

ITALIAN UPDATE 1984

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1984 was not a particularly quiet year for Italian Ufology, and, while it was not especially rich in UFO reports, media coverage and research activities did show a consistent increase.

UFO/IFO reports 1984

As of the date of writing, January 25, 1985, we have a total of 85 sightings filed with C.U.N. for 1984. (Comparative figures for recent years are 269 in 1980; 80 in 1981; 24 in 1982; 212 in 1983). Most of the 1984 reports were of the NL type.

I give below details of the only two really interesting cases, both of the CE-II/CE-III level, which, incidentally, occurred within the space of a few hours on October 9, 1984:—

1. POLCANTO

At 3.30 a.m. a householder at Polcanto, near Firenze (Florence, 43° 47' N, 11° 15' E), was awakened by a light shining through the window, and for a few instants he glimpsed a dark human shape on a nearby hill. From the forehead of this being there shone a torch-like beam. It then disappeared, and a dark horizontal line remained visible, with three flames beneath it descending towards the ground. After some minutes this disappeared suddenly, and a great blinding white light began to approach, illuminating the whole area round about as in broad daylight.

The eyewitness tried to get to the window, but remained as if it were paralysed for a while. Then when he did manage to reach the window, the light appeared to be "sucked back".

Then a red sphere appeared, flashing light intermittently, so that his eyes were affected and remained red and irritated for some days.

Three circular holes, 10 cms. in diameter, 3 cms. deep, set in an irregular 2 m. triangle, were found at the site, and the grass there looked as though it had been pressed down. No radioactivity was registered.

The householder's dog, sleeping outside the house, did not bark, and behaved in unusual fashion thereafter, refusing all food for some days, and remaining inside his kennel for the next two weeks and not barking at any strangers. The most complete investigation and report on this case was made by Pier Luigi Sani.

2. PRATA PRINCIPATO

At 7.30 a.m. on that same day, October 9, 1984, at

Prata Principato, near Avellino (due east of Naples, at 40° 54' N, 14° 46' E), a peasant observed a being 1 m. 30 in height, wearing a brown "space-suit" and a helmet connected by two pipes to a rucksack on his back. The entity was holding a forked stick in his hand and hovering above the ground, emitting blue sparks in the direction of a "space-craft" which took over* at once.

C.U.N. investigator Umberto Telarico examined the site, and found six conical holes set in a rectangle, plus two large traces and some footprints. For two days the temperature on the traces was higher than in the surrounding soil, a point which was found intriguing by the investigators from the Carabinieri.

3. VARIOUS OTHER REPORTS

Minor local "flaps" were recorded in the north-eastern provinces of Veneto, Friuli, and Trentino, in February 1984, when hovering lights and "humming noises" were reported by many people. Again in early December, "glowing lights with long trails" were repeatedly seen over the same north-eastern regions and over the N.W. of Italy (Piemonte and Liguria).

At 11.30 a.m. on December 5, and thus in broad daylight, hundreds of people in the provinces of Vuneo, Imperia, Savona, and Genova, observed a very bright oblong-shaped object. Arriving from the direction of France (the N.W.) the thing was followed by a luminous trail, and exploded with such a flash that many people came running out of their houses. Tens of thousands of residents throughout the whole region heard a series of loud "booms", which were also recorded by the seismographic network. For more than half an hour a dark cloud remained in the sky over the area.

NOTIZIARIO UFO

I am sorry to have to report that this, our C.U.N. Journal, is again in trouble, as our new publisher, Pierluigi Violin, has decided that it is not worth while to continue with it. Issue No. 102 will be mailed out, with an English abstract, in February 1985.

I myself will then issue a periodical English-language newsletter giving a summary of the latest developments in Italy. _____

*NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

Edoardo Russo's Report is in his own excellent English. Is this a slip here, however, for "took off"?

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Appreciated in New Zealand

Dear Gordon Creighton, — So very pleased to read that FSR is not a "goner" too,* and to help it stay that way I am enclosing \$20.00 (mind you, New Zealand currency at present is not really worth the paper on which it is printed) but this is the best I can do.

Thank you for all your wonderful work and please carry on, we need you so much.

The closing down of so many other publications by the world-wide governmental cover-up still does not stop surveillance and contact of our planet by these inter-dimensional and extraterrestrial entities and forces, both good and negative.

So very best wishes to you and all the workers and helpers for FSR.

Sincerely,

Mrs Phyllis D. Hall (née Dixon),

2/16 Tamariki Avenue,

Orewa, Hibiscus Coast,

New Zealand,

January 23, 1985

* Our sincere thanks to Mrs Hall! After being in steady decline from 1980 onwards, in common with all other UFO publications throughout the world (most of which have disappeared), FSR's circulation figures are now moving up again. EDITOR

"Delta" or "Boomerang" Over West Yorkshire?

Dear Sir, — I was interested in the report of the giant "Boomerang" over

New York State as reported in FSR 30/3.

Sometime in 1981 I saw a very similar UFO, which I reported by letter to Jenny Randles, who passed it on to Mr Walter Reid, BUFORA investigator and co-ordinator for N. Yorkshire.

I had recently bought a telescope, and, with my sister and her fiancé, we were looking at the Moon, when the fiancé, William Nicholls, cried "Christine. What's that?" I turned round and saw, gliding *noiselessly* over the roof of our house, towards Halifax, what looked like a huge Delta-winged aircraft as seen from the rear, *with a row of red lights along the back of each wing*. We both dashed round to the back of our house — a mere matter of seconds, but when we got there, the craft had vanished.

The sky that night was clear of cloud. We were all sober. And the craft was totally silent. I looked to see if there was any mention of it later in our newspaper, but nobody else seemed to have seen it or reported it.

My home lies between Bradford and Halifax, at Queensbury in West Yorks. The craft seemed to come from the direction of Bradford and to be going towards Halifax, and so was flying on a south-westerly course.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Christine Cunnington,

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March 15, 1985

See also the Reverend Donald Thomas's report of a huge craft with several rows of very bright white lights, observed flying close to the ground near the U.S. Air Force base at Brize Norton in Oxfordshire at about 11.30 p.m. on September 23, 1978. (*Sightings & Strange Doings in Oxfordshire*, FSR 29/3, p. 15). EDITOR

Unpalatable Truths

Dear Editor, — Enclosed is my check for \$24.50 for the renewal for FSR by airmail.

You are doing a splendid job with each issue and, if anything, you get better all the time. You're one of the few people in the whole English-speaking world that I know of who has the courage to write about a lot of things which are unpopular and which, under other circumstances, would have made — and *should* even now — make headlines.

We send our very best to everyone there and especially to Charles Bowen. He is fabulous, and hopefully all this work, and your work, will some day be recognized as not having been in vain.

Sincerely yours,

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AN ITALIAN CONSULTANT FOR FSR

We announce with great pleasure that Signor Antonio Chiumiento, Vice-President of C.U.N. (The Italian National UFO Research Centre), has joined our team of Consultants. An indefatigable investigator, he lives in Pordenone, in North-Eastern Italy, and has already given us some extremely interesting reports in FSR Vol. 28/5, Vol. 28/6, and Vol. 30/2.