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THE RECENT British Wave of UFO reports has been treated to a fairly friendly press, and although the peak of the wave seems to have passed there has been more than enough to investigate and report for the best part of a year. As for *Flying Saucer Review*, we have welcomed the opportunity to present a number of careful well-balanced reports on cases which have been dealt with by UFOIN and other investigators.

Many of the cases have been interesting, and we have many more queuing up for publication. Furthermore quite a number of the witnesses have been responsible and reliable, and have included police officers and university graduates. Several interesting facts have come to light about the talents, and other experiences of these eyewitnesses in peripheral fields — psychical attributes, healing capabilities, proneness to poltergeist phenomena, deep trance subjectivity and so on.

With all this interest being generated perhaps it was significant that, as a sort of celebration of thirty years of flying saucers, the British journal *New Scientist* of July 14, 1977, carried a debunking article by one Ian Ridpath, who based his argument on explanations which have been offered for the Kenneth Arnold and Captain Mantell cases, on the adroitness with which Mr. P. Klass of *Aviation Week* has disposed of most of the "classic" cases, and on the fact that "...so-called contactees such as fraudster George Adamski, who claimed he had ridden in extra-terrestrial spacecraft...gave scientists ammunition to deride the flying saucer freaks." Much play was also made on the fact that, the climate of opinion being what it is, certain "leading" saucer magazines feel compelled to publish exposé articles on famous incidents, as in the American magazine *Official UFO* where the experience of Betty and Barney Hill was stated to have mushroomed from an original sighting of Jupiter near the Moon.

Which all conforms to good clinical, antiseptic and barely scientific standards. The technique being to "knock" a subject with arguments based on fringe literature provided one is careful to ignore such events as, say, the RAF/USAF Lakenheath radar-visual case (which was kept in the secret locker for thirteen years before being revealed by Condon), the encounters of the USAF electronic counter-measures RB47 airplane, or the deeply researched cases of Dr. "X" of South Eastern France, of Valensole, or of Trancas, not to mention the current sequence of surprising events.

Is it too far-fetched to speculate that whatever, or whoever, stage-manages the phenomenon for reasons unknown to us — has at the same time good reasons for discouraging interest in its, or their, affairs? It is possible that it could attempt to damp down that interest by implanting in the minds of pliant humans an urge to ridicule the subject? And before that idea is laughed out of court perhaps one should ponder the proven fact that human beings can implant ideas and images in the minds of others by means, for example, of hypnosis. And ridicule, as we all know, is a very potent weapon indeed.

Which returns us to the vexed question of that BBC documentary *Out of this World* broadcast on May 10, 1977. It has been suggested by Mr. John Rimmer of MUFOB (Summer 1977 issue) that the BBC's prime objective is entertainment; that "show-biz" was the villain of the piece and not "silencers". It happens that we were approached with a view to making a serious, commonsense documentary on the subject, so if that sort of treatment was accorded our serious approach, then if Mr. Rimmer is right we can infer from him that the "Dud and Pete" sky-watchers, and the pseudo-religious hill top cavortings, or attractions like them could perhaps be applied to other features such as *The World about us*, or *Tomorrow's World*, or *Open University* or perhaps even *Songs of Praise*.

That, we know, is nonsense. So why were we inflicted in that way? When we were asked to assist in the making of a serious documentary we did so only because the producer involved had been responsible for an interesting and sensitively treated feature on the Loch Ness monster. The really sad thing, as far as we were concerned, was that filming was

completed in October and November 1976, before the big British wave got into full swing. The programme was broadcast many months later. The "funnies" had been added, and the editor of this journal was just one of many who, next morning, overheard fellow commuters discussing the documentary. We heard how wives and daughters, convulsed with laughter, had rolled helplessly out of their chairs, and how others had, in disgust, switched to another channel after suffering the first few minutes.

No. We suspect that it was nothing to do with entertainment although it served its purpose in that respect, and gave the *Daily Mail*, in a preview, the opportunity to describe the experts in the programme as "...monsters, amiable intelligent and as daft as brushes." By association of ideas the subject, and those involved in it, were well and truly "sent up."

A well-known journalist suggested that a few BBC arms had been twisted: casting our eyes back to our editorial leader "More Beliefs" in FSR Volume 20, No. 6, we feel instead that alarm bells had been set a-ringing, somewhere.

UFOIN progress

The successes experienced by members of UFO Investigators' Network (UFOIN) in their follow-up and investigation of cases, sometimes in considerable depth, and of unearthing accounts of events past or present, has been demonstrated in recent issues of FSR. We can assure readers there is plenty more to come, with some cases under investigation that are not only interesting, but probably very important. The probing of one case is being conducted with full collaboration between UFOIN investigators and FSR consultants.

The Network is still on the lookout for new members capable of, and willing to investigate incidents which are reported, or otherwise come to their notice in their areas. Anyone interested should preferably send a sample of their work to the Secretary.

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THE CRACK IN THE UNIVERSE

by **Jean-Claude Bourret** (Translated from the French by Gordon Creighton)

The English-language version of "La Nouvelle Vague des Soucoupes Volantes" which gives the story of the famous 39 broadcasts on Radio France-Inter in 1974, and presents the texts of all of them, including that of the French Minister of Defence.

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THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT OPENS ITS FILES

Beginning of an interesting new development?

Gordon Creighton

AT the recent International Congress on UFOs (April 1977) in Acapulco, Mexico, the Spanish investigator Andreas Kaiser, who edits a magazine in Madrid called *Unknown World*, said that the Spanish Air Force had begun to open up their files and release reports, and had even promised to be "more and more open on the subject." We already knew of this, having seen various Spanish press reports about it over the past six months.

Coming after the revelations of the French Minister of Defence in the *France-Inter* radio series in February 1974, this new development is clearly of the very greatest importance. It is a real milestone on the long road over which we have travelled since 1947.

In this connection, I would draw attention to the little piece¹ which I wrote recently about the important statement made on June 28, 1976 by the Spanish Air Force General Carlos Castro Cavero, Officer Commanding the Canary Islands Air Force Zone, because it seems, from the phrasing of his words, that General Castro Cavero already knew that his government was contemplating some sort of loosening-up process such as we are now seeing.

Both of these Spanish developments came of course too late for mention by Charles Bowen or myself in front of the BBC television cameras last year when the recent documentary film *Out of this World* was being prepared, but in any case we would probably be fully justified in thinking that, had either of us mentioned them, no word about them would have reached the British viewing and listening public. (After all, we did both speak before the cameras about the vitally important statement by the French Minister of Defence. And not a word of what either of us said on that score got through to the viewers and listeners.)

Returning to the matter of the Spanish Government, I am now in a position to give an account of what took place in the Air Ministry in Madrid last autumn.

Senor Juan José Benítez is a reporter on the staff of the newspaper *La Gaceta del Norte*, in Bilbao, in the Basque region of northern Spain. In addition to this, he is a very live wire among the UFO investigators in that country, and one of his articles has already appeared in *Flying Saucer Review*². It seems that for some time past he had been in correspondence with the Air Ministry in Madrid, hoping to induce them to reveal some of their secrets. Suddenly, to his vast astonishment, he received an invitation to present himself at the Ministry and there, at noon on October 20, 1976, he was ushered into the office

of an Air Force Lieutenant-General and Chief of Staff (whose name so far has not been revealed). Then, in an extremely cordial interview, *strictly off the record*, as was impressed upon him, this officer handed him a file of 78 folio pages containing the full documentation of the Spanish Government on no less than twelve of their most remarkable UFO cases.

While the whole thing was being handled on this purely "unofficial" and personal basis (Benítez was permitted to bring no cameras or tape-recorders into the Ministry) it was nevertheless made clear to him that he now had *carte blanche* to publish these cases, and that there could be more to come. Benítez has lost no time in getting them into a book, and it is to be hoped that my translation of this book will be available in this country before long. Clearly it is a book that will rank for importance with Dr. Hynek's *The UFO Experience* and Jean-Claude Bourret's French book which I have also translated, and which has been issued by Messrs. Neville Spearman under the title of *The Crack In The Universe*.

In the meantime, before the full text of the Air Ministry's release had reached me, I had already received from Spain a digest of one of its most remarkable chapters, with permission to translate it for FSR. As readers will note, this case is not unknown to us, inasmuch as we had already published one short press item about it.³ But a semi-official governmental release is a very different thing from mere press-clippings in the "World Round-up" column. That the Spanish Air Ministry has endorsed the details of this case clothes it with an altogether different kind of importance. Furthermore, it is now supported by remarkable photographs, and it contains many important details which we did not know before.

The digest of this case came to me in a letter dated April 30 this year from Sr. J.M. Sanchez of A.A. *Ovnis* Investigation Group at Portugalete in the Basque Province. This is the district where Sr. J.J. Benítez lives and works but he tells us he is not associated with the group. Sr. Benítez has been told we are printing Sr. Sanchez' article and he has been good enough to obtain the colour enlargement which we have used for our front cover illustration.

My translation of the document follows. (*see p.4.*)

Notes

1. *Important Statement by Spanish Air Force Chief.* FSR Vol.22, No.3, p.2.
2. Benítez, J.J. *Benacazón Landing and Two Humanoids.* FSR Vol. 22, No. 1, p. 21.
3. *Onion Phobia?* In "World Round-up," FSR Vol. 22, No. 4.

CANARY ISLANDS LANDING: OCCUPANTS REPORTED

J. M. Sanchez

Señor Jesus Maria Sanchez, to whom we are greatly indebted for this contribution, is the director of the A.A. Ovnis Investigation Group* of Portugalete in the Province of Vizcaya in northern Spain. The report, first published by journalist J.J. Benitez, received the endorsement of the Spanish Government and was supported by photographs. It is a detailed report of the remarkable "onion phobia" affair which appeared in one of our "World Round-Up" columns (FSR Vol. 22, No. 4). Translation from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton

ON OCTOBER 20, 1976, acting in a personal capacity, a Lieutenant-General in the Spanish Air Ministry in Madrid handed to the Bilbao journalist Juan José Benítez a thick file bearing the label "Report on UFOs."

This most unusual document, while it does not constitute an *official* statement on the part of the Spanish Government — as has been somewhat precipitately claimed in some quarters — nevertheless represents a quite exceptional new development in the whole field of UFO research in Spain.

The 78 folio sheets which compose this Report contain the documentation drawn up by Spanish Air Ministry personnel on twelve UFO cases, the majority of which cases are also vouched for by Air Force personnel as witnesses. The documentation is backed by numerous pieces of photographic evidence and also by a number of pieces of film taken by pilots of Spanish fighter aircraft, as well as by details of certain cases in which the UFOs were registered on the radar.

The summarized account of the sightings begins with a case in the Province of Sevilla on March 20, 1964, and concludes with the case of June 22, 1976, in the islands of Fuerteventura and Gran Canaria, Canary Islands.

The last-mentioned of these twelve cases, in the Canary Islands, was already known in Spanish UFO research circles. A report on it appeared in issue No. 26 of *Stendek*, journal of the C.E.I. (Spanish Centre for Interplanetary Studies, Barcelona). In our present Report we confine ourselves to this particular case.

In that report published in *Stendek* No. 26 mention was made of the fact that "somebody" with sufficient "pull" had attempted, at the time when this case happened, to "request" the principal eyewitness to say nothing about the affair, as a result of which intervention the C.E.I.'s own correspondent in the Canary Isles had been prevented from reporting on the details of the case at first hand.

The divulging of some of the official documentation on this case, carried out as it now has been in pretty sensational fashion, has thrown fresh and

definitive light upon the case, namely in the conclusions reached by the Air Ministry. Among these documentary materials now made available are important new eyewitness statements — additional to those previously known — plus the revelation of the existence of a big series of coloured photographs of the UFO.

The features of this case, plus the large number of witnesses and the high qualifications of the latter, plus the other pieces of corroborative evidence, and plus the fact that we can guarantee that it emanates from the Ministry — all these factors go to make this Canary Islands landing case one of the most important ever recorded in the course of UFO investigation in Spain.

Events of the night of June 22, 1976, over the Canaries

I. The Testimony

The UFO passed literally right across the whole of the Canary Island group, from East to West. The main concentrations of reports from witnesses who saw it come from three basic areas (See Map):—

- i) Area to S. of the Island of Fuerteventura.
- ii) Grand Canary, principally the northern part.
- iii) The islands lying further westwards: namely Tenerife, La Palma, Gomera, and Hierro.

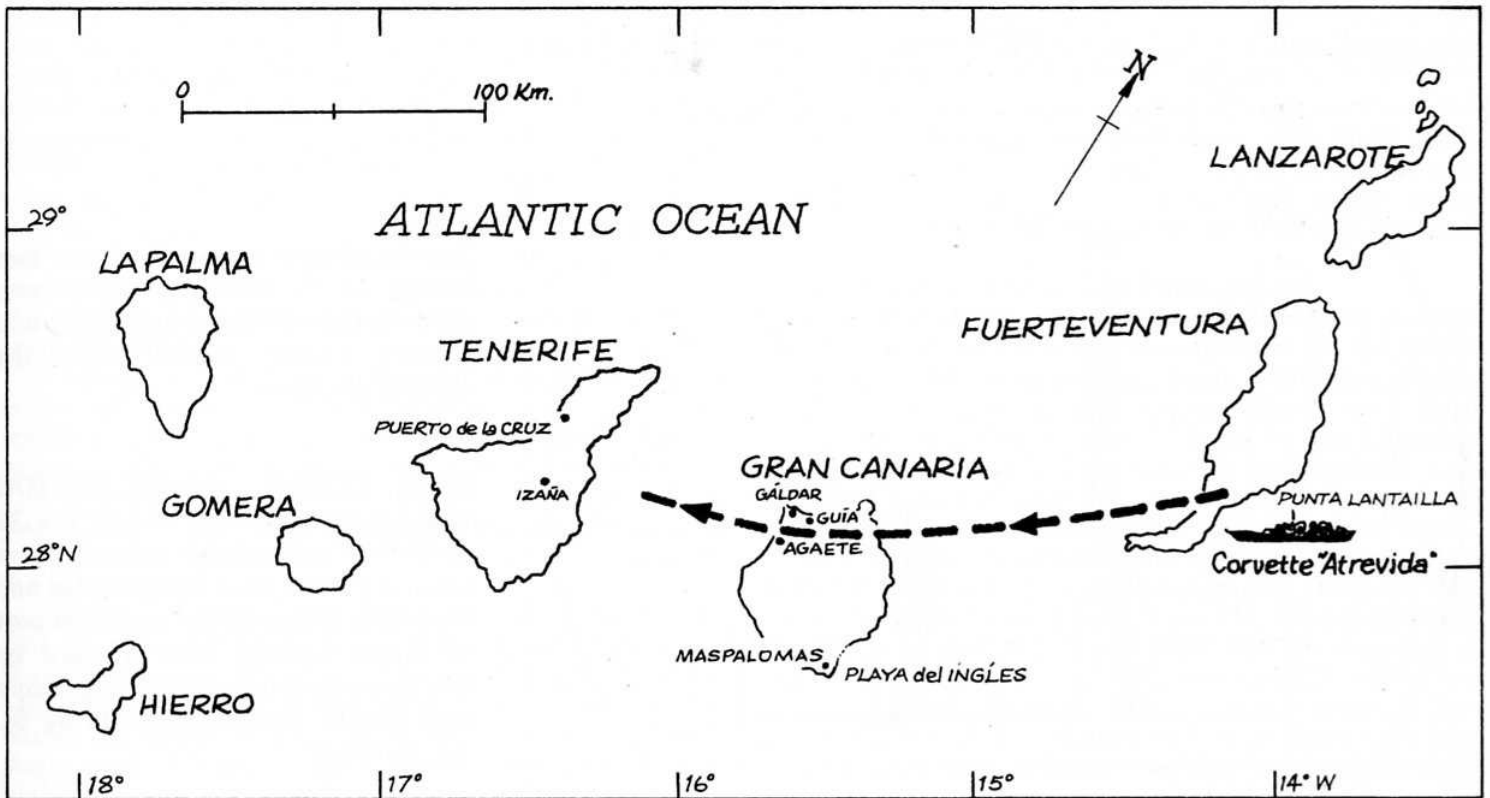
Let us take them in order.

A: Here is a reproduction of the actual text of the despatch, file no. "01/76" dealing with this case, in the dossier handed to Sr. Benítez by the Lt. General from the Ministry. This relates to the first of the Canaries sightings (which had remained unknown until the Ministry released these documents):—

"At 21.27 (Z) hrs. on June 22, 1976, the corvette *Atrevida*, of the Spanish Navy, positioned at 3 NM, at 180 degrees from Punta Lantaila, on the south-eastern coast of the Island of Fuerteventura, observed the following phenomenon, as described by the ship's personnel, including the Commanding Officer (Captain) and the Ship's Ensign (witnesses numbered B-07 and B-08 respectively):

" 'At 21.27 (Z) hrs. on June 22, 1976, we saw a

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The flight path of the UFO from Fuerteventura Island westwards to Tenerife via Grand Canary

vivid yellowish-cum-bluish light moving out from the shore towards our position, and climbing as it did so. At first we thought it was an aircraft with its landing lights on. Then, when the light had attained a certain elevation (15–18 degrees) it became stationary. The original light went out and a luminous beam from it began to rotate.

“It remained like this for approximately two minutes. Then a vivid great halo of yellowish and bluish light developed, and remained in the same position for 40 minutes, even though the original phenomenon was no longer visible.

“Two minutes after the great halo, the light split into two parts, the smaller part being beneath, in the centre of the luminous halo, there a blue cloud appeared and the part from which the bluish nucleus had come vanished.

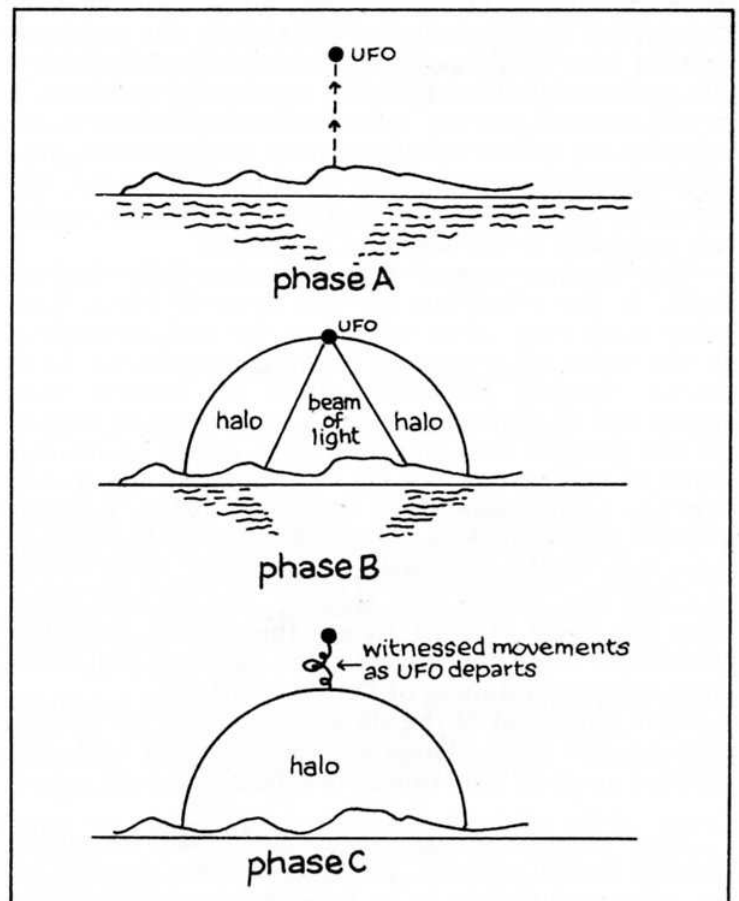
“The upper part began to climb in a spiral, rapid and irregular, and finally vanished. None of these movements affected the initial circular halo in any way, which remained just the same the whole time, its glow lighting up part of the land and part of the surface of the sea beneath it, from which we could deduce that the phenomenon was not very far away from us, but was close.

“(...) The strange object which had been observed by the witnesses aboard the Spanish warship, to the south of the Island of Fuerteventura, covered the distance of 85 nautical miles between the sighting position and the north of Grand Canary Island in three minutes, at an estimated speed of some 3,060 km.p.h.” (See Trajectory as shown on Map and in

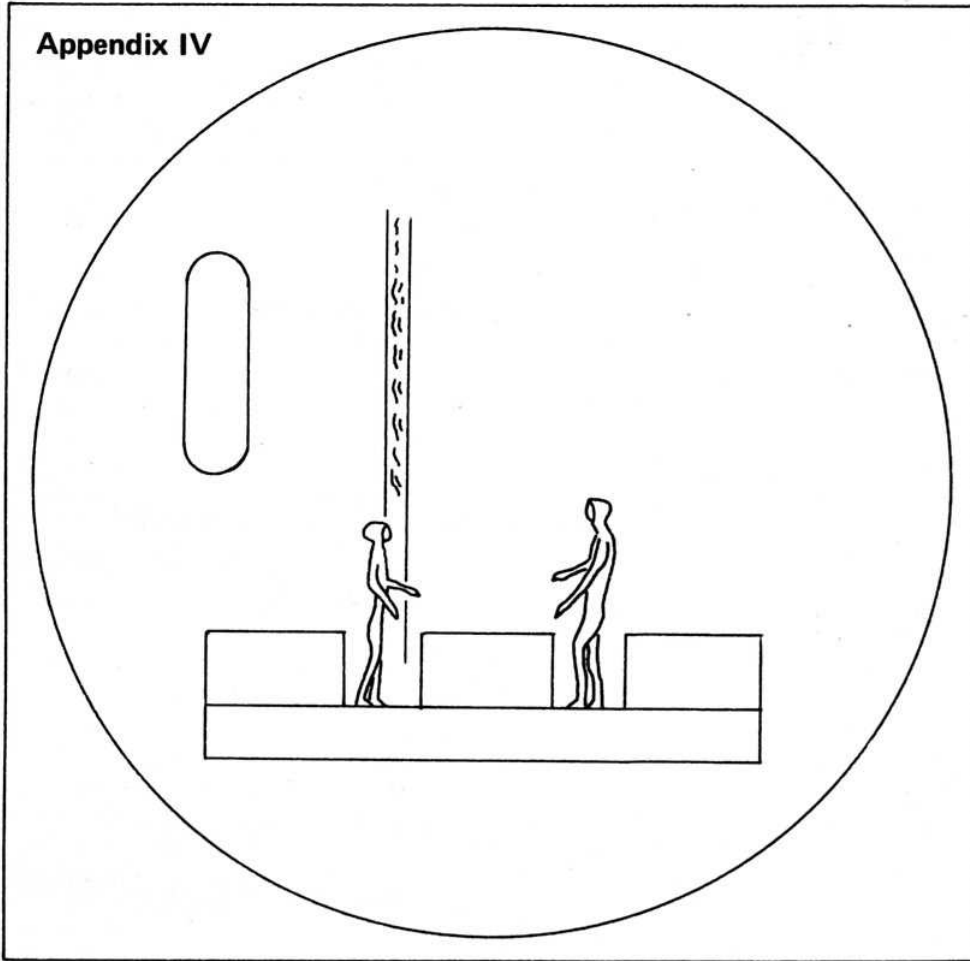
Right: The sighting from aboard the Spanish corvette *Atrevida*, at a point 3 sea-miles from the S.E. coast of Fuerteventura

Appendix II of the official document issued by the Ministry).

B: A very few minutes later, at about 21.30 hrs. – so the official report states – the foregoing testimony as



Appendix IV



Left:

The luminous sphere and the two beings in it, stated to have been seen in the northern part of Grand Canary Island, based upon the official sketches.

OUR COVER ILLUSTRATION is a reproduction of one of the 36 colour photographs taken by a private citizen near Maspalomas and Playa del Inglés in the southern part of Gran Canaria, and released by the Spanish Government. Our copy was kindly obtained by us by Sr. J.J. Benítez.

given by the personnel of the corvette was corroborated by a total of eleven other witnesses, including the doctor at Guía, a place situated in the northern part of the neighbouring island of Grand Canary (Gran Canaria). The doctor's statement is included in the dossier on the case. This dossier was compiled by an officer of the rank of comandante juez-instructor who was specially appointed by the Air Ministry, and was forwarded by him directly to the top authority in the Ministry, in Madrid.

This doctor, named Don Francisco-Julio Padron León, is the physician for the town of Guía. Together with two other witnesses, he was astonished at the sight of a gigantic ball 'of an electric blue colour' hanging stationary about 50 metres from them, and at a height of little more than 2 metres off the ground. This was at a place called Las Rosas, between Gáldar and Agaete. The doctor was travelling by taxi at the time, going to visit a patient, and he had with him — in addition to the driver, Francisco Estévez, Santiago del Pino. The latter was the son of the sick woman, and he had come from his home at Guía to get the doctor. Both the taxi-driver and the young man Santiago del Pino were old acquaintances of Dr. Padrón León.

Here is the gist of the statements which the doctor gave to the press. These statements agree with the versions given in the Ministry's official file:—

"We were chatting in normal fashion when, coming round a bend, we were utterly amazed to see, about 60 metres or so from us, a perfect sphere,

as perfect as though marked out with a compass, with a very beautiful grey or light-bluish periphery.

"We experienced a terrible feeling of cold. The chauffeur even started trembling. Especially when the taxi's radio, which had been turned on, suddenly cut out.

"The sphere was there, stationary and still, a few metres off the ground. I could not believe my eyes and said as much to my two companions. But it was a fact. That 'thing' was there all right, in the middle of the darkness of the night. And, inside it, were two strange and enormous beings. I can give you a description of them down to the last detail, for we had them under observation for almost twenty minutes, and at a very short range from us...

"The sphere was transparent: through its walls you could see, perfectly clearly, the stars in the sky behind it. It was just like a gigantic soap-bubble. What I mean to say is that it did not look metallic, but it looked like glass.

"Its diameter was about that of a two-storey house. Inside it, there was a sort of platform, silver-coloured, and, on the platform, some panels, and two huge figures... The panels or instruments had no corners or right angles. Everything about them was round...

"We were astonished at the great size of the beings: maybe 2 metres 80, or 3.00 metres. They were wearing black 'diver's helmets' and their clothing, which was very tight-fitting — was of a shade of red that I have never seen in my life... Their hands seemed to be enclosed in big 'cones,' also

black. I could see no sign of fingers anywhere. The two beings were facing each other, moving their hands about, and operating levers. They were in profile to us. What astounded me, personally, was the disproportional size of the back part of their heads.

"The chauffeur switched on the big spotlight, and when he did this the machine started to rise, till it was level with the top of a nearby house. Then we saw a transparent tube inside the sphere, and a bluish gas was coming out of this tube and moving round the sphere. And then the sphere started to grow in size, till it was as big as a twenty-storey building! The beings, and the platform, and the panels, meanwhile all remaining their original size. We were terrified, and we turned the car round and went to some nearby houses, and went inside one of them. The people there told us that their television had just blacked out. We remained there in the house, with the family, looking out through the window at the sphere.

"When the 'thing' had expanded to the enormous size, the gas or fluid that was moving round inside it stopped moving. Then, in a flash, after giving out a high-pitched whistle, the thing shot away towards the Island of Tenerife, and as it went it even changed shape and became spindle-shaped, surrounded by a big vivid white halo.

"When I talked later, when we were calmer, with all the other eyewitnesses who had seen it, our accounts of what we had seen were in perfect agreement. And I will tell you something else: when I was looking at the beings, I deliberately said to my companions that they were blue. I did this on purpose, trying to prove whether it was an optical illusion on my own part. And the others replied that I was wrong: that the clothing was red. So then I felt I had proved the reality of what I was seeing."

The statement given by this exceptional witness — who had been requested to say nothing to anyone about the case, is, as we have stated above, incorporated into the Report drawn up by the Air Ministry, which also contains a number of sketches showing the shape of the machine and of the two crew members inside it (See Appendix IV, which we reproduce herein.)

A further thing which must be mentioned is that on Thursday, June 24, that is to say, two days after this sighting, it was discovered that, in a field of onions at Gáldar, a circular area about 30 metres in diameter had been totally obliterated, the leaves of the plants all being burnt and showing signs of having been subjected to a high temperature, whereas the rest of the crop of onions was still quite normal. This affair of the onions led to much diversified conjecture in the district.

C: The same object described in the foregoing report, which had vanished from sight in the direction of the nearby island of Tenerife or, if not the same object, then another and identical one, was reportedly seen shortly afterwards by a vast multitude of people in the town of Puerto de la Cruz, on the western coast of the Island. It was also seen by the crew and passengers aboard the ferry plying to and from the

Island of La Palma. On this latter island of La Palma, and also on the Islands of Gomera and Hierro, the eyewitnesses — who were extremely numerous — called up the newspapers, the local radio stations, and the competent local authorities to report their sightings. We can cite, for example, among the many witnesses, the guards who were on duty at the transmitter of *Televisión Española* at Izaña (Tenerife).

2. Detection by Radar, and Photographs

The official report also describes how the passage of the object or objects was registered on the radar.

And, in addition to this, there were also photographs taken during that night. These were kept secret until the release of the Report by the Ministry.

These photographs were taken in the southern area of Gran Canaria Island — to be precise, near the residential areas of *Maspalomas* and *Playa del Inglés*.

One of the local residents of that area had no difficulty in taking the photographs, because the sphere remained stationary there for several minutes, very near to the shore and very low. Its features as shown in the photograph correspond with the accounts given above by the previous witnesses. The photographer also said that the object was very big.

The news that a private citizen — whose identity is being kept a strict secret — had photographed a UFO, at once came to the knowledge of the Guardia Civil authorities. On express orders from the Air Minister the Guardia Civil were at once mobilized and launched into the search for the photographer until he was located.

His evidence, amounting to a total of 36 colour photographs, was subjected to all necessary tests by the competent authorities, and their conclusion was that the possibility of faking was ruled out.

The photographs show a large luminous sphere at some height above the illuminated buildings of the residential zone near by. We attach herewith a copy of one of the 36 photographs. This has already been published in the newspaper *La Gaceta del Norte* — [see cover, and note on p.6].

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UFOs OVER BRIDLINGTON FACTORIES

Robert Morrell

The investigators of this incident were John Cree, Syd. Henley, Robert Morrell and Philip Fargus, of Nottingham UFO Investigation Society (NUFOIS), and the report has been prepared especially for UFOIN and FSR.

THE eye witnesses to this sighting were three women who, as they insist on remaining anonymous, will be referred to as Mrs. A, Mrs. B, and Mrs. C. In age they range from the late 20s to the late 50s. At the time of the sighting they were employed as factory cleaners on the Bessingby Industrial Estate, which is situated on the outskirts of the Yorkshire fishing and holiday town of Bridlington on the East Coast. One of the eye witnesses, who has since left her job, flatly refused to be interviewed or co-operate in the investigation, her reasons being domestic. The other two witnesses co-operated fully.

The setting

The Bessingby Industrial Estate is set in an area of open flat ground on the outskirts of Bridlington. It is flanked on one side by a railway track, on another by one of the main roads out of the town, on another by open land, and on the fourth side by a housing estate, this side being rather hilly. There are several small factories on the estate, mainly situated on each side of a road which turns in to the estate from the main road referred to above. Several of the factories make electric equipment, while others are concerned with making wood products and bedding. There is also a fruit and vegetable warehouse. Another road which branches off the main estate road leads to the housing estate; this road is closed to traffic. When visited, this road was found to carry a small but steady flow of pedestrians. On the right hand side of the road as it approaches the main cluster of factories is a large area given over to allotments. This is faced on the other side of the road by the wood products factory and its associated wood-yard.

The sighting

The sighting is said to have taken place at 16.45 hrs. on January 21, 1977, while the women were making their way to work. They were walking along the right hand side of the estate road when, just before it makes a sharp swing to the right in the direction of the main factories complex, the women saw what appeared to be a hazy object hovering above the factory to which they were going (Britax PMG). They could make out no details. It was dusk at the time and cold or very cold, the two witnesses interviewed could not agree on this. Almost immediately after seeing the first object they spotted another hovering about a hundred yards ahead of them over the wood-yard, this was also 'hazy.' The

firm which owns the wood-yard is called K.B. Dixon Ltd. The direction of the first sighting was 235°, and the second, 160°.

The second object started to move off almost as soon as the women saw it, keeping to their walking speed and ahead of them. It halted briefly above Dixon's offices before moving forward again to stop above the factory part of the timber merchants. Just below the halted object was a ventilation pipe which came out of the factory wall, and which had built into it an air-pump. This pump was the only source of noise. Mrs. B. stated that at this time there was a smell like that "caused by a chimney fire," and she went on to describe this as "strange." While the object hovered here the haze, or 'vapour' disappeared and the object became distinct in appearance. According to the witness it was "larger than a double-decker bus" in size, rather like a rugby ball in shape, had a dark grey top and bottom and a flat central section which carried a row of "portholes" through which could be seen a corridor and its wall. The "portholes" emitted "a brilliant light." At the "back" (on this the women were not sure whether it was in fact the rear of the object) was a "tube"-like structure, also described by Mrs. B. as "a telegraph pole." The same witness said that when the object moved off from the factory and across the road ahead of them to go over the allotments, it did so "backwards." She decided on this because the "telegraph pole" was then on the "front" of the object in terms of its movement, it having moved off with the pole being carried on the part facing the allotments.

Before the object actually went over the allotments it hovered over the premises of Pickering and Bull, Ltd., Fruit Merchants, for a second or so. Having done this it went off over the allotments, paused briefly and then moved off again, coming down to about six feet above ground level. About half-way over the allotments it stopped and lowered its "telegraph pole" and appeared to take a "polythene bag" up this. It was noted by the interviewers when they examined the site later that such bags were used by many allotment holders to contain waste materials. The object then rose and made off rapidly at 260°. The first object went off at about the same time, not having moved at all, in the direction of West Hill (290°). West Hill is the site of the housing estate mentioned earlier.

Total time of the sighting was estimated by the witnesses as 5-6 minutes and 10 minutes, the longer time being that given by the older woman.