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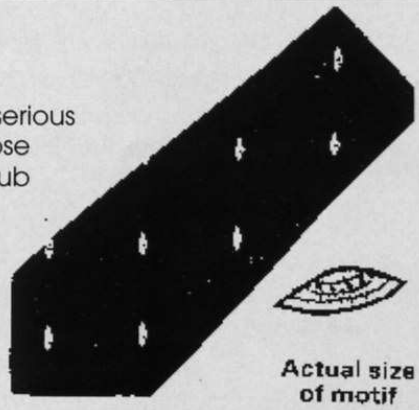

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THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE

The thesis of my Editorial three years ago (Volume 36, No. 2, Summer 1991) was "*We Shall See The Four Horsemen*". Having said it then, there can be little sense in harping on it again, though it seems right to add the comment that in this brief period since 1991 much has become far clearer, and better focussed, and I would like to add a few more words before I am done with the question, which, however you look at it, is not a cheerful one and most folk therefore prefer to avoid it.

Whatever the scoffers may say, you will see, wherever you look, that the entire process of collapse and disintegration of human society is gaining momentum, and with it the poisoning and pollution of the planet proceeds apace. Be sure that the subsidiary demonic forces which serve that Great Satanic Power that aims to rule this world are well pleased with the progress achieved on every front. Worldwide, the local wars, the famine, the economic disruption and unemployment, the murdering and raping, the narcotic drugs, the AIDS (plus the newly revivified "older" plagues such as tuberculosis, malaria, meningitis, etc.), are all "doing well", and showing no let-up. And some new horrors in the medical field are starting up too. (Just take a peep at what Dr. John Mack of Harvard Medical School has to say regarding claims made by "Aliens" regarding future modifications of AIDS!).

In Britain the prison population is now the largest in Europe, and unfortunately a great many of them ought not to be "inside" at all. On the other hand, some experts think that if our nation were ever to enjoy reasonable security for one's body and one's property, there are about half-a-million others outside still who *ought* to be put away too!

Symptomatic of the general moral rot in many of the countries that should be leading the world is the dismal timidity of their ruling oligarchies in confronting the forces of crime and disorder. So afraid, it seems, are many (occupying high offices) of terminating the lives of even the most monstrous of the terrorists, mass-murderers, child-rapists, and drug-pushers, that the public might feel well justified if they begin to ask themselves whether it is a possibility that Governments are *under duress*, and have received specific orders from Demonic Headquarters to "lay off!" and to "stop being beastly to the darling malefactors".

Be that as it may, you may now take it as quite certain that the stage at which things have now arrived on this planet is quite irreversible. The future course of events is largely predictable, and we can begin to visualize precise time-limits, as many gifted seers have already done. As early as 1932, for example, in his daily trance-sessions, Edgar Cayce (from whom I learned much in 1942-44) stated that the geophysical changes scheduled for Earth at the close of this century had already commenced — inside the planet.

In 1955, Mr. J. J. Williamson of the British Society of Metaphysicians, Hastings, brought out a remarkably perceptive booklet, *Catastrophe Has Begun!* (republished in 1971). And now, in France, Paco Rabanne, famed in the realm of Parisian *haute couture*, has just written *La Fin Des Temps*, already a massive bestseller throughout Europe, and available in an English translation as *Has The Countdown Begun?* from Souvenir Press, London.

Finally, this issue of FSR cannot be allowed to go to press without mention of another enormously important new book, ABDUCTION: HUMAN ENCOUNTERS WITH ALIENS (Simon & Schuster, 1944) by one of the USA's most qualified and eminent medical men, Dr. John E. Mack, Professor of Psychiatry at the famous Harvard Medical School. Dr. Mack, who is far, far too intelligent a man not to perceive the high probability that it will shortly be "curtains" for poor *Homo Sap.*, has extremely important things to tell us about the "Little Grey" Aliens and their current massive operation of sexual-genetic tinkering with us, and I suggest that the book is an absolute *must*.

Dr. Mack's emergence on the side of the "UFO Nutters" like ourselves has naturally evoked an unprecedented outburst of fury among the doctors and scientists in general. Valued colleagues have denounced him, so we shall surely continue to see the fur flying in a big way. The astronomer Carl Sagan (a long-time personal friend of Mack's) led the way in an article published in one of the American journals last year, and on the whole Dr. Mack has also had a very frosty reception from the British press, which *is only to be expected.*

Dr. Mack is a very brave man, for he is stating publicly that: (1) Folk like us who say the UFOs and their occupants are real, *are not nutters*: (2) that the "contactees" and "abductees" *are not nutters* (3) that the "Little Greys" do exist and are indeed kidnapping us and inspecting us and interfering with us in large numbers, and (4) that while nobody here, so far, has the slightest idea as to where they can be coming from, the plain fact that they are "taking us straight through walls and doors and windows and roofs" might very well indicate that they are probably coming from other dimensions — maybe from "right here" as the Americans say.

If so, this is precisely the view that we at FSR have been putting forward for years past.

While I think it is impossible to over-rate the importance of this book, I regret to have to add that I do not yet find it possible to accept Dr. Mack's thesis that the Aliens' intentions towards us are benevolent, and that they are possibly engaged in a salvage operation, with the aim of "fusing" themselves with us in order to produce a new species which maybe will be destined to survive cataclysms which he visualizes as threatening both us and them. But if you buy his book — and I urge you to do so — don't forget to study also the books of Budd Hopkins and Dr. David Jacobs, both of whom share my own view that this particular species of Alien is only interested in our sperm and our ova, and doesn't care a fig about us!

(Let us pray to God Almighty that there are also some others around who will feel differently about us. And anyway, I certainly hope that Dr. Mack will be proved to be right and we will be proved to be wrong!)

In mid-May, Dr. Mack was in Britain briefly. And during an appearance here on television, his assistant, Ms. Dominique Callimanopulos, tells me that he received no less than 700 telephone calls to the studio (Carlton/ Granada, *This Morning* programme, 11.30 a.m. Tuesday May 17, 1994), from British viewers claiming to have been abducted by Aliens!

To Dr. Mack and his party this figure seemed incredible. Is it just possible that — contrary to all the rubbish that is being daily fed to us by the British media about crazy and excitable and unstable Americans who seek publicity for themselves by thinking up all sorts of wild tales about abductions by Aliens — the abduction phenomenon might in fact turn out to be even more prevalent among these fine, steady, stable Brits than it is over there in the USA?

As was to be expected, Dr. Mack was greeted by most of the British newspapers with the usual sneering comment or with silence. (I heard that at the *Daily Telegraph* — quite naturally — the reception was not too cordial).

Clearly Dr. Mack is in for a very rough ride, both here and in his own country. After all, a top psychiatrist and a scholar and writer of his stature (he is *inter alia*, a Pulitzer Prize winner) might be considered too dangerous to be allowed to survive. We ought all to be praying for his physical safety, for we know what has befallen others.

As he tells us plainly, if he is right, then our scientific and medical and academic and political Establishments are all wrong about everything — about the nature of the Universe, about the nature of man himself, and about the supreme question, which is:-

Is there just the one day-to-day 'reality' which we think we all know? Or are there more 'realities' — and all of them maybe right here?"

If so, then the British scientist J.B.S. Haldane of Cambridge hit the nail on the head when he said: "I begin to suspect that the Universe is not only queerer than we think, but queerer than we *can* think".

Because, as Dr. Mack tells us, our abductees do constantly speak of having the feeling that they were transported into another reality that is totally different from the one we think we know. G.C. ■

ABOUT OUR COVER

By Gordon Creighton

As readers will know, FSR was launched in the spring of 1955, as a bi-monthly. There were five issues of it in that first year. Having seen a mysterious white disc with a piercingly bright bluish light on top racing through the sky in the far west of China, near the eastern marches of Tibet, in the summer of 1941, and having subsequently noted and extracted from the American newspapers, in 1944, the first reports of "Foo Fighters" when I was stationed in New Orleans just before the Invasion of Europe, I was sufficiently intrigued by what was to become "our subject" to have already started my own file before WWII had ended.

The proposal to publish a journal about the "Flying Saucers" was reported in 1955 in the London papers, I was back in England then, and I made contact at once and received the subscription form from Brinsley le Poer Trench, later Lord Clancarty. My knowledge of a number of languages gave me the opportunity to begin contributing straight away, and my first piece appeared in the second issue of FSR (May/June 1955).

Meanwhile, on December 15, 1954, the "Founding Fathers" of FSR had held their first meeting, at 4 Berners Street, London W.1. The participants were:-

Waveney Girvan	Derek Dempster
Desmond Leslie	Benjamin Harrington
Oliver Moxon	Lewis Barton
Desmond Judge	Denis Montgomery

and, for some extraordinary reason which I have never been able to fathom, they had already had the new enterprise registered with Companies House as "FLYING SAUCER SERVICE LIMITED," with its address at 1, Doughty Street, London WC1. Anyone seeing this weird title must surely have thought that it was some sort of *cosmic minicab* firm!

For our first 83 issues — in other words up to Volume 14, No. 6, at the end of 1968 — our front cover bore the full title FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, and, as readers will have noticed, I have now done what I had resolved to do when I took over the editorship in November 1982 with No. 28/2. That is to say, *I have reverted to our original cover.*

Why have I done this? It is an interesting and an instructive story, and maybe well worth the telling.

In all, FSR has had a total of five editors, viz., Derek Dempster, Brinsley le Poer Trench, Waveney

Girvan, Charles Bowen, and myself. And of all these the longest serving was Charles Bowen, from issue No. 10/6 (1964) to 28/1 (1982), a total of 18 years and 103 issues! Charles was assuredly our hardest-working and most severely harassed editor, for he managed all this while still performing his full-time ten-to-five job in the Finance Dept. of the South African Embassy in London.

Unfortunately however Charles was in my opinion somewhat timid, just as Dr. J. Allen Hynek was, and often seemed afraid to defend his corner vigorously against the skeptics and the critics. Had he stood his ground more firmly, on several accounts, I feel sure that we might have had a much greater readership today.

We all know what fun the gag-writers and the clowns of the Media have had over these past forty or so years with the term "*flying saucer*" — which however, despite them, has now gone into pretty well every language. The numerous documents so far released under the US Freedom of Information Act of 1974 show that for several years *every one of the CIA and FBI and Naval and Military Intelligence reports in the USA, as well as all the daily press reports, spoke of "flying saucers" or flying disks".*

The poor gag-writers and Media clowns have no inkling of this. Nor have they any inkling of the fact that the term "flying saucer" was NOT first employed in 1947 by Kenneth Arnold, as we are always told. The term in fact dates back to nearly a century and a quarter ago, to January 24, 1878, and was first used by a Texan farmer named John Martin. An account published in the local newspaper, the *Dennison Daily News*, of January 25, 1878, under the heading "*A Strange Phenomenon*", gives the first-hand report from the farmer, described as "a gentleman of undoubted veracity", who had observed a dark flying object travelling "at a wonderful speed" over his property six miles north of Dallas. He told the newspaper that when the thing was right overhead it looked "*about the size of a large saucer*". When Dr. J. Allen Hynek was in Britain on one of the several visits that he made to this country (and he had a private session with all the directors of FSR every time) he gave me a photostatic copy of the original report from the *Dennison Daily News*.

(Regarding the monstrous term "UFO", and how it was deliberately introduced by the American authorities and how the American civilian researchers of "our subject" were brainwashed into meekly accepting it, followed by all the others, like a flock of sheep, I shall have something further to say on another occasion).

Returning now to the early history of FSR, it was not long before we began to find that quite a lot of our readers — particularly the native Brits, who are well known for their traditional nervousness about " what the neighbours might think" — showed distinct squeamishness about signing cheques made out to "FLYING SAUCER REVIEW". Evidently they were pretty concerned about what their bank-manager might think of such politically incorrect behaviour! So, in the summer of 1971, I persuaded the other Directors that we should apply to the Registrar of Companies for our name to be switched from the ridiculous "FLYING SAUCER SERVICE LTD". to "FSR PUBLICATIONS LTD." The bank-managers wouldn't have a clue as to what *that* meant, and would-be readers of FSR need no longer hang their heads in shame.

This change of name proved to be a definite step forward for us. But, on the other hand, Editor Bowen's decision three years earlier (1968) to remove the bold name "FLYING SAUCER REVIEW" from our cover and to replace it by a meaningless logo, was a disastrously foolish step, as I shall show. (I wonder what demon induced him to do that?)

For almost thirty years, after my long spell of duty in foreign parts, I always worked in London and I commuted daily from my home in Hertfordshire. For the first decade or so, to a certain special department in Whitehall and then, after that, to an office inside the building of the Royal Geographical Society in Kensington, where, — while still employed by the Ministry of Defence — I was concerned with maps in various East European, Middle Eastern, and Far Eastern languages.

And during all those years that I travelled daily to London, I always made a special point of carrying and reading FSR in the train up to Baker Street and then on the Underground Line to Westminster or, later, to Kensington. And it must have happened on at least a dozen occasions that complete strangers would step across the gangway to me and say: "*Flying Saucer Review! Where can I get that?*".

On one particularly amusing occasion, just before I got out of the train in the Whitehall area, I noticed opposite me a high-ranking officer in Royal Air Force uniform, sitting beside, and talking with, a man in civilian clothes whom I knew to have a big job in the Ministry of Defence. Ten minutes later, as I was going up the steps of my Ministry, I found that they were both just in front of me, and I heard one of them say to the other: "*Fantastic! Did you see that chap on the train who was reading a Russian astronomical journal and Flying Saucer Review!*".

The point of my story is that, although I still continued with my practice of carrying and reading FSR on the train, after Charles Bowen had removed our name from the cover I never again had anyone ask me where they could get the magazine.

Finally, I might also mention that there is a certain public library in Hertfordshire to which I send FSR regularly, and have done so for several years past. The journal is always displayed very well and very publicly there, on shelves among other magazines, in a large area set aside for readers of journals and newspapers. I often pass through that room, and have always looked to see where FSR is, and it had always been in its usual place on the display shelf. I never found anybody reading it or examining it. It simply sat there on its shelf.

But when I walked through there a few days ago, to see how FSR 39/1 was faring, with restored name on the cover, *I found that it was out. And I found that there was a man reading it!* ■

"THE SECRET OF ROOM 801"

Very, very rarely, during the 1950s and 1960s, a little snippet of information would somehow or other slip through " the system" and emerge in the national press, and would indicate that maybe — despite all their denials — the authorities in Great Britain do after all take a definite interest in Flying Saucers.

There are of course people whose prime task it is to see that "inconvenient" items of this kind do not appear in the first place, and one can well imagine that when they do appear a head or two may roll somewhere or other in Whitehall.

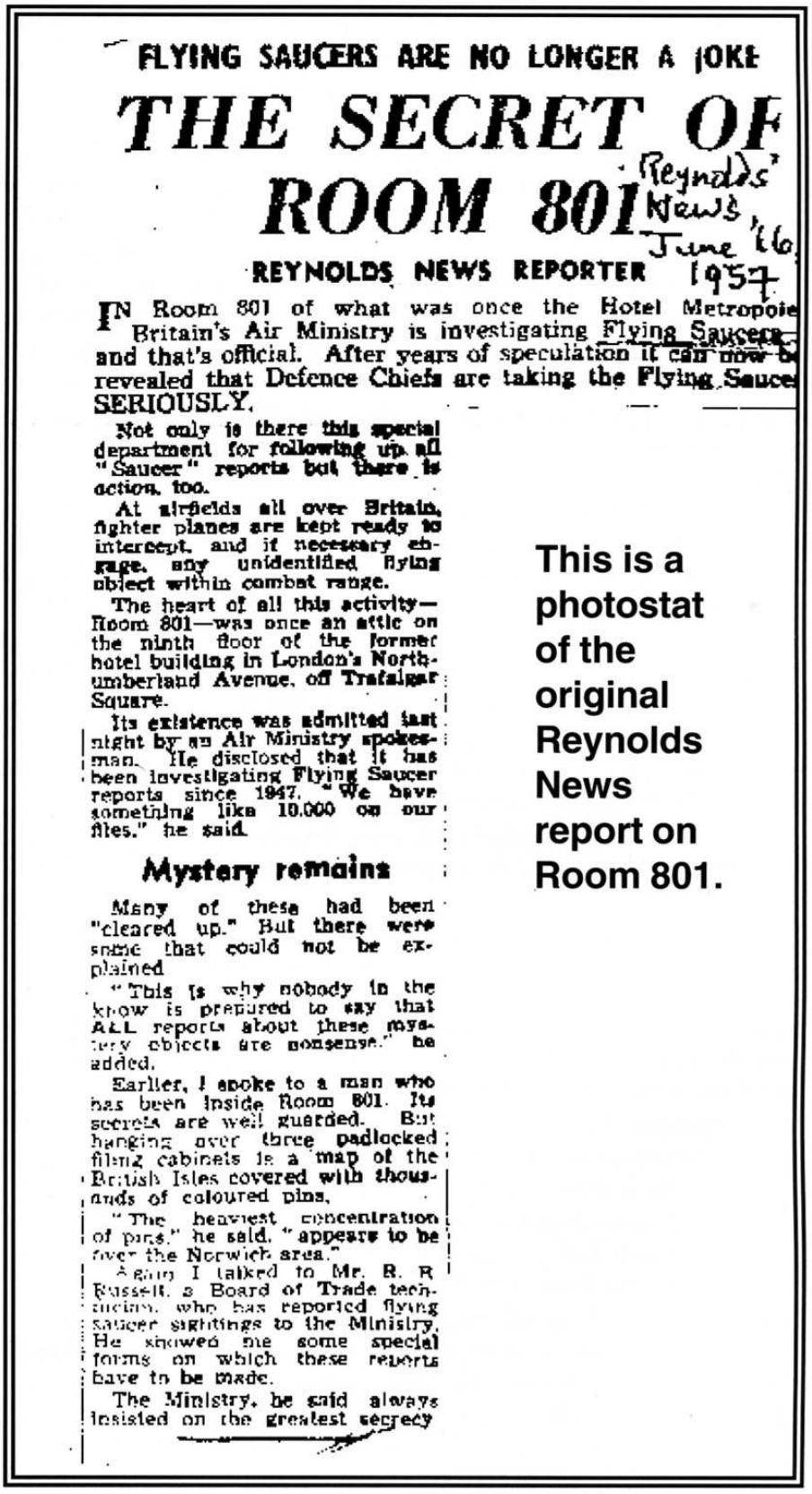
But very fortunately for those who have that appointed task extremely few original press-clippings or photostats of such clippings have survived until today. And this fact also may not be unconnected with the thought that there is someone who is charged with the task of seeing that they *do not* survive.

We give below however for our readers' edification a photostatic copy of such an item that appeared originally in *Reynolds' News* of London for June 16, 1957, just two years after FSR had been launched, and that *has* survived.

Those who are perverse enough to seek to delve into such taboo matters are advised to take a look at the passage *Room 801 — Top Secret*, on pages 48 and 49 of Timothy Good's masterly compendium ABOVE TOP SECRET: THE WORLDWIDE UFO COVER-UP, published by Sidgwick & Jackson of London in 1987.

Two men, so far as we know, not only saw the inside of Room 801 in those early days, but published reports on it. They were the journalist John Pitt and his friend David Wightman, one of the very first investigators of "our subject" in Britain. Their reports were published originally in FSR 2/5 (September/October 1956) and again in FSR 29/5 (June 1984). Owing to the very interesting nature of this material, we shall re-publish it for the third time in the near future!

The former Board of Trade official, Mr. R.R. Russell, referred to in the *Reynolds' News* report, is also known to the Editor of FSR. He still lives in the London area, and his main activity today lies in the field of psychical research. ■



FLYING SAUCERS ARE NO LONGER A JOKE

THE SECRET OF ROOM 801

Reynolds' News, June '66

REYNOLDS NEWS REPORTER 1957

IN Room 801 of what was once the Hotel Metropole Britain's Air Ministry is investigating Flying Saucers and that's official. After years of speculation it can now be revealed that Defence Chiefs are taking the Flying Saucer SERIOUSLY.

Not only is there this special department for following up all "Saucer" reports but there is action, too.

At airfields all over Britain, fighter planes are kept ready to intercept, and if necessary engage, any unidentified flying object within combat range.

The heart of all this activity—Room 801—was once an attic on the ninth floor of the former hotel building in London's Northumberland Avenue, off Trafalgar Square.

Its existence was admitted last night by an Air Ministry spokesman. He disclosed that it has been investigating Flying Saucer reports since 1947. "We have something like 10,000 on our files," he said.

Mystery remains

Many of these had been "cleared up." But there were some that could not be explained.

"This is why nobody in the know is prepared to say that ALL reports about these mystery objects are nonsense," he added.

Earlier, I spoke to a man who has been inside Room 801. Its secrets are well guarded. But hanging over three padlocked filing cabinets is a map of the British Isles covered with thousands of coloured pins.

"The heaviest concentration of pins," he said, "appears to be over the Norwich area."

Again I talked to Mr. R. R. Russell, a Board of Trade technician, who has reported flying saucer sightings to the Ministry. He showed me some special forms on which these reports have to be made.

The Ministry, he said always insisted on the greatest secrecy

This is a photostat of the original Reynolds News report on Room 801.

From AURA-Z No. 1. (Moscow, March 1993)

MY ENCOUNTER WITH A UFO

By Lt. Col. Lev Vyatkin (Russia)

(Fighter Pilot of the 1st Class Lieutenant-Colonel Lev Vyatkin was born in Perm', Russia, on October 20, 1931. In 1953 he finished the Komarov Higher Naval Aviation College in Yeysk, and in 1974 graduated from the Mechnikov State University in Odessa, Ukraine.)

On August 13, 1967 I took off in my interceptor for a training flight. The time was several minutes past 23 hours. I turned on the afterburning in order to climb to 10,000 metres. I manoeuvred the plane to face the beam, determined my location, reported to the Flight Commander and smoothly banked the plane to the left...

It was a calm, moonless night. The bright constellations added to its charm. The plane had performed half of the turn and was facing the sea. The lights of Yalta, a Black Sea resort town, glimmered below along the half-moon of the beach. I made a routine check of the flight instruments. The engine murmured behind my armoured chair. Everything was O,K., the flight conformed to all standard procedures.

At that moment I caught sight of the thing that later kept returning to my memory and troubling me, making me recall the details of my night flight, time and time again, searching for an explanation for what happened then. I saw the Object when I looked up from the instruments: it was a very large oval-shaped object which was somehow fixed to the port of my plane. A strange object so close to my plane could not help but worry me so I requested the Flight Commander, Major Musatov, at once: "Who is in the zone?" He consulted his instruments and answered to my surprise that there was nobody in the zone as all the other planes had already landed.

I banked the plane to the right, trying not to lose sight of the strange object which worried me a lot. Attempting not to approach the object too closely, I tried to determine in what direction it was moving. However, several seconds later its lights went gradually down as if a rheostat switch had been turned off inside.

Meanwhile the plane made a complete right turn and came back to the starting point. I considered my next move and then decided to make the left turn I had planned, trying to be as careful as possible. Hardly had I banked the plane to the left and adjusted the speed and thrust when I saw a flash of bright light from above straight on the course of my plane. Then a slanting milky-white ray appeared in front of my plane. The ray was closing in on the plane. Had I not levelled out, the ray would have hit my fuselage or, to be more exact, my cockpit.

All the same I hit the ray with the left wing. I was approaching the ray at very high speed, not taking my eyes off it, so I had time to notice and feel something very strange. No sooner had the wing touched the ray than the latter broke into a myriad of tiny sparkles like those you see in a spent firework. The plane shook violently and the instruments read off the scale.

"What's the matter? Is the ray solid?" I thought instinctively, with my eyes still on the strange sparkling pillar which stretched downwards. Soon the light above and the ray below disappeared.

Flying back to the airfield I kept searching the starry skies above for more surprises but everything was quiet. My night flight ended safely. For many days afterwards the surface of the wing which had come into contact with the strange ray shone at nights as if to remind me of the phenomenon.

One knows from experience that there is no such thing as "solid rays"'. And yet it was I, a pilot, who had happened to encounter the impossible phenomenon in real life. I felt some relief when the popular newspaper "*Komsomolskaya Pravda*" published an article entitled "*Cosmic Ghosts*" (October 17, 1989). The article stated that "solid rays" really existed and I had not been the only person to come into contact with them. V. Selyavkin, the police chief of Voronezh, Russia, described a similar experience he had when he found himself at night on a road in the town suburbs. "Suddenly a ray of light fell down on me from above. It was so bright and powerful that I felt it physically. You won't believe it, but it pinned me to the ground with its weight. Then the ray moved aside and disappeared. I will not forget it as long as I live..." Many other sources mention this phenomenon so characteristic of UFOs. Another feature of the ray is no less strange. It can project itself from a UFO like a telescope support or a probe. It terminates abruptly.

None of the physicists can explain these peculiarities. The nature and functions of the ray are not clear. Is it a ray at all? There is a need for a different name, but what? Which physical laws govern it?

Both the impact on contact and the frantic running of the instrument needles suggest that it is not a

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SOVIET UFO SECRETS

The breakup of the former Soviet Union opens up a hidden vault of Iron Curtain UFO files.

A Special Exclusive Report by Bryan Gresh

(Our warmest thanks go to Editor Dennis Stacy and the MUFON Editorial Board for permission to reproduce this article, which appeared in the MUFON UFO Journal for October 1993.

The author, Bryan Gresh, is Senior Vice-President of Altamira Communications Group. He spent 15 years as a television news reporter in a number of markets around the country. Before joining Altamira in January of 1992, Bryan was an anchor/reporter at the CBS affiliate in Las Vegas, KLAS-TV. It was while in Las Vegas that he began working with renowned UFO researcher, George Knapp. Knapp and Gresh have teamed up to produce a series of videotape documentaries on the UFO phenomenon, the first of which will be available later this year. EDITOR, FSR.)

No meeting was ever complete without food. Whether tea and "special occasion" cookies offered by a government biologist who studies reported UFO landing sites, or the homemade cabbage pie served by a retired Red Army colonel who ran an unprecedented ten year study of UFOs in the former Soviet Union, we never left an interview hungry. Our Russian hosts were warm, sincere, friendly and, despite fixed incomes that amounted to little more than 25 or 30 US dollars a month, happy to share a meal with their American visitors. They also shared with us the secrets of decades of study into the UFO phenomenon in the vast Soviet empire.

During our 10-day Russian stay in March of this year, colleague George Knapp and I met, and conducted lengthy interviews with, a previously hidden echelon of researchers and scientists, dedicated professionals who had pursued their interest in UFOs during the long, dark reign of the Communists. Their findings were not known to the outside world — until now. Among our contacts: one of the architects of the Russian "Star Wars" program who emphatically claims the exchange of information between aliens and humans was incorporated in Russian "beam weapon" technology; a Moscow professor who has spent 30 years studying reported UFO landing sites, including many in and around Moscow; a Russian scientist with first-hand knowledge of the reported crash of a UFO near Roswell, New Mexico in 1947; a quiet, shadowy figure who heads the ongoing Ministry of Defense studies into UFOs; and an author and scientist who became, in essence, a non-person for talking publicly about the UFO phenomenon.

The trip to Russia took seven months to set up and was arranged by our man in Moscow, Nikolai Kapranov. Kapranov is a Russian physicist who served as Security Advisor to the Soviet Parliament. We met Kapranov during a lecture tour of the United States. The UFO subject, it seems, had been talked about for years among Kapranov's circle of friends and associates, including scientists, military officers and KGB operatives. We set Kapranov up in Moscow with an office and a salary and asked him to see what hard information he could find.

What we had hoped, as odd as it sounds, was to find out a little of what America knows about UFOs by talking to the Russians. It has long been assumed that if the US government were secretly monitoring UFOs, the same might be going on in the Soviet Union. If the American government had been stockpiling this information under the national security blanket, maybe the Russians had been doing the same. We all know how little our government has made public on the subject, but this was a new day in Russia. The new freedoms the Russians were experiencing might extend to the subject of UFOs. Maybe the veil of secrecy would be lifted, if only to offer a peek. But it wasn't going to be easy.

When we stepped off the plane at Moscow's airport on that bone-chilling, late winter evening, the New Russia's ongoing political turmoil was as much on our minds as the UFO research we had come to do. The emerging democracy in this post-Communist era had spawned tension and upheaval. During our stay, loud, angry demonstrations were a daily occurrence. It seemed as if with each passing day, Russian President Boris Yeltsin was that much closer to being ousted. On our last day in Moscow, the Russian Parliament was meeting to consider impeachment (a process which, unlike in the United States, could take all of five minutes). Russian Army tanks rolled through the streets, trucks filled with troops convoyed near Red Square. Despite not knowing how, or when, our visit would end, the window of opportunity was open — and the lure was too great.

Long-Term Studies

Stories on UFOs from inside the Soviet Union have filtered out for years. Thanks to the work of Dr. Richard Haines, Jacques Vallée, Bruce Maccabee, Paul Stonehill and others, solid indications have surfaced of long-term, large scale UFO studies. Our goal was to talk, face to face, with those who were in the know, knowledgeable individuals who had not been quoted in the Western press

before, or even the Russian press for that matter. For the record, we have nothing against the Russian ufologists who are already known in the West. We were simply looking for a new layer of information and, hopefully, a treasure trove of UFO secrets.

One of the bigger gems was Boris Sokolov, a retired Russian colonel from a distinguished military family. Sokolov ran an unprecedented study, the likes of which, he is undoubtedly correct in saying, will never be repeated. "For 10 years," Sokolov says, "the entire Soviet Union became one gigantic UFO listening post."

The year was 1980. An amazing order came down from the Ministry of Defense: every military unit in the vast Soviet empire was to report any and all UFO sightings. Pilots, soldiers and sailors were ordered to observe the behaviour of the craft, and, if possible, take pictures. Later they would provide full and detailed statements to investigators. All reports would make their way up the military ladder, and land in the lap of Sokolov. The reports were numerous, the findings never before made public.

"We had 40 cases where our pilots encountered UFOs," said Sokolov. "Initially, they were commanded to chase, then shoot, the UFO. But when our pilots would engage, the UFO would speed up. The pilot would give chase, lose control and crash."

That happened three times. Twice, the pilots died. "After that," Sokolov said, "the pilots received another order: When they see a UFO they should change course — and get out."

The pilots reported the UFO seemed to possess an extraordinary intelligence, enough to know how far to push the pursuing Soviet aircraft to the point the pilot would lose control. The pilots viewed the UFO as a definite threat.

With the exception of the original "engage" order, Sokolov says the Soviets adopted a passive observation stance — if they saw a UFO, fine. The Soviet attitude was unlike the Americans, Sokolov says, who had set up some 30 radar stations to track UFOs.

Soviet Search For "Stealth" Data

Sokolov says the military was interested in UFOs for a number of reasons, including the belief that if the secrets of the UFO could be discovered, the Soviets would be able to win the competition against prospective enemies, by incorporating what extraterrestrials knew of velocity, materials — and stealth. Sokolov told us the search for stealth technology was prompted by the capabilities of UFOs.

October 5, 1983 is a date Sokolov will long remember. He received an order from his commander to leave immediately for an ICBM base in the Ukraine. The reason for the urgency? A report from the base commander to the Chief of the General Staff that the day before, from 4 until 8 that evening, a UFO had been observed near the base. During that time, the lights had lit up on the base control panel — the launch codes for the ICBMs had, mysteriously, been enabled.

"They received an order to prepare the launch of the ICBMs, said Sokolov. "The chief of the General Staff wasted no time in sending in our UFO experts."

Fortunately, no missiles were launched. But in an article six years later in an issue of the magazine *Soviet Military Review*, Soviet military leaders made a strong case for exchanging UFO information, on a regular basis, with the West. It was suggested if the two sides did not communicate on this issue, a UFO might someday trigger a nuclear exchange between the superpowers. The Soviet authors admitted UFOs were tracked by Soviet defense systems and suggested that same must be true in the United States.

Sokolov reports that a number of cases involved military sentinels stationed through the Soviet Union who shot at approaching UFOs. He says when the guards started shooting, the UFO would take off.

Thousands of cases came to Sokolov during the 1980s. From his voluminous files, he's compiled the 400 most intriguing cases. Amazingly, we were allowed to purchase the entire file, and are now in the process of having the documents translated. From the archives, Sokolov says, it can be determined that an overwhelming number of the military sightings can be explained in conventional terms. Still, many remain a mystery. Says Sokolov, "It's a phenomenon that cannot be explained away so far."

Sokolov is quick to point out that, during the entire length of the study, not one piece of material evidence was left behind. However, Sokolov is aware of one piece of recovered, although unidentified, material which has been sent to four different Russian institutes for analysis. All four centers agree, the elements which form the material cannot be combined on earth.

Though a modest man, Sokolov admits no one else in the former Soviet Union has more information on UFOs than himself. The ageing colonel, he is quite certain the UFO phenomenon is for real, and is convinced we will someday find the physical evidence to prove it. "Our world is not unique," he says, "it can be imagined."

"Plasma Beam" Obtained From Aliens

Rimili Avramenko's world is somewhat unique. He is one of the chief scientists working on Russia's version of SDI. Avramenko has been entrusted with the highest possible clearances. So high that, for much of his life, he hasn't been able to use his real name. If he wanted to publish something, he would have to use an alias. We began our interview of this highly-regarded scientist with what we though would be a good ice-breaker: is the UFO phenomenon for real? The question was quickly brushed aside, in no uncertain terms.

"My colleagues and I don't even think that's a question!" he bellowed. "Of course they are real!"

The exchange of information between aliens and humans, the scientist claims, has led to the development of what he referred to as the "weapon of the aliens," the plasma beam. The space age weaponry was incorporated into the Soviet version of SDI. Dr. Avramenko also confirmed for us that Russians knew

"Korolyov told Stalin the phenomenon was real."

UFOs were from somewhere else as early as 1959. The Americans knew that too, he said, because both sides had the same type of satellite defense warning systems.

Dr. Avramenko shared with us a couple of other startling pronouncements: during the Vietnam War, he said, a massive UFO flew over Hanoi. Although every major weapon in that city had its sights set on the craft, it didn't budge. Dr. Avramenko also slipped up and told us the only craft which can approach the speed of UFO is the American "Aurora" which is being flown in Nevada. When the look of amazement registered on our faces. Avramenko quickly back-tracked and said his information was based solely on articles in the popular press.

UFO Study Still Continues

Both Sokolov and Avramenko admitted to us military studies of UFOs are still underway in Russia. Some of the still-classified documents we were able to get out of Russia bear that out. The documents make it clear the Russian military maintains an ongoing, high level interest in the UFO subject. The documents reveal the Russians are far beyond the "Are they real?" question. They not only know they're real, the Russians are trying to find out how to take advantage, technologically, of that fact. The documents also show the Russians are monitoring ufology on a worldwide basis. We have found references to MJ-12. Still other American references in the files have never been made public in the West.

Another of our meetings put us across the table from the Ministry of Defense official who is in charge of the current study. By agreement, we are not yet able to make his name public, but we can give the name of the study, "Thread-3." One illuminating section of those papers contains details of UFO sightings by Soviet cosmonauts. Unlike American astronauts' reluctance to talk about the subject, Soviet references to UFOs were reported from the very beginning, with Yuri Gagarin himself. In the documents, Gagarin is quoted as saying UFOs are real, they fly at incredible speeds and that he would tell more about what he had seen in orbit — provided he be given permission to do so. The documents also provide information on American space encounters, including several references to things seen on the Moon by our astronauts, and how that information was removed from NASA's public files.

What do the Russians know about the most celebrated of all UFO crashes, the July, 1947 report of a crashed disc outside Roswell, New Mexico? If the incident were "real," the Russians should have known about it. After all, atomic bomb research was going on in the New Mexican desert at the time. Could Russian spies be far away? Our next interview made it seem apparent that, even in the 40s, the Russians weren't buying the weather balloon explanation of Roswell being proffered to the American people at the time by the US military.

That interview was with Valeriy Burdakov, a man who, to my knowledge, has never granted an interview to a Western journalist. In the 1950s, Burdakov was a scientist at the prestigious Moscow Aviation Institute, birthplace of the Soviet space program. Burdakov's interest in UFOs led to lecturing on the subject, lectures which came to the attention of Sergei Korolyov, the dean of Soviet rocketry and the founder of the Russian space program. But Korolyov did not admonish the younger Burdakov; instead he confided in him.

Stalin Launched UFO Research

As the now-60-something Burdakov relates, Joseph Stalin invited Korolyov to a meeting in 1948. The dictator brought Korolyov to a room where, spread out on a table, were piles of material and information collected during a top secret study. Some of the information was gleaned from reports of Soviet operatives in place in New Mexico at the time of the alleged crash. Stalin was anxious to know, what did Korolyov make of this reported crash of a UFO near Roswell?

"Korolyov said,, 'O.K., I'll collect the materials and bring them back in two days,'" said Burdakov. "But Stalin told him, 'No, you can't take any of this.'"

Burdakov says Stalin instead ordered Korolyov to work in the room for as long as he needed. Stalin offered to supply translators and anything else Korolyov needed to get the job done. When he finished, Stalin asked Korolyov for his opinion.

"Korolyov told Stalin the phenomenon was real," said Burdakov. "He told him the UFOs were not dangerous to our country, but they were not manufactured in the United States, or any other country. Stalin thanked him, and told Korolyov his opinion was shared by a number of other specialists."

Our interview with Burdakov revealed other first hand accounts from the annals of Soviet ufology. Burdakov says the founding father of the Soviet UFO movement, Felix Zigel', was asked to lecture to the KGB on the UFO phenomenon. Burdakov says he, too, found himself on the secret speaking tour, appearing before the Atomic Energy Institute and other "closed secret institutes" to share what he knew about UFOs. Burdakov says he was guaranteed his lectures would be kept quiet.

Burdakov says he has no doubts about the extent of the American government's involvement in the UFO phenomenon. Several branches of the American military, he says, are involved in active research and study.

"We know that the United States Air Force possesses plenty of material," says Burdakov. "The U.S. Navy has a big amount of material as well. We know that special orders have been given to keep all materials secret. When curious people ask for the materials they are told they're not there, that they've been destroyed."

The study of UFOs in the Soviet Union didn't always enjoy an unobstructed field of view. Several times, Soviet ufologists found themselves on the outs with the Soviet hierarchy. Even before Zigel' there was Yuri Fomin.*

Fomin's interest in UFOs dates back to the early

50s while connected with a Moscow institute working on industrial/electronic techniques. During lectures he delivered to the Soviet military, he became intrigued by the number of audience members who were witnesses to UFO events. His interest, though, was not something the Soviet system thought he should publicly share. Whether out of jealousy or fear, the Soviets ordered Fomin to put a lid on it. Despite a very public attack in *Pravda*. Fomin refused. It cost him. Fomin would become a non-person for talking openly about the subject. Still, he would not give up. During those dark days, Soviet ufology was driven underground. Yet despite public censure, Fomin and Zigel' were asked to deliver classified lectures to government and military officials on the very subject they were being persecuted for talking about publicly.

The Soviet Academy of Sciences has undertaken continual, private studies of UFOs since the 1970s.* Over the years, as many as ten different institutions have been involved in the studies, resulting in thousands of case files. The Russians, of course, have their skeptics, but even their skepticism offers a refreshing change to what Americans face. The Academy's Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism houses the country's best known skeptic, Yuri Platov. Yes, Platov says, 90% of Russian UFO sightings are misidentifications of rocket launches, planes and the like, but even a skeptical Platov admits some cases cannot be easily dismissed. Science, he says, should be interested in pursuing the unexplained, without the baggage of preconceived notions. Platov does not rule out the possibility of extraterrestrial visitations.

Soviet Field Studies

Most American scientists will tell you the UFO phenomenon doesn't exist because they don't have any evidence to study. No evidence equals no study. The Russians, apparently, haven't heard that equation. They've been conducting field studies for a quarter of a century.

Rem Varlamov of the Moscow Technology Institute believes evidence abounds. We met with Dr. Varlamov at his small apartment outside Moscow for an in-depth interview. Dr. Varlamov has travelled to a number of reported UFO landing sites in Russia, including ten in the direct vicinity of Moscow, to conduct a variety of tests on physical and chemical changes in the soil and the environment. Among his voluminous findings; identical quartz timepieces, one placed inside a landing site, the other just outside, record time at two different speeds. The quartz timepiece inside the landing circle speeds up. Dr. Varlamov has also discovered that inside the reported landing site circles the land is all but sterile, yielding just a few individual samples of single-celled animals per cubic centimeter of soil. Just outside the circles, tens of thousands of single cell animals flourish in every cubic centimeter.

Varlamov told us the main thrust of his work is not to contact "the space intellect," but, rather, to understand how the Universe works. Among his other fascinating findings: evidence of what is known as "angel hair," a type of by-product of UFO exhaust. Varlamov has obtained a sample to analyze the content. Dr. Varlamov also claims at least six attempts have been made to make pre-arranged contact with alien intelligence. Some of these contacts, he claims, were successful.

Varlamov's findings are supported by a government biologist and close colleague. His name is Yuri Simakov. Simakov has not been known outside of Russia until now. Dr. Simakov has also travelled to a number of Russian landing site cases, gathering data and conducting numerous tests. One of those experiments involved flies.

"We placed flies in a dish and put the dish over a landing site." Dr. Simakov said. "The flies went wild, buzzing and flying around."

Most intriguing, however, was Simakov's discovery of tiny, glass-like balls recovered from soil inside the landing site circles. Russian scientists, as yet, have not been able to identify these microscopic marbles. Simakov has a couple of theories.

"They may be formed as the result of transmutation," he said, "when oxygen was transformed into sodium under the influence of the UFO." Or, he says, they may be containers to carry life from one planet to another.

Although Dr. Simakov did not have many of these "seeds," he did give us some, in hopes American scientists might be able to solve the mystery. A highly reputable lab in the United States has analyzed the material. We are not yet in receipt of the written report, but this much is known: a team of experts which tested and analyzed the little balls has absolutely no idea what they are. These folks are experts in plant pathology and micro organisms, they suggested we next contact a chemist. They say the material appears to be similar to glass in composition, and someone familiar with how glass forms in soil may provide some insight.

Another of Dr. Simakov's discoveries comes from two reported landing sites in Siberia. Simakov found microscopic worms in the soil. Nothing too unusual there, except these worms are particular to Mexico, and don't occur naturally anywhere in the former Soviet Union.

Soviets Study "Far Viewing"

A sizable portion of our time in Moscow was spent with a military official whose area of expertise may offend the sensibilities of mainstream American ufologists. His research has a distinct, New Age flavor. Though at first glance, it may be easy to dismiss this work as so much mumbo jumbo, it is important to remember who is behind it: the Russian military machine. Also important to remember: it is a subject taken very seriously. Again, because of an agreement to protect his identity, we cannot divulge his name. However, he is no lightweight. His boss reports directly to the Russian version of Colin Powell.

In the West, it would be called a "remote viewing" program, the ability to "see" classified materials locked away in a safe thousands of miles away. But

for the general in charge of this program, it entails much more.

We were shown films which detailed the training of Russian soldiers. At the completion of the program, these soldiers would be able to track military targets without the benefit of any equipment. No radar, no satellites, no night vision glasses — just their minds. We were told the success rate hovered around 70%. Some of what the general is working on has already been put to use by Russian law enforcement.

For the general and his staff, the connection with UFOs is one of communication. Several times during our trip, we heard reference to the "universal brain" and the "cosmic intellect." These disciples of ufology believe it is possible to communicate with alien intelligence on an ongoing basis. Not just "grays", but dimensional, spatial beings that live with, and around, us on Earth. Yes, it's "out there" — but no one snickers when the subject is talked about.

Huge, Serious, and Ongoing

The study of UFOs in Russia is huge, serious and ongoing. All the secrets cannot be found out in one trip. Fortunately, we have been invited back to Russia to continue our investigation behind what was once an iron curtain. The Ministry of Defense has invited us to take part in a UFO safari to study a high concentration sighting area in Siberia. We would be not only the only Westerners, but the only reporters. Unfortunately, the trip had to be cancelled for this year, because of a lack of Ministry of Defense funding. Hopefully, we'll make the trip next year. In the meantime, our company is in the process of putting together a series of videotaped documentaries on the "Best Evidence" — both in the U.S., Russia and around the world. The first tapes should be available in early 1994.

Perhaps the "new" Russia will bring new opportunities for American and Russian UFO researchers to compare notes, and exchange vital information gathered from opposite sides of the world. To that end, our company has signed an agreement with the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences to establish a joint American-Russian research institute to foster the exchange of information between both sides. The UFO phenomenon is, after all, a subject too important to be left solely up to governments.

✷ **Note by Editor, FSR**. The USSR Academy of Sciences asked for FSR in 1963 and have been taking it ever since then. The Chinese Academy of Sciences asked for it in the following year, 1964, and have also been taking it ever since. In the near future I will re-publish photostats of the original letters received by FSR from these two prestigious institutions of the USSR and of China. At around 1964 I was contacted for the first time by a Russian correspondent, Arkadiy Tikhonov, and my correspondence with him lasted for many years until the letters stopped -- I assume because of his death. He wrote always in Russian and made it clear that he was acting on behalf of the Russian investigators, Yuri Fomin, Dr Zigel', Aleksandr Kasantsev and others. And around 1964 I also started reporting regularly in FSR on articles about Space or UFOs in the Soviet newspapers and scientific journals.

These were the first regular contacts between Soviet investigators of the UFO Problem and civilian investigators in the West. G.C.■

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ray of light but a pillar of fluorescent, highly magnetized gas. By confining gas within a "magnetic tube" or a "pillar" it is possible, in principle, to achieve the effect of a "solid" ray which can project and retract itself.

It means that a protruding ray which has an "end face" may turn out to be nothing but a pillar of magnetized gas. I know that I am speculating over disputable and poorly investigated issues, but the circumstances have obliged me to express my opinion.

/Once again, we find here proof that the rays emitted by UFOs are solid to some degree. Editor, AURA-Z. ■

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"REMEMBER McDONALD"

By Ann Druffel (MUFON, California, and FSR Consultant.)

This article appeared in the *International UFO Reporter* (the journal established by the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek), September/October 1993 issue, Vol. 18, No. 5, and in December we were surprised to receive a sudden note from Ann Druffel informing us that she hoped that we would be able to find room for it in FSR too, and that she had already obtained the consent of Mr. Mark Rodeghier of the *I.U.R.* for us to have it. This was very welcome news, and we take the opportunity to express our thanks to both Mrs. Druffel and Mr. Rodeghier, for we ourselves have never forgotten the vigorous role played by the great American scientist James McDonald, and we are sure that many of our older readers also had much respect and affection for him.

What I am now saying here does not mean that I do not realize that in some respects Dr. Hynek was indeed a disaster so far as our cause was concerned, for in my opinion he was *appallingly timid*. I am sure that he did perceive and did understand a great deal more than he was prepared to state publicly. But he feared his scientific peers and no doubt feared for the security of his official post. *And I agree that, had he possessed the courage and the dynamism of McDonald there would indeed have probably been a good deal more achieved by now.*

While I support completely Mrs. Druffel's thesis that McDonald was, (so far as I am able to judge) unquestionably the most impressive of the American scientists who are known *publicly* to have made a deep study of "our subject", I have to add that I do not share McDonald's confidence — as well as Ann's confidence — that human science is going to get the better of the UFO conundrum. I don't think so for one moment, and I prefer to remember what Dr. Hynek himself said to me several times, namely that "if the floor of *their* science is higher than the ceiling of *our* science, then it may well be that there will be no meeting of minds."

I would add I am not so sure either that McDonald's suicide was not due to something other than family and domestic problems — as we have always been told. For his death has not been the only mysterious one in our particular field of interest, and there are plenty of agencies around that kill, and kill without compunction. Some of those agencies are certainly "Governmental". But the others are "something else", and I'm not sure that this "something else" isn't in the driving-seat here. EDITOR.

A recent article of tribute by Walter Webb to Dr. J. Allen Hynek (IUR, Jan/Feb '93, Vol. 18, No. 1), prompts me to write a companion tribute to the late Dr. James E. McDonald. Most people in the UFO research field know McDonald's name, but, proportionately, there are not many people still left in the field who knew and worked with him personally. Due to his early death in June 1971, at the age of 51, the field was deprived prematurely of a fearless and gifted fighter.

For an unforgettable five years, between 1966 and 1971, McDonald sought the truth about UFOs with a boldness and perseverance which the field had never before — nor since — experienced. His rare combination of interdisciplinary scientific knowledge, his countless contributions to the field of atmospheric physics, his numerous high-placed contacts in government, the military, and Science, permitted him to sound an heraldic call to those who might be able to "make a difference". He investigated the best UFO reports on-site, was friend and colleague to many lay researchers, and spoke innumerable times before prestigious scientific and governmental groups. He was listened to with respect everywhere he went. His main purpose: to convince the Scientific Establishment that UFOs should be studied seriously.

If Jim McDonald had lived out a normal life span, the UFO field today would be very different from the chaos into which it has been tossed. At the very least, we would very likely be *closer* to solving the puzzle of these enigmatic objects.

Recently, the publication of Jacques Vallée's *FORBIDDEN SCIENCE: JOURNALS 1957-1969* had, in a sense, re-introduced Dr. James McDonald to the field. This book, however, presents him in rather negative terms. I wish merely to present the other side of the controversy, so that those readers who did not know McDonald personally but yet are curious about him and his many accomplishments in the field might have a chance to see him as he was, and as his numerous friends, associates and colleagues knew him.

The rather negative light which Vallée's *JOURNALS* cast upon McDonald is probably due to the fact that Hynek was Vallée's mentor and friend. Perhaps Vallée — whose work I admire and applaud, and who has from the beginning relentlessly pursued the truth of UFOs — did not fully understand McDonald's intense nature — or his *modus operandi*, which even for a scientist was incredibly thorough. McDonald had, indeed, repeatedly challenged Dr. Hynek on various issues, usually not publicly, but mainly in conversation and corre-

spondence. Hynek, from 1948 to 1969, had been the official scientific consultant on Astronomy to Project Bluebook, and in this capacity had been instrumental in helping place the cover-up lid on the UFO subject. McDonald visited the Bluebook offices the first time in June 1966 and became suddenly aware of the stunning cases — hundreds of good UFO reports — which were being passed off as stars, meteors, and balloons.

McDonald saw with his own eyes how Hynek had let absurd explanations of intriguing cases pass by without bothering to investigate them. He therefore charged Hynek with contributing to what he himself called "the government foul-up" on the UFO problem, and of concealing the true extent of this serious scientific problem from the scientific community. The decades-long governmental neglect of UFOs, and Hynek's role in this (through 1968, at least) thoroughly irritated him and offended his sense of honesty and fair play. The controversy between the two men lasted for the rest of McDonald's life although, in public, they managed to present a cordial appearance toward each other from about 1969 on.

James E. McDonald was Senior Physicist at the Institute for Atmospheric Physics (I.A.P.) at the University of Arizona in Tucson, and a professor of meteorology at that University. He was noted for his brilliance as a teacher, for his pioneering contributions to cloud physics and weather modification, and for his deep knowledge of adjoining fields of science. His mind was endlessly inquisitive: he made adventurous forays into any subject which happened to capture his interest, such as the physics of baseball and tennis and the shape of raindrops. He also spoke out vigorously on more serious subjects, such as the insanity of ringing American cities with anti-ballistic missiles. His all-out attack on this problem in the early sixties finally convinced the government that placing defensive missile silos downwind would at least prevent mass civilian deaths due to radioactive fallout in the event of a nuclear war. He also spoke out boldly against the war in Vietnam and especially against the use of napalm and other chemical weapons.

McDonald's last contribution to the field of atmospheric physics, in March 1971, was his logical but impassioned argument, at a public Congressional hearing, against government funding for fleets of supersonic transports (SSTs), which at the time were being proposed to phase out conventional jet airliners. He had studied the problem carefully and had concluded that fleets of SSTs, overflying the American continent, would damage the fragile ozone layer and cause thousands of additional cases of skin cancer each year. He was one of the very few scientists to speak out in the early 1970s about problems in the ozone layer, and his prediction of increasing skin cancer rates has already come to pass.

McDonald, as described by Vallée, had seemed "to burst upon the UFO scene" in June 1966. Actually, his entrance into the field was far from sudden. Between the years 1958-1965, he had quietly made an eight-year private study of Arizona UFO reports, and had served as a scientific consultant to NICAP before he ever spoke out publicly on the subject. He was the first eminent scientist to work closely with objective civilian research organizations in a common goal — that of convincing government and science of the urgent necessity to take the problem of UFOs seriously. He was a family man, with three children in universities and college and three more in high school. In spite of his personal responsibilities, however, after becoming convinced that UFOs did, indeed, present a serious scientific problem, he publicly went out on a limb, disregarding the professional and financial risks involved.

McDonald's nature was intense, and he spoke out bluntly whenever he felt the situation called for it. It was these characteristics that Dr. Hynek felt so keenly. However, with his friends and family, McDonald was a charming and congenial man with a unique, sometimes impish, sense of humor. During his eight quiet years of studying Arizona reports, from 1958 through 1965, he became known to the public as an eminently approachable, courteous professional who did not laugh at their UFO reports but, instead, doggedly studied each report which came to his attention. This was done in his own spare time, and he found conventional answers to most reports, as all good researchers do. Those he could not explain puzzled him deeply, until he came to realize that mystifying cases were occurring worldwide.

McDonald was, above all, that type of rare scientist who was acutely aware of the public's right to know. He felt that Science existed to serve the public, not to live in ivory towers. This philosophy prompted him to write prolifically on numerous scientific questions, not only in highly technical, refereed journals, but also in semi-technical articles which any educated person could read and understand. He also contributed clearly-written articles — often tinged with humor — on scientific subjects in the popular press. No matter in what media he wrote, his writing style was clear and fluid. His command of the English language and grammar rivalled any writer's. His vocabulary was limited only by what was between the covers of the dictionary. He was truly a layman's scientist.

Numerous colleagues in Physics and related branches of Science, as well as lay UFO researchers, appreciated McDonald's untiring effort to break down military and governmental resistance to studying the UFO question seriously. It was during the McDonald years — 1966-1971 — that many scientists for the first time joined in the effort to make the subject of UFOs an "acceptable" field of study. But few could keep up with him. McDonald lived fast. His speech and movements were often hurried, as if the physical were laboring to keep up with his remarkable, racing mind. He had an encyclopaedic memory, and could pull out the details of any one of the hundreds of cases he had worked on at a moment's notice.

I knew Jim McDonald personally because of my association with the Los Angeles NICAP Subcommittee (LANS), which was headed by Idabel Epperson. The Committee's lively meetings at the Epperson home included virtually every scientist in the Los Angeles area

who dared show interest in the subject. McDonald visited Los Angeles from time to time, stopping over whenever he could in his incessant travels, and a meeting was always planned at such opportunities to allow ufologists and scientists in the area to exchange information and ideas with him.

He was a friend to many UFO investigators and scientists in the L.A. area. He showed deep interest in many cases which were investigated and documented in Southern California, such as the Heflin photo case — on which LANS conducted a six-year investigation — and in the Redlands case which was birddogged by a team from the University of Redlands. He was interested in the Yorba Linda photo case and the China Lake sightings. He was also intrigued by the element of "missing time" experienced by a civilian who lived on the perimeter of the China Lake Naval Base where sightings repeatedly occurred. His interest in good cases from all over the U.S. and in foreign countries was unlimited: his personal investigations were limited only by the boundaries of his time, energy and funding.

During his brief five public years in the field, he seemed on the verge of convincing the scientific community that UFOs must be studied worldwide. Although there had always been a few scientists who, from the beginning of the modern UFO era, publicly spoke out, none were as prominent, or accomplished so much as McDonald. He gave numerous papers at prestigious scientific conferences where UFOs had formerly been a laughable or forbidden subject. He was quoted often in the media, TV, radio and press. He travelled to various foreign countries where he met the same intense interest from scientists and lay researchers alike.

He was welcomed everywhere he went, shoving admiration and awe aside, for these were not what he was seeking. What he sought was the Truth, and he listened carefully to anyone with competence in any professional field who had proper objectivity and the ability to research UFO reports competently. Many lay researchers were among his friends. His regard for Major Donald E. Keyhoe — the real "dean of UFO research" — for Dick Hall, Idabel Epperson, Isabel Davis, Walter Webb, Gordon Lore, Ted Bloecher and numerous other researchers was deep and sincere. He received from them much of the information he researched — good cases which had been competently investigated and which he re-investigated so diligently, and he shared what he found with all who asked whether layman, scientist, military or governmental.

Some of the scientists who worked with him did so subrosa, for many faced loss of governmental grants, or loss of their jobs in government-funded aerospace corporations. Others simply were fearful of peer pressure, or of lack of credibility for publicly displaying interest in UFOs. There were exceptions, of course, like Dave Saunders and Norman Levine.

In contrast to experts like Donald E. Keyhoe, Richard Hall and others in NICAP who, even in the early days of ufology, subscribed to the theory that government was deliberately covering up data, McDonald, at least publicly, never seemed convinced of this. He preferred to explain government's incredible neglect of the UFO question as a "grand foulup" or bureaucratic bungling, even when he was denied access to dozens of radar-visual UFO cases in Bluebook files, due to their classified status. He combed through Bluebook files four times between 1966 and 1969. After Dr. Edward Condon finished his hatchet job and the Air Force gave up its public UFO query, these radar-visual files were finally declassified and McDonald promptly copied them.

These R-V cases occupied a considerable amount of time toward the end of his life. He was of the opinion that, if properly analyzed by competent experts, they might provide valuable data, because radar-visual cases, up to that point in time, constituted the closest thing to empirical evidence that seemed possible to obtain. To McDonald's mind, R-V cases could provide physical evidence — documented proof — that unidentified, metallic aeroforms from unknown sources were invading Earth's atmosphere.

McDonald's death, to most people in the UFO field, was a mystery. This intrepid and apparently tireless man died by his own hand on 12 June 1971, at the height of his unprecedented success. Suspicions of governmental conspiracy abounded in the field; many were convinced, at first, that he had been silenced deliberately but slowly reason prevailed. His loss, nonetheless, took a terrible toll. Besides the personal loss to his family and to Science in general, the UFO research field lost its most effective leader and champion. Gone were his numerous contacts in science, government and the military. Gone was his persuasive voice and his unyielding search for empirical evidence and proof.

Although more scientists began to show open interest and to work publicly in the UFO field after McDonald's death, it was never the same. We struggled on without him, never having a chance to properly mourn him, for none of us understood the reasons why he died.

Not many months afterward, reports of missing time and of abduction began to flood in, overwhelming UFO investigators still overwhelmed by his death. By 1973, the tenor of the field had subtly changed. No longer were unexplained *physical* objects the main focus; now "abduction" cases became dominant, presenting themselves to a still stunned field. We do not know why these close encounters — eventually termed CE IVs — took over the field at that particular time; most researchers accepted them merely as "a new phase". It is impossible not to wonder what McDonald would have done about the plethora of such cases, which gradually increased until by the 1980s they were a virtual flood which could no longer be adequately investigated by available investigators.

As a consequence, a situation similar to the 1950s — the age of the contactees, which McDonald effectively fought and won — faces us today. McDonald had succeeded in wresting media attention away from the contactees and focussing it on objective UFO research. Contactee stories, it is true, were different in content from present-day wild stories which flood the field, but in the

fifties and sixties they presented an overwhelming problem to the small number of objective, scientifically-oriented researchers who were active at that time.

Now, contactee stories are practically extinct, but claims of alien implants, hybridization and genetic experimentation, missing fetuses, underground alien bases, secret cooperation of the U.S. military with aliens, and the like, run rampant. No solid, empirical evidence has yet been found to substantiate any of these reports, just as no proof was ever found for the oldtime contactee ravings. But there is a terrible difference. Today, claims of alien implants, missing fetuses, etc. are accepted wholesale by many prominent UFO researchers. To my mind, the situation is even more serious than the contactee problem faced by McDonald and his colleagues in the late 1950s and throughout the 1960s.

The field has never been the same since McDonald left us. It lacks the piercing objectivity he brought to it, his demands for adequate investigation and *proof.* The search for documented proof drove McDonald. It constituted the main force behind his appeals for adequate governmental funding and proper attention to the subject by the scientific community. His hope was that some day science, government, and the public would participate together in a nationwide — and if possible international — tracking, monitoring and documenting network, somewhat similar to the U.S. Weather Service. His hope was that, with Science aroused and government convinced, such a project could be set up.

By such means, McDonald reasoned, the existence of UFOs, as physical craft of unknown origin, could be proven beyond the shadow of a doubt. After the proof of existence was established, the more theoretical problems of their nature and purpose(s) could be explored, for then the full force of human curiosity would be brought against them.

What might have happened if McDonald had lived out a normal lifespan? Would he have succeeded in breaking through the secrecy seal? Would the scientific community have continued the steps they were taking, calling for open discussion on UFOs at scientific conferences and symposia? Would the scientific community — hand-in-hand with objective lay investigators — have been able to start a general public demand that *all* UFO classified information in government possession be made freely available?

Is there another "James McDonald" somewhere out there, ready to take up the cudgel? Is it too much to hope that another, with the unique combination of knowledge, energy, enthusiasm, and the personal talents of mind and heart which Jim McDonald possessed, lives among us?

McDonald's curiosity extended beyond the physical puzzle UFOs presented. He maintained an interest in early abduction cases such as Betty and Barney Hill's. Time-loss cases, which were just beginning to surface, likewise intrigued him. He preferred, however, to leave public comment on such data to psychologists, for he felt that such cases had psychological implications which he was unqualified to properly assess. By their very nature, apparently occurring in altered states of consciousness, it is possible that these incidents involve events beyond the monitoring capacity of physical science. James McDonald would have pointed this out and concentrated on proving the physical reality of the craft-like objects themselves.

It seems as if the UFO research field today no longer demands competent investigation or empirical evidence. UFO investigation today, in large part, consists of anecdotal data obtained through the dicey means of hypnotic regression. The attempts of a few researchers to prove the claim of "missing fetuses" have met with no success. The few "alien implants" which have been recovered turned out to have conventional explanations. Claims of "underground bases staffed by alien-military compatriots" exist in a shadow world. We struggle through a ;morass of ever-increasing complexity.

McDonald has never been replaced, and perhaps never will be. The least we can do, however, is this: *It is time to return to the scientific approach McDonald took, to seek incontrovertible proof that unidentified metallic aeroforms are invading Earth's atmosphere.* This is a provable fact, if enough hard data can be gleaned from radar-visual cases, from satellite monitoring systems and the like. It was data like these that McDonald sought, and succeeding at least partially in finding. He also left us the basic *concept* by which adequate data could be obtained. Once incontrovertible proof of unidentified aeroforms was obtained, the full curiosity of scientists would be brought to the problem. After that, peripheral problems such as "occupant" sightings, UFO motives, etc. could then be fully explored.

McDonald's voluminous files remained virtually intact, carefully guarded by his family; only a very few researchers have been permitted access to them since 1971. I have been given access to these files and to private journals he kept between 1966-1971, and for the past nine months have been researching them. Detailed information about McDonald's contributions to the UFO field, and clarification of the last months of his life and death, will be the subject of a book — working title, *AFRAID OF NOTHING: UFOS AND THE DEATH OF DR. JAMES MCDONALD* — which will be finished within a year. ■

McDonald Bibliography

A 100 page bibliography of all known writings by James McDonald has been compiled and published by Valerie Vaughan, a librarian at the University of Massachusetts. The volume describes 231 articles, papers, and other materials, approximately 60 of which are UFO related.

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"SPACE ALIENS PINCHED MY PINEAPPLES!"

By Gordon Creighton

OVER the years we have seen quite a number of "UFO stories" that sounded so utterly ridiculous that it is not surprising if we find that not a soul anywhere seems prepared to believe them. I do not share that view, for the entire business with which we are concerned is such a farrago of nonsense, such a "festival of absurdity", as Aimé Michel was wont to say, that it seems to my mind somewhat unreasonable to segregate just one part of it as being more unacceptable than the rest. A year or so ago, for example, there was a report that *a circus elephant* (or possibly two) had been hoisted aboard a UFO and kidnapped. I think it was near Málaga, in Spain, and when I manage to turn the story up next time among the mountain of paper which once used to be my "in-tray" I will publish it.

The present tale concerns pineapples in Queensland, Australia. I know that Paul Norman has said that he doesn't believe a word of it. However, I recall, from the early days of FSR, quite a number of reports — particularly from Brazil — about alien critters who were seen purloining plants and fruits from the farmers' fields,[1] and a greedy liking for pineapples does not strike me as all that improbable.

The story was published in the Melbourne magazine *Picture Post* of June 8, 1991, and we thank FSR reader John Bainbridge of Leeton, Western Australia, for having sent it on to us.

As the *Picture Post* staff writer John Pinkney relates it, the story ran as follows.

A fuming Queensland farmer says UFO aliens stole 15,000 pineapple tops from his Sunshine Coast property.

Harry Roy, 73, of Calounra (Q), claims the snatch from Space ruined a season's planting — and cost thousands of dollars in lost profits.

The scene of the flying fruit raid was the sprawling Roy farm, which overlooks Bribie Passage. (Just N. of Brisbane, 27°00S.Lat., 152°.59E.Long. Editor, FSR).

"I was working near the homestead one afternoon, some years back, when the earth was shaken by a series of huge thumps", Harry told me.

"Thinking there must have been an earthquake, I hurried over to my brother Gordon's house to ensure he was O.K.

"He'd heard the noises too and said he was sure they'd come from the back of the farm.

"We went down there with a local teacher, and discovered that 15,000 pineapple tops we'd readied for planting had vanished.

"There was no road into that part of the property — and not even a helicopter could have entered undetected.

"*I'm in no doubt that a UFO pinched those pineapples. For years they've been taking whatever they like from the farms around here. On several occasions they've even drained water from dams.*[2]

"Locals believe the UFOs have a base inside the Glasshouse Mountains. They've been seen entering the Range — and the mountains often hum at night.

"I don't mind betting that my pineapple tops were planted somewhere in that base — far underground."

Harry Roy saw his first flying saucer in 1920, when he was six years old.

"It was a huge silver oval, wingless and silent", he recalled.

"I watched it hovering very low over our old top orchard — then it took off towards Nambour (26°38S.Lat., 153°00 E.Long. Ed.). Of course in those days I had no idea what a UFO was, but from that time on I kept seeing them — and finding their landing sites.

"In the 1930s, when I was moving cattle around the Bribie Passage saltmarsh country, I'd often find scorched circles up to 36 feet wide.

"They were a mystery to me until the 1950s, when all the flying saucer stories began to appear in the papers."

Harry's UFO encounters haven't just been long-distance sightings. He remembers a frightening brush with a seemingly alien entity.

"I awoke to find a man wearing a silver suit standing beside the bed", he recalled.

"I just lay there staring, unable to move or to call out to my wife, Irene. The man ran his hand through my hair, then went into the children's room. I was powerless to stop him. I'm pretty sure I've had other contacts that I can't remember.

"Several years ago, while riding a horse from Mill Ridge to Campbell's Mill, *I lost three hours of time.*

"I should have arrived at six, after a 20-minute journey, but I didn't get there till nine.

"My mate, who'd been waiting for me in his Vanguard ute, was in a deep sleep when I finally turned up.

"Neither of us could account for the missing time — but I'm sure we'd been taken somewhere".

Harry says he can "*sense*" the presence of UFOs.

"One day I was driving to Mooloolaba with my wife when I suddenly got the feeling I should stop the car", he said.

"I told her, 'The boys are up there somewhere — they'll appear any minute'. Then Irene replied, 'My God-you're right'.

"Three oval craft, pulsing from deep red to blue, were hovering above the road.

"UFOs are particularly attracted to the Sunshine Coast (Australian East Coast).

"And they seem to have made mental contact with quite a lot of us up here".

NOTES BY EDITOR,FSR

(1)As examples of plant-purloining, see Nos. 10, 13 and 59 of the close encounters with alien entities (65 in all) listed by me for South America, up to 1965, in my article *The Humanoids In Latin America*, in THE HUMANOIDS, edited by Charles Bowen (1969, with reprints in 1974 and 1977 by Futura Books, London — paperback edition). (A few copies of this classic, now long out of print, are still available from High Wycombe.)

See also the famous French case of the lavender-grower Monsieur Maurice Masse, large numbers of whose lavender plants were lifted by small alien critters from his farm at Valensole in June of 1965. (See *A Significant Report From France*, by Charles Bowen, in FSR 11/5 (Sept./Oct. 1965); *The Significant Report From France* (G.E.P.A. Report) and *The Valensole Affair*, by Aimé Michel (these last two items both in FSR 11/6 (Nov./Dec. 1965); *Comment on The Valensole Affair*, by Dr. Bernard Finch, in FSR 12/1 (Jan./Feb. 1966); *The Valensole Questionnaire*, by Luis Schönherr in FSR 12/2 (March/April 1966); *Replies To Questionnaire*, by Luis Schönherr, *Valensole-Further Details*, by Aimé Michel, and a French Magistrate's *Tentative Reply To Luis Schönherr's Questionnaire* — these last three items all in FSR 12/3 (May/June 1966); *A Visit To Valensole Two Years Later*, by Aimé Michel and Charles Bowen, in FSR 14/1 (Jan./Feb. 1968).

(2) On water-stealing from dams and tanks etc., see *Australia: On The UFO Trail, IV*, by Paul Norman, in FSR 35//1 (March 1990); *Australia: On The UFO Trail, V*, by Paul Norman in FSR 36/3 (Autumn 1991).

There were also, in earlier years (1960s or thereabouts), several spectacular reports of totally incomprehensible and sudden losses of vast quantities of water (overnight) from various lakes and reservoirs in the N.E. part of the U.S.A. In Argentine, Dionisio Llanca claimed that when tall aliens kidnapped him one night in 1973 on a lonely road, he saw a great pipe leading from their craft into a nearby lake (See my *Dionisio Llanca's Very Close Encounter*, in FSR 26/4 (Nov. 1980).

Finally, on the general question of water and water-stealing, the books of M.K. Jessup should be consulted, for he thought a lot about this, and had the theory that some of their huge craft that never land here are vast water-tankers into which our stolen water is ferried up, to be carried off to some other place where there is a great need for it, such as the Moon, or Mars. ■

BOOK REVIEW. *LOST* WAS THE KEY.

AUTHOR — LEAH A. HALEY
REVIEW BY: KATHARINA WILSON

***LOST* WAS THE KEY: by "Leah A. Haley". 160 pages. Hard-back, published 1993 by Greenleaf Publications, P.O. Box 70563, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35407-0563, U.S.A. ISBN: 1-883729-00-9. U.S. Price $22.50 p. and p. included, direct from Publishers. Foreword is written by John S. Carpenter (MSW/LCSW); jacket reviews by Debbie Jordan (alias "Kathie Davis"); Donald M. Ware (former Regional Director, MUFON); Lt.Col. Wendelle C. Stevens, USAF Ret'd.; and Dr. Richard F. Haines, PhD., Research Scientist, Ret'd.**

LOST WAS THE KEY is the true story encompassing 18 months in the life of a middle-class woman from the American Deep South, a university graduate, whose reality, like that of other abductees, was shattered abruptly and frighteningly, and describes her struggle to cope with her encounters.

I heard about "Leah Haley" several years ago while at a sky-watch in Gulf Breeze, Florida. Because of her fears she didn't seek out many people to talk to about her experiences. After finally getting to read her complete story, I have to ask, who among us would trust *anyone* after going through what she has endured?

I was one of several people in "the group" in Gulf Breeze who initially thought, "Well, maybe this poor woman is worrying too much. Certainly the military isn't going around abducting people, right?" Well, because of my own experiences since that time, and hearing about these types of experiences relayed by others, I can only say how wrong we all were.

A very unwanted and unusual twist to the abduction phenomenon is being reported by abductees. Some of us have recently become brave enough, (or stupid enough) to report what is happening to us: that the military and other government "personnel" are involved in our "alien" abduction experiences. We do not apologize for what we are remembering. We are simply reporting it, along with all the information about the Greys, the Blondes, the Reptilians, the Praying Mantis types, and an array of other types of beings who are apparently here, whether we like it or not.

Lost Was The Key captivated me so much, that I read it in a day. It is a very "readable" book, written by a well educated, and lucid woman. I can certainly relate to Leah's feelings that she felt she had to get her story out

to the public, and *now*, not two years from now. When you read Leah's story you know you are getting the "whole truth and nothing but the truth." Leah's story did not have to be filtered through a researcher's ideology and scheme, and then be edited, cut, and rearranged in order to "sell".

Leah uses information from her regressive hypnosis sessions with Licensed Clinical Social Worker, John S. Carpenter, to take you through the disturbing ordeals she endured. Mixed in with these are her dream memories, and spontaneous memories about experiences that occurred to her both as a child and an adult. You will find that this book covers both the "alien" abduction material and what it was like for an abductee to remember "military" abductions as well.

This reviewer only found one instance where the author described an incident that had been perceived by her as military harassment, when in fact it may have been an attempt by one of her students to receive a better grade. However, this is one of those instances best left up to the interpretation of the reader. *You decide* if the military or the government is involved with "alien abductions", or at the very least, if they abducted Leah Haley, by reading *Lost Was The Key*. ■

ANOTHER "CIRCLE" REPORT FROM AUSTRALIA

By Colin Norris, Director of Australian International UFO Research

The following report reached FSR in January 1993 from Mr. Colin Norris, the veteran Australian investigator, who states: "I've looked into thousands of UFO phenomena and I can spot a fake a mile off. This is no hoax. There has been an extraterrestrial craft here, for sure. In the eight weeks leading up to this, I have had a spate of UFO reports from around those same parts, the Adelaide Hills. The Air Force rang me because they were getting so many reports of lights moving around or stationary over the Hills." EDITOR

Adelaide Hills grazier Andrew Davidson is frankly baffled.

What spooked one of his horses to go into a wild, galloping, whinnying panic for a couple of nights recently?

What caused a big, egg-shaped "circle" to appear mysteriously on a remote paddock at about the same time?

Andrew says, shaking his head, "It's almost as if you had brought a huge branding-iron down, whoosh, and then pulled it up again. Like putting a brand on the hide of a cow — but the strange thing is that the grass isn't burned. It's more like it has had the life sucked out of it, and has been left lying down in flat patterns."

Andrew, who owns a large sheep-farm 35 kms. to the east of Adelaide, points out the odd patterns — one clockwise, the other anti-clockwise. The dead grass patch is 56 cms. wide, forming an egg-shape, 22 metres by 13 metres.

"There were no wheel marks — no trucks or tractors or rollers had been there. My mate can back me on that", says Andrew.

(There were definitely no signs of tracks when we went to the site eleven days later).

Andrew's friend John Purvis was the first to find the egg-shaped marking as he walked cross the paddock early on November 16, 1992, to get wood for his fire.

He said: "The untouched surroundings really puzzled me. I raced home, got my video camera, and recorded it. It was weird too about our horse. He was in the same paddock as the circle, and a few nights before I found it he had been galloping and whinnying and carrying on like a mad thing."

Andrew Davidson got a local agronomist, from the Department of Agriculture at Mount Barker, to examine the markings, and the agronomist was totally perplexed. He said to Davidson: "Look — there's no natural cause — there's no biological or agricultural explanation — no fungus, no root-rot, or weed killers, or anything like that!"

Another person who inspected the site was Graeme Budgen, a scientist with a consulting engineering company, who did soil-tests and radiation-tests at the site, and secured some strange readings. He said: "The salt content in the circle was 40% higher than in the rest of the paddock (which as Norris emphasised, is a well-known feature of "UFO circles") and the radiation was also up. And the moisture content at the site was especially weird. It's much higher on the circle than away from it, and yet the soil on the circle feels and looks dry and crumbly, and the rest of the paddock is soaking wet. There's something very strange here, and I cannot conclude what has happened. *My opinion is that it is no hoax. A hoaxer couldn't duplicate an elaborate thing like this".* *

* **COMMENT BY EDITOR, FSR.** We agree that this cannot have been a hoax, for there were reports that Doug 'n Dave had been seen on Bondi Beach that same winter (1992/93). ■

(Translation from Russian: G.C.)

DOUG 'N DAVE TOUCH DOWN AGAIN BRIEFLY IN A FIELD OF RUSSIAN BARLEY

Issue No. 8 of *CHETVERTOE IZMERENIE (FOURTH DIMENSION)*, dated August 1991, carried the following letter from a reader:

LANDING AT CHEKARDA, NEAR YAROSLAVL'*, CENTRAL RUSSIA.

I was standing at a bus-stop, waiting for the bus, when I got into conversation with a woman from Chekarda. She told me that in July or August of last year (1990) an unknown object landed not far from her house.

"The first person to see it was my neighbour, my aunt Masha. It was a vividly bright, shining round ball, behind our house. Then it landed in a field of barley and sat there for about half an hour. Then, when it flew away, she called us, and we went to look at the place where it had landed," said the woman, Tatyana Mindiyarova, collective farm worker and resident of Chekarda.

According to her statement, they found an oval patch in the field. The dimensions of the patch were 8m by 10m. And the flying object was still visible over Chekarda, about a kilometre distant. Its light very vivid. After that it flew off towards Molebka. No sound was detectable from it. The barley where it had landed was flattened and smoothed out as though done with an iron.

Also visible were four dents in the ground, evidently marks left by the legs or undercarriage.

When Tatyana and her husband and children and her neighbour stepped on to the oval patch in the barleyfield, they smelt a pleasant odour and also had headaches. Later, when they stepped off the landing site, their headaches disappeared.

N. Tsepilov, Resident of Perm'.

* **NOTE BY EDITOR.** The position of Yaroslavl' is 57°35N, 39°55E. ■

SIBERIAN CROP CIRCLES

By Diana Clift

DOUG 'N DAVE IN THE STEPS (OR STEPPES?) OF YERMAK

If you study the murky history of the vast and mournful Slavonic realms, you will find that the first sturdy Russian to penetrate and conquer the frozen wastes of Sibir' was the mighty Yermak, in the year 1581.

But inevitably it would not be long before Doug 'n Dave would be hard on his trail, and in FSR 37/3 and 38/4 I have already reported on some of their exploits in the more westerly areas of the Russian Empire. However it seems that yet another segment of their epic achievement had escaped my eagle eye. Diana Clift has chronicled the following important item on Siberian Crop Circles, which appeared originally in *The Cerealogist No. 11 (Winter 1993/94), and we are much indebted to her and to our Colleague and Fellow Consultant and Director of FSR, George Wingfield, who is also the Editor of *The Cerealogist*, for permission to reproduce it here. G.C.**

Krasnoyarsk is an industrial city with a population of one million in the heart of Siberia. Temperatures are below -30°C from November to March and above +30°C for a few weeks in July and August when the black fly are out! So unpleasant is the climate that it was a popular destination for intellectuals sentenced to internal exile by Stalin. It was a city completely closed to foreigners until the break-up of the Soviet Union. But for my friend Lydia it is home.

I first met Lydia in 1988 when she came to England as a mature student to study English, and she stayed with us for three months. Neither of us had heard of crop circles at that time, and she didn't know of my interest until she returned for a short holiday last November. When I tentatively mentioned the subject she was astonished as she had rather assumed that the circles were an exclusively Siberian phenomenon!

They had been hushed up by the local authorities and were not covered by the local press, but now that people were more free to talk about such things, she discovered that Krasnoyarsk was quite a centre of crop circle activity, with several events occurring each year, at least since 1990, and probably earlier. She thinks the

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ANOTHER CLOSE UFO SIGHTING FROM 1988

By Gordon Creighton

Here is yet another excellent British sighting report from Wednesday, January 6, 1988, which we have been unable to process and publish sooner, owing to our very limited magazine space and our lack of enough hands to do the work.

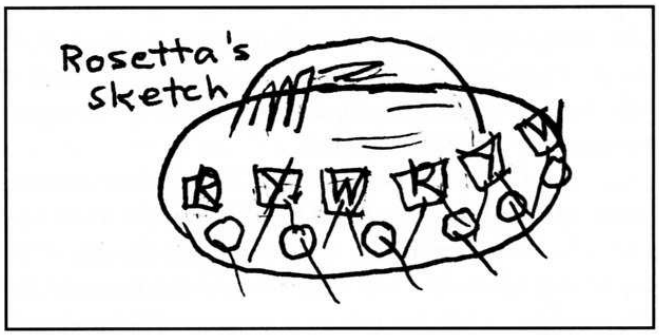
The percipient in the story is Mrs. Rosetta Webly (Italian-born, from Naples), a resident of St. Albans, in Hertfordshire. The episode was described in an article in a minor local weekly newspaper, the *Watford & West Herts Review* (now defunct) for Thursday, January 14, 1988. (The lady's surname by marriage was given in the newspaper as *Waverley*, whether by mistake or in order to conceal her identity, we do not of course know).

We are much indebted to an FSR reader, Mrs. Sue Stevens, formerly also of St. Albans and now living in Stevenage, who sent us the press-clipping in the first place and subsequently was kind enough to telephone Mrs. Webly and arrange to go and see her on behalf of FSR and secure this personal statement for us.

Mrs. Stevens found Mrs. Webly to be a thoroughly sane and balanced and convincing person, and she reports that she contacted her again eighteen months later and is still in touch with her.

I too have recently telephoned to Mrs. Webly (April 1994), and had a long chat with her. She says this has been her only UFO experience, so far as she knows, but it seems that it had had an enormous effect on her and brought about many changes in her and her thinking and her insights into life. I therefore suspected at first that what she had had might have been much more than just a sighting, and that she might actually have been abducted and experienced a loss of time. However, I have asked her very explicitly about this point, and she feels sure that the experience was indeed confined to only two or three minutes, because her husband, Gary, was in the house and was calling to her from the kitchen. While the UFO sighting lasted she says she was, as it were, "frozen", or paralyzed, unable to answer him *and also unable to hear him*. She could only point to the UFO as he ran in, and he saw it just leaving. So here, once more, we have the phenomenon of the "*cone of silence*", or "*zone of silence*", which has already been noted in so many cases.

As for the changes that this lady feels have taken place in her, she tells me that she seems not only to have become far more perceptive and more *psychic* than she was before the sighting, but that she is now also "*more intelligent*". EDITOR.



WRITTEN STATEMENT RECEIVED BY EDITOR OF FSR FROM MRS. ROSETTA WEBLY

Wednesday, January 6th, 1988, 8.55 p.m.

"I was lying on my couch in the lounge (I have a back-condition) when a strange feeling came over me. I glanced to my right, through the dividing arch towards the window of the dining-room, and there I saw a round, huge object with red, yellow, and white lights. I would think that it was at least as big as my dining room.

Sense Of "Trance"

"As if in a trance, I was drawn to the window, walking very slowly. I opened the window. It was a cold night, but I did not feel the cold.

"I stared intently at the object. I just could not believe what I was seeing. It was about 90 feet up in the air, almost overhead. It was completely circular, with a dome on top. The dome part was dark, but around the lower part were many square lighted windows, of red, white, and yellow, in that sequence. Beneath each square window there was another light, and these lower round lights were just like the square ones above them in colour, and the two rows of lights had the same colour sequence, all very bright and dazzling, so that it reminded me of a fireworks display.

"The entire object was rotating slowly, and appeared to be inclined or tilting, first one way and then the other. As it rotated the coloured lights all appeared to blend into each other. It was a very beautiful sight. It reminded me of a child's spinning-top.

Strange "Silence"

"Whilst I was observing this I was aware of *a great silence.* I couldn't hear anything. I gather now that my husband was calling me but I did not hear him. After a few minutes I became aware of my surroundings again, and called my husband. I said: 'Gary, come here quickly, it's a UFO'.

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A NECESSARY RECTIFICATION

By Gordon Creighton

I regret that the article *Captain Schafer's Last Flight*, on pages 16-21 of our last issue, FSR 39/1, contains a glaring contradiction which unfortunately none of us here had noticed, and which has only just been drawn to our attention by our Consultant Dr. Max Edwards of Vancouver Island, Canada, to whom needless to say we express our profound thanks!

In the shaded box with my introductory editorial comment (on page 16) I had mentioned that when Captain Schafer's aircraft was recovered from the sea, it was found that his body "*had mysteriously disappeared from the machine, while his ejector seat was still intact and in place*".

But then, on page 20, Mr. Pat Otter's article was reproduced as stating that "*On October 7, it was reported that divers from H.M.S. Keddleston had inspected the wreckage and said Captain Schafer's body was still in the cockpit*".

As our readers will recall, the author of this article is the Assistant Editor of an important British newspaper, the *Grimsby Evening Telegraph*. I therefore telephoned again immediately to Mr. Otter to ask how this discrepancy could have come about, and he was able to explain it at once.

The explanation is that the article had appeared simultaneously in both the *Grimsby Evening Telegraph* and the *Hull Daily Mail* (October 22 and 23, 1992), these two journals being owned by the same company. Precisely how the discrepancy arose I am not able to say, but the important point to make is that Mr. Otter, who assures me that he did all the work of researching this case himself, states most categorically that the reference to Captain Schafer's body having been found in the aircraft is totally erroneous, so it looks as though the error does not lie with us, but arose at the source.

There is also something else that I ought to mention now in connection with this case. Our colleague Mr. George Wingfield, FSR Director and Consultant, had FSR 39/1 with him when he was in the United States recently. There he showed the article to somebody who instantly commented that the story was not true, but fictitious, and had already appeared in print somewhere in North America (either USA or Canada — I am not sure which. G.C.) Mr. Wingfield was naturally very concerned to hear this, and he advised me of it at once on his return. I therefore put him in touch by phone with Mr. Otter immediately, and Mr. Otter was able to state categorically, as I have mentioned above, that (a) the report was in no way fictitious and (b) that he, Mr. Otter, had researched it personally and had discussed details of the case with Captain Schafer's widow.

As we all know there are folk occupying very high and powerful positions in our world who have excellent reasons for viewing with horror any discussion of matters relating to "our subject". What therefore would be more natural than that they should take any opportunity to brand this most "embarrassing" and most "inconvenient" affair of Captain Schafer's last flight and his disappearance as just a piece of silly fiction? ■

WARNING: ALLEGED FAKED PHOTOS FROM PUERTO RICO

By Gordon Creighton

In Señora Magdalena Del Amo-Freixedo's second reportage (*Puerto Rico: An Area of Extraterrestrial Experimentation?*), in our last issue, FSR 39/1, our readers will recall that the last case mentioned by her was that of Amauri Rivera (pages 9-11), who claimed to have been abducted one night on the La Bajura Highway and to have secured several photographs of the UFO to prove it. (The photographs were not included in Señora Freixedo's report, nor is it indicated anywhere that she herself had seen prints of them).

Mr. Walt Andrus, Director of the MUFON UFO NETWORK, has however now stated, in his column MUFON ABROAD, on page 10 of the MUFON UFO JOURNAL for March 1994, that Dr. Rolf-Dieter Klein of the Central European Section of MUFON (MUFON-CES) has carried out a computer analysis of Amauri Rivera's photograph of a disc, with a jet fighter nearby (presumably this is one of the pictures mentioned above) and has informed the sponsor Señor Jorge Martíns of Puerto Rico, that it is a fake.

Those of us who are remote from the scene are unable to form our own judgment in such matters, but it is important to add that on April 13 of this year I received the following circular letter from Puerto Rico. (At

the same time I must make it clear that Sr. Wilson Sosa and his Puerto Rico UFO Investigation Group are totally unknown to us at FSR. We have never heard of him or his Group, and we have no proof either of their existence or their degree of reliability.)

In any case it seems that MUFON's Dr. Rolf-Dieter Klein in Europe has already conducted whatever analysis and tests were necessary.

STATEMENT BY WILSON SOSA JR., DIRECTOR OF THE G.I.P.V. (GRUPO INVESTIGADOR PLATILLOS VOLANTES) (FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATION GROUP), LUIS M. MARIN NO. 68, COM RETANCES, CABO ROJO, PUERTO RICO, USA 00623. (TELEPHONE 809-851-7934).

This release is to inform the Ufological community about a *UFO HOAX*. We have discovered that the famous case of Mr. Amauri Rivera's abduction and his photos of an *F-14 Tomcat* aircraft following a UFO is a *HOAX*. This case is well known in the whole world. He used a model jet aircraft and two little model car hub-caps. He perpetrated this trick on the land in front of his house, in the Cabo Rojo Sector El Mondongo, Road 103.

His abduction story is also false. He made all the photos at dawn with an 110 camera. He has received a considerable amount of money and much publicity for his story over the years. The story of the computer tests is also all false. According to him, the details of his story had been computer-tested. Nobody however has made such tests on the NASA computers to this day. And nobody has made any tests on his prints and his original negatives.

I possess all the irrefutable evidence about this *HOAX*. We have a report of 29 pages, in Spanish, with photocopies of all the evidence (photos, annexes, alleged tests, etc.). This will help anyone to analyze and to understand clearly all the details of the alleged events. Anyone outside of Puerto Rico who wishes to receive a copy of this Report should send $20 for photocopies (all in black and white), p. and p. included.

Cordially,
(signed)
WILSON SOSA, JR. ■

THE KABBALAH

By Dr. Bernard E. Finch, MRCS, LRCP, DCh, FBIS, Director and Consultant of FSR.

The KABBALAH, or CABBALAH, (meaning "TRADITION" or "RECEIVED") encompasses the vast system of Jewish mystical philosophy based on *The Zohar*, which is a commentary based on the *Old Testament. It was the mystical and esoteric aspect of Judaism concerning the nature of the Universe and the evolution of Man.*

Over the centuries, the mystical format changed, in order to fit with the prevailing cultural fashion of the time.

It consisted of images of reality of the Universe as a whole, with changing patterns and diverse views. *This mystical philosophy now has reached a stage where modern scientific views begin to join with the idea of new dimensions in Space and Time.*

In other words, the Science of Particle Physics and Cosmology now *needs* the support of the ideas and concepts of *The Kabbalah* as it leaves the three-dimensional Universe and embraces other dimensions.

In the last hundred years ideas concerning the building-blocks of the Universe have changed vastly. The physical Universe was at first thought to consist of *atoms* and collections of atoms called *molecules*. Later, atoms were found to consist of *subatomic particles*, and in 1984 the subatomic particles were found — so we were now informed — to consist of twisted "STRINGS" OF ENERGY.

Physicists now conclude that all the particles comprising the atom consist of these "strings of energy" vibrating at different frequencies, and — most important — curling, twisting, and jumping about from one dimensional space to others, even up to ten spaces.

One may speculate that what is in our four-dimensional Universe (3 dimensions + time) may be only the tip of the iceberg. The rest may encroach into other dimensions.

We can only guess as to the nature of the *"Strings"*, as various new questions arise. For example:- *Is a form of consciousness inherent in these "Strings", and are they a part of a greater Entity or "God"?*

Is this PANENTHESIS ("God is everywhere and in everything") the Mind of God?.

In the accompanying diagram, *Strings* form subatomic particles, which in turn form atoms, and these combine to form molecules. Molecules form life and evolution, and are responsible for matter and chemicals on all planets and worlds, and for the debris in Space.

Atomic particles are "the substance of Space", and give rise to electromagnetic fields and to gravity.

"Strings" are the basic form of energy and "have a foot" in other dimensions.

Consequently, *"metaphysical phenomena"* could easily be due to the transient emergence of whole "strings", or parts of "strings", into our own dimensional frame-

work here. This would account very well for what we call "strange phenomena" — namely ghosts,poltergeists, UFOs and UFO entities, etc., etc.

As for us, it is quite possible that our mankind might be unique in this particular Universe in which we dwell, and which might indeed have been deliberately arranged to favour "*Homo Sapiens*".

But then — what about other-dimensional Universes, and may they not co-exist at times? The "strings" are common to them all ... B.E.F. March 30, 1992.

NOTE BY EDITOR: As Dr. Finch mentions, the word KABBALAH (also written CABALA, or, more correctly, QABBALAH), signifies "*reception*" or "*doctrines received by tradition*", and derives from the Hebrew root-word *qabla, he received.* The term is used to comprise a whole vast group of hidden doctrines evolved in the early Judaeo-Semitic civilizations and dealing with the nature of the Supreme Deity and of His relation to the world. As now known to us, the system dates back to the 11th. or 12th. century of our Era, but its claims to a far, far greater antiquity are probably well founded. The germ of the QABBALAH may be traced back to sayings and beliefs mentioned in the TALMUD and known to have existed among the Gnostics and among the followers of Pythagoras.

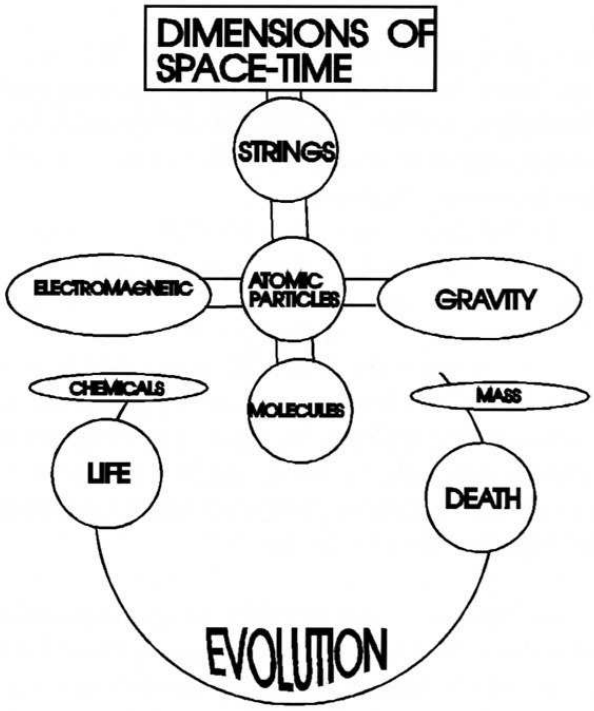
The purpose of the QABBALAH was to connect a finite universe with an infinite God; to account for the existence of evil; and also to achieve perfection in life. Qabbalism questions and even denies the *creatio ex nihilo, and declared that God, being boundless* ('Ain Sof in Hebrew; Apeiros, in Greek) *cannot be known.*

To study the QABBALAH would be the work of a lifetime, and there can therefore be very few experts on it in our generation. I myself have only been able to devote a few hours to it occasionally, but what I read there was riveting, and I had hoped very much that one of these days we would find somebody who is interested in the so-called "UFO Problem" and who also is highly knowledgeable on the QABBALAH. I hope that Dr. Finch will tell us some more!

I say that what I found there was 'riveting', because the QABBALAH not only discusses the existence of 'seven other worlds', but it also describes the various intelligent beings who inhabit them! (Let us also not forget that Swedenborg, one of the greatest scientists and scholars of the 18th century, has left us detailed accounts of the many types of alien intelligent beings whom he claimed to have encountered and spoken to).

The names of the 'seven worlds' listed in the QABBALAH are as follows:-

1. GEH
2. NESZIAH
3. TZIAH
4. THEBEL
5. EREZ
6. ADAMAH
7. ARQA



THE SPACE-TIME TREE

All these 'seven worlds' (which one assumes to be 'right here', but in different dimensional frameworks), are described by the QABBALAH as having inhabitants. The dwellers in two of the worlds, EREZ (which is our Earth) and ADAMAH, are described as being "descendants of Adam". (Presumably those in the other five worlds are *not* derived from Adam?).

One final point which I wish to mention now is the connection of all this with the Muslim traditions and teachings about "JINNS" (often incorrectly rendered into English as "DJINNS").

As I have pointed out a number of times in my writings on the JINNS, the Arabic verb-root under which this word has to be sought in the dictionary is *janna*, "*he concealed*". So the essential concept is CONCEALMENT. Al-jinn, are *"the concealed ones"*. It is in their nature to be *hidden, secret.* There are however many, many kinds of JINNS, and unfortunately the *Qur'an* does not make it a bit clear which of them are "baddies" and which are "goodies". But certainly some of them *must be* "goodies" because it is expressly stated that The Message of the Prophet is brought to both Men and Jinns, and that Jinns too may eventually attain salvation. Now, the Jews refer to their QABBALAH also as "Hidden Wisdom", and I have a feeling that if we try to tackle the UFO business from the angle of the QABBALAH and also from the Muslim angle of the "JINNS" we may possibly come up with some very interesting pointers in this matter of "hidden worlds" or "other dimensions" *existing here*

Incidentally the excellent Paul Davies (now Professor of Mathematical Physics in the University of Adelaide) has just produced two more fine books.

They are:
1. *The Matter Myth: Towards 21st-Century Science.* Co-author John Gribbin (Viking Press, London, 1991).
2.*The Mind of God..* (Simon & Schuster, London, 1992).

And, as an interesting little tailpiece, I will reveal something else about this refreshing Professor Davies who has such a splendidly open mind upon all matters. I have recently been re-reading the *Minutes* of those Meetings of the Directors of FSR, which were held, during the 1960s, mostly in the study of Charles Gibbs-Smith above the Victoria And Albert Museum, London. Since these were private meetings, those present were usually just ourselves, the Directors of FSR. But the *Minutes* show that on quite a number of occasions we had two other honoured guests present in our discussions on UFOs. *These were Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Dr. Paul Davies. Once or twice we had both of them together.* G.C.

MORE UFO REPORTS FROM SPAIN AND FROM SPANISH AMERICA

By Alejandro Agostinelli, Buenos Aires

Transmitted by Richard Heiden, FSR Consultant (USA)
Translated from Spanish, Nov. 1992, by Jane Guma, FSR Consultant (USA and Spanish America), Simi Valley, California.

(1) City and country of incident: Several cities and countries
Date of incident: Several dates
Name of paper and date of clip: *Crónica*, December 22, 1991
City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina
(Credit: Alejandro Agostinelli, Buenos Aires, via Richard Heiden, USA)

DISCLOSURES OF SPANISH PILOTS CAUSE AMAZEMENT. SURE THEY WERE UFOS?

Madrid, 21 (EFE). — UFO sightings made by several Spanish airlines pilots, which had been kept secret up to now, are exciting public opinion after having been published in a magazine. "We saw something that still makes our hair stand on end: some kind of metallic globe with a visible black sign in the shape of two half spheres linked by a central line."

This is how Carlos García Rodrigo, 54, a pilot and commander of the Spanish airline Iberia, sums up his experience while flying on August 1st, 1991, from Barcelona to Madrid in a Boeing 727 at 30,000 feet altitude.

This is one of the reports from Spanish pilots who have had UFO contacts or sightings and which the weekly magazine "*Tiempo*" publishes in its most recent issue.

"We Spanish pilots know that the military archives are bursting with phenomena of this kind and others even more strange, but since the subject is "classified" they become a secret, which usually excites popular imagination", states Rodrigo.

In his opinion, "these situations should be disclosed. Many flying professionals could report amazing experiences."

On the other hand, José Luis Rodríguez Bustamante, a commander of the "Avianco" airline with 21,000 flying hours, tells in the magazine what happened one November night in the seventies during a flight from Tenerife to Grand Canary Island in the Atlantic. "Suddenly a luminous object appeared moving towards the plane on a collision course. It positioned itself on the left side and changed from very small to some two meters. I saw the possibility of a collision at such close range that I could not react."

"That thing flew with us for some very long three minutes. It exploded and went towards the same course it had come from, which must have been the northwest. The control tower told us they had also seen it, so we reported everything, but the Defence authorities forbade us to divulge the event," said Rodríguez Bustamante.

With 28,000 flight hours, commander Ignacio Lorenzo, 57, acknowledges in "*Tiempo*" that he was frightened during an incident that happened on a flight from London to Alicante (South-eastern Spain).

"It was like an enormous light in the shape of a globe with lateral globes, that gave the sensation of being alive because it had a deathly color, between violet and greyish. It also had something like veins through which a liquid ran, like a human eye."

"We had it on radar because it positioned itself over the hill. In the end we lost our fears, I took the microphone and talked to it in English and Spanish over the emergency channel. Of course we got no answer, so we established a very simple code with lights. We were astonished when that thing turned on and off, establishing a communication with us. We went on like that for ten minutes, and they replied in the negative to the question of whether they were enemies and if they came from

this planet", said Lorenzo.

Commander Carlos García Bermúdez and his co-pilot Antonio Pérez were flying from Bilbao to Santander in a 502 of the Avianco Company when they entered an apparently normal but very luminous cloud. "All the systems failed, among them the mileage counter which stopped and started to count the miles backwards as if they were flying backwards, the plane lost seven minutes in its course, something shocking in such a short distance", the pilots told the magazine.

(2) City and country of incident: Tula Hidalgo, Mexico
Date of incident: July 19, 1991
Name of paper and date of clip: *Universal Gráfico*, July 23, 1991.
City and country of paper: Mexico, DF, Mexico.
(Credit: Luis Ramírez, Mexico, via Richard Heiden, USA)

RESIDENTS OF TULA, HIDALGO, CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN A FLEET OF UFOS

By Javier Bravo

Citizens from towns adjacent to the archaeological ruins area of Tula, Hidalgo, said that last Friday night a fleet of UFOs appeared over the Colossus, famous stone statues that seem to contain communication devices. In the city of Jasso, a few minutes from Tula, Sr. Antonio Pulido Obregón shot two UFOs on film, and hopes that everything in the film will appear after processing.

"We have been seeing them since April, Some of us don't even notice them anymore", said Señorita Adriana Velázquez Montes, who claims that her brothers Pedro and Miguel often go to the Cruces hill near Tepeji del Río to see these craft. "They came down near there and my brothers approached, but they could only see two dwarfs, about 1.25 meters tall, who signalled to them with a strong red light" said the young lady.

Civil engineer Arturo de la Mora Iguanzo said that last week NASA agents were in Pachuca on an inspection plan and gathering information from local residents. "A Mr. Brow was here — I forget his first name, and he took two books with data given by alleged witnesses", said the engineer.

The alleged fleet seen last Friday was apparently made up of some 12 craft. Others say that it was only 10, but that the strong lights they shone down on the town led to some confusion, giving the idea that the number of UFOs was higher.

Jasso is a small town alongside the cement plant that patronizes the Cruz Azul soccer team. In fact, the team carries the name of the plant and most of the residents have been working there for more than 30 years.

In the small stadium where the Cruz Azul became famous some 20 years ago, Eugenio Albarrán claimed having found signs of a yellow substance. He did not want to examine it, just to be on the safe side. "It was like greenish water that later turned yellow. It has disappeared now; but many workers saw it," said Albarrán.

No surveillance has been planned around the Colossus of Tula; the guard detailed from the Institute of Anthropology and History said he did not notice lights or trails from the fast airborne devices that others claim having seen over the heads of the stone figures. "I heard rumours and gossip, but didn't see anything", said Arturo Peñaloza.

In a personal collection of data supplied by some twenty alleged witnesses, the order of events related to the subject is as follows:

May 12: Three elongated silvery ships appear in Huejutla, Hidalgo.

May 15: Oval-shaped craft sighted, giving off light flashes, in Real del Monte.

May 22:Red light beam emitted by a small craft in Real del Monte, no damage was caused.

May 29:"Parade" of 12 elongated craft with a metallic brightness, similar to those that were apparently seen in April by Pedro and Miguel Velázquez, in Tepeji del Rio.

June 2:First sighting over the Colossus of Tula. One of the alleged UFOs came down to some 15 meters above the heads of the statues.

June 4:First nocturnal sighting seen by tens of residents in Pachuca. Some 15 triangular lights were counted, like those frequently seen in 1990 in Belgium according to photos and videos shown on TV in the capital of Mexico.

June 8:24-second video shown on Channel 3 in Pachuca. Hundreds of phone calls to the TV station added informative material that was previously unavailable.

June 20:Three oval-shaped craft are seen at the same time that a sun-halo appears over the state of Hidalgo. The phenomenon happened eleven days after the sun-halo seen in Mexico City.

June 25:Six unidentified craft in the sky over Huejutla, Hidalgo.

July 2:Fleet of 10 to 15 triangular lights seen in Jasso, Tepeji, Tula and other towns of Hidalgo.

July 10:Oval-shaped, very fast flying craft appeared in Tepeji, apparently seen by dozens of drivers on the Pachuca-Mexico highway, at about 3 p.m. One day later, a UFO appears over Mexico city, similar to that seen in Hidalgo.

Researchers from the Capital and from Monterrey, N.L. went to the sighting sites in Hidalgo without finding precise clues. The Tecno 24 group from Monterrey will continue its investigations in the next days.

(3)City and country of incident: Chile
Date of incident: August 1990
Name of paper and date of clip: *La Capital*, December 12,
1991.
City and country of paper: Mar del Plata, Argentina.
(Credit: Alejandro Agostinelli, Buenos Aires, via Richard Heiden, USA)

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MOSLEMS ALSO AWAIT THE RETURN OF JESUS

By Patricia Byrne-Finch (Axminster Light Centre, 9 Hillhead Terrace, Axminster, Devon)

The following article written by George Cornell appeared in an American journal titled "COMING CHANGES" published by Richard Greene some years ago.

Both Moslems* and Christians envision a "Second Coming" of Jesus Christ in the world at the end of time, ushering in a righteous reign of Peace and Justice. The concept also resembles Jewish intimations of a longed-for Messianic Kingdom. In the midst of earthly chaos, greed, depravity and plunder, Jesus will "descend among you as a just judge" says authoritative Islamic tradition — the "Hadith". The Koran calls Jesus a "Sign", a "Word and Spirit of God", "Al-Masih" (Messiah or Christ), referring to him in fifteen of its one hundred and fourteen Suras (Chapters), always with reverence, never with criticism. There are also those concordant intimations about the "last things", the transforming conclusion of historical TIME and emergence of a New World out of the old, pictorially indicated and variously interpreted in Jewish, Christian and Moslem teachings.

"It shall come to pass in the Latter Days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains" says Isaiah 2 of Jewish Scriptures.

"...And peoples shall flow to it... And the Lord alone will be exalted in that Day. Then shall I understand fully, even as I have been fully understood" says I Corinthians 13:12 of the New Testament.

And Sura 6:60 of Islam's Koran says: "Then will He (God) show you the Truth of all that ye did."

That decisive, revealing DAY, laying bare the self-determined sum of human lives in the brilliance of full truth, is called "the Final Judgment". Scriptures of the three interconnected faiths picture it as preceded by tremendous world turmoil. Moslem teachings of the Prophet Mohammed describe that concluding era as submerged in confusion, deceit and bewilderment. It will be a time of "flight and plunder" the accounts say, resembling descriptions in the New Testament, of "commotion after commotion", of "civil strife" when "the killer will not know why he killed, or the one killed why he was killed", when many will summon men to error, when people are "blind and deafened to the TRUTH".

Other Moslem signs recited include a "removal of true knowledge, the abundance of ignorance, the prevalence of fornication, the prevalence of wine drinking, the small number of men and the large number of women", a collapse of trust, the shrinking of "swift-hurtling TIME" so that "a year is like a month, a month like a week, a week like a day" and "wealth so abundant that it is poured out "without counting it."

"But at that very moment God will send the Messiah, the Son of Mary, who will descend at the white minaret in the east of Damascus wearing two garments dyed with saffron and placing his hands on the wings of two angels" says the Hadith, collected by a compiler named Muslim in the time of Mohammed's contemporaries.

Parallelling New Testament references, the Islamic traditions say Jesus will seek out and slay the "anti-Christ", called 'Dajjal', a "one-eyed woolly-haired liar, so massively deceiving the people that Hell is made to seem like Paradise and Paradise like Hell":And people whom God has protected from his will then come to Jesus who will wipe their faces and tell them of the ranks they have in Paradise."

The Moslem traditions, again resembling those in the Christian Book of Revelation, describe a devastating onslaught by Evil Armies from East and West, "Gog and Magog", but Jesus beseeches God Who wipes out the stormers of Earth and Heaven. Then God sends a rain to "wash the Earth till it is like a mirror" bringing forth abundance and Jesus will bring an ERA of Goodness, Justice, Love and Serenity. Two Hadith collections - by both Muslim and Bukari — another compiler — cite that righteous FINALE under Jesus, making it doubly authenticated.

Technically, some Moslem jurists see the meaning as that the Spirit of Jesus will prevail over the world in its closing stages, not a literal Return, Manhattan's Iman Gaber says. "But mostly, Moslems believe the Prophet Jesus will come at the end of the world."

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CONTACT IN CHILE
UFO LEFT WRITTEN PLAQUE

SANTIAGO DE CHILE (EFE) — a Chilean agricultural engineer says he saw UFOs twice, and the second time the craft left behind a thick but very light metallic plaque with some unknown writing on it. In a letter published yesterday in the Santiago newspaper "*La Tercera*", he excuses himself for not giving his name, "so as not to be the subject of ridicule" among his neighbors in a northern town which he does not name, and requests "urgent information" as to whom to contact to report his experience.

The author of the letter also asks for the name of some organization in the United States that investigates UFOs. The man, who first tells of his successful agricultural experiences on unexploited desert land says that at 2 a.m. on August 1990, he saw an intense light some 300 meters from his house, coming from a strange machine that was hovering in the air.

"Little by little and noiselessly, very slowly, the craft came down vertically until it rested on the ground," wrote the engineer. He then said he woke up his wife and both went to see the object which, when it noticed them, ascended at great speed, leaving them astonished and paralyzed.

The next day both could see that the brush had dried up within a radius of approximately 100 meters of the site where the craft had landed. "Even though it may seem unbelievable — the letter goes on — on August 30 this year this machine visited us again and this time my whole family saw the object."

This time they wanted to alert the police, but were surprised to notice that the electricity and telephone had been cut off, and when he tried to start his pick-up, the engine was dead. "In view of all this my wife, my children and I all got scared and decided to hide in the basement until daylight," said the letter.

This time he found at the landing site a thick though very light, metal plaque, of an unknown material, some 30 by 45 centimeters, engraved with signs that the engineer claims not to know. He ended his letter saying he wished to give the plaque and report his experience to experts on the subject and even requested the address of some organization in the United States or other countries that study this type of phenomenon. ■

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events were complex patterns, though photos and diagrams are almost non-existent.

Her own experience occurred in July 1992, before she had heard of the phenomenon. She was out walking with a friend near her dacha, about 40 kms. out of Krasnoyarsk. They were crossing a meadow in the middle of a wood when they saw a spirally flattened oval shape in the grass. They went to investigate and both experienced an odd sensation which Lydia found hard to describe in English. The air over the oval seemed colder than the surroundings and she and her companion both felt most uncomfortable and uneasy. The feeling lasted for a couple of hours after leaving the circle and was sufficiently disturbing for Lydia to approach a colleague of hers at the University, a physicist. To her surprise, he said that crop circles were quite commonplace and he was convinced that they were of meteorological origin. Most people in Krasnoyarsk are still reticent to talk publicly about the paranormal, but Lydia discovered several others who had seen circles and were convinced that they were extraterrestrial in origin. All seemed convinced that secret Government research was in progress. Needless to say I have asked Lydia to keep me informed of future events.

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A NOTE ON SERGEI KOROLYOV

On page 8 of this issue we relate how Stalin, instantly perceiving (already in 1948, the very year after Kenneth Arnold's sighting and after the Roswell crash) the potentially crucial importance of the UFO Phenomenon, called in a scientist and set him to work on it. What an interesting fact it is that this scientist, Korolyov, was in due course in charge of the launching of the first *sputnik*, and became the secret head *(his name never mentioned)* of the entire Soviet Space Programme. We hope to report more on him later. EDITOR.

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My husband came to the window. The object had already started to recede into the distance. I think it had started to do this as I called my husband. He ran into the garden followed by my 15-year-old daughter Cheryl. Once Gary and Cheryl were in the garden, the object moved very quickly into the distance northwards towards Harpenden.

Strange Changes Due to the Experience

"Since this experience I seem to have developed more of a "sixth sense". I am aware of things before they happen. Also people whom I had not seen for years and years have one by one come back into my life. They did not know about my sighting. I feel somehow very "special", that I have been granted this wonderful sight, because I did not previously believe in the existence of UFOs. In fact I used to get cross if people even mentioned the subject. This was because I was convinced at that time that there was *just one world, our world, the Earth*. Now I know this simply is not true. We are not alone. Now I feel protected as if someone is looking after me, a "guardian angel" perhaps? I am now very open-minded and nobody will ever take this experience away from me." (Signed) R. WEBLY. ■

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International UFO Symposium, Taiwan (August 1994)

Dear Editor, — My name is Hoang-Yung Chiang, and I am the Chairman of the Taiwan UFO Science Association, which has just been recognized by our Government last September (1993). Our inauguration has been reported throughout the world via press and TV coverage.

We are preparing to hold an International Symposium in Taiwan in August, and our colleague Mr. Paul Dong in California has suggested that you be invited as our special guest speaker. I know that you have done the UFO research very well. I shall be sending more information to you very soon about the Symposium.

Sincerely yours,
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A Metallic Alien Implant *Has* Been Found

Dear Gordon, — I have just noticed that on page 25 of FSR 38/4 our correct current address is not given (We have rectified this. See our note on page 11 of FSR 39/1. Ed.)

Another error in the article by Lorne Goldfader is that he lists "S & S PUBLICATIONS" as a regularly published Canadian journal. It is however *not* a journal, but is Gene Duplantier's Catalogue of Contactee Literature of the 1940s and 1950s.

There is an important piece of new scientific evidence which we have already published and which I am now writing to draw to your special attention! (Incidentally, we sent it to CUFOS in the USA, but they have not published it). *It relates to an implant** It was removed surgically in a hospital in the Toronto area in 1989 from the tissue behind the left ear of a Canadian lady, Betty Stewart Dagenais, having been implanted in her in 1953.

After the operation, I took the lady with me in my car to the Metallurgical Department of the University of Toronto, where with several students watching, the Head of the Department used a Hitachi magnifying microscope to determine the constituents of the implant. If you would like to have a copy of the bulletin that they issued about it please let me know and I will send you one.

Betty Dagenais subsequently died, of cancer of the stomach, on December 23, 1992, here in Toronto. She was aged 74.

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* In her article "REMEMBER McDONALD", Ann Druffel has made the surprising statement that "no solid, empirical evidence has yet been found to substantiate such reports (of alien implants)".

I personally am entirely satisfied that these implants exist, but I have my own reasons for not wishing to say any more about it at present. EDITOR.

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