herbert Long hovering 15 ft above a field about 30 ft away. It stayed there for about 7 minutes, then rose 15 ft and took off at tremendous velocity. Light and some motion were seen through portholes, but no occupants on this occasion.

Subsequently Long returned repeatedly to the site and "made 4 or 5 contacts over the following 6 to 8 months"; he was invited inside the craft. They are "observation discs" from Jupiter, piloted by men like us but more advanced, who eat no meat, &c., and want to be friends with us.

Investigator: none

Source: Witness's letter to R. H. Hall of late 1955.

Three boys saw a bright-red object pass over and apparently land on a nearby hilltop. (N.B. A fireball meteor was seen that evening over a wide area.) A fluctuating orange-red light was seen on the hill. Joined by beautician Mrs. Kathleen May & her two sons and a youth, Gene Lemon, they went to the hilltop, where they saw in their flashlight beam something like an enormous armless man down to the waist, with a red pear-shaped head or helmet and 2 luminous "eyes" from which beams of bluish light emerged, the body being a metallic dark green. This "entity" glided toward them, then toward a luminous pear-shaped 20-ft object

about 50 ft away, which was pulsating between bright orange & dull red. There was a mist in the area with a choking, metallic smell. Lemon fainted; dragging him, the others ran. He vomited all night. Reporters who went to the site later that evening saw no object, but could still smell the odor. Next day a 15-foot circle of flattened grass was found, some "skid marks", and a strip of browned vegetation.

Investigators: Gray Barker and Ivan T. Sanderson (separately).

Sources: Sanderson's typewritten report; Charleston (W. Va.) Daily Mail, 9/14/52, p. 2; Charleston Gazette, 9/15/52, pp. 1 & 16.

About September, 1952 Night Central Point (Jackson), Oregon Type E

brakes Mrs. L.L. Zamrzla (name CONFIDENTIAL), riding with her husband and 12-year-old daughter to their home in the Rouge Valley, a few miles northwest of Medford, reports that as they rounded the corner of Old Stage Road onto Scenic Avenue, three white, odd-shaped forms crossed in front of the car from right to left, disappearing into the trees ahead of them. Mr. Z. hit the brakes as the 3 figures glided smoothly across the road, diagonally away from the witnesses. They were between 3 and 4 feet tall, and had somewhat oval bodies, extending into a slim neck and head, with no clear features (as seen partially from behind). No extremities were observed; they looked, in fact, very similar to the "shmoos" that were depicted in the "L'il Abner" comic strip. Necks and head of each entity were about half the length of the body itself. Two led the way and the third, which followed, was slightly smaller. They were in view for a minute or so--enough time to get a good clear view of them at a distance of not more than 8 to 15 feet at the closest.

Investigator: Ted Bloecher (preliminary).

US Magazine

Source: Witness's letter to ~~CUES~~, dated Feb. 4, 1978; followup letter to Ted Bloecher, with MUFON sighting form, dated March 10, 1978.

HumCat # 1887

September 4, 1952 -2400 Near Autun (Saone-et-Loire), France Type C

A young man, camping in the woods near Autun, noticed an object on the ground nearby, shaped like a dirigible and about five or six meter long, equipped with "portholes" and devoid any "cockpit." A figure of human shape appeared between the witness and the object. He had a rather large head and yellow eyes without any pupils. He approached the young man, then retreated and disappeared. The object then took off, emitting sparks.

Investigator:

Source: Mesnard and Bigorne, "Les Humanoides en France" (unpublished ms.), p. 188, citing Les Maitres de l'Espace, by Henri Couvert.

Mr. & Mrs. George Snitowski and their little girl suddenly found their car stalled, and an unpleasant smell (ether mingled with sulphurous smoke) filled the air. Thinking a chemical plant might be burning, Mr. S. walked toward a strong light visible in the woods. As he got near it, he felt pricklings throughout his body, had to stop, and lost his balance several times as he returned to the car--where he found his wife terrified, pointing to a giant creature (10 ft tall), human-shaped, 30 ft away. They locked the car as "it" inspected the vehicle, glided away, and went into the woods. Soon afterward, the sphere of light was observed to rise gradually, swinging like a pendulum and leaving a luminous trail.

Investigator: Paul Lieb

Source: Vallee, Magonia, p. 200 (quoting Lieb)

52-21 Sept. 15, 1952 Night Wheeling, W. Va.

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A rumor circulated that a 10-ft "monster" had landed on Vineyard Hill, but no actual witnesses turned up; it was thought that it had originated from the "Flatwoods monster" report. (A woman was said to have been burned, and the monster was said to have green eyes and a stench.)

Investigator:

Source: Wheeling (W. Va.) Intelligencer, 9/16/52.

1952 Addenda

October, 1952 Between Salem & Corvallis, Oregon

Type E

Opal Church was driving with her nephew when she saw a "man" approximately 8 ft tall; she passed within 12 ft of him. Of heavy build, he was wearing headgear similar to an Arab's, and had on a uniform, with boots & gloves, of a white-fluorescent heavy satin, or perhaps fine metallic mesh. Around the waist was a ribbed belt. He had huge round eyes, 2.5-3" in diameter, in which were reticulations "resembling the filaments in old electric light bulbs"; these eyes were either luminous or reflected the car's headlights. (Source has sketch.) No other facial features were noted. The skin of the face was very pale. This being was walking hurriedly, "with fluid movements." Ms. Church turned around immediately after sighting him, but he had disappeared, though the terrain was flat.

Investigator: Paul Cerny (for MUFON.)

Source: Witness's letter to Cerny & MUFON questionnaire.

1952 Corrigenda

#203 About October 15, 1952 1910 Le Vigan, France

Type A

The date should be "Early October" and the place "Nîmes-Courbessac Airport (Gard), France." One of several witnesses was M. Felix Fize. The UFO, of yellowish-silvery metal, was not on the ground, but flying at an altitude of about 700 m. (2300 ft.) Through 3 large windows could be seen beings with helmets & goggles. Duration of observation, 10-15 sec.

Investigator: M. Terrasson, for C.I.E. Ouranos.

Source: M. Terrasson's sketch & legends reproduced in J. Guieu, Black Out Sur Les Soucoupes Volantes (Fleuve Noir, 1955:), between pp. 176 & 177.

52-22 About Oct. 15, 1952 1910 Le Vigan, France

Type A

Figures with helmets and masks were seen through lighted windows inside a bright yellow, cigar-shaped object on the ground. Length 30 m, diameter 6 m. The forward section was rounded, and a sort of fog was noted at both ends of the object.

Investigator:

Source: Vallee, Magonia, p. 201.

1952 Corrigenda

52-23: November, 1952 Angatuba Mountains (Paraná), Brazil

"Dino Kraspedon" spent 3 days and nights in the mountains where he had previously seen 5 UFOs hovering; on the last night a saucer landed, and he was invited to go inside it & meet its crew. He stayed on board for about an hour; the captain explained to him how the machinery worked. Subsequently (no date given), the UFO captain came to visit D.K. at his home, and had a lengthy discussion with him; he said he came from the satellites of Jupiter.

Investigator:

Source: Dino Kraspedon, My Contact With Flying Saucers (Neville Spearman, London; 1959), pp. 25-29.

Nello Ferrari, 41, a farmer, had gone to a lonely spot to relieve himself when he noticed a copper-colored light cast on the grass. Looking up, he saw a gold- or copper-colored object like two 20-meter soup plates put together; in the center, protruding above & below, was a 5-m metal cylinder, in which was something rotating, with a motor-like noise. It was only 10 meters above him. The two plates separated, and 3 human forms appeared in the interstice, dressed apparently in rubber-like overalls, with transparent masks. They spoke words sounding like "Verren...firg...unch"; then they retreated and the two plates closed with a metallic click. The hum grew louder, and the vessel ascended vertically.

Investigator:

Source: UFO In Italia, pp. 157f.

"Attempting to establish a contact", George Adamski and 6 others (the Baileys, the Williamsons, & Mrs. Wells & Mrs. McGinnis) drove into the desert, and were eating lunch when a cigar-shaped ship was seen hovering. This departed, but after they had driven half a mile and got out, there appeared a saucer hovering, which he photographed. Then he saw a man beckoning, 1/4 mile away, and A. walked up to him. He was wearing a one-piece brown coverall without seams, and had shoulder-length hair and a very high forehead. A. asked him by signs what planet he came from; he replied by indicating the second orbit and speaking "Venus", as A. had done. "He made me understand that their coming was friendly", and that they were concerned about atomic explosions (nodding or shaking his head in response to A.'s questions accompanied by mental pictures.) An extended partly telepathic conversation is recounted. The visitor indicated his feet: his shoes left footprints containing mysterious markings (reproduced, p. 212.) He conducted A. up to the saucer, but not into it; it was translucent and hovering close to the ground (details of the saucer, pp. 205-210.) Then he returned into it, and it took off. A. was apart from his companions for 1 hour, but they could watch by binoculars.

Investigators: James W. Moseley, others

Sources: ^{Leslie &} Adamski, Flying Saucers Have Landed (British Book Centre, NYC, 1953), pp. 185-210; Nexus, Jan. 1955 (critique.)

At Palomar Gardens, where Adamski had set up his telescope, he was able to make 3 photographs of a saucer as it approached. It came within 100 ft; "one of the portholes was opened slightly, a hand was extended, and the filmholder which my space-man friend had carried away on Nov. 20 was dropped to the ground." When developed, it showed not the original saucer photo, but numerous mysterious blurry signs, reproduced as Plate 8.

Investigator:

Source: Flying Saucers Have Landed, pp. 217f.

HumCat # 1825

1953 (Date unknown)

Avellaneda (B.A.), Argentina

Type G

The first of at least two reported abductions by the witness, Eustaquí Zogorwski (aged 63 in 1968 when reported). He claimed that in 1953 he was taken by aliens to Ganymede, Jupiter's largest satellite. No details provided for this incident.

See also his abduction of June 20, 1968, HumCat # 936.

Investigator:

Source: Santiago (Chile), La Nacion, August 7, 1968 (datelined Buenos Aires).

Sitting on her patio, Emma Jungbert saw, slowly and silently descending, something like "a brown boat maybe 12 ft long", with a glass dome on top. Riding on a beam of red light in front of this, she saw a man dressed in a black coat, closed at the neck like a priest's. His right hand was manipulating a lever. He had a "small long face", slim body, dark hair, and he looked at her as if she were an insect. He rode past and she followed him with binoculars until he was gone between the other houses. The word "Mercury" came spontaneously to her mind, which puzzled her.

Investigator: none

Source: Witness's letter of 1/24/72 to Hynek.

Sleeping outdoors, Villafañe was awakened by a feeling of heat and malaise. Sitting up, he saw a beautiful woman approaching and beckoning. She was wearing a sort of tight-fitting green elastic mesh garment. Then he noticed that her feet had the shape of serpents' heads, with shining eyes on the insteps. He fled from her, to sleep a couple of km away from that spot. But he saw her lie down on his sheepskin "bed". The sheepskins were later found "yellowed, as though scorched."

Investigator:

Source: FSR XIX/3, p. 29, quoting Cordoba, 12/31/72.

53-03 January 12, 1953 1300 Santana dos Montes, Brazil

Type B

While driving over a hayfield, Mauricio Ramos Bessa saw a bright metallic object, smaller than a Volkswagen, maneuvering 5 ft above the ground. It had a flat bottom and a rounded top. He drove to within 6 ft of it. A door opened and 2 men 5 - 5.5 ft tall jumped out; they wore "brilliant lead" colored suits, with a shining ball on each of their square-toed shoes. A third man looked out from the doorway. One of the men held a cylinder about 5" long and 1 1/2" thick, which he pushed into the ground and withdrew; it seemed to become shorter and rounder. Then the men walked backwards to the craft, which was now closer to the ground. The witness developed a headache so severe that he did not observe the departure of the vessel; when the pain ceased suddenly, he saw it was gone.

Investigator:

Sources: Merseyside UFO Bulletin (MUFOB) VI #3, p. 53; J. & C. Lorenzen, Encounters With UFO Occupants (Berkley Medallion paperback, 1976), pp. 143f.

Living in an isolated cabin in Tujunga Canyon, Peni K. was awakened at 2 AM by a light from outside, and on looking out saw a blue-white light approaching, oscillating from left to right. The next thing she knew, she was sitting on the bed, the light was gone, and the clock read 4:20. Disturbed, she and her friend Joni W. left the cabin. Miss W. saw in the nearby bushes a "vaporious apparition" of a long-haired personage with a benevolent expression.

Under hypnosis in 1975, Miss K. (now Mrs. S.) remembered that 7 or 8 "people" had entered their kitchen; 2 of them, of average height but very slender, took her by the arms. (The others were short as well as slender.) All these beings were dressed in black one-piece "body stockings" that covered the head, hands, & feet; only the eyes, which were somewhat tilted, were uncovered. They led the women into the woods, to a luminous metallic-white Saturn-shaped "ship", and into this craft through a very narrow door. Miss K. was made to lie down on a table, and an anvil-like device above the table descended until it was close to her. Then the entities examined her lung-surgery scar, which seemed to interest them, & impressed an invisible figure 4 on her back. The two girls were taken back to the cabin in a levitated or "floating" state.

Investigators: Ann Druffel and Idabel Epperson (for MUFON)

Source: Special report to MUFON by D. & E.

1953 (or 1954) Addenda

May 1953 (or '54) 0030 Cagnes-sur-Mer (Alpes Maritimes), France

Type C

Pierre Cavallo, 50, a cinema projectionist, was walking home, pushing his bicycle, and collecting snails, when he was surprised by the apparition in the sky of an orange-luminous cigar with blue spangles in its interior. This passed silently in 20-30 sec., leaving a trail of orange sparks. Astounded, M. Cavallo remained where he was for about 40 seconds. Then he sensed a presence near him, and, turning his head, saw a face of extreme pallor, with blue eyes, the head perfectly bald, and the mouth fixed in a "sanctimonious smile." The body was hidden by a hedge only 3 ft high. After staring for some seconds, M. C. jumped on his bicycle and sped away.

Investigators: Christian Hycnar & Eric Zurcher, for Centre de Recherches Ufologiques Niçois.

Source: Revue des Soucoupes Volantes #2 (date?), pp. 37f.

1953 Addenda

53- May 21, 1953 About 2100 Near Kingman, Arizona

Type C

Fritz A. Werner, then an Air Force project engineer on an atomic test explosion in Nevada, was taken with 15 other specialists in a blacked-out bus to (he thinks) a spot near Kingman, Arizona and there escorted by military police to a crashed UFO surrounded by guards. The object was oval and looked like 2 deep saucers, one inverted on the other; it was about 30 ft in diameter, the convex surfaces 20 ft in diameter. It had impacted 20 inches into the sand without any sign of structural damage. It was made of a metal resembling brushed aluminum. An entrance hatch 1.5 ft wide x 3.5 ft high was open; another member of the team looked inside & saw 2 swivel seats, an oval cabin, & "a lot of instruments & displays." In a tent pitched nearby W. saw the dead body of a human-like creature 4 ft tall, wearing a silvery metallic suit & skullcap of the same material; it had a small round mouth. The skin of its face was dark brown; "this may have been caused by exposure to our atmosphere." Werner & the others were made to take an oath that they would not reveal what they had seen.

Werner also said that he had been in contact with a professor in Germany working on anti-gravity--"using the earth's magnetic fields as a form of propulsion"--for the USAF, and that this project produced a working, but impracticable machine. Raymond Fowler verified that the atomic test mentioned by Werner did exist, and that his diary for May 21, 1953 contains a reference to "a job I can't write or talk about." Werner holds a master's degree in engineering and has published several technical papers. →

Investigator: Raymond E. Fowler (for NICAP.)

Source: Official UFO, April '76, pp. 55-57.

53-05 June 18, 1953 0230 Houston, Texas

C
Type B

A huge shadow crossed the lawn; looking up into a pecan tree, Mrs. Hilda Walker and Judy Meyer, 14, saw a man 6.5 ft tall with wings like a bat, dressed in gray or black tight-fitting clothes and surrounded by a glow of yellow light. After 30 seconds, the light died out, and Judy screamed. There was a loud "swoosh", and a white flash like a torpedo-shaped object over the housetops across the street. Howard Phillips, 33, also saw the "batman".

Investigator: none

Source: Fate, 10/53, p. 26.

A miner, John Q. Black, was in Marble Creek Canyon on 3/20/53 when he saw something "like a piece of circular aluminum" coming down. On 5/20/53, he saw the saucer on the ground in the canyon, & saw it take off, leaving rocks near the stream hot, & ashes in the water. On 6/20/53, at the same time (6:30), he saw a middle-aged little man 4-4.5 ft tall, with black hair and a small mouth, wearing a green seamless parka, dipping up a bucket of water. Beside him was the saucer, looking like "a couple of soup plates put together", about 8 ft wide & 4-4.5 ft thick, with one small window and a tripod landing gear. It was only 40 ft from Black. The pilot reentered the craft, which took off at a 45° angle with a hissing sound.

On July 20, when Black expected the saucer to reappear, newsmen and sightseers were present. No UFO showed up.

Investigator: Wallace Kunkel, for Fate

Source: Fate, 5/54, pp. 48-52.

Máximo Muñoz Hernáiz, a 14-year-old illiterate cowherd, heard an intermittent whistling sound; turning around, he saw a small luminous steel-colored "balloon", 30 cm wide and 130 cm high. When he went toward it, a door opened in it, and 3 squat little men only 65 cm (25") tall jumped out; they had yellow faces and narrow eyes, and wore blue suits with peaked caps. They came up to Hernáiz and spoke to him; when he did not understand, one smacked his face. They jumped back into their craft, which glowed more brightly and took off. At the spot were found footprints, and 4 holes forming a 36-cm square.

Investigator:

Source: The Humanoids, pp. 77-82.

53-08 July 8, 1953 Night Near Mapleton, Georgia

Type B

Three young men said that they had seen 3 small humanoids near a landed saucer in the middle of the road, and that their car struck and killed one of these, the other 2 escaping in the saucer. The body was identified as a shaved and tail-docked monkey; the story was a hoax resulting from the "witness"'s bet that he could get his picture in the paper.

Investigator:

Source: Project Blue Book files

Between 5 PM and midnight at least 75 lighted objects were seen in Hawaii, especially near Barbers Point. Emergency patrols were ordered after midnight. At 2:11, the pilot of a TV-1 sighted a glowing object behind him, which shot to starboard and paced the TV-1 for 4 seconds. It then accelerated to 1000 mph and disappeared. According to ground crew & officer, the pilot was very pale & frightened when he landed, and kept saying "I actually saw him."

Investigator:

Source: Keyhoe, Conspiracy, pp. 63f.

Salvador Villamueva, a taxi-driver, was trying to repair his broken-down car out in the country when he was joined by two pleasant-looking men 4.5 ft tall,

wearing one-piece grey corduroy garments covering even their feet, with wide shiny belts. They had metal collars, and small black shiny boxes on the back of their necks, & carried football-type helmets under their arms. As it was raining, he invited them to shelter in the car, where a conversation (in Spanish) with one of them was conducted all night. The spokesman eventually told him they were from another planet, which V. scarcely believed. He accompanied them to their craft, noticing that their feet were not wetted by the mud puddles, and that their belts glowed whenever the mud was repelled. The UFO looked like 2 soup plates joined at the rim, with a shallow dome with portholes, & rested on three spheres. He was invited in, but refused. Glowing white, the vessel zigzagged upwards, then shot up vertically, with only a faint swishing sound. A 40-foot circle of broken-down bushes was found at the spot.

Investigator:

Sources: APRO Bulletin 4/15/55, p. 10 (which says that the men's faces were "almost snow-white"; FSR II/2, pp. 8-11.

53-11 August 24, 1953 0200 Giant Rock, Calif.

Type G

Sleeping out in the desert, George Van Tassel woke up and saw a man who introduced himself as "Solgando" and said he would be pleased to show V.T. his craft-- which, about 9 ft high and 36 ft in diameter, was hovering 100 yards away. Unable to rouse his wife, V. T. went aboard for 20 min., seeing among other things a lighting system without switches & furniture that folded up into the wall. Solgando's purpose was to give V.T. the designs for a machine to rejuvenate the old; he himself was 700 years old. Their religion is "the same as yours, but you talk about it, we live it."

Investigator:

Source: Long Beach (Cal.) Press-Telegram, 9/22/68.

53-12 September 4, 1953 2130 Tonnerre, France

Type B

A woman saw 2 objects on the ground and 3 1.5-m tall men running toward the craft. They had oversized heads and wore helmets & boots. One entered the elongated object, 5 m long, 1.5 m wide, which spread "wings" that made it look like a butterfly. It then took a vertical position, resting on a tripod, and took off with the spherical object into which the other 2 creatures had gone. Traces were found at the spot.

Investigator:

Source: Vallee, Magonia, p. 204, quoting GEPA 68 #1.

53-13 September 12, 1953 Brovst, Denmark

Type C

"Brovst was the scene of an attempted abduction of a girl by 2 humanoids emitting a golden light. Their hands were rugged & cold like a fish." Vallee wrote to FSR that this case should be regarded as a "probable hoax or illusion."

Investigator: Jacques Vallee

Sources: Vallee, Magonia, p. 204, quoting Guieu; FSR X-3, p. 22. --

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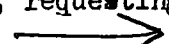
New October 9, 1953

Unlocalised site in Jalisco State, Mexico

Type G

Antonio Apadoca, a former engineer-turned-farmer, claims that, in company with workhands, he watched a round, shining object land on his ranch, and that he subsequently met, entertained, and was taken on a four-day trip, by small occupants, to an alien world, where he saw many astonishing things, including multiple motor-cycle-like conveyances, and plants that were grown in "fresh air." He noted and reported numerous interesting details about UFO construction, flight effects, and everyday life on the alien world (which was not named), where he met two Frenchmen who were living there.

The aliens were mostly short-statured, but on the alien planet he also saw tall and other-shaped entities, all living harmoniously. All appeared to be oblivious to him and none appeared to own anything individually. Apadoca described computers and gigantic reference systems, and recorded that the alien natural speech was jaw-breaking, being far more guttural than German. They communicated with him in Spanish, which they had learnt by monitoring our radio broadcasts. Apadoca also noted that they had no sense of time, there being no night or day, or seasons, on the alien world. After his return to Mexico, Apadoca met with the aliens again by prearrangement, and gave them a variety of seeds and pairs of domestic animals and fowl from his ranch as per their request. On this latter occasion they stayed with him and his family for four days, their UFO being camouflaged to prevent inadvertent detection from airplanes passing overhead. Apadoca desired total oblivion afterwards, requesting no publicity.



Investigator:

Source: Unpublished letter of 1954 in Contact UK's archives, courtesy of Bernard Delair. (A full published account is planned for the forthcoming Winter 1976 issue of Awareness, V-4 --JBD.)

NB: This is a fantastic narrative, and is scarcely believable were it not for the several references in it to items and aspects of Ufology known only much later through other unrelated episodes. The multiple motorcycle event from France occurred much later and was, until the discovery of Apadoca's letter, virtually unique. Some of the vehicles or conveyances seen by Apadoca were also like those described in the Bebedouro affair, where they were seen aboard a UFO. Apadoca's reference to seasonless "days" on the ~~planet~~ alien planet ties in with those other reports made from time to time in which UFO occupants appear to have no notion of "time." The guttural speech has also since been mentioned by later contactees. The growing of crops in the "air" was subsequently mentioned in the Gary Wilcox case. These ingredients render the Apadoca story worthy of serious attention in the opinion of Contact UK. --JBD.

53-14, November 28, 1953 Daytime Baia dos Patos, Brazil

Type A

The witnesses, Pedro Serrate & Francisco Teixeira, were duck hunting when a UFO alighted on the bay, only 15 ft from one of them. The dark-blue hull was like two "basins" put together, 16 ft long, 8ft high, and 6 ft wide; around the periphery was a 3-foot rim of transparent glass. Two curved tubes were dripping water, and behind the hull was a sort of rudder 3 ft long. Inside it, S. could see 4 young men and 2 young women sitting in a row, all red-haired with pink faces, the women with long hair. All wore dark-blue uniforms. When they noticed that they were observed, the craft took off at fantastic speed, disappearing within seconds.

Investigator:

Source: Communication by J. Escobar Faria to R. H. Hall, quoting O Imparcial, date not given.

Night

53-15 December, 1953 Sherbrooke, Nova Scotia

Type C

Mrs. Orfei heard a knock at the door in the middle of the night and got no answer when she asked who it was, only louder knocks. Her Alsatian dog jumped toward the door, then retreated, trembling as if terrified, to a corner. Mrs. O. went to an upper floor and saw 2 "indescribable" shadows go away from the house. A while later a big, round object took off 100 yards away with a blue-green lightning. The police found broken bushes as evidence of an enormous weight.

Investigator: local police

Source: Vallee, Magonia, p. 205, quoting Oltre il Cielo, Vol. I.

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53- : December 20, 1953 Night Near Warren, Ohio

Type A

Al Como was driving from Warren when he saw a glowing ball come to ground about 500 yards away. Thinking it to be a plane on fire, Como ran to the spot. In a clearing in the woods he found, hovering just above the ground, a black bell-shaped craft with 3 balls on its underside and a rectangular glass-like enclosure between them, illuminated by a violet light. Inside this he could see shadows moving about. He could not get closer than 20 ft to the object, because it was surrounded by an invisible "wall of force". After 10 minutes he went back to the road and found that his car was gone. He went back & observed the craft for 15 min. more, then returned to the road & found his car there, but turned around to face toward Warren. He drove to Warren to fetch his brother-in-law, but when they got back the craft was in the air above the trees. It tilted upward & silently vanished.

Investigator: Tom Comella, Jr.

Source: Comella in Mystic, April 1955, p. 71.