

CAR TELEPORTED BY UFOs IN RHODESIA

Remarkable claim by couple now living in the Republic of South Africa

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HYPNOSIS is reported to have been used by a Durban, Natal, doctor in a privately-arranged investigation into a remarkable claim relating to an experience with UFOs.

In an article by columnist Bill Failll which appeared in his "Science this Week" feature in *The Natal Mercury* of January 16, 1975, kindly sent to me by reader and correspondent Eve van Vloten, it will be seen that when, in the first instance, the incident was reported to the newspaper by the claimants, Peter and Frances, they were put in touch with Carl van Vlierden, a UFO-report researcher.

It was stated that Mr. van Vlierden "...thought he could detect parallels with other similar experiences." Parallels indeed! Those steeped in the history of the phenomenon will need little skill in the art of detection to note some very remarkable parallels. (The general public, however, will know little or nothing of these parallels, and I am convinced that many people around the world would be amazed to learn what has been going on behind their backs — or before their very eyes, if they had cared, or had been allowed, to look.)

If there is truth in this claim from Durban about the events along a road in Southern Rhodesia on the night of May 30–31, 1974, then there are distinct parallels with the famous Betty and Barney Hill case reported from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, U.S.A., which took place in 1961, and was researched finally in 1963, with the use of hypnosis by a Boston neurologist, Dr. Benjamin Simon.* Other parallels are to be seen in the case of the teleportation experienced by Sr. Atilio Brunelli and Sr. Severino Porchietto during a journey between Balnearia and Córdoba in Argentina on July 16, 1972,† and the incredible "journey" experienced by Dr. G. Vidal (a Buenos Aires attorney) and his wife, who set out on a night in May 1968 to drive from Chascomús (120 km. south of Buenos Aires in Argentina) to nearby Maipú: their car was enveloped in fog en route, and the next thing they knew was when they "awoke" in a strange land which turned out to be Mexico, more than 6,000 km. from home.‡ And there are other cases.

We are all grateful to the editors of *The Natal Mercury* for their confidence in Mr. van Vlierden and for their open-mindedness in publishing a résumé and commentary on the case. It is just as fortunate too that Mr. van Vlierden has been a reader of *Flying Saucer Review* for several years, and I was delighted when I received from him, while I was busy working on the final stages of preparation for this issue, a package which included not only the newspaper item I had received earlier, but also report

forms signed by Peter and Frances,** photographs of the car, and a tape cassette with Mr. van Vlierden's own interview with the witnesses in Durban, and a recording of the session under hypnosis.

I have run the tapes through and find them fascinating. At the moment there is insufficient time to make a careful transcript for inclusion with this article. So the full report of the hypnosis session will be included with Carl van Vlierden's contribution in the next issue of FSR. Suffice it to say that after hearing Peter's revelations when stated to be in a deep hypnotic trance, I am not surprised that Bill Failll only touched on the surface of the report — and even then suggested that some folk might wish to empty "this baby" down the plughole!

It goes without saying that this matter should be treated with great caution, and one reason for this is that the sensitive young man Peter (aged 23) reveals that he had an earlier, startling UFO experience in Rhodesia in 1964. Since that time he admits he has occasionally "astra-travelled" — a process that has now stopped — and that he is capable of self-hypnosis. Could the incredible things revealed under hypnosis by this young man possibly have been self-instilled (if that is the correct expression) in his subconscious mind, say as a by-product of his earlier experience? The doctor states quite clearly that Peter was in too deep a trance for anything to remain concealed.

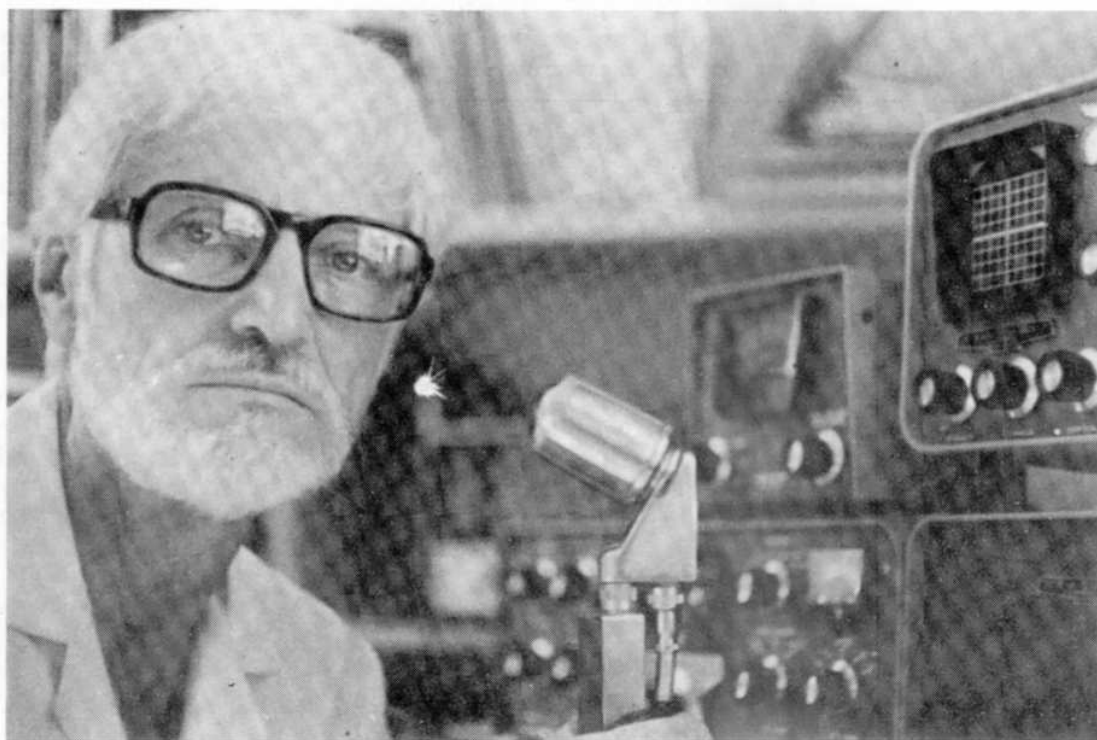
I feel that the facts that Peter had an earlier experience, and that he is a deep-trance subject, should not militate against the veracity of his claim. Indeed my feeling is that these very things qualify him only too well as a contactee. As for the possibility that he could have had knowledge of the subject from reading books or magazines on UFOs,

* See *The Interrupted Journey* by John G. Fuller (The Dial Press, New York, and paperback by Dell Publishing Co. of New York) currently re-issued in paperback form: also alluded to by Charles Bowen in the chapter "Interesting Comparisons" in *The Humanoids* (currently available as a paperback by Futura Books Ltd.).

† See Dr. Oscar A. Galindez: *A New Teleportation near Cordoba* (FSR Vol.19, No.3, May-June 1973).

‡ See Dr. Oscar A. Galindez: *Teleportation from Chascomus to Mexico* (FSR Vol.14, No.5, September-October 1968).

** A married couple who seek no publicity, and wish us to withhold their surname (which, like that of the doctor, is on file with FSR).



Carl van Vlierden
and his radio
"Station"

it can only be suggested that he acted as though he had no such knowledge. Puzzled, he wanted to report his and his wife's experience to someone who would be genuinely interested, but he was unable to do this until he read a report of a UFO sighting in *The Natal Mercury*. He took the plunge by asking the newspaper to help. Fortunately the newspaper did the right thing.

Here now is Bill Faill's article as it appeared in the *Mercury*:—

"Hypnosis, still relatively neglected in South Africa as a medical tool, but now widely used in the U.S. and the U.K., was put to a very odd application in Durban recently.

"The technique was employed to investigate what really happened to a young Rhodesian couple, Peter and Frances, while driving from Salisbury to Durban.

"The story began when Frances, the wife, rang me to ask if I knew to whom one could report an experience with unidentified flying objects. I gave her the information — the name of Carl van Vlierden local representative of the U.S. based Mutual UFO Organisation and then asked if she would mind telling me her story.

"Her memory of the episode is that from just south of Umvuma — about halfway from Salisbury to Fort Victoria — all the way to Beit Bridge, their car was accompanied by first one and then two UFOs.

" 'A light suddenly rose up from behind a hill and came into view in my window. It was revolving and very bright. We thought it was a helicopter until we realised that there was no sound and it was very bright, almost blue and moving at exactly the same speed as we were,' said Frances.

" 'Our headlights started to become dimmer and eventually seemed to go out altogether although our dashboard lights were still on and presumably our sidelights. However there was sufficient light being

emitted from the object to enable us to see clearly.'

"The object vanished during the journey through Fort Victoria, where the couple filled up with petrol.

" 'Exactly 10 kilometres south of Fort Victoria the object suddenly re-appeared. This time there was no revolving, but a steady constant light and another UFO directly above us.'

"At this stage, the couple realised that they had seen no vehicles apart from three empty buses with all lights blazing, no pedestrians on a road notorious for them and no animals or birds apart from a solitary owl. On top of this says Frances, the road was passing through flat, marshy country which does not exist in that area.

"From then on Frances remembers nothing until the car reached Beit Bridge 290km further on at 7 a.m.

" 'We realised that we had reached Beit Bridge impossibly early and had used no petrol on the journey from Fort Victoria. My husband later stated that he had no control over the car and that the road was perfectly straight with not a twist or a bend in it.'

" 'Neither of us mind admitting that we were scared rigid. In fact I remember repeating time and again — 'It's like a dream. Are we here or aren't we? What will we tell the folks if we suddenly vanish?'

"So far, so good — just another UFO story, to be believed or otherwise as one's inclination guides one.

"But Carl van Vlierden — who has been investigating UFOs for several years, thought he could detect parallels with other similar experiences which have been reported from various parts of the world.

"He wondered if the apparent amnesia, the automatism of the episode, didn't mask much odder events.

"So he contacted a Durban medical doctor who uses hypnosis extensively in his practice.

"Under deep hypnosis, in which Peter was an ideal subject, it emerged that he believed that he had been shown the interior of the UFO and had

been closely examined by one of the inhabitants.

"On this point I closely questioned the doctor.

" 'There are several accepted levels of hypnosis,' he explained. 'These are generally termed light, medium and deep. In the first, the subject's unconscious can probably project false beliefs and his own ideas.

" 'But in the last — and Peter was in a very deep trance — nothing can be hidden and the truth will always be revealed.'

"The doctor explained that this had been proven all over the world as well as in his own experience.

" 'The lay public often term the result of hypnosis as a 'miracle' cure. Once deep-seated causes are revealed, immediate cures can follow for such conditions as asthma or allergies. Bad habits — such as smoking or drinking — may be quickly cleared up.

" 'I carried out this hypnotic session with Peter.

Nothing in my experience indicates any conclusion other than that he experienced the things he talks about.'

" 'Frances, on the other hand, had no deeper experiences than those she remembered consciously. Between Fort Victoria and Beit Bridge she was, in fact, unconscious.

" 'The strange landscape the car passed through on its journey was a simulated one. The car was not travelling on the road at all. It was 'somewhere else.'

" 'Before we throw this baby away with the bathwater, as many will be promptly inclined to do, it would be nice to have an alternative plausible explanation of the deep hypnosis sessions, vouched for by a qualified doctor. One might also ask why a very pleasant young couple like this would concoct such a yarn if it were not true, especially since they insist on remaining anonymous.'

THE FRIGHTENED CREATURE ON COUNTY ROAD W

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ONE night early in December 1974 William Bosak, a 69-year-old dairy farmer from rural Frederic, Wisconsin, was driving slowly home through patches of fog that dotted County Road W. The time was 10.30 p.m. and he was about six miles east of town when suddenly his headlights reflected off something in the westbound lane — something which Bosak would call "the strangest-looking thing I ever saw."

It was a disc-shaped UFO, the bottom half obscured by the fog, resting on the road. But he scarcely noticed that and later, when I interviewed him, he could not describe it in any significant detail. For what held his attention during the 10 seconds or so he watched it was the UFO's "curved front of glass," inside which stood a figure with its arms raised above its head.

The figure, illuminated by a bright light of no discernible source inside the tube-like front, seemed "just as scared as I was," the farmer recalled a month and a half later. Its eyes, which otherwise were normal in appearance, were protruding, betraying surprise or fright. Its bottom half, like that of the UFO which housed it, was hidden by the fog.

The being was generally human in shape. Its body however, was covered everywhere with a dark-tan fur except on the face and chin, which were bare. The hair or fur ran along the top and side of the head. It appeared to be combed or swept back. The head itself was somewhat "rectangular."

Bosak wondered if the fur were not part of a suit rather than the creature's skin but he saw no evidence of seams or buttons. Mulling the question over after the sighting, he concluded that the fur was part of the body.

The oddest feature of all was the ears, which

stretched out approximately three inches. They looked like nothing so much as calf's ears, Bosak thought. "The mouth and nose seemed quite flat," he told me, "but I couldn't remember real well. It was so foggy and I was pretty shook up.

"The first thing I thought of was, 'what in the world is that?' I was going to stop but I decided not to. They're so much more advanced than we are and I figured if I got out of the car I might end up dead on the side of the road. The next day people would just think I had died of a heart attack."

The thing's calf-like ears also made Bosak think of the mysterious cattle mutilations which have afflicted a number of states in the middle parts of America since the fall of 1973. Rumour, though not solid evidence, ties these to UFOs. Many of the animals, which have died under extremely perplexing circumstances, have had their ears removed. I am not, of course, implying any connection — but Bosak's was certainly a curious association.

The farmer abruptly accelerated past the object and its occupant. As he passed them, his car lights suddenly went dim and he heard a "soft whooshing sound." In the foggy darkness he lost sight of the UFO.

Terrified, he sped home. Once inside the house he looked through a window for a further view but could see nothing because of the fog. Half an hour later he saw another car pass the spot.

"I was so goldarned scared I was afraid to go out at night for a few days," Bosak said. "I'm over the shock now, but I was pretty shook up for a couple of weeks." When he returned to the spot several days later, he found nothing out of the ordinary.