

View from the spot where Mr. Graham was standing

Farmer sees UFO take off

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FARMER George Graham stood patiently at the edge of the copse, gun in hands, waiting to pick off the marauding foxes as they emerged from their dens for another night of plunder.

Suddenly his attention was riveted to a strange glow about 100 yards distant in the field which opened out in front of him. "At first I thought it was a neighbour tending to his lorry," said 75-year-old Mr. Graham, who runs a farm in the village of Woodmansterne, near Banstead, Surrey.

After coming to this conclusion Mr. Graham paid no more attention to it and resumed his search for foxes. Then he heard what he can only describe as a loud "whoosh" and, looking instinctively in the direction of the glow, Mr. Graham could just about make out a dark circular shape rising silently into the air. It gathered momentum and, in a matter of seconds, was lost to view in the night sky. Next day Mr. Graham found evidence in the field that something out of the ordinary may have parked there the night before.

This incident took place in the summer of 1968, one night either during the last week of August or the first

week in September—Mr. Graham cannot remember which. Details of this sighting have not come to light before simply because Mr. Graham did not report the matter to the police or press. He was afraid, as so many witnesses are, of being ridiculed.

With SIGAP Secretary Dick Beet, I recently interviewed Mr. Graham at his farm. Elaborating further, Mr. Graham, of Hilltop Farm, said he had seen the object between 10.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. He was standing at the fringe of a copse which crowns the summit of a small hill. The hill is surrounded on three sides by open grazing land. The field from which the UFO took off is bounded on three sides by a thin belt of trees. On the fourth side is a fence which marks the boundary of Mr. Graham's farm. On the other side of this fence is more grazing land, belonging to Mr. Graham's neighbour.

Mr. Graham said he had been looking for foxes "quite a little while" prior to seeing the glow, which he described as being dark-blue and "acetylene-like". This glow was under the base of the UFO. The UFO took off "ten to fifteen minutes" after Mr. Graham



The author at the landing place

first saw the glow. He added that there was no sign of life or other activity in the vicinity of the craft and there was no noise at any time.

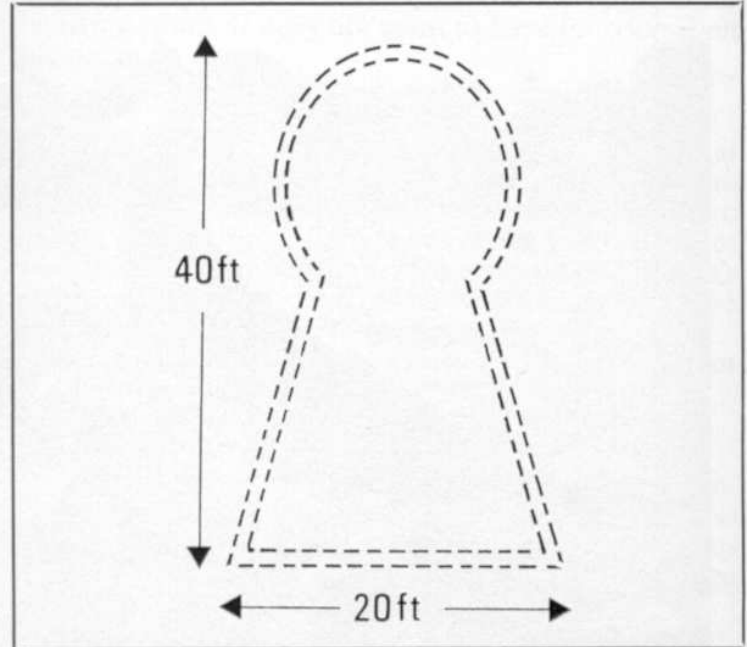
Mr. Graham went on to say that when the UFO rose into the sky "I heard only a rush of air. It went straight up. It didn't go one way or the other. The glow went out after it went up." The UFO, which was not illuminated in any way, rose slowly at first, increasing its speed as it got higher. Mr. Graham could only make out the spherical shape against the background of the night sky. He could not see any details on the craft.

Next morning Mr. Graham returned to the field. He was surprised to find, on the ground, a huge keyhole shaped marking. Mr. Graham described it as being like "a big horseshoe with a heel on it."

Mr. Graham estimates the length of the marking was about 40ft. and the width 20ft. The width of the "band" shown hatched in the sketch, was about 8in. Inside this band it was discovered that all the grass, both blades and roots, had been neatly plucked or sucked out of the ground as if, in Mr. Graham's words, "by a giant vacuum cleaner." No trace of the grass was found. Mr. Graham believes the "machine", whether accidentally or intentionally, took the grass with it. It took about six months for the vegetation to grow over the marking. Just before it disappeared, a pile of manure was dumped on the spot where it had been. Mr. Graham assured us that this was sheer coincidence. He went on to point out that one of the things which puzzled him was the fact that the marking was extremely sharp at its boundaries, there being no straggly edges. "It was as if you had cut it with a knife," said Mr. Graham. He said that only the bare soil remained inside the band.

Mr. Graham said the UFO had been "a good deal higher than a double-decker bus." He had heard the "whoosh" only after the craft had attained an altitude of about 100ft. In the field at the same time as the UFO—it covers between 70 and 80 acres—were 20 horses

and an equal number of cattle. Apparently they were not distressed in any way. Mr. Graham is quite adamant that the UFO was not an aircraft. "I came home straight away. I was frightened. I didn't know what it was at the time. I never heard it coming and I never heard it go. There was just a rush of air and it was gone. I think it was somebody from other countries, experimenting.



They say it's from outer-space, but I can't see it myself. I think it's a foreign power. I've never seen anything like it before or since."

Continued Mr. Graham: "It was a bloody big thing. How did they lift it without making any noise? I admit I got the wind up." Mr. Graham often goes to the cove at night hunting for foxes.

He went on to say that two girls had also seen a strange object in the same field a week previous. The girls, who keep horses at Mr. Graham's farm, were taking a short-cut through the field to their bus-stop.

"Their dogs bolted and ran. They wouldn't stay in the field." The girls found the dogs waiting for them at the bus-stop.

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THE LANDING AT FRANOIS

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It has three lights, and even with all three on, it only gives a fairly weak light at that distance, and the luminous sphere could not possibly have been confused with these lights.

We knew this already; this is just a confirmation.

(C) Illumination of the road (witness)

Mme. Coquillard described to us, on the actual spot, the area of illumination, the shape and size of which are shown on the sketch. Apparently the area outside the lighted one remained dark. One is therefore faced with a beam of light emitted by the machine, very concentrated, and weakly divergent.

Brazilian cases in 1968 and 1969 — 2

Dr Walter Buhler

READERS will observe in this part of the catalogue of Brazilian UFO cases that the tempo of the "wave" quickens, and that the first "occupant" cases are recorded.

Mid-August to mid-October, 1968

31. August 17, 1968. Alegrete, State of Rio Grande do Sul (R.G.S.). For about ten seconds, at 7.45 p.m., an object was seen descending from the sky in undulating silent flight.

GIPOVNI report.

32. August 18, 1968. Canoas, R.G.S. At 10.45 p.m. and again at 11.00 p.m., three bright objects were seen moving in a triangular formation, their colour changing between red and yellow.

GIPOVNI report.

33. August 25, 1968. Lins, State of São Paulo. At 5 o'clock in the morning, at a sanatorium, a woman caller was attended to. She was wearing a hood and shining cape of the same colour. After slaking her thirst at the drinking-fountain in the entrance-hall of the hospital, she asked the woman attendant to fill with water for her a large bottle which she had with her. After taking her leave of the attendant (by gestures) the strange woman said "abaúra, abaúra" and walked off towards a flying saucer which had landed in front of the hospital and which proceeded to take off. Terrified, the woman attendant of the hospital perceived that she was now bathed in perspiration and had also suffered an involuntary micturition.

SBDEV Bulletin No. 66/68, January-June 1969, p. 72. [A full report of this case appeared in Nigel Rimes' article *The Clemente Ferreira Sanatorium UFO*, in FSR for July/August 1969.]

34. First half of September, 1968. Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro. From his apartment the photographer Ari Pereira photographed a flying saucer over the Morro do Vintém* hill (photo reproduced on page 1 of SBDEV Bulletin No. 72/73, January-April 1970).

Diário de Notícias, Rio de Janeiro, September 13, 1968.

35. September 1, 1968. Pôrto Alegre, R.G.S. At 8.45 p.m. a light violet-coloured object was seen, its shape being like a large oval (Rugby ball).

Investigated by GIPOVNI.

36. First half of September 1968. Coromandel, State of Minas Gerais. At 7.05 p.m. Sr. Ubaldo Rosas was travelling with his family in his Willys station-wagon when he saw a powerful light at a great distance. Arriving at the crest of a range of hills, they now saw that there were four beams of light, a large one on each side and two smaller ones in the middle. (See sketch below, from newspaper *Correio Braziliense* of July 13, 1969.)

The family now being frightened, Sr. Ubaldo got out of the car and fired one shot in the direction of the lights, which were distant about 1 kilometre. At this point the picture became different to him, for it was now clear that the lights were located on one large single oval object. Bathed in a bluish luminosity, this object now rose up into the sky and

* The hill on which the two "young men in the lead masks" were found dead.



Sketch published in the newspaper *Correio Braziliense* of July 13, 1969, showing the UFOs seen at Coromandel, State of Minas Gerais, in September 1968 (Case No. 36.)

made towards the station-wagon at terrifying speed. Ubaldo (who lives at Taguatinga QNA-7, Lot No. 23) put his foot on the accelerator and fled precipitately downhill. The members of the family all thought the object was going to strike the car and therefore all ducked as the UFO passed overhead.

Correio Braziliense, Brasília, July 13, 1969.

37. September 4, 1968. Pôrto Alegre, R.G.S. In the early morning the baking staff at the Oling Bakery at Chácara das Pedras broke off work to watch the movements of two white saucers emanating beams of white light. The two UFOs shot to and fro in gliding movements, leaving behind them luminous trails. A girl living near the bakery also was a witness.

Zero Hora, Pôrto Alegre, September 5, 1968.

38. September 9, 1968. Campo Grande, State of Mato Grosso. In the evening, a machine shaped like a small globe, white and shining like aluminium, was seen on the ground in an open field near the bridge over the river Imirussu, on the road linking Campo Grande to Dirolândia. The report about it came to the office of the newspaper *Diário da Serra* from a workman living at a camp along the road.

O Jornal, Rio de Janeiro, September 10, 1968.

39. September 9, 1968. Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro. A party of people who were sitting on the beach on the left-hand side of the rock known as the Pedra de Itaipu, saw a brilliant object estimated at between 5 and 10 metres in diameter, passing at a height of 100-200 metres and at a distance of some 500 metres from them. Owing to the noise of the waves beating on the rocks, they were unable to say whether there was any noise from the object.

O Jornal, Rio de Janeiro, September 10, 1968, and enquiries made of Sr. Schail Saúd by SBDEV on September 28, 1968.

40. September 15, 1968. Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro. On the beach at Icaraí, a doctor took a photograph of a UFO which resembled a rocket. It was passing slowly, at great height, through the sky over the Bay of Guanabara towards Canto do Rio.

O Fluminense, Niterói, September 18, 1968.