

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 Weby (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. Weby and arrange to go and see her on behalf of FSR and secure this personal statement for us.

Mrs. Stevens found Mrs. Weby 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. Weby (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 Martínez 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