

UFOS OVER COSTA RICA STOLE ELECTRICITY (1992)

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During 1992 I was living in Costa Rica. UFO activity over that country was intense, and I give below an account of some of the main sightings and happenings as I recall them.

The night of April 1, 1992 (Fool's Day) was an exceptionally crystal-clear night over most of Central America, with not a cloud over Costa Rica as I arrived at the capital city of San José by air at 10:15 pm. from Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. I marvelled at the clarity of this night as stars twinkled from the vast stretches of the Cosmos.

Two hours later, at 12.15 a.m., April 2, a flight of bright, white-lighted discs appeared and soared over Ciudad Liberia, draining electrical power from this north-western city, which is sixty kms. south of the Nicaraguan border and thirty kms. east of the Pacific Ocean.

Some speculate that due to the alien ships' direction of flight, heading SE and not picked up by radar, they'd either flown off the Pacific Ocean or from Nicaragua's west coast area, which has major lakes and active volcanoes.

A control mother-ship, domed, with windows substantially larger than her progeny, kept opening and closing twin ventral ports while smaller satellite discs of the same white light intensity skipped in and out during operations as they drained electrical power from outlying villages. Four sibling discs flitted to either side of their home-base mother's flight-path, hovering for a moment over a village, sucking out the electrical current, plunging the town into darkness; then, as though with premeditated hive-intelligence, seeking the mother-craft, re-entering her ventral ports and seemingly depositing the newly stolen wattage.

At times, momentarily, the large mother-craft would hover and wait if one or more of the satellite workers drifted too far from the hive.

The queen-ship's flight path followed the autopista (Pan American Highway) SE through the cities of Canos, Junta and others; then to the suburbs of the capital city, San José, 180 kms. from Liberia in about ten minutes (1100 kms. per hour). Again she paused several times, to wait for her workers who were gathering electricity.

Their brilliant aerial maneuvers were witnessed by thousands of Costa Rica's 3.3 million population and first-hand documented accounts appeared in all newspapers, radio and TV.

Briefly, following are a few of the more exciting

accounts: As the mother-ship moved off SE and slowed periodically, she was chased by various city policemen. Near a village, while she was hovering waiting for the smaller satellite craft to catch up, a policeman was directed by radio from his station to pursue her, as one of her "worker-discs" had just knocked-off their village power, and that police station was now operating by emergency generator. As his police car neared the disc, the car's engine stopped, and his radio died. The officer stepped out of his police car and was able to see the exact external details of the huge ship less than one hundred metres away, but was unable to report to base. This policeman, along with a fellow-veteran from another futile auto chase in another community at approximately the same time, were both interviewed on national TV for two hours, detailing what they had witnessed: One officer was in his middle forties. The other, in his early fifties, had twenty-seven years of service and was a lieutenant. Their uniformed documentation was impressive enough for re-runs.

When the mother-craft reached the outskirts of San José, she seemed confused and hesitant, even circling the quite new and expansive American Embassy in Pavas, and was chased, futilely, by embassy police in their patrol cars!

Maybe she was gathering electrical intelligence somehow?. The small discs, "queenie's drones," were entering underside via ventral ports, and without hesitation — in the blink of an eye — seemingly having collected that intelligence in a matter of moments, the mother-ship incredibly sped 120 kms. back NW to the city of Arenal. There she made for the Arenal power station like a honeybee to clover. (It is Costa Rica's main power plant.)

The bewildered operator on duty at this key, main, power plant looked up shakenly as the queen-ship hovered, beaming down through the plant's windows what he described as a shaft of bright, white, blinding light resembling a "tractor beam" precisely into the main generator, thus turning off the entire plant, deriving the entire republic of all its power and plunging it into darkness. This was at about 12.30 a.m., thereafter electrical power couldn't be restored until 3.00 a.m.

Tourist guides at a famous restaurant-lodge on Lake Arenal (adjoining the active Arenal volcano) conduct photographic-sightseeing tours up to near the crater of the volcano. The restaurant's walls are plastered with

exciting daytime photos taken of the alien discs flying in this area.

Their most exciting tour, although dangerous at times, is a midnight trek to observe and photograph Arenal's spewing lava and puffing toxic gases. (One night in 1991, three tourists died instantly when the wind shifted, blowing sulphurous toxic fumes across their trail. It seems that almost every year this fate takes a few to their death.)

Upon this night, April Fuller, an adventurous tourist from Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on a scheduled midnight mountain trek with other tourists to view and photograph the active Arenal Volcano, luckily snapped a beautiful photo of the large alien mother-ship tilting and entering into the crater of Arenal Volcano, with the crescent moon also present in the frame, just moments after Costa Rica's electrical power had been drained from the nearby main power plant. April Fuller's magnificent photo was printed with a full page story of the above incident in "*The Tico Times*", a weekly English newspaper printed in San José, Costa Rica and considered by critics to be the most comprehensive and widely read newspaper in all of Central America and the Caribbean.

Two weeks later, during Costa Rica's hottest spring days, similar disc-ships unexpectedly appeared again over Costa Rica, repeating essentially the same

theft of power as on April 2nd. Government officials attempted to hush up both incidents by stating in the local Spanish newspapers that bolts of lightning had struck transformers during rainstorms at major power stations, causing blackouts. (Although, the rainy season hadn't yet begun!)

In addition to the above documentation, many shiny, white discs (alien aircraft — UFOs — flying saucers — whatever one prefers to call them) — are seen by bass fishermen entering and leaving Lake Arenal (adjacent to the Arenal Volcano) both by day and by night. Sometimes the large discs are witnessed at night hovering close to the water, with a tube descending, seemingly sucking up fresh water into the ships. At other times, they are witnessed moving *below the surface* of Lake Arenal, propelled perhaps by fissionable energy.

The sightings of UFOs are thus very common in this region and witnessed by many; Why? In a later report I will discuss this.

NOTE BY EDITOR: In nearby Mexico, several of the world's largest volcanoes are showing signs of increased activity. The Mexican Government has watchers posted on the mountains all around the Valley of Mexico, with instruments for registering the state of the volcanoes. *And the Mexicans are not the only folk watching!* For UFO activity over the entire area including Mexico City is intensive and massive. It looks as though something is going to happen there soon. I am preparing a report on the Mexican scene ■

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FOOTNOTES AND COMMENTS BY EDITOR, FSR :

(1) *As we at FSR soon discovered, the response of the Soviet public to this apparent policy of "loosening up" on the part of their Government was so enthusiastic and so massive that the Kremlin at once took fright, and began to back-pedal frantically and clamp the lid on again.*

(2) So far as I can now recall, General Stolyarov was one of the top officials whom Dr. Jacques Vallée probably met when he made his first visit to Russia in 1967 or 1968, calling in on us at FSR afterwards, on his way home, to tell us the details. He said that the Russians had mentioned to him that they had already one-and-a-half times as many UFO reports on file as the U.S. Air Force had!

(3) Soviet Academician Artsimovich had been ranting on against the UFOs since January 1961 at least, and no doubt even earlier. (See my account of the *Pravda* article *Saucers Over Russia*, on page 3 of FSR 7/2, March/April 1961.) *Pravda's* junior partner, *Komsomol'skaya Pravda*, also joined in the anti-UFO chorus on January 8, 1961, devoting much space to photographs of UFOs seen over the USSR and to showing that obviously all of them had to be fakes or due to "refractions of light", etc., etc.

No sooner had Artsimovich loosed off this blast of his, however, than the highly influential newspaper *Izvestiya* — ranking in prestige with *Pravda* — let the side down rather badly by carrying a report of a UFO sighting over Holland!

In another article, *UFOs Behind the Iron Curtain*, in FSR 7/4 (July/August 1961) I reported that a French journalist had found massive interest in UFOs among Soviet young people even as far back as 1956, while Martin Kalb, writing in the *Sunday Times* of March 5, 1961, said he had detected the same strong interest in 1959. (I think we can conclude from this that the first "UFO Wave" to hit the USSR was much later than the first wave that had hit the USA (1947)

(4) I received from Arkadiy Tikhonov, my Russian "contact-man", a copy of this "emasculated", version of the book *Inhabited Cosmos* — or, as I rendered it at the time, *The Inhabited Universe*. I recall that, lacking, as it did, all references to UFOs, it struck me as a singularly dull concoction.

(5) See my translation, *A Russian Jellyfish*, in FSR 23/4 January (1978) and, for a sketch of the "jellyfish" UFO, see my article *More Weird Stories from Russia and the USSR*, in FSR 37/4, page 19.

(6) With regard to the "jellyfish", it is important that we do not forget that James Oberg (after Philip Klass certainly the world's No.2 expert on the non-existence of UFOs) has expended a terrible lot of time and energy in proving that the "jellyfish" was a Soviet rocket launched from the then secret base of Plesetsk.

(7) See my full translation of this Russian report "*At 4.10 Sharp*", in my article *The Russians Again*, on pages 15 and 16 of FSR 30/4 (May 1985).

(8) I had seen fleeting references to this alarming case, but had no details. G.C. ■

VISITORS FROM TIME — THE SECRET OF THE UFOS.

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We publish below an interesting review of this new book, which we have received from Mr. W. Ritchie Benedict, author, researcher, and lecturer, together with a covering letter describing some of Mr. Benedict's own researches in the weird field with which we are all so preoccupied. I have asked Mr. Benedict for a further article in due course outlining the results of some of those researches, particularly as regards the question of early abductions (19th century), mysterious disappearances, and references in the Canadian newspaper archives to sightings of strange craft during the 19th century and early years of this century.

The theory of "Time-Travel" is of course a hoary old chestnut, and one that has been touched upon often enough in the nearly 40 years of FSR's existence. Personally I do not believe a word of it but like many other theories that we have seen, it needs to be looked at. Editor To The Editor, Flying Saucer Review, Dear Sir: I have wanted to get in contact you for some time, but a letter from U.S. author Marc Davenport afforded me the opportunity as he supplied me with the correct address. I did a review of one of his books about a month ago, and he wondered if I would mind submitting it to you. I am a freelance writer and I lecture on a regular basis for the Calgary Public School Board on the topic: "UFOS and the Unknown", and my writings have appeared in such publications as: *Fate, Strange, Info, Wildfire, Mufon Journal*, etc.

During the past year, I have engaged in some extensive research in the back microfilm files of Canadian newspapers, from Victoria to St. John's, concentrating on the 19th Century and early 20th Century. My original purpose was to collect material for the Canadian author/researcher John Robert Colombo, but I have found so much of a remarkable nature on all manner of phenomena, that I am seriously contemplating assembling a book of my own in early 1994, tentatively entitled: "*Strange Tales From the Past*".

I am enclosing several photocopies I think might be of interest to you. I have located at least three articles that appear to suggest UFO abductions, one as early as 1858: Briefly, I found a news item in an 1886 Winnipeg newspaper that tells of a 44-foot wide circle with a 2-foot rim that appeared in a

field near Marion, Ohio. A news reporter questioned the local people and learned that such circles had appeared at least twice previously - in 1872 and 1858. In 1858, a local man disappeared and nothing was found but a blood-stained belt in the centre of the circle. Several of his friends were arrested and later freed due to lack of evidence. The article cites a more detailed story that appeared in a specific newspaper of the period. I am endeavouring to find out more information, if I can, by writing to the University of Ohio early in the New Year. Another oddity found involves the disappearance of an entire farm family in Kansas in 1885, with the exception of a five-year-old girl.

I believe I have new data on two classic cases that have been reported by Charles Fort and others. One concerns the story of Charles Ashmore who vanished while getting water from a well, leaving only footprints behind. The story has long been regarded by some experts as a fiction. However, I found a piece in a 1901 Regina newspaper that quotes it as having happened "some years ago" in the village of Steyning in southern England. Interestingly, the same article also tells about a farmer named Williamson who vanished while crossing a field "forty-odd years ago" (presumably 1861) near the village of Haslemere which is not all that distant.

At any rate, I hope you will find the copies and the review interesting and will be able to utilize them. I hope to locate some more when I return to my research in a few weeks. Thank you for your consideration.

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