

16. (98). 1967, November 2; La Hoyada (Salta). 05.30 hrs. Señora Irma Antonia Fortuna de Colina (wife of the Intendente of the town of Villa San Lorenzo) and her son Ricardo Marcelo were returning by taxi from Córdoba during heavy rain. Suddenly the chauffeur was obliged to pull up on sighting, at a distance of some 25 metres from the highway, a circular body resembling a cardinal's hat and emitting a blinding orange light. It was about 5 metres in diameter and 1.50 metres high, and on its sides they could see

things that looked like star-shaped pephholes. It was suspended at a height of about 2 metres from the ground, in total silence. It remained visible there for 15 minutes, and vanished when a truck approached from the opposite direction to the taxi.

Antonio Ribera: *op. cit.*, p. 225.

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## Readers' Reports

### Cartwheels in the sky

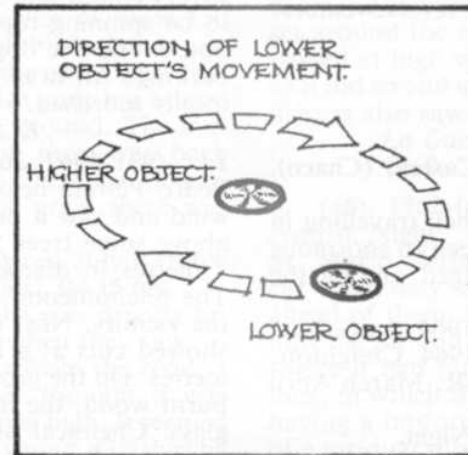
Dear Sir,—On January 2, 1973, at 2.25 p.m., I was sitting in the back seat of our car, travelling towards a new estate a short distance away. Two adult relations of mine occupied the front seats; Mrs. Hill was driving and was talking to her mother, Mrs. Brown.

I glanced out of the window and saw what I first thought to be two grey kites high in the sky above Sutton Hospital, near Hull, East Yorks. At a second glance I saw that they were not in fact kites but two disc-shaped objects standing out clearly against the overcast sky.

As a rough estimate I would say the objects were about 15-20 feet in diameter and about 500 feet above me. Both objects were translucent but with about six darker spoke-like areas leading to a black/dark outer rim. The lower and nearer object was floating lazily in a clockwise direction around its companion, the latter being unnaturally stationary. (There was a light wind blowing but the object seemed somehow locked tight in the air around it.)

For about half a minute I watched the objects disappearing into the distance as we travelled further and

further away from them. I am very interested in the subject of flying saucers and I am a relatively new reader of *Flying Saucer Review* and have often wondered what I would do if I saw a UFO. Unfortunately I did nothing of what I planned. In fact, for the first minute, the two discs did not seem very important to me and by the time I fully realised the importance of what I had seen, the objects were just two black lines in the distance. The two lines (the discs edge-on) were in the



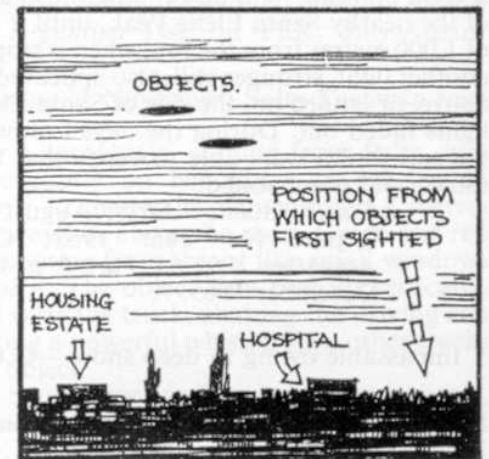
Motion of the objects

same place that I had first seen them and the lower one was still moving back and forth under the other one.

I must add that during the whole sighting, which was about 1½-2 minutes in duration, a jet aircraft flying at very high altitude was on a straight course overhead and easily visible due to a long, lingering vapour trail issuing from it.

I was just going to tell of what I had seen when I realised I would not be believed; after all, I had not pointed out the objects to anyone. I kept the sighting bottled up inside me until the following day when I told my father (who is a teacher) what I had seen. He is one of those people who claim to be open-minded but whose ears clog when

the subject of UFOs is mentioned. He did believe I had seen something, but he thought it more likely I had seen



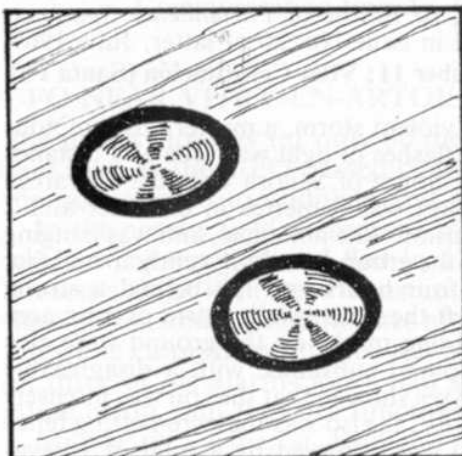
The objects as seen from a distance by witness (sketches based on originals by J. Hill)

two seagulls (!) or even a reflection in the car window.

So, braving the weakness of my story, and bearing in mind the Birch fiasco and the general mistrust of teenagers, I decided to report the sighting to you. Jonathan Hill (aged 14), Lime Tree Avenue, Tweendykes Road, Sutton, Nr. Hull, Yorkshire.

### UFO seen over Baakline, Lebanon

Dear Sir,—On August 4, 1972, at lunchtime, my cousin Omar asked me if I believed in life beyond earth. I told him that if one believed in the concept of Infinity then one had to assume the definite possibility. Since I do believe in the concept of Infinity, I also believe that not only does life exist but it must exist in infinite forms, including human beings exactly like us. This conversation took place in Chemlan at my Uncle's summer place overlooking Beirut airport,



Impression of the objects

My cousin and his wife left in the middle of the afternoon and returned to the house in Baakline without further fanfare. My wife Mary, my aunt Celia and I returned to Baakline later on, arriving after dark. As we pulled into the driveway I found my cousins very agitated and excited, exclaiming that they had just seen a flying saucer. We all made haste to the terrace facing south-west and saw a bright red light moving straight off into space. It did not seem to be falling as if it were in orbit. The account my cousin gave at the time was as follows:

He and his wife and brother were sitting out on the terrace relaxing and enjoying the early evening when the power failed, just on that swath of the mountainside. They looked down the terraces to my Uncle Selim's house and noted that their power was still on (this is a distance of less than 100 yards). Furthermore, up on the hillside, the lights in the village were on still. For the power to fail in Lebanon is not unusual, so this caused no real alarm for them, and they continued to sit on the terrace. After a while my cousin's wife exclaimed "Look at that beautiful red star, it must be Mars!" They all

looked up directly overhead and observed a very bright star. As they were admiring it the bright star emitted a big puff of black smoke and began to move off to the south-west (I cannot report the speed). They ran and got their binoculars, and shortly after this we arrived.

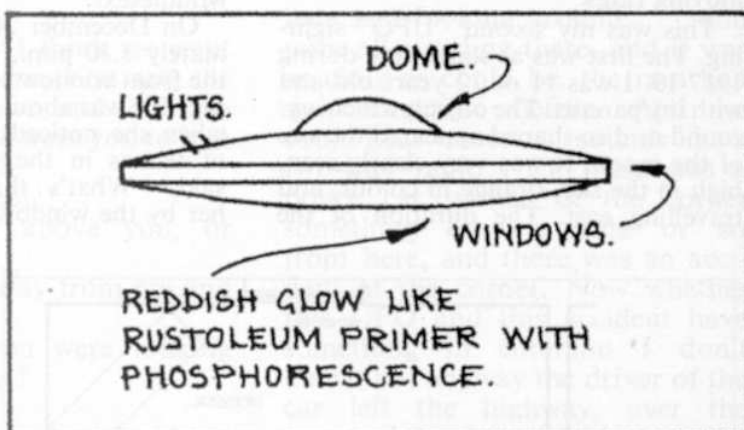
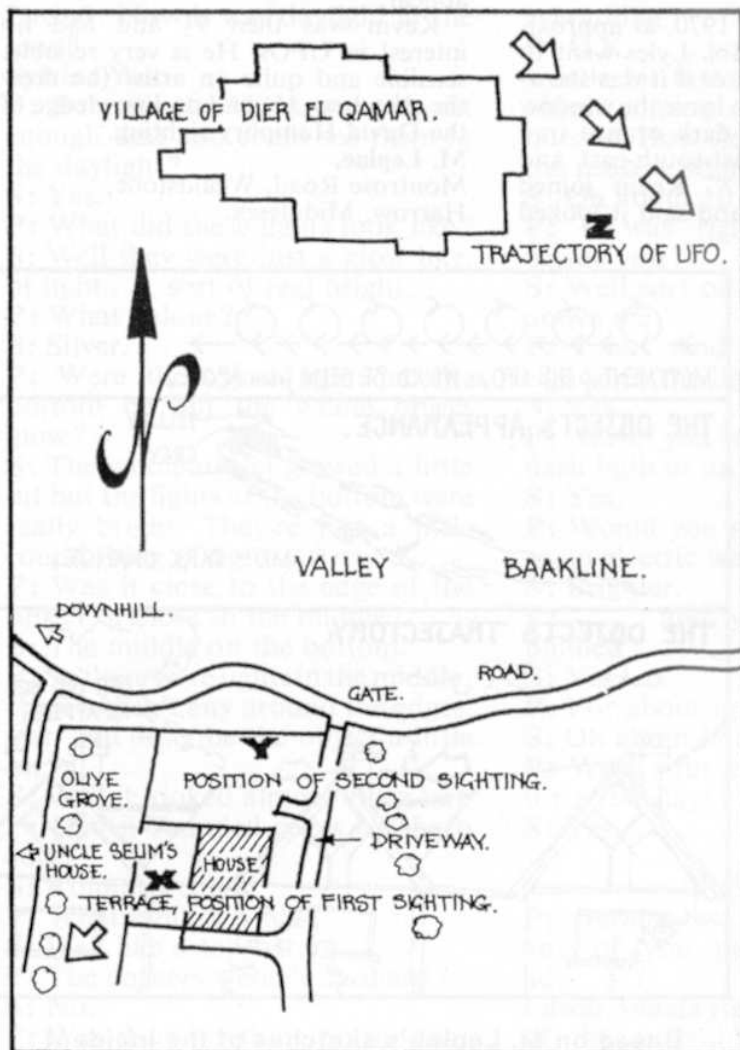
We were all excited by the object and mentioned the coincidence of our noontime discussion. The power returned after the object moved off; just how long after I cannot say. We all were outside enjoying the pleasant evening coolness. The night was clear with no clouds and I believe no wind other than the usual mountain breeze.

My wife, my aunt, my cousin's brother, my cousin and myself, all of us together, walked across the yard to the railing. From here we were admiring Deir El Quamar, which is a Christian village and which was having some kind of celebration. The entire village was very brightly lit. Somebody then sought the whereabouts of the Big Dipper constellation, and my wife located it. To her surprise there was a bright red light moving in it! As she exclaimed this we all began to sight up with our binoculars. There were two

pairs in our company at that time. My wife had her Bushnell 7 × 35 and I had my Trinovids 8 × 32. We were passing them between us and I believe my cousin was yelling for his wife to join us and bring their binoculars.

The object was perfectly clear to me. It came from a north-west angle and passed steadily across the sky off to the south-east. It seemed to be moving fairly slowly like a turbo-prop aircraft. I cannot estimate its size as there was no real reference to anything I'd ever seen before. There was no exhaust, no noise, and no visible means of propulsion. Its movement was steady and nothing was seen to rotate.

What I saw was like two saucers placed one on top of the other, with a perpendicular plane of windows that went all the way around the craft. There was a light inside that was not strange, and simply looked like house lights at night. That is to say, the colour of the light was warm yellow. On top of the craft was a dome, which was also lit up in the same way as the windows in the centre of the craft. At the back, or in the lee of the direction it was moving, were two lights; my wife says one was red and one was green,



Above:  
Sketch based  
on W.  
Hamadi's  
drawing of  
Lebanon UFO

Left:  
The locality  
of the  
Hamadi  
sighting

but she can't remember which was where. I can't remember what colour they were at all.

I hope the diagram will explain what we saw. I had never seen a UFO before and am now very interested to read all I can. This craft was certainly not from this planet.

Walter Hamadi,  
Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, USA.

#### A Thing at the foot of the bed

Dear Sir,—My sighting was in the spring of 1971 (? February) between 9.00-10.00 a.m. The sun was bright, and there was heavy snow on the ground. I have light-proof blinds under drapes [curtains], so the light in the room was very subdued. I had been up and decided to take another nap. I was on my left side ten minutes or more and then I turned on my back.

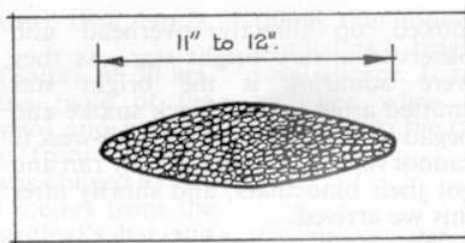
I now saw an object over the foot of the bed (see point A).

The object was about a foot long and four inches high. It seemed to be composed of many small rings, about the diameter of a cigarette, and as thick as a pencil mark. They were black or dark grey and moving very fast.

I became very upset as I thought something was happening to my vision, or to my brain. I looked to the left, then to the right, at least two or three times, but the darn thing stayed in the same place. Then it started moving to the right. It went to point B, made a 90° turn towards the door, went through the door (point C) and turned down the hall. The movement was slow and even. I had turned my head at least eight or more times but it didn't go with my line of vision. At some stage I decided it was not my vision, and the fear left me.

I still laid there like a zombie and watched it go out of sight down the hall. Never once did I think of getting up to see what happened, or where it went. As it went through the door the light was much brighter and I could see it very well, with its shiny fast-moving rings.

This was my second "UFO" sighting. The first was at some time during 1917-19. I was 11 or 12 years old and with my parents. The object, which was round or disc-shaped appeared the size of the moon. It was very clearly seen, high in the sky, orange in colour, and travelling east. The duration of the



Mr. Moore's sketch of the object

sighting was about one minute. This was in South East Ohio, Gallia county. I have taken an active interest in UFOs since 1947.

J. Earl D. Moore,  
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#### A schoolboy's sighting

Dear Sir,—On reading the article in FSR Case Histories No. 6 "What the Children Saw," I was particularly interested in the report submitted by David Humphry. In the winter of 1972, I was told of a similar UFO sighting by Master Kevin Lyles of Harrow County School for Boys, and which was also witnessed by his mother and sister Judith. The family live at Beverly Gardens, Belmont, Middlesex.

On December 20, 1970, at approximately 5.30 p.m., Mrs. Lyles went to the front window to see if it was snowing. She was about to leave the window when she noticed a dark orange trail of flames in the east-south-east and said, "What's that?" Kevin joined her by the window and said it looked

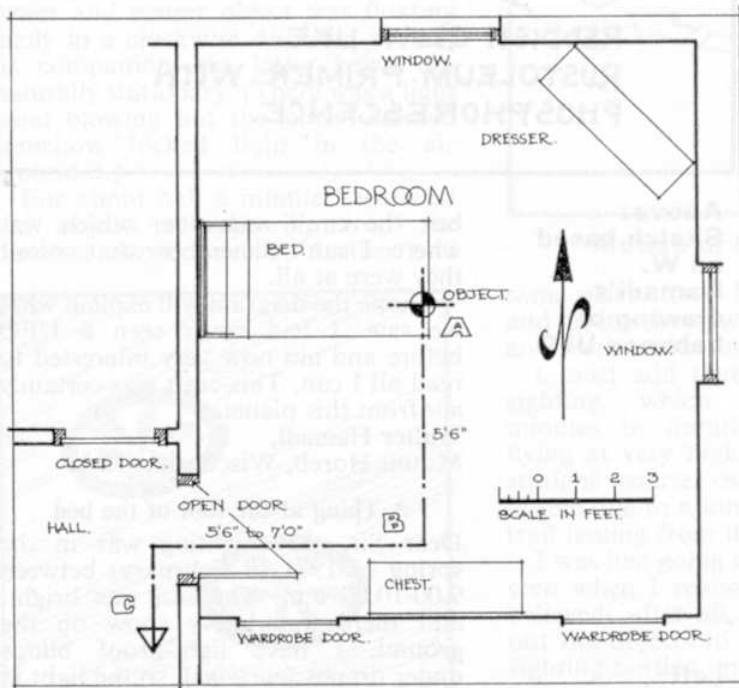
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like a plane on fire. It went into a steep dive—too steep for most planes. At the head of the flames at the top was a grey semi-circle with a little protruding from the flames underneath. On top was a yellow light. This object rotated as it moved.

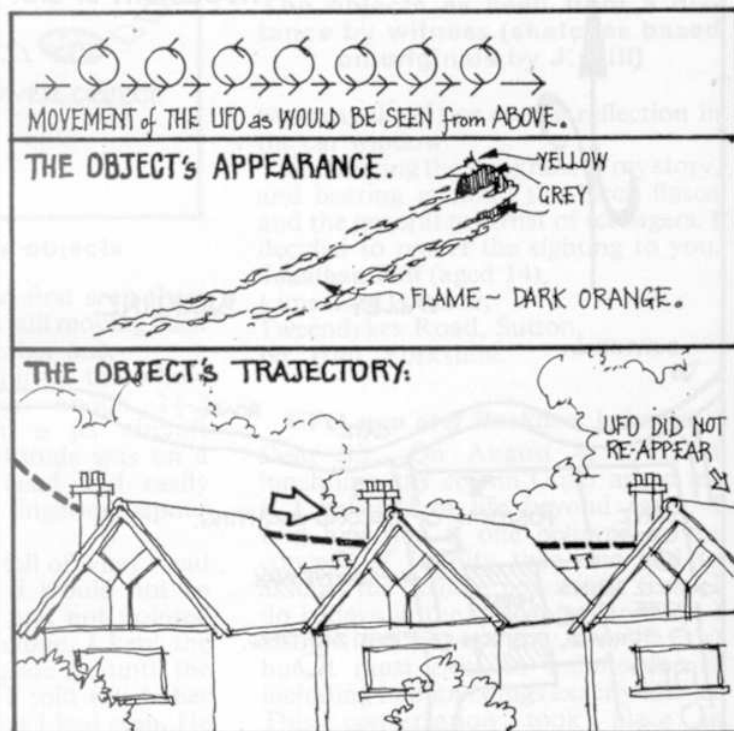
It was extremely dark with scattered cloud, so the object stuck out like a sore thumb. It levelled out at about 2,000 feet, descended slightly, and then carried on. The object disappeared behind a chimney of a house on the opposite side of the road and reappeared in the gap between two houses. It went behind another house and then reappeared. Kevin and his sister ran to the front door as it continued its west-north-west trek. It vanished behind another house and didn't reappear.

Kevin was then 9½ and had no interest in UFOs. He is very reliable, sensible and quite an artist (he drew the sketches). He had no knowledge of the David Humphry sighting.

M. Lepine,  
Montrose Road, Wealdstone,  
Harrow, Middlesex.



Object first seen by Mr. Moore at point A, motionless for 20-30 secs., the 20-30 secs. in flight to point C. 90° turn performed at point B



Based on M. Lepine's sketches of the incident

# When a UFO came to Abee

Ashley Pachal

In the interview related below, the author, of Edmonton (Alberta) Flying Saucer Society, was assisted by his colleague William Haduk. A tape recording of this interview was sent to us by Mr. W. K. Allan, of Calgary, Alberta, together with a transcription which had been prepared by Mrs. Y. Allan, and we are grateful for their assistance.

THE small town of Abee is about sixty miles north and east of Edmonton, in Alberta, Canada. At about 3.30 p.m. on July 16, 1969, just after a rainstorm, Sylvia, age 10, was on the porch at the front of the house, facing east. When we asked her to describe her experience she replied: "I was reading, and I heard this noise and I ran to the door and flung it open and... (I saw) this big grey thing about 3 feet above the well, and it was about to land; and the lights on the bottom sort of blinded me." We take up the dialogue from that point:

**Pachal:** Now it was daylight at the time?

**Sylvia:** Yes.

**P:** But still the lights were bright enough that you could see them in the daylight?

**S:** Yes.

**P:** What did these lights look like?

**S:** Well they were just a glow like, of light... sort of real bright.

**P:** What colour?

**S:** Silver.

**P:** Were there just lights at the bottom or did the whole object glow?

**S:** The whole object glowed a little bit but the lights at the bottom were really bright. They're just a little round thing of lights.

**P:** Was it close to the edge of the object or close to the middle?

**S:** The middle on the bottom.

**P:** So there were lights in the middle; there weren't any around the edges. Can you describe the object a little bit?

**S:** Well it looked almost like a hat.

**P:** Had it rounded edges or sharp edges?

**S:** Rounded edges.

**P:** What kind of a hat?

**S:** Well like a top hat.

**P:** The corners weren't as sharp?

**S:** No.

**P:** Was there anything on top that

looked like a cabin or anything?

**S:**... No.

**P:** Any antennas, or anything sticking up?

**S:** No.

## The witness "blinded"

**P:** So all you saw was this object with the lights on the bottom... Well you saw this object coming down, now could you tell a little more of what you did then?

**S:** Well after I thought it had gone, and I was blinded, I came in and told mummy about it, and in the meantime I was bumping into everything.

**P:** O.K. ... now I think we went a little bit fast there. You saw the object coming down and... ran outside. How close were you to it at the nearest point?

**S:** Oh about 10 feet.

**P:** It was right above you, or beside you?

**S:** Well sort of away from me and above me.

**P:** I see. And you were looking right into the light?

**S:** Yes.

**P:** Have you ever seen a photo flash bulb or an electric welder?

**S:** Yes.

**P:** Would you say it was as bright as an electric welder?

**S:** Brighter.

**P:**... and you say you were blinded?

**S:** Yes.

**P:** For about how long?

**S:** Oh about half an hour.

**P:** Were your eyes sore after that for a few days?

**S:** Yes.

## An accident

**P:** (turning to the parents) Have any of you people anything to add...?

**Edwin Annola (father):** I was in one of the outbuildings and I could

hear... well I actually thought... there's a steel table down the hill with a vice on it and quite often she used to put things in this vice and use a file on it, you know kind of copying what I was doing, and I could hear this sort of *zew... zew... zew... zew... zew... zew...* and then it would speed up until it went *zew zew zew zew zew*, and I thought she must really be working out there. And then the noise died out, and in the meantime that's when she saw the flying saucer.

Now, after it disappeared we were all kind of flustered around here and looking around... and were all standing there, and it was as clear as could be, the rain had quit sometime before. And we could hear voices... sounds like a two-way radio... there was a police car parked at the corner something over a mile or so from here, and there was an accident at the corner. Now whether this UFO and this accident have something in common I don't know, but anyway the driver of the car left the highway, over the approach, and straight into a telephone pole; he was dead instantly. **Mrs. A. (mother):** He was dead before he hit.

**E.A.:** So they figure. But the point is this, that the car was that far away, had the window rolled down, and we could hear every word on his two-way radio, the air was so electrified, or clear, or whatever you want to call it. That sound carried a long way.

(It was suggested that the radio could have been connected to the car's outside speakers.)

**P:**... and you figure that this should have happened pretty well at the same moment that this...

**E.A.:** The accident and the UFO should have been almost the same time.