

as if it were actually there to touch, the only limitation being that no part of the image can appear outside the edges of the plate. To see the image, the viewer must be looking directly at the glass (as if it were a window)."

So you see we cannot project an image in to space. If the ETs are projecting images, they are not holograms.

Yours faithfully,
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August 31, 1980

Dr. Willy Smith of CUFOS on the Rizzi case

Dear Mr. Bowen, — It is with great interest that I have read Gordon Creighton's translation of the case of Walter Rizzi that appeared in Vol. 26, No. 3, of FSR. As Mr. Creighton invites criticism. I feel compelled to point out some internal discrepancies which cast serious doubts on the validity of the experience.

Mr. Rizzi indeed met a denizen of a strange world. To start with, his planet is *far distant from our Galaxy*, which immediately presents us with the problem of travelling those inconceivable long distances, of the order of millions of light-years,* not to dwell on the motivations for such a trip.

We then find out that the planet is *ten times the size of our Earth*, although no indication is given whether this ten-fold increase refers to mass, volume or diameter. At any rate, it would certainly imply a much stronger gravitational pull, requiring a corresponding increase in cross section of the bone structure in order to cope with the additional weight. Yet, the creature is described as *just like us*, with a height of 1.60 metres, and not particularly sturdy. The same reasoning applies to the *immensely tall trees*, which in such a heavy gravitational field would tend to have a wide base and limited height.

The planet also has *two suns*. The current thought in stellar evolution is that binary stars probably do not have planetary systems to absorb the angular momentum, and even if such a planet existed, the stable orbit required for a civilization to develop and progress is not possible, unless the separation of the primaries is rather large, in which case the second sun would only play a secondary role.

Although all of the above is somewhat speculative, the clincher comes from Mr. Rizzi's description of the site of the incident: *there were no hotels whatever in that area, and no houses either, the whole place being quite uninhabited* (emphasis added). But in the second photograph, published on page 25, a house is clearly seen in the upper left corner!

Finally, my credibility is stretched to the breaking point by the anecdote about the customs officer. Although the breed contains some strange specimens, I feel positive that no live plants would be permitted to enter the U.S.

Yours sincerely,
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* light-year = the distance travelled by light in one year, equal to 5.9×10^{12} miles, or approximately 6 trillion miles.

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Dominic's Flip

Dear Sir, — It is likely that many FSR readers in Britain did not see the BBC TV play *The Flipside of Dominic Hide* on December 9, 1980. For their benefit, and for readers abroad, I must mention my great surprise when I watched it. At last the BBC had seen fit to serve us up something linked with ufology which was both perceptive and thought-provoking. The sad thing is that most people would have been quite unaware that the theme of this play was going to have any connection with our subject, and would, consequently, have missed it. It is to be hoped that it will be repeated. Critical acclaim has been such that I expect it will be. If so do not miss it.

The 90 minute tele-play was excellent science-fiction, with superb characterisation, acting and special-effects. Above all it was plausible. One found oneself identifying with the plight of the central percipients. It was set in 2130 and 1980 and concerned Dominic Hide, a precocious young time-traveller, whose occupation is to study urban transport in the London of the twentieth century. The vehicle he uses, along with others in the scientific team is, of course, the archetypal UFO. Along the way many of the problems, paradoxes and interesting results of the UFO time-travel hypothesis (in my opinion a much underrated and little discussed theorem) emerge. "We must keep saucer sightings to a minimum" he is told, and the reasons why, and method of so-doing ("cross-overs" between times above 12,000 feet only) are explained with some innocent persuasiveness. "Remember Ted Cochran," he is warned. Ted disobeyed the rules and was responsible for a classic 1955 close encounter. Frightened by a dog, he killed it accidentally, and so prevented it from barking a warning to save some people from a future fire. Those people died, and all their descendants up to the twenty-second century just disappeared into oblivion! Ted Cochran had gone insane when he

realised what he had done. Travellers were permitted to observe, but never to land.

The play itself is concerned with Dominic and his search for a long-lost ancestor in the London of 1980. It contrasts the life styles of the two times and provides a moving story of hopeless love. The UFO features are mere incidentals, but they are always gems, and always intriguingly provocative. Some of the sightings Dominic generates bring back images of the subject which are all too believable, and one lasting memory I shall retain is of Dominic, in a pub, with 1980 friends watching Hugh Burnett's *Out of this World* documentary, and listening to the breadth of UFO opinion amongst the public. As the McMinnville photograph comes on to the screen, he gawks in anguish as he realises for the first time just what he is doing. Great stuff — which showed up the BBC's past efforts (including the Hugh Burnett offering) for what they really were. Strange that the BBC should come of age in such an unexpected and, probably, unanticipated manner.

Yours truly,

Jenny Randles,

Birchwood,

Warrington.

December 17, 1980.

An UMMO, NOMMO and Dogon link?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I have just received FSR Vol. 26, No. 2. The Leader seems to end up leaving it very much an open question whether UMMO is a hoax.

Surely those Civil Engineers and Doctors would have been able to judge the level of expertise and knowledge of the material circulated. Did they all write it off as of a low level?

An aspect that has intrigued me, and which I have seen nowhere alluded to is the similarity of the ideograph to that used by the Dogons of Mali and Upper Volta as the sign of the NOMMO visitors to whom their tradition attributes a lift over a cultural or technological threshold.

Two books published by the Musée de l'Homme, Trocadero, Paris, *Dieu d'Eau* and *Le Renard Pale* presenting material gathered by the French ethnologists Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen refer.

The first title has been translated and published in London as *Conversations with Ogotemeli*; but the second though translated and duplicated privately at the expense of Arthur Young, founder of the Foundation for the Study of Consciousness (?) has not so far as I know appeared in English. However the astrophysical references to the Sirius system have been made available by Robert Temple in his book *The Sirius Mystery* (Sidgwick &

Jackson). (I have a copy of *Le Renard Pale* at Cambridge.)

The NOMMO story has similar features with that of OANNES to whose visit the Sumerians attributed the start of their civilisation; and it is possible that the Dogons have migrated from the Middle East bringing the tradition with them.

Of course hoaxers may have known about the ideograph in *Le Renard Pale*, and found in it a good false scent.

With all good wishes and congratulations on keeping going.

Yours sincerely,
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Quarantine restrictions of personnel in retrieval cases?

Dear Sir, — In that most interesting contribution "Retrievals of the Third Kind" by Leonard H. Stringfield (FSR Vol. 25, Nos. 4, 5 and 6) there is no reference to the exercise of any precautions against the biological contamination of our environment by the presumed alien humanoids. This seems to imply one or more of the following:

(a) sufficient was already known to have decided that such operations were either unnecessary or useless

(b) the accounts lack the relevant details, by intention or chance

(c) the reports do not refer to real events.

Are there any reports of similar retrieval cases known to you or your readers in which reference is made to the imposition of quarantine restrictions on the personnel who have been close to the alien beings?

With nothing further for the present, I remain

Yours faithfully,
Jeremy Blanc N,
Zela 184,
Tacna,
Perú,
September 25, 1980.

P.S. The improved quality of print setting you have achieved from issue 25, 6 is appreciated. JBN.

Another ET plea?

Dear Sir, — It is time something is done to limit this current insane craze which cannot help but reduce our subject from a scientific research into a diabolical superstition.

It is not my intention to deny that psychic and paranormal forces exist; I am not that naïve and I think there is evidence enough to show that it is a fact. However, things are reaching a dangerously unhealthy state where it

would seem that every other person, because of the influence of unscrupulous writers, out to earn a fortune no matter what damage they do, turn to the Occult to explain a phenomenon because of its complexities, and the inadequacies of those studying it.

No-one wishes to stifle good healthy speculation, indeed it is one of the sources for our research, coupled with the evidence available of course. I for one am not a nut, and I object and am offended by those who wish to turn Ufology into a Cult for the benefit of those same people who cannot tell their ass from their elbow. One can go along with this just so far. What is the matter with everyone? Can they not see that either intentionally or by chance, this belief in the psychic answer will eventually kill most of the useful research into UFO phenomena?

Yours faithfully,
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September 14, 1980.

An ET view of abductions

Dear Sir, — It is becoming more and more painfully obvious that extraterrestrial life exists. Only today I cut out another item from a newspaper about a family claiming to have been abducted for an hour by a flying saucer.

Are we perhaps kept like animals, in a zoo, being observed regularly, and having medical check-ups to see if our radiation level is correct?

Perhaps, slowly, we are all being abducted and are being bred for some nefarious purpose. How long do we have to wait before something positive appears?

Yours faithfully,
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September 14, 1980.

Elementals and UFOs

[The following is extracted from a letter to the Editor dated August 20, 1980.]

Dear Sir, — In the 1930s a friend of mine, who now lives in Michigan, but who was then a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio — a little girl of 8 at the time — picked up what she called a "tiny man" from a rain-swept gutter. Her description of it, and the illustration she sent me, was of an elf. . . as described in Geoffrey Hodson's *Fairies at Work and Play*.

She said it had "petrified eyes" and she was all but persuaded to hand it over to a neighbour who regarded her discovery with a cold fish eye. He asked

her to give "it" to him, but she let it go and it scampered away between two houses. It had a tight-fitting suit. Its face was small and triangular with pointed ears, and slanting eyes too. It was as agile as any insect, but it certainly was not the "praying mantis" the cold-eyed neighbour insisted it might be. Right before she picked up this tiny entity she saw a balloon-shaped object fly over hills beyond the city.

The entities in Hodson's book in the category 3 to 6 inches have large ears, little thin legs and fit the entity my friend picked up.

For many years after that she had grotesque nightmares of terrible-looking creatures dancing in a mad circle behind her house. The following day she would check the dream site, and the grass there had been flattened into a circle, and seemed to remain greener than the rest of the yard.

I believe the UFO phenomena are definitely connected with the elementals (re. your last message in the Silver Jubilee edition of FSR which I'm enjoying very much), and are not a projection of extraterrestrials elsewhere, or holographic images by lasers, or whatever, and are definitely not of the nuts and bolts variety.

If my friend is telling me the truth, then the entities looked exactly like fairies. . . again except for the wings in the Hingley story ("*The winged beings of Bluestone Walk*" in FSR Vol. 25, No. 6 — EDITOR). As the books say, some fairies have them and some don't — some just appear to be aura about them. As far as UFOs are concerned I believe we are dealing with an angelic/fairy combination, and the UFOs are essentially ectoplasmic — I'm trying to bring that out in a book I'm preparing.

I myself saw a UFO 200 feet away on June 25, 1970, hovering behind a telephone pole just beyond the house of our neighbours immediately across the road. This one had a brilliant (thin) yellow line about it, and 10 or 11 balls attached by spikes, or spokes. . . what I saw looked real. I don't believe I was out of my body, but I think if I had approached it, it wouldn't remained "solid" that long. . .

Yours sincerely,
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[Do we have here a hint of a clue as to the nature of the strange mini-UFOs and mini-occupants which have appeared recently in Malaysia, as reported by Ahmad Jamaludia in FSR Vol. 26, No. 5? — EDITOR]

Meteorological phenomenon or UFO?

Dear Sir, — I am writing to ask you if you could throw some light on what I saw.

On Sunday, July 27, 1980, at 19.15, at Chale Green which is at the south point of the Isle of Wight near to Blackgang Chine and St. Catherine's Point, I saw a very strange phenomenon in the sky to the south which would have been over the sea south of the island. It was like a band of black cloud which was almost the shape of an arrow. It was going very fast and I should think it was at around 30,000 feet. A jet had been going over before this at about 25,000 feet and this would I think have been higher than that, but it was very big, about 30 or 40 times wider than the plane, which was a

Boeing 707. I would not have taken much notice, as it could have been a strangely-shaped cloud, but there was little wind and the phenomenon was going at a very high speed against the wind. The wind was about West in direction and this thing was going from east to west.

At about 5 minutes after this I saw about 8 more of these things, in formation, and they were the same shape and apparently going at the same speed as the first. The sightings of both only lasted a few minutes before they were gone.

The weather was very good at the time with only a few white wind clouds which were much higher than these things and as I say the wind on the ground at least was very calm without even a breeze. The sun was to my right, and still high in the sky.

What I saw could quite easily have been some natural meteorological phenomenon — despite the direction of the wind; and the blackness, and the speed of these cloud-like things — and maybe a study by experts of the weather in the area at the time will solve this.

However, I am a very strong believer in UFOs, whatever they may be, and it is quite possible that I saw a UFO in what I would term speculatively as a feed back from the fourth dimension.
Yours faithfully,

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Late item. . .

MILITARY CONTACT ALLEGED AT AIR BASE

PERHAPS the most famous UFO report ever to originate in Britain was the classic radar/visual encounter near the Lakenheath and Bentwaters air force bases, in August 1956. According to a barrage of rumour that is presently at large in the area the rural county of Suffolk has played host to what may prove (if verified) an even more incredible incident.

It should be remembered that East Anglia (the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk primarily) is littered with RAF and USAF air bases, and is covered by a civil and military radar net that is tighter than anywhere else in the northern hemisphere. The reasons for this are obvious in view of the current world situation. That being so the existence of this complex "rumour" is as paradoxical as it is fantastic. Particularly when, as at the date of this short note (February 21, 1981) it has been accorded no publicity whatsoever. We know what we know purely because some people in and around the base have been talking (perhaps foolishly, and certainly unofficially). At first sight this would make the whole story a candidate for dismissal were it not for the fact that *three* separate rumours, from what seem *three* quite independent sources, have coalesced in mid-February and appear to relate to the same, quite incredible incident — or quite possibly a series of incidents.

At this point it would be unwise to jump to premature conclusions, or say too much about the sources of the rumour, but it can be said that they involve air traffic control officers, military personnel and security guards, mostly in England but, in at least one case, in America.

According to the story — which at present is complex, uncertain, and in some areas contradictory — between about December 27, 1980, and the end of January 1981, at least one major UFO event occurred in the area of Rendelsham Forest (which is just east of Ipswich and close to the USAF base at Bentwaters). If the rumours are to be believed then several other

radar encounters have occurred, and the story attached to these has escalated locally to proportions which involve **multiple landings on the base!**

The consistent features of the rumour appear to involve a radar tracking of an object by the base radar, an Eastern seaboard civil radar, the civil aviation radar in West Drayton, and at least one other radar station. This object, it is claimed, was seen, visually, not only by personnel at the base, but from an overflying civil airliner, and by a local farmer — who called the police to investigate its crash into the forest. Subsequently air force personnel are alleged to have visited the site, seen the object on the ground, suffered EM interference with their jeep, and found both physical traces and residual radiation after the craft had left. In addition the USAF are alleged to have confiscated movie film of the radar tapes from the civilian radar establishments.

At the present it is impossible to say how much of this is fact and how much fiction generated by the inevitable stories that are sweeping the community. Some of it will probably prove to be exaggeration. But it does seem that there is a good deal of evidence that *something* did occur and that, if nothing else, it was a radar/visual sighting which has created considerable interest for both the RAF and CAA as well as the USAF.

It will be realised that investigation of something of this nature is extremely difficult, but readers can rest assured that every conceivable effort is being made to get to the truth. Kevin McClure, on behalf of UFOIN, is coordinating a full scale investigation, with the assistance of Peter Warrington as radar advisor. You are asked *not* to treat this short item as anything other than a preliminary introduction to what may be either a most amazing UK case, or the greatest hoax/rumour firestorm that this country has ever known. Whatever the outcome FSR will bring you the story.

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