

fishermen who stated that, from early in 1995, there had been a great increase in UFO activity in that area.

Whenever they were setting out to sea, around 5.00 a.m., they had frequently observed a large circular UFO with powerful golden lights, flying over their boats, shining down piercing beams, and eventually heading inland towards the mountains behind Guayanilla.

In one extraordinary incident about four years earlier, and at a big oil storage depot and refinery near La

Playa, a large craft had appeared above the oil tanks, observed by many refinery workers. One man was so gravely un-nerved by the experience that his colleagues had the greatest difficulty in preventing him from trying to jump off the roof of a high oil tank in order to escape from the UFO. After the incident, officials of the refinery were astonished to discover that the oil in that tank had all vanished.■

## ENCOUNTER WITH A LITTLE ENTITY IN PUERTO RICO. © By Jorge Martín, Editor of *EVIDENCIA OVNI*, (Puerto Rico) and FSR Consultant.

(Précis translation from Spanish. G.C., *EVIDENCIA OVNI No.2*)

I give below my interview with Señora Mariana Rivera regarding her meeting with an alien being in the beautiful and mysterious mountain region of El Yunque in north-eastern Puerto Rico. The scene of many mysterious happenings for centuries past, and known to our long-vanished Indian forebears as the dwelling-place of their "Benevolent Gods", - principally of the YUQUIU, who was the Island's Protective Deity against the Evil God, JURAKAN. (Hence our word "hurricane" from the original native language of Central America. G.C. )

Señora Mariana Rivera and a host of her family - five or six car-loads in all - were on a festive outing in the beautiful El Yunque Mountain region. It was 5.30 pm, and as they were driving down again from the top, near a waterfall known as "La Coca", they suddenly began to have trouble with the engine of every one of the five cars. The menfolk of the family were all out, fussing over the engines, and trying in vain to ascertain what was wrong, when Sra. Rivera suddenly noticed "a little man" standing near the waterfall and intently watching everything that was going on. As she stared at him, he seemingly detected her scrutiny, for he suddenly swung round, and gazed fixedly back at her. Then, as fast as lightning, he scampered up the rocks beside the waterfall and vanished. **And at once the engines of the cars all came to life again.**

Describing the little entity, she said: "They are evidently extremely intelligent and sensitive, for he actually *picked up* my gaze, as it were, and turned and directed his own gaze on me. He was a most perfectly shaped little man. And it seems that they have a great bent of curiosity - they want to know more about us! Because - no doubt about it - he was extremely interested in the cars and in all the activity there, and unquestionably he *must* have been the cause of the engine-stoppages, for the moment he scampered off up the rocks the engines "came to life again".

"He was about 4ft high, small, but, nevertheless a complete, perfect little man - slim, lean, very slender. His head was a bit bigger than ours, but not much. And it was egg-shaped - a bit "drawn out" towards the back. He had no hair, and had big dark eyes drawn outwards towards the sides. The eyes were very expressive very spectacular. Practically no nose was visible, and the mouth was very



fine, just a slit, with no lips. I could see no ears. If he had any, I could not see them. His skin was of a greyish-green shade. His little arms were long and slender, reaching down to his knees, and his hands too were long and fine, with long, slender fingers. I don't know how many fingers - I didn't look closely enough."

**Q:** "Could you say whether or not he wore clothing?"

**A:** "Yes. He wore a tight-fitting little garment like a one-piece overall - the colour was white. And he had what seemed maybe some sort of decoration on his breast - something blue - but I don't know what.

**Q:** And what are your conclusions?

**A:** "Well, Jorge, it is my opinion that these are indeed Extraterrestrials, and that they have got something up there on El Yunque. They are up to something there, or are investigating something there - maybe our vegetation and flora?

**"And maybe they have a base there. And the Government simply MUST already know all about it, because all this business has been going on there for a long time past. I'm not the only one who has seen these things."**

As a matter of fact, our interview with Sra Mariana Rivera had originally been scheduled to be about *another* experience of hers, which she and a neighbour of hers, in



### Señora Rivera sees the little man.

Rio Grande, had had in January 1989 - and also connected with El Yunque.

Here is her account of that other case:

One night in the middle of January 1989, at about 9.30 pm, Doña Mariana was in her house and chatting with her neighbour, Señora Elida Nieves, when suddenly they heard the heavy, powerful, resounding noise of something (in the air) that seemed to be approaching the house from the North. Elida said: "Oh, Mariana, what's that!" I replied that it had to be an aeroplane."

Elida replied: "*That's no aeroplane. That's a saucer!*"

They both ran out to see what it was, and indeed it WAS a flying saucer, and quite a big one too. It seemed to be having - as they *thought* - some sort of trouble, because it *wobbled*. [A well-known feature of UFOs.G.C.] She

described it as round, like a big metallic disk, and of an opaque, silvery-grey colour. It had a row of coloured lights. She seemed to recall principally the colour *violet*.

The two women started shouting happily and waving to the UFO. Then suddenly it began to envelop itself in what seemed like *clouds*. From its flanks a whitish mist started coming out, and gradually it covered the craft totally. As Sra Rivera said: "A sort of camouflage!"

#### NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR.

We don't hear much nowadays about this, but in the early days of the 1950s it was a commonly discussed feature, particularly in France. Many, many people have reported seeing a UFO proceed to "wrap itself up in a sort of private cloud" and consequently rapidly get "lost" in the neighbouring real clouds. G.C. ■

**THE DECLASSIFICATION OF SPANISH UFO REPORTS  
(1995), © By J. Plana Crivillén (Barcelona), FSR Consultant.  
(Translations from Spanish: G.C.)**

Commencing in the summer of 1962, the Headquarters of the Spanish Air Force had embarked on a process of gradual compilation and archivization — though scarcely very systematic — of the existing accounts, held by them, of presumed UFO sightings over the national territory of Spain. From that date until now (autumn 1995) the archives have slowly grown. By 1979 the total was 42 reports; by May 1991, 55; by December 1991, and by June 1992, 66.

At present the total is over 120 reports. The growth — slow as it has been — has been due, I should explain, not so much to fresh cases coming in, as to old cases being sent in from the offices of the various Regional Air Force Comands as part of the drive to centralize all the country's UFO documentation in Madrid.

As is already known, on April 14, 1992, the Combined Board Of Regional Air Force Heads (JUJEM), acting on the directive of the Air Force Headquarters Staff (JEMA), lifted the secrecy which had until then prevailed over all UFO material in the Spanish official archives.

The result: from September 1992 and July 1995 the process of declassification had dealt with almost 50% of the files of the Air Force's Operational Air Command (MOA).

The result: from September 1992 up till now (October 1995), is that 49 entire files have been declassified — including a total of 71 supposed "UFO" cases. In other words, this means 1,108 pages of documents, the annual rate being as follows:

1992 6 files (total 86 pages).

1993 29 files (total 385 pages).

1994 7 files (total 457 pages).

(plus 31 additional pages relating to one case already declassified in 1993).

1995 (first half) 7 files (total 149 pages).

Lt. Col. Angel Bastida\* declassified a total of 22 files, and Lt.-Col. Enrique Rocamora 27 more. Nine of these files (49 in all) contained between 2 and 6 cases each, and the remaining 40 files contained only one case each. A total of 26 of the files contained copious maps, illustrations, photographs, copies of press reports, sketches, etc.

There are a total of 16 cases of detection by radar; 14 cases in which Air Force aircraft were alerted and scrambled; and 22 cases of encounters by civilian or commercial pilots.

The entire documentation, consisting of the 49 "UFO" files now declassified, has been deposited with the Central Library of Air Force Headquarters in Madrid, where any person interested can consult them freely.

With regard to the conclusions arrived at — by private investigators — after analysis of the 71 declassified "supposed UFO cases", it can be said that 63 of the cases have a conventional or natural explanation.

(25 of them are astronomical; 15 are fraudulent or of low reliability; 11 are *sonde* balloons; 5 are rockets, missiles, or Space re-entries; 3 are aircraft, and the last 4 are ascribed to "various causes").

ONE SOLE CASE AT PRESENT REMAINS "UNEXPLAINED". (CONSEQUENTLY "UFO") and the remaining 7 cases are still in process of being studied, with a view to determining their nature. (Very probably some of them will be catalogued finally in the category of "UFOs").

In conclusion, we can say that these 71 "UFO" cases now declassified account for a large proportion of all existing Spanish cases, and that the remainder still pending will be declassified in the near future. (J.P.C., October 1995).

## SECOND REPORT: "UFO FILES" DECLASSIFIED BY THE OPERATIONAL AIR COMMAND (MOA) OF THE SPANISH AIR FORCE.

Between November 1995 and February 1996, 12 more files, covering 13 cases, were declassified by the MOA.

Up to February 1996, therefore, this gives us a total of:-

Files declassified: 61

Cases declassified: 85

Total No. of pages: 1,481

## THE SPANISH AIR FORCE EXPLAINS THE CASE OF JANUARY 2, 1975, AT THEIR FIRING AND BOMBING RANGE OF LAS BARDENAS REALES.

On page 32 of FSR Vo. 20, No.5 (1975) a *Guardian* report of January 9, 1975 quoted a Madrid press report that a UFO had been seen to touch down on the Spanish Air Force's Bombing and Gunnery Range at Las Bardenas Reales (at that date also being used jointly by the U.S. Air Force).

Las Bardenas Reales is in N. Central Spain.

For many years this case has been the subject of much ongoing discussion and argument in Spain.

On November 26, 1996, replying to a previous request from me, the Commanding General of the Third Air Force Region and the Eastern Command, General Eugenio Veiga Pita, sent me a photostat of the original report on the affair, dated January 11, 1975, by the then Commanding General, Lt.-General Franco Iribarneygaray. This report stated that, after a detailed study of the matter, his conclusion was that no grounds whatsoever existed for believing that any UFO had landed at Las Bardenas Firing Range during the night of January 2, 1975, and that:-

"the lights or light-effects observed could have been produced by the Moon's halo, or by the light of some star, or of some tractor operating near by, seen through the layers of mist or fog that intermittently were passing over the Firing Range and producing an optical effect such as to lead to a belief in the presence there of an illuminated moving body".

## COMMENT BY EDITOR OF FSR.

At a moment like the present, when our entire planet seems to be swamped with vast black triangular craft and tales of contacts with "chupacabras" and other monsters are popping up everywhere around us. Many FSR readers may be wondering why on earth I am making valuable space in FSR available for such astounding material as you read above, supplied to us by our doughty and long-standing Catalan Consultant, Sr. Joan Plana Crivillén. (N.B. In the ancient tongue of Catalonia, the name *Juan* denotes not a woman, but a *man*, and equals the Castilian *Juan*. G.C.)

**The reason why I include the material is simply this: I am baffled and astounded by this veritable *tour de force* of the Spanish Air Force, who seem to be sailing so blandly against the general tide by dishing up to us this perfectly ridiculous heap of denials.**

**Because — look closely! — they have actually managed to come up with ONLY ONE SOLITARY CASE OF A "UFO" — AND EVEN THAT ONE IS MERELY A "POSSIBLE". REALLY, YOU MUST ADMIT IT, YOU'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO THEM", AS WE SAY, AND POSITIVELY ADMIRE THEIR IMPLACABLE GIFT FOR "STONEWALLING"! THEY ARE A STUBBORN AND STOICAL PEOPLE, THESE SPANIARDS, AND LARGELY OF CELTIC STOCK -VERY MUCH LIKE THEIR CLOSE COUSINS, THE STUBBORN AND STOICAL SCOTS!**

\* Interestingly enough, as I reported on page 4 of FSR 40/1 (Spring 1995), this officer, Lt. Col. Angel Bastida Freijedo, is none other than a *nephew* (sister's son) of our own FSR Consultant Salvador Freixedo! (In older Spanish of a few centuries ago, the letter "X" was often used where modern-day Spaniards use the letter "j". For example "*Don Quijote*". That's why we, and probably many other countries, still use the old "X" spelling for Cervantes' masterpiece). G.C.■