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CLOSE SIGHTING BY PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE PILOTS (NOVEMBER 1982)

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(Précis Translation from Portuguese)

We are much indebted to our esteemed Portuguese Consultant, Sr. Joaquim Fernandes, of the Portuguese UFO Investigation Group C.N.I.F.O. for sending us this lengthy and painstaking report on a recent event in his country. Owing to our lack of space we regret that we can only give the salient details of it. He and other senior members of C.N.I.F.O. were able to discuss the case subsequently, in a private interview, with General Brochado Miranda, Chief of Staff of the Portuguese Air Force, a fact clearly emphasising the entirely serious view which that Air Force takes of this very typical UFO sighting. — EDITOR

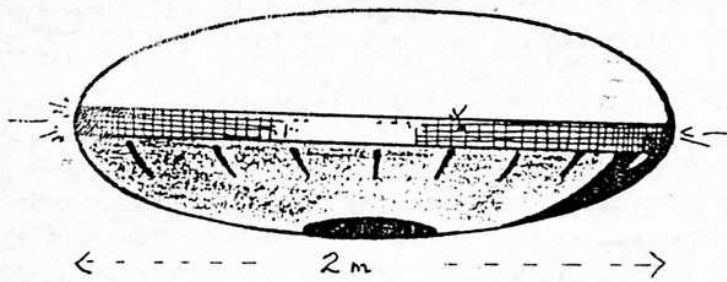
THIS episode occurred in fine bright daylight, between 1050 and 1150 hrs on the morning of November 2, 1982 in the region between Torres Vedras and the Serra de Montejunto (mountain range). That is to say, in an area just to the north-west of Lisbon, and over the Province of Estremadura.

The sky was clear, with unlimited visibility and little wind. In terms of *index of strangeness* it is graded as 2, and in terms of *index of credibility* as 3.

As indicated, the total sighting time was about 25 minutes, and two Portuguese Air Force training planes were involved, with pilots aboard them. These men, Pilot Lt. J.M.G., Ensign C.G., and Ensign A.G., were flying in Canadian-built *Chipmunk* DHC-1 primary training craft and came from OTA Air Base No. 2.

Lt. J.M.G., flying at an altitude of around 1500-1600 m. over Maxial, saw a shining object below, seemingly very close to the ground (maybe at 50 or 100m., he thought) moving on a N-S course. Just as he had decided that it would be a good thing to continue to watch it, it suddenly changed behaviour, as though realizing his presence, and in ten seconds it shot up to the same height as himself, which would mean that it had risen at about 504 km.p.h.

It then commenced to fly around him in great sweeps, and he was obliged to perform a series of tight curves accordingly, so as to keep track of it. It was now near enough for him to see that it was round and "resembled a ball of mercury". It consisted of two hemispheres (the lower one being reddish), metallic, shining, and with a circular dark area at the centre of its



base. Around the edge, where the two “hemispheres” met, he thought he could distinguish some sort of protuberance or irregularity. The object reflected the sunlight brightly, and, as will be seen later, the final estimate of its diameter set it at around two metres.

Lt. J.M.G. reported to his Base what he was seeing, — “a ball of mercury”. Various other pilots in the vicinity picked up his message and there was some mutual badinage, with suggestions that he was seeing a balloon, or even a football, or that he had “been at the bottle”. To which he retorted that it would be a pretty remarkable “balloon” or “football” that could shoot up from 100 metres to 1500 metres in seconds and then fly rings around him at a fantastic speed. And that silenced the chatter . . .

The UFO was now flying vast circles around him, estimated by him to have a perimeter of 21,000 metres and to be 6,000 to 8,000 m. in diameter, over the area between Torres Vedras and Montejunto. J.M.G. himself was flying in tight rings with a perimeter of about 1,500 metres, and diameter of 450 metres, and at a speed of 170 km.p.h. He estimated the speed of the UFO at over 2,500 km.p.h.

At no time did he observe any effects on his instruments or upon himself.

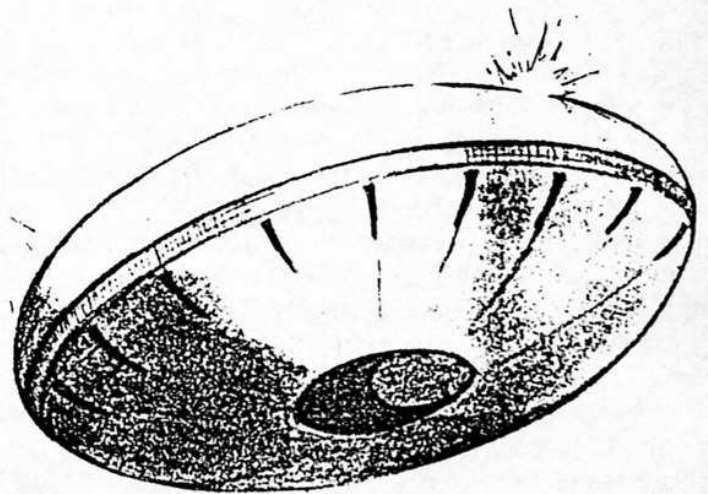
The other two eyewitnesses, Ensign C.G. and Ensign A.G., arrived on the scene, also in a *Chipmunk* trainer, at about 11.05 a.m. Their description of the object agrees largely with that of J.M.G., namely that it seemed metallic, of a rounded shape, with two raised convex areas and a “grid” around the centre. This “grid”, they thought, emitted very intense “flashes”, which they did not feel were due to sunlight, inasmuch as the “flashes” seemed to be reddish on one side and green on the other side, and thus resembled rather *electrical discharges*.

They duly reported to Base that they too had the object in view. The object continued to fly around for about ten minutes or so. At one moment it passed between the two aircraft, and C.G. was able to observe as it came in front of J.M.G.’s plane, and he was thus able to arrive at an estimate of its width — namely about two metres. (The “*Chipmunk*” trainer is 7.75 m. long and 10.46 m. wide).

Then finally, the UFO made a sweep, passing very near to J.M.G., and dashed off towards the slopes of the Serra de Cintra Range, lying to the south-west, and vanished from sight.

Back at Base, the three witnesses agreed that the object could not possibly have been a “balloon”, and was clearly intelligently controlled.

As mentioned above, their general accounts agree, though not all of the three pilots had quite the same clear view of the central “grid” around the object, or of its lower dark circular centre. While two of them mentioned a system of “ribs” on the lower half of the object, the third did not, and A.G.’s account and sketch of it showed it rather as “cylindrical”, with rounded ends, like a capsule, although he admits that



this may have been due to perspective. But A.G. was piloting, and was therefore obviously unable to view it as well as his companion, C.G. did.

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AN ABDUCTION IN SWEDEN?

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GIGANTIC luminous objects with light-beams, cigar-shaped vehicles, radiation symptoms in witnesses, disturbances on TV and radio reception — these are a few samples of what was reported during the great UFO Wave over Vallentuna, Sweden, in 1974.

Over a period of several months, hundreds of UFO reports came from a concentrated area near Markim, Orkesta, and Lindholmen in Vallentuna, which is situated about 20 kms. to the north of the city of Stockholm. Most often it was big, luminous bodies of light that came flying over the treetops.

Cars paced

“It was so horrible, I wish it had never happened. I got the impression that we were checked out by someone — like a big torch that swept the area.”

This is how Hillevi Andersson from Orkesta described her experience of March 24, 1974.¹ On this Sunday afternoon she tries, several times, to call her parents at Malmshagen on the phone. But no signals come through. The line is broken. Therefore, with her children Cecilia, Elisabeth and Robert, she goes by car to her parents. It is about 19.00 hours. Near Lindholmen they catch sight of a big light hovering at an altitude of about one-hundred meters. It disappears behind some trees.

As they arrive, Hillevi's parents, Svea and Hilddor Andersson, report that there have been disturbances on their TV during the evening. While Hillevi and her children prepare to continue their journey — to visit Hillevi's brother Hilding — Svea Anderson observes a vivid light outside the house. By now the children are thoroughly frightened and want to go back home.

Hillevi and her children go to Hilding Andersson at Skratbacken. And then he escorts them back to their home, by following them in his own car. On the road to Orkesta an object passes over the road, in front of Hilding's car but behind Hillevi's. Hilding sounds his horn, but Hillevi and her party in the front car do not notice this. Later, they all spot a luminous object towards the village of Orkesta. They stop the cars at a crossroads to observe.

At a distance of about 400 meters a big luminous object hovers in the air, possibly at ten meters from the ground. A smaller object, shaped like a hemisphere and of an orange hue, is hovering near a barn without any motion. Two airplanes pass by at low altitude.

The party drive on from the area. The children are worried and frightened. The objects follow Hillevi's car — one on each side. The big object directs beams

of light on to the car. Hilding can see, from the other car, that this object is bell-shaped with small hemispheres beneath.

Distressed by the incident, they arrive home at Orkesta at about nine p.m. As after-effects, the children have headaches and stomach-pains. Hillevi has kidney pains for several days after the sighting.

Official non-interest

Quite many witnesses saw the luminous objects on this eventful Sunday evening, and there were many reports of malfunctioning telephones and TV sets.

The UFO “flap” attracted much media attention. FOA (the Research Institute of National Defence) and the local Home Guard was called in. Professor Stig Lundquist of the Thunder Research Institute at Husbyborg thought that it could have been “Northern Lights”, or electrical arcs from malfunctioning power-lines.²

Dr Tage Eriksson of the FOA said that his Institute had no resources for investigations. He believed that what they had seen might have been helicopters or some kind of natural phenomenon.³

The person who showed the greatest interest was Hardy Brosström, Deputy-Chief of the local Home Guard. He got several reports from witnesses whom he considered reliable. These reports were compiled and sent to the Military Area Staff in Strängnäs, to the Defence Staff, and to the FOA.

Hillevi Andersson was not satisfied with the Defence Forces' treatment of, and explanation for, the incidents.

“I won't give up. I want this cleared up,” she said.

The abduction

About two days before the Hillevi Andersson sighting, there was another incident that has become the most well-known of the Vallentuna reports. This is one of the rare Swedish cases of abduction.

At five minutes past midnight on Saturday, March 23, 1974, Mr Harald Andersson (a *nom de plume*) comes out from the Parish House at Markim to catch a breath of air. But instead of going back into the house, he starts to stroll off. Some interior power forces him to go home, but along a route that he never uses.

It is as if an inner voice urges him to follow the forest road. The night is clear and cold. Just after passing a small cottage, he sees two rune-stones by the side of the road. On the opposite side of the road there is a bare hillock.