

RUSSIA: NAUGHTY HENRY GRIS SAYS IT AGAIN! "SOVIET SPACE-CENTRE KNOCKED OUT BY UFOs" ~~DISSENTS~~

WHEN I was a very small boy we had a neighbour, a lady who had apparently once been certified as insane but who, to all outward appearances, was now perfectly normal provided you kept off the subject of *plums*. For she adamantly maintained that those fine great fruit on the big tree in her garden were *gooseberries*. If, however, you called them plums she would whip herself up into quite a lather. So long as you laid off the plums, all was sweetness and light.

I often think a somewhat similar situation seems to prevail in the USA with CSICOP (*The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal*). To CSICOP, whose members include Mr. Philip Klass and Mr. James Oberg, any talk of UFOs works like the proverbial red rag on the proverbial bull. Evidently they possess an enormous vested interest in the non-prevalence of UFOs. London radio listeners who heard the *LBC Nightline* programme on July 13, 1982, in which Lord Clancarty and I discussed our subject with Mr. Oberg and with science-writer Ian Ridpath, will recall that Mr. Oberg seems to claim to have investigated and exploded all known and recorded cases of UFO landings or close encounters. (He is evidently an extremely busy man.) He is also the author of the book *UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries*. This work was recently reviewed by the admirably objective Janet and Colin Bord in their *Bookshelf 17* (See FSR 28/5) and they opined:—

"James Oberg calls himself a sympathetic sceptic but it's a moot point whether he really is sympathetic."

A moot point indeed.

In Parts II and III of the articles on *Dr. Feliks Zigel*'

and the Development of Ufology in Russia (FSR Vol. 27, Nos. 4 and 5) I reported remarkable accounts of a huge UFO, and of landings, brought back from Russia by the Latvian-born (and therefore fluent Russian-speaking) American journalist Henry Gris, who claims that he got the material direct from Soviet astronomer Feliks Zigel', geophysicist Alexei Zolotov, and astrophysicist Sergei Bozhich.

The predictable CSICOP response to these accounts of Soviet UFO sightings and landings (particularly of the '*Glavnyy Objekt*' that reportedly hung around over Moscow for five minutes during the night of June 14, 1980, and over the USSR itself for a total of 40 minutes) was painful in the extreme, and was discussed in our Editorial in FSR 28/2.

Meanwhile Mr. Henry Gris, who is in correspondence with me and does not appear much perturbed by all the excitement, *has done it again*... For in a syndicated new report published on March 13, 1983 (I also have the full text as given in the Hongkong English paper *South China Morning Post*: credit and thanks to reader D. Lester of Leeds) he now makes the outrageous claim, which will upset CSICOP even more gravely, that, in a fresh visit to Moscow early this year, he again saw geophysicist Dr. Alexei Zolotov and astrophysicist Dr. Vladimir Azhazha, who informed him that, *at 2.00 a.m. on June 1, 1982, two huge orange 'jellyfish-shaped' UFOs (remember the Petrozavodsk 'jellyfish'?) raided the chief Soviet Space Centre at Baikonur in Central Asia. One UFO hovered for 14 seconds above Launching Pad No. 1 and enveloped it in what looked like 'a silver-coloured shower.' Next day, large numbers of bolts and rivets were found lying be-*

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U.S. AIR FORCE BASE'S RADAR KNOCKED OUT BY A UFO

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — While publicly claiming to have long ago washed its hands of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), the United States Air Force privately exhibits considerable interest in them — and, reportedly, not a little concern about their intentions.

When three Air Force security policemen watched a brightly-lit object land in a restricted test range at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, in August 1980, investigatory personnel there reported the sighting to the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) at its Bolling Air Force Base headquarters in the District of Columbia.

This evidence of continuing Air Force interest in the mysterious UFO phenomena, along with an account of the sighting itself, is revealed in documents recently released by AFOSI under the *Freedom of Information Act* to UFO researcher Barry J. Greenwood of Stoneham, Massachusetts. Surprisingly, they are uncensored.

Kirtland AFB, two miles south-east of Albuquerque, houses some highly secret installations, including Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) and the Air Force Weapons Laboratory (AFWL).

Some Important Installations

For the past several years AFWL scientists have been examining the feasibility of using airborne lasers to shoot down surface-to-air and air-to-air missiles. SNL, operated by the Western Electric Co. Inc. for the Department of Energy, develops electronics for nuclear weapons and cryptological devices for the National Security Agency. Both SNL and the AFWL make use of Kirtland's restricted test range. Kirtland's Manzano Weapons Storage Area, moreover, is one of the largest nuclear weapons depositories in the country.

According to the report obtained by Greenwood, the three Kirtland security policemen were guarding this weapons storage area at 11.50 p.m. on August 8, 1980, when they spotted "a very bright light in the sky" some three miles away. Staff Sergeant Stephen Ferenz, Airman First Class Martin W. Rist, and Airman Anthony D. Frazier watched as the light "travelled with great speed" and "stopped suddenly" in the sky over the test range.

"The light landed in the Coyote Canyon area," writes AFOSI Special Agent Richard C. Doty in the report. "Sometime later, [the] three witnessed the light

take off and leave, proceeding straight up at a high speed and disappear," he continues.

The trio at first thought they had seen a helicopter, Doty relates, but quickly concluded that the object's strange aerial manoeuvres effectively excluded that possibility.

Three days later the Special Agent learned from Sandia Security staffer Russ Curtis that there had been another witness to the strange light. Apparently a Sandia guard had seen it at approximately 12.30 a.m. on August 9 while driving on the Coyote Canyon access road en route to check one of the specially alarmed buildings in the vicinity that contain nuclear materials.

Approaching the structure, he, too, saw what he took to be a helicopter, "But after driving closer, he observed a round disk-shaped object," Doty reports. "He attempted to radio for a back-up patrol but his radio would not work. As he approached the object on foot armed with a shotgun, the object took off in a vertical direction at a high rate of speed."

The Special Agent notes that the guard, a former U.S. Army helicopter mechanic "who wishes his name not to be divulged for fear of harassment," was certain he had not seen a helicopter.

Two weeks after the three security policemen made their sighting, three others also saw a brightly-lit object land in Coyote Canyon, Doty's report reveals. They did not see the object take off.

Then, on September 8, 1980, Sandia Security informed Special Agent Doty that another of its guards had seen an object land near one of the buildings containing nuclear components in Coyote Canyon during the first week of August. Fearing harassment, the guard had delayed reporting the sighting.

Perhaps suspecting that clandestine trials of some new U.S. aircraft accounted for the strange lights, Doty checked to see if the range was ever used for aerial testing. He was assured that only ground testing took place there.

Dr. Paul Bennewitz

Unknown to the Special Agent, an Albuquerque physicist was also watching the skies above Kirtland from his home nearby. Dr. Paul Bennewitz² was so concerned by what he saw that he contacted Doty and

On October 26, 1980, the Special Agent together with Jerry Miller, chief scientific advisor to the Air Force Test and Evaluation Center (AFTEC), which is headquartered at Kirtland, paid him a visit.

Bennewitz, who is also president of an Albuquerque scientific research firm³, confronted the two men with "photographs and over 2,600 feet of 8mm. motion picture film depicting unidentified aerial objects flying over and around Manzano Weapons Storage Area and Coyote Canyon test area," according to Major Thomas A. Cseh, commander of the Base Investigative Detachment at Kirtland.

According to Major Cseh's report, Miller, a former investigator for Project Blue Book, the Air Force's defunct UFO probe, concluded that Bennewitz's material "clearly shows that some type of unidentified aerial objects were caught on film".

As a Blue Book investigator, Miller had been assigned to the Air Force's Foreign Technology Division (FTD) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. Despite the official termination of Project Blue Book in 1969, Major Cseh states that Miller, "one of the most knowledgeable and impartial investigators of aerial objects in the South-West", informed FTD personnel of Bennewitz's film and photographs, and that they expressed an interest in seeing them.

The Albuquerque scientist again displayed his evidence on November 10, 1980, at a Kirtland AFB meeting chaired by Brigadier General William R. Brooksher, Commander of Air Force Security Police.

Accompanying General Brooksher were four colonels, AFWL Director Dr. William Lehman and Ed Breen, an AFWL instrumentations specialist. "I had a feeling they knew what I was talking about," says Bennewitz in a telephone interview. The assembled officers and scientists seemed "deeply concerned" by all they examined, Bennewitz recalls. The film and photographs actually left some of them "aghast", he insists.

Bennewitz informed then Senator Harrison Schmitt (R-N.M.) of his sightings in 1980. The senator was sufficiently concerned to call Special Agent Doty and tell him that he would ask the Air Force to "look into the matter", according to Major Cseh's report.

Senator Schmitt, a former Apollo astronaut who was defeated in the Congressional elections of 1982, also called General Brooksher, since security police are responsible for the safety of the Manzano Weapons Storage Area. Reached in Albuquerque, Schmitt says he is uncertain what effect his calls had on the Air Force. Bennewitz seems to believe he might have pursued the matter more vigorously.

Radar knocked out

August 1980 was a trying time for Kirtland officials. On the 13th of the month, in the midst of the UFO sightings, they were faced with a further strange development

when a mysterious high frequency jamming knocked out the base's radar approach control equipment and its scanner radar.

According to documents provided by an Air Force source who has asked not to be identified, the jamming was so effective that between 4.30 p.m. and 10.15 p.m. the base suffered a total blackout of its entire radar approach system. Radar approach control back-up systems also went down.

Radio frequency monitors with the Defense Nuclear Agency (DNA), which conducts electromagnetic research at Kirtland, traced the interference to an area north-west of Coyote Canyon. A search of the area by security police revealed nothing that could have caused the interference. No tests were being conducted in the area. At 10.16 p.m. on August 13 all radar equipment resumed normal functioning.

The incident left Kirtland specialists baffled. DNA frequency monitors reported that the interference beam was widespread and of a type unknown to their electronic equipment. An AFOSI investigation at Kirtland came to the conclusion that hostile jamming could not be ruled out and senior commanders requested briefings on the affair.

Raymond E. Fowler, a noted authority on UFO phenomena and national director of investigations for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), believes the Kirtland jamming was UFO-related. "Who else could do something like that?" he asks, suggesting that the jamming may have been designed to mask "some other operation".

Fowler, an author of several books on UFOs and a GTE Pennsylvania missile program supervisor from Wrentham, Massachusetts, claims that UFOs frequently overfly U.S. Air Force bases.

In his 1981 book "Casebook of a UFO Investigator" he quotes instances drawn from logs of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), copies of which were obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by Ground Saucer Watch (GSW) of Phoenix, Arizona. According to one entry, at 2.55 a.m. on November 8, 1975, radar at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana, home of the 341st Strategic Missile Wing, picked up one to seven UFOs heading south-south-west at 12,000 feet.

Five Sabotage Alert Teams — armed patrols in jeeps — assigned to the base's Minuteman missile launch facilities, spotted the UFOs. Two of the teams reported sighting one at a mere 300 feet.

An entry in the senior director's log for the 24th NORAD Region (which is based on Malmstrom) notes that on November 7 the launch control facility at Harlowtown, Montana, "observed an object which emitted a light that illuminated the site driveway".

The documents obtained by Ground Saucer Watch, which included material from the Central Intelligence Agency as well as the Air Force, disclosed that during

October, November, and December 1975, UFOs were repeatedly sighted over Strategic Air Command bases where intercontinental ballistic missiles and B-52 bombers are deployed.

Besides Malmstrom, the objects appeared over Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota; Loring Air Force Base, Maine; and Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan. They appeared to take a particular interest in nuclear weapons storage dumps, aircraft alert areas, and missile emplacements, the documents stated.

In 1981 former Air Force sergeant Stephen Eichner told a Washington, D.C. press conference that he watched as a reddish-orange disk-shaped UFO hovered over the nuclear weapons storage area at Loring AFB in 1975. He rejected the Air Force contention that the intruder, which he estimated to be three or four car-lengths long, was any sort of helicopter.

Such an incident would be reported to AFOSI headquarters at Bolling AFB, concedes Pentagon UFO spokesman Lieut. George Jamison. "But to my knowledge no further action would be taken. We're just not in the business of investigating UFOs."

The 1975 rash of sightings over U.S. Air Force bases is one of the central themes of a book entitled "Clear In-

tent" to be published in June 1984 by Prentice-Hall. The work of Barry Greenwood and fellow UFO researcher Lawrence Fawcett, it is subtitled "Military Coverup of the UFO Experience."

COMMENTS BY EDITOR, FSR

1. I am much indebted to Mr. Lawrence J. Fenwick of CUFORN (*Canadian UFO Research Network*) and to Mr. Tom Adams of Paris, Texas, the USA's leading investigator of animal mutilations, for furnishing me with complete photostatic copies of six of these documents which Mr. Barry J. Greenwood and/or others have winkled out of the U.S. Air Force's Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) at Bolling Air Force Base, District of Columbia, under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. I reproduce these six documents below. As will be seen, the report by the three Kirtland AFB security policemen who observed the UFO over the test range and saw it land in the Coyote Canyon area is the second of the six documents.
2. On Dr. Paul Bennewitz and the "interesting" attitude of the U.S. Air Force and of AFOSI to his observations and his discoveries, see documents Nos. 4, 5 and 6 reproduced below.
3. Name of firm deleted at suggestion of the author.

PRESS CONFIRMATIONS OF THE KIRTLAND BASE AFFAIR

Before seeing Mr Steve Webbe's account, we had already received several clippings from local New Mexico newspapers and from other sources, and had made a digest of these. And we had also received (thanks to Mr Bill Allan of Canada and Mr Tom Adams of Paris, Texas, the leading expert on cattle mutilations) photostatic copies of several of the actual documents about Kirtland that had been released to the Texas investigators by the U.S. Air Force under the terms of the *Freedom of Information Act*. (In view of their very great interest we reproduce them in full below.)

The release of these documents underlines in most remarkable fashion the work that is being done today by MUFON and its allies.

What follows immediately below is a summary of the press stories, as given in the *Albuquerque Tribune* (April 8, 1983) and elsewhere. For the original clippings we are variously indebted to FSR readers, and most especially to Mrs Giovanna Klopp of Ventura, California. — EDITOR

JUST-released Government reports document five sightings of unidentified flying objects during August 1980 over Kirtland Air Force Base.

The mysterious encounters, as described in Air Force reports and revealed through the Freedom of Information Act, were:

1. On August 8, "three security policemen . . . on duty in the Manzano Weapons Storage Area, sighted an unidentified light in the air that travelled north to halt over the Coyote Canyon area of the Department of Defence's Restricted Test Range on Kirtland Air Force Base", the Government reported.

The light travelled at high speed and stopped suddenly in the sky over Coyote Canyon and eventually landed in the canyon according to the security policemen, who then witnessed it "take off and leave, proceeding straight up at a high speed, and disappear".

2. The next day, August 9, a security guard at Sandia Laboratories on the base observed a bright light near the ground behind a building in Coyote Canyon. As he drove nearer, he saw a round, disc-shaped object and tried to radio for help. But his radio would not work.

The guard, who did not want his name divulged, for fear of harassment, then walked up to the object armed with a shot-gun. Suddenly, it took off, going straight up at high speed.

The guard, a former Army helicopter mechanic, stated the UFO was not a helicopter.

3. The following day, August 10, a New Mexico State policeman saw a flying object land in the Manzano Mountains between Belen and Albuquerque.

When he reported the sighting to the Kirtland command post, he was told by the public relations office that the Air Force did not investigate sightings unless they occurred on an air base.

Three days later, on August 13, radar equipment at Kirtland and at the Albuquerque Airport experienced a total five-hour blackout from an "unknown cause".

An Air Force report concluded that "the presence of hostile intelligence jamming cannot be ruled out", but went on to say "no evidence would suggest this".

4. Nine days later, on August 22, three other security guards observed the same aerial phenomenon described by the first three guards two weeks earlier.

"Again the object landed in Coyote Canyon. They did not see the object take off," the report said.

5. The final Kirtland document is dated October 28, 1980. In it, Air Force scientific adviser Jerry Miller concluded that a film taken by Four Hills resident Paul Bennewitz "clearly shows . . . some type of unidentified aerial objects" at Kirtland.

Miller is a former investigator for Project Bluebook, he Air Force's massive investigations of UFOs that ended in 1969.

Dr. Paul Bennewitz

Bennewitz, president of a local electronics firm, lives adjacent to the northern boundary of Manzano Base.

He said it was on February 2, 1980, that he saw four "saucer- or hat-shaped objects lined up behind the outside fence" of the Manzano area.

"A black spot and a big blue halo appeared, establishing their force field. There was a flash under each one as they jumped off the ground in (one word corrupt) 300-400 ft., turned right and were gone to the south," he recalled.

He filmed the spectacle from about 2,500 yards away.

Bennewitz, according to the official Air Force report written months later, produced still photographs and 2,600 feet of 8mm. motion picture film "depicting unidentified aerial objects flying over and around Manzano Weapons Storage Area and Coyote Canyon Test Area".

But investigator Miller reported only that "no conclusions could be made whether these objects pose a threat to Manzano-Coyote Canyon areas".

On November 19, Bennewitz was told that the Air Force would not investigate the objects and "was not in a position to evaluate the information and photographs he has collected".

However, the sightings reportedly caught the interest of former New Mexico Senator Harrison Schmitt, who inquired why the Air Force refused to investigate, the report said.

Within the past year or so, Bennewitz, who is convinced the UFOs are alien ships, has called Kirtland to gain request an investigation, said George Pearce, Kirtland PRO. Said Pearce: "Bennewitz said he was in contact with alien beings through his computer, and wanted us to investigate."

"I told him we don't investigate those things since Project Bluebook ended in 1969 after 22 years of investigation. Of course, he wasn't pleased with the answer."

Col. John Aday, chief of public affairs at Kirtland, said Project Bluebook concluded that UFOs are no threat to national defence.

He said he has "no idea" what the 1980 sightings could have been. "I could conjecture all day about what might have been going on out there, but won't."

He said that when the Air Force was investigating UFOs, it was often determined that they were weather balloons or the like.

"I'm not saying that what Bennewitz saw or what the security police saw was anything like that, but because of the record of our investigations, it seems likely that they were nothing dangerous to our national defence."

Bennewitz earlier this week in Albuquerque briefed a group of UFO enthusiasts on his personal three-year investigation into alien activities in New Mexico. He said he plans to put his observations into a book.

Alleged Alien Base

Among his conclusions are that there is an alien base inside an isolated mesa near Dulce, and that the aliens intend to enslave the earth.

He said his study includes a statement from a New Mexico woman who was taken hostage by the aliens near Cimarron after she had seen them mutilating a calf.

Bennewitz said that he had seen the aliens on a video screen, and he described them as green and about 4 ft. tall, and "strong little bastards".

He told his audience at the UFO briefing session that the cattle mutilations are the aliens' source of supplies needed for the building of humanoids by gene-splicing. They take the organs and blood from the animals while they are still alive, in order to maintain a tremendous supply of DNA — the carrier of the genetic code — he said.

The Kirtland sightings in 1980 were mentioned in documents released by the Department of the Air Force in December 1982 to the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), an international UFO study group who have their headquarters in Texas.

Said Walter Andrus, International Director of MUFON: "This is an unusually large number of sightings — right there on the Base."

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1. After analyzing the data collected by Dr. BENNETT, Mr. MILLER related the evidence clearly shows that some type of unidentified aerial objects were caught on film. However, no question could be made whether these objects pose a threat to Manzano/Coyote Canyon area. Mr. MILLER felt the electronic recording tapes were inconclusive and could have been gathered from several conventional sources. No sightings, other than these, have been reported in the area.

2. Mr. MILLER has contacted FTD personnel at W-P AFB, OH, who expressed an interest and are scheduled to inspect Dr. BENNETT's data.

3. This is responsive to HQ CR 44.

4. Request a DODI check be made on Dr. BENNETT.

5. Command was briefed but did not request an investigation at this time.

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REMARKS		
1. On 10 Nov 80, a meeting took place in 1606 ABW/CC Conference Room attended by the following individuals: BOEN WILLIAM BROOKSHER, AFOSI/CC, COL JACK W. SHEPPARD, 1606 ABW/CC, COL THOMAS STEPHEN 1606 ABW/CC, COL ORES BACA, 1606 SPOB/CC, COL FRANK M. HUEY, AFOSI Dist 17/CC, LTC JOE R. LAMPORT, 1606 ABW/CC, MAJ THOMAS A. CSDH, AFOSI Det 1700/CC, Dr. LEWMAN, Director, AFWL, ED BRESN, AFWL Instruments Specialist and Dr. PAUL F. BENNEWITZ, President Thunder Scientific Laboratory, Albuquerque. Dr. BENNEWITZ presented film and photographs of alleged unidentified Aerial Objects photographed over KAFB, NM during the last 15 months. Dr. BENNEWITZ also related he had documented proof that he was in contact with the aliens flying the objects. At the conclusion of the presentation, Dr. BENNEWITZ expressed an interest in obtaining financial assistance from the USAF in furthering his investigation regarding these objects. Dr. LEWMAN advised Dr. BENNEWITZ to request a USAF grant for research. Dr. LEWMAN advised Dr. BENNEWITZ he would assist him in filling out the proper documents.		
2. On 17 Nov 80, SA RICHARD C. DOTY, advised Dr. BENNEWITZ that AFOSI would not become involved in the investigation of these objects. Dr. BENNEWITZ was advised		
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that AFOSI was not in a position to evaluate the information and photographs he has collected, to date or technically investigate such matters.

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4. It should be noted that Dr. BENNEWITZ has had a number of conversations with SEN SCHMIDT during the last few months regarding BENNEWITZ'S private research. SEN SCHMIDT has made telephone calls to BRESN BROOKSHER, AFOSI/CC regarding the matter since Security Police are responsible for the security of Marzano Storage Area.

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National Enquirer 9 Dec '80

Burned by a UFO

A monstrously huge, incredibly bright UFO burned one close-up observer and was seen by 16 others, including four South Carolina policemen.

Described as a "perfect flying saucer," complete with windows and a high-pitched whine, the amazing, slow-moving craft not only left behind awed eyewitnesses but traces of radiation as well.

"It was incredible — absolutely out of this world!" declared 40-year-old Jerry McAlister, who sustained superficial burns on his face after being subjected to the full intensity of the UFO.

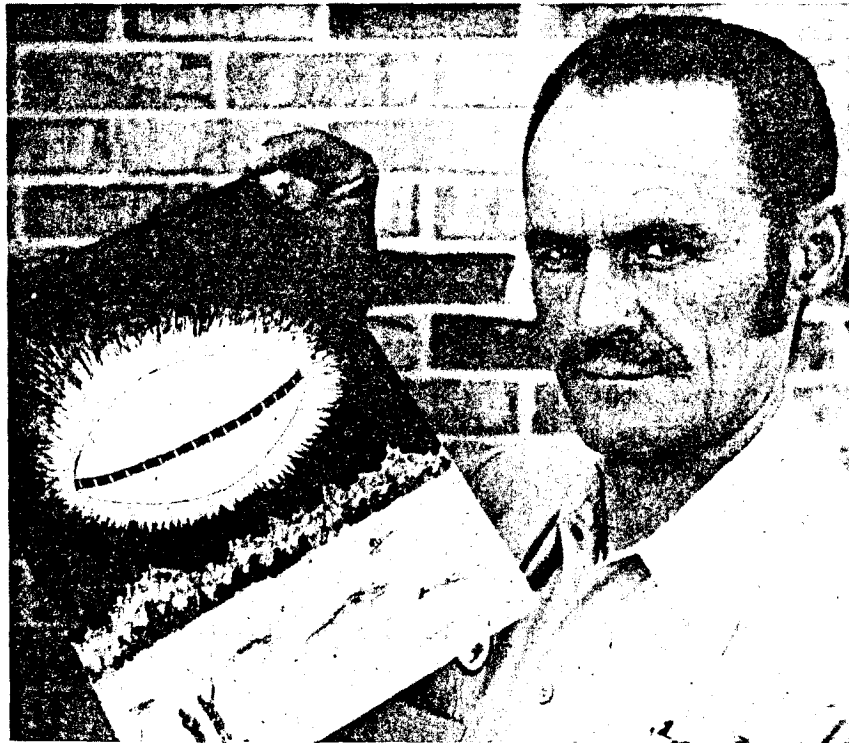
The bizarre encounter was investigated by top professionals who say they're absolutely convinced of its authenticity.

McAlister, an electrician in Anderson, S.C., was startled out of a deep sleep at 4:20 a.m. on September 11 when he heard "a loud whining noise" and what sounded like "a thumping of

'Perfect Flying Saucer' Amazes 17 Eyewitnesses

gether, facing each other. Around the outer rim of the saucer were windows. And the whole craft was encircled by powerful lights. It was made of a dark gray metal. It was spinning in a clockwise direction. I was absolutely stunned."

In addition to his burned face, McAlister suffered from migraine



rotating blades.

But what he saw was no helicopter.

"The bedroom was flooded with light," he recalled. "It was literally like someone turned on a bright light bulb in the room.

"I went to the window overlooking my backyard and there was a huge craft, two stories high by 70 feet in diameter, hovering above a thicket of 40-foot-high pine trees 100 feet from my home.

"It was a perfect flying saucer! Imagine two huge, deep-dish saucers to-

headlights and a ringing in his ears for four days after the sighting.

His wife and children also saw the object — as did police.

"Four of us deputies in two separate cars arrived at the scene outside McAlister's house and watched the object in the sky," said Anderson County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Burton.

"It was a huge object and moved very slowly. As I watched, it changed colors.

"I watched the UFO for 1½ hours (before it finally disappeared in a



BURNED ON HIS FACE, Jerry McAlister holds artist's impression of huge UFO, which he saw hovering 100 feet from his home.

northeasterly direction). There is no earthly explanation for it."

Just hours after the sighting, New York City Police Officer Pete Mazzola and former New Jersey Police-

man Jim Fillow arrived on the scene to investigate.

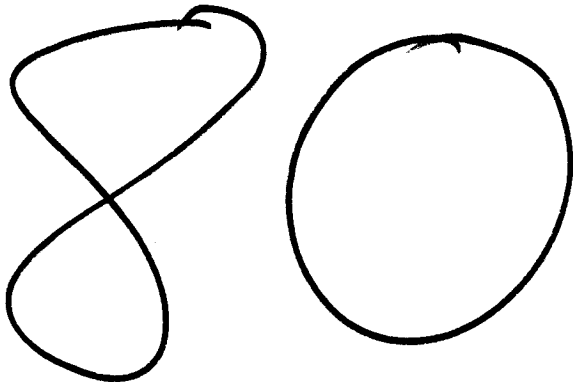
They are international directors of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation Inc., staffed by off-duty policemen who probe UFO encounters.

"This was definitely a close encounter of the second kind — a UFO where physical evidence is found," said Mazzola.

Geiger counter readings over the exact spot where the UFO was seen to hover showed that the soil was dramatically more radioactive than soil nearby, he said.

He added:

"Jerry McAlister had mild facial burns. The skin wasn't broken, but it was seared a bright red due to his long exposure to the very bright light emitted by the UFO."



Mazzola revealed further that all 17 witnesses to the sighting passed truth-detecting tests on a Psychological Stress Evaluator (PSE), which can determine when a person is lying by measuring voice patterns electronically.

"This case can be classified as absolutely authentic," Mazzola declared.

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UN AVION ITALIANO DE PASAJEROS, DERRIBADO POR UN MISIL

● El accidente ocurrió el verano pasado 19-12-80



(Dibujo de Calderón. Información en página 31.)

Murieron ochenta personas

UN MISIL PROVOCÓ UN ACCIDENTE AEREO EN ITALIA

El ministro de Transportes italiano, Rino Formica, afirmó ante el Parlamento que la hipótesis del misil es la más válida para explicar un accidente aéreo ocurrido el pasado mes de junio, en el que murieron ochenta y una personas, informa Efe.

El desastre se produjo al explotar misteriosamente en el aire un «DC 9» de la compañía aérea italiana Itavia, cuando sobrevolaba la isla de Ustica, en las proximidades de Sicilia.

«La causa —dijo— fue una explosión y está por determinar si se produjo en el interior del aparato o provocada desde el exterior, es decir, si fue un bomba transportada en el propio avión o un misil. Esta misma hipótesis fue ya barajada en los días posteriores al accidente aéreo y, entonces, vacilando entre interrogantes, algunos medios de prensa atribuyeron el tal misil a la OTAN y otros a Libia, pero todos denunciaron la falta de seguridad en el campo».

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El presidente de la compañía propietaria del aparato, citado judicialmente por difundir "noticias falsas"

Cobra fuerza la hipótesis de que un misil derribó a un DC-9 italiano sobre el mar Tirreno

JUAN ARIAS, Roma 27 de junio pasado, causando la muerte de 81 personas, fue destruido por un misil de naturaleza «desconocida». El mismo ministro de Transportes, el socialista Formica, había declarado al Parlamento que esta hipótesis era una de las más probables.

El presidente de la compañía aérea italiana Itavia, Aldo Davanzali, ha recibido una notificación judicial por difusión de noticias falsas. Se trata de un texto de que el avión de su compañía, un DC-9 precipitado en el mar Tirreno el

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El presidente de Itavia, una compañía que agoniza bajo el peso de sus 3.500 millones de pesetas de deudas, fue acusado ayer por el magistrado Paolo Davanzali, al cual no sólo reprochó su silencio que añadió que sus suposiciones de ayer se han transformado en certeza. Y para probarlo ha presentado a la justicia un infor-



ser aceptada oficialmente por el mismo ministro. La hipótesis de un misil derribó al DC-9 y a su tripulación. Los exámenes médicos de las víctimas, se dice en el informe, demuestran una descompresión explosiva y se ha podido demostrar que el DC-9 se ha desinte-

Una hipótesis de Itavia que se basa en un misil de origen desconocido derribó el avión.

la interpretación errónea por parte de un artefacto bélico de origen desconocido. A consecuencia del impacto se desintegró el DC-9.

Por su parte, el general Acame,

blica, el general Gadda, jefe de este tipo de misiles y es fácil obtenerlos en el mercado internacional de armamento.

Tanto la OTAN como la fuerza aérea italiana han afir-

repentinamente desviado noventa grados de su ruta. En el cuerpo de una de las víctimas se ha encontrado un fragmento de metal de varios centímetros, que presenta restos de compuestos extraños al aeroplano y al cuerpo humano, sobre todo fósforo, que pueden ser relacionados con artefactos bélicos.

Caida en vertical

Una explosión en el interior del avión habría provocado su caída en vertical. Ahora bien, el aparato se desintegró y aparecieron restos fuera de la ruta del DC-9. Además, el radar detectó, según el presidente de Itavia, que un avión militar se encontraba en la ruta del DC-9. «Hay, por consiguiente, alguien que ha debido presenciar la catástrofe y que se calla», afirma Davanzali, punto este que, de verificarse,

de la Comisión de Defensa del Parlamento, ha afirmado que tampoco puede descartarse la hipótesis de que el DC-9 haya podido atraer un misil lanzado sobre un Drone, es decir, un avión que funciona como blanco dirigido por radio y que puede ser lanzado desde aparatos militares o bien bases terrestres.

En apoyo de la tesis del misil, además de la grabación del radar, figuran hechos como el descubrimiento de los restos de un avión radiocomandado de la industria norteamericana Beácraft.

El caso del misil, que ocupa espacios privilegiados en la totalidad de los medios de información, reúne todos los requisitos para dar pie a un escándalo sobre la seguridad en los cielos de Italia.

Lo cierto es que los ejercicios militares que usan como blanco un avión de dimensiones muy pequeñas y sin piloto se realizan en el Mediterráneo no sólo por la

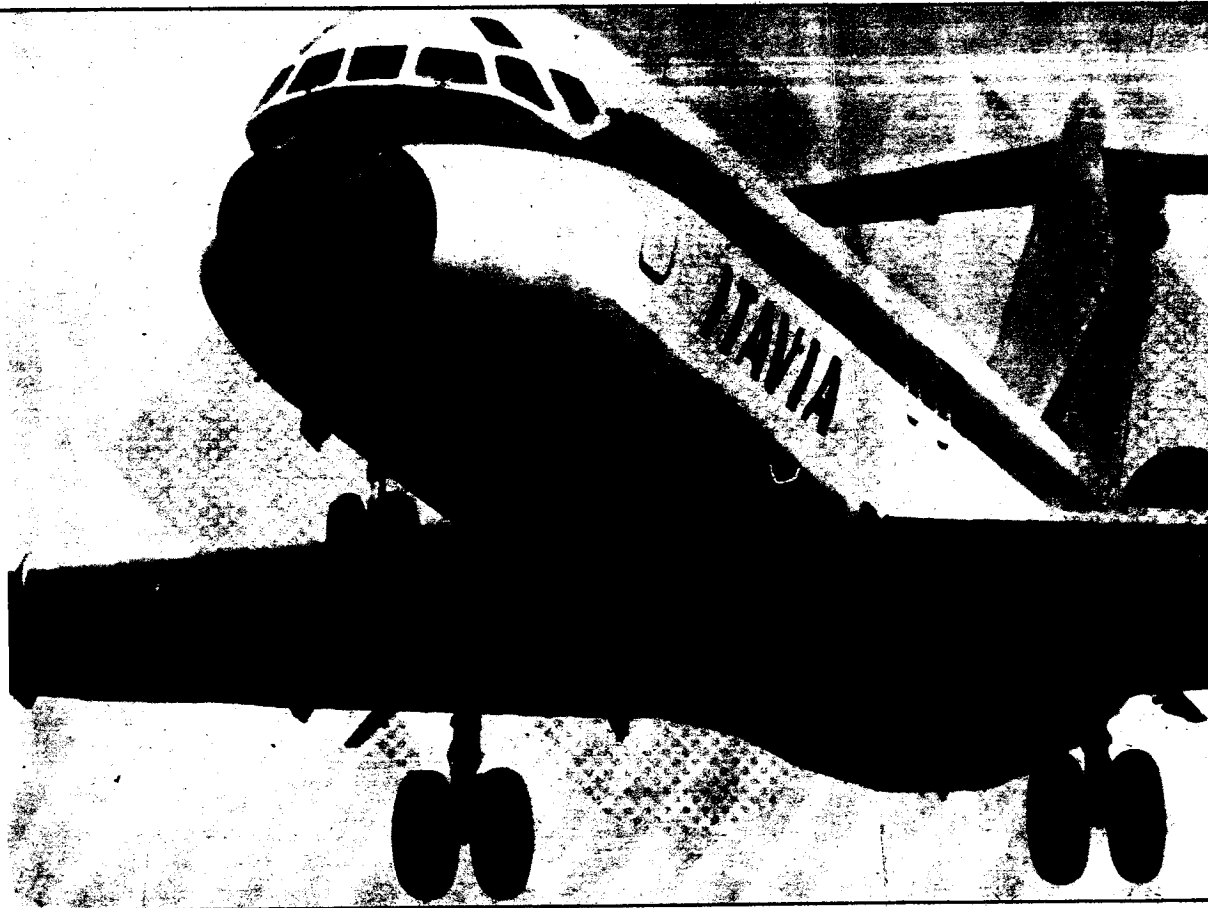
catástrofe ningún avión veyo realizaba operaciones en esta zona del mar Tirreno, que es escenario de numerosas actividades militares.

Hechos misteriosos

El periódico italiano *La Repubblica* decía, sin embargo, en este respecto que el proyectil, de tamaño relativamente grande, podría haber sido lanzado tanto desde un avión militar como desde un navío que estuviese efectuando maniobras de distintos tipos.

Es necesario recordar, por ejemplo, que dos días después del accidente del DC-9 sobre el mar Tirreno, un pequeño avión libio se precipitó misteriosamente sobre Calabria, quedando carbonizado el piloto. Entonces se dijo que el hecho era puramente casual. Por su parte, el partido comunista ha emitido una declaración

INTERNACIONAL



LA CULPA FUE DE UN MISIL

El pasado 27 de junio, un DC-9 de la compañía Itavia cayó al mar Tirreno, sin que logran salvarse ni pasajeros ni tripulantes. La causa del accidente ha sido descubierta tras laboriosa investigación, al ser rescatada una parte de sus restos: un misil, cuyo origen no se precisa, alcanzó de lleno al avión, del que reproducimos una foto de archivo.

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UN CAZABOMBARDERO DERRIBÓ AL AVIÓN ITALIANO CUANDO DISPARABA CONTRA UN APARATO TELEDIRIGIDO

No obstante las cautelas y los parciales desmentidos oficiales, la hipótesis de que un misil derribó el avión comercial italiano de la compañía Itavia el 27 de junio último, parecía ayer totalmente confirmada, según informa Efe. El accidente provocó la muerte de las ochenta y una personas que viajaban en el "DC-9", en vuelo desde Bolonia a la isla de Sicilia.

DESTRUIDO POR UN MISIL.—Cuajada de incógnitas desde el primer momento, la caída al mar del avión provocó polémicas, y una encuesta en Italia y Estados Unidos, que ha concluido, por el método de la eliminación, que sólo un misil pudo provocar la destrucción en vuelo del aparato.

Los análisis de la grabación de radar revelan la presencia de dos objetos voladores en las proximidades del «DC-9» momentos antes de la explosión, claramente reflejada en la pantalla de rastreo.

Fue el presidente de la compañía Itavia, Aldo Davanzali, quien declaró el martes último que fue un misil el que provocó la catástrofe, abriendo una agria polémica sobre la seguridad en los cielos italianos.

El problema de la caída del avión se vio complicado por la presencia en Italia de un cazabombardero libio «Mig 23», de fabricación soviética, que se estrelló por falta de combustible en el sur italiano, días después.

Pero lo que más complicó el marco del accidente fue el descubrimiento en zonas próximas de los restos de un avión norteamericano y una serie de incongruencias en el caso, como el hecho de que las ruedas del «DC-9» aparecieran muy lejos del lugar de la caída.

RECLAMACIONES DE LA COMPAÑÍA. Los magistrados que llevan la encuesta recibirán al presidente de Itavia para su interrogatorio. La compañía tuvo que suspender sus actividades días pasados por problemas económicos, provocados, al parecer, por la pérdida del «DC-9», y

reclama al Gobierno italiano una ayuda económica de gran envergadura.

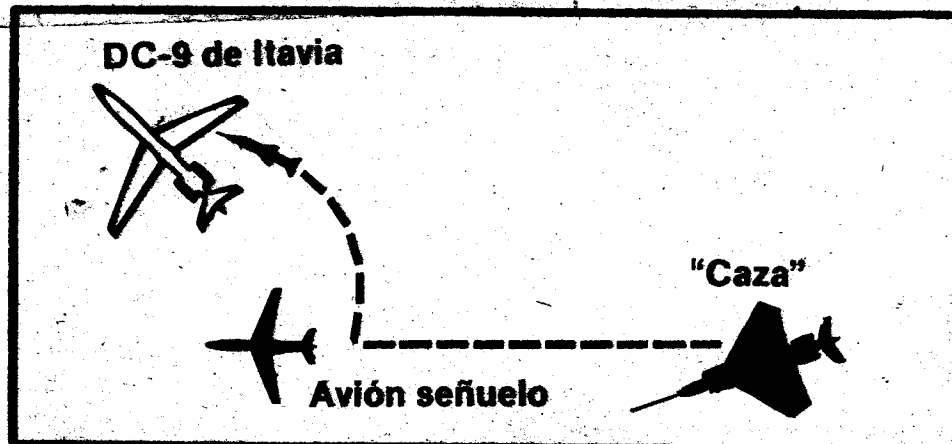
La tesis del misil, emanada de los análisis efectuados por una comisión de expertos en Estados Unidos, establece que en las proximidades del «DC-9» volaba un avión teledirigido que servía como blanco para ejercicios de interceptación aérea, dentro de las actividades de la OTAN.

Un cazabombardero, sin advertir la presencia en la zona del avión comercial, disparó un misil con guía de rayos infrarrojos, que fue atraído por el calor mucho más potente de los motores del reactor comercial.

En apoyo de la tesis del misil, además de la grabación del radar, figuran hechos como el descubrimiento de los restos de un avión radiocomandado de la industria norteamericana «Beachcraft» y la presencia de fósforo en los cuerpos de algunos pasajeros del «DC-9» y restos metálicos del mismo avión.

Un último argumento: la muerte sobrevino instantáneamente para los ochenta y un pasajeros del «DC-9», como producida por un violentísimo impacto con enorme presión desencadenada, como lo demuestra el análisis post-mortem de los cuerpos.

Los directivos de la compañía Itavia, a los que en un principio se acusó de haber provocado el accidente por falta de un mantenimiento adecuado en el avión, acusan ahora a las autoridades civiles y militares italianas de haber mantenido un silencio escandaloso sobre la implicación de un avión militar.



Así pudo ser el accidente

Los análisis efectuados en torno al accidente sufrido por el DC-9 de la compañía Itavia han demostrado que en las inmediaciones del avión siniestrado volaba un aparato teledirigido que servía de blanco para ejercicio de interceptación aérea. Un misil disparado por un cazabombardero, y que tenía como meta el avión teledirigido, fue atraído por el calor de los motores del reactor comercial.

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Even the McAlisters' pet dog was affected. He still won't come near his master. "Throughout the observation of the object, the dog barked constantly," says Mazzola, co-founder of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation.

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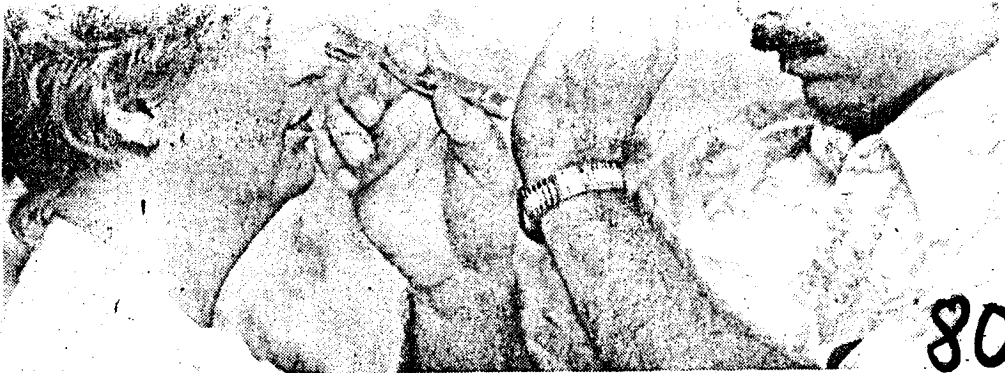
The saga began about 10 p.m. September 10, and the final sighting wasn't made until after 9 the next morning.

● **ROYSTON, Georgia** — Late the night of September 10, Maude Hutchinson and Mae Langford watched for 15 minutes from Hutchinson's front porch as a strange object flew overhead.

"We were looking out onto the road when we saw it coming from the south," says Hutchinson, 76.

"I knew it wasn't an airplane because we see too many of them in this area. I've never seen anything like it or heard tell of anything like it."

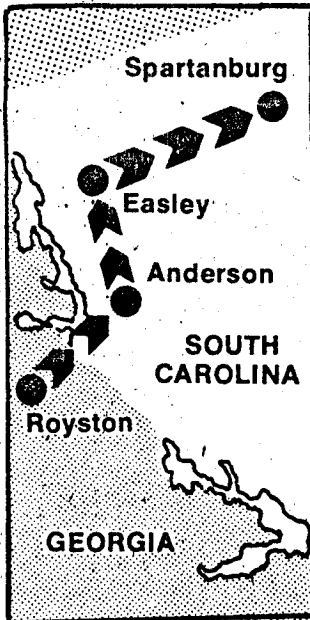
Langford said the object was "just a big round thing, bigger than a car light."



INVESTIGATOR Jim Fillow examines Mary Faye McAlister's eye injury caused by UFO sighting.



JERRY McALISTER points to where the mysterious spacecraft buzzed him and his wife and inflicted radiation burns.



MAP shows path of UFO as it swept over two states.

you couldn't see nothing but the light. I've never seen a light like that before. I don't know what it was."

● **ANDERSON, South Carolina** — The McAlisters, their five children, four law officers, and nearly a dozen neighbors gazed at the towering object for more than two hours.

"The lights were incredibly bright," Jerry McAlister, 40, told GLOBE. "There's what woke me

Investigators say it's the best documented sighting yet recorded

4:20 in the morning when I got up. There was a funny buzzing sound, something like a helicopter, but when I looked out the window it didn't look like any helicopter I'd ever seen.

"It was about two stories high, 70 feet in diameter, and there were lights all around the sides and a row of windows that circled it.

"The windows were lit up, too, but we couldn't see anyone through them.

"The thing left at about 6:35. The dawn was breaking then, but it was no match for the lights from the craft."

Lt. Joseph Simmons of the Anderson County Sheriff's Department was one of the four officers sent to investigate.

"It sure was the weirdest thing I'd ever seen," Simmons told GLOBE.

As the UFO left, McAlister watched it through a telescope. "It was really a beautiful sight," he says. "I never believed in flying saucers before, but I sure do

watching it, no one seemed scared. I can't explain it, but I had the feeling that everything was all right — that it didn't mean us any harm.

"In fact I'm hoping it comes back again."

● **EASLEY, South Carolina** — Larry Joe Garrett spotted the UFO in the morning sky at 8:03. The object was so clear he was able to draw a picture of it.

"At first I thought it was the Goodyear blimp," says

Garrett, 40, who was working on his car in front of his home when he spied the strange craft.

"It was real close, maybe 200 yards away and may have been as high off the ground. It took me only a few seconds to realize it wasn't a blimp. It was big, real big. Its size reminded me of a large battleship. It was circular and tilted at an angle so that most of the time I saw just the bottom.

"But it moved enough that I was able to get a view of the top and the sides. It was a metallic, purplish gray, with a sort of glow coming from it. The top was dome-shaped." Garrett says the buzzing sound was "like a bunch of bees." He adds: "I wasn't afraid, just awestruck."

The object hovered near the Garrett home for five minutes and then took off towards the northeast.

Garrett later reported he was suffering from the same eye irritation as the McAlisters.

● **SPARTANBURG, South Carolina** — The final sighting of the object was made shortly after 9 a.m. September 11. The descriptions given by witnesses matched those of Garrett and the McAlisters.

"We were able to pick up about 12 people along the route who said they saw the UFO after Garrett's sighting, the last ones near Spartanburg," Mazzola says.

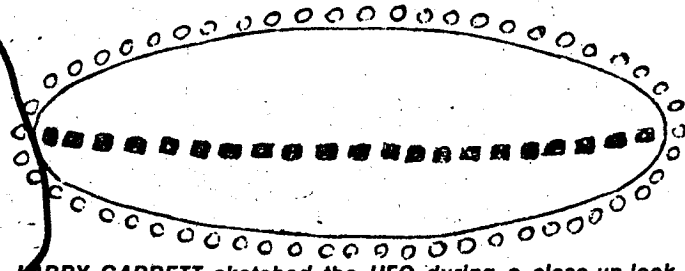
The investigator believes the spacecraft may have



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LARRY GARRETT sketched the UFO during a close-up look.

By **BOB BORINO**
A DRAMATIC UFO chase through two states has produced one of the most detailed descriptions of an alien spacecraft ever seen in broad daylight, say investigators.

Larry Garrett, of Easley, South Carolina, who sketched the UFO, wasn't the only person with a close-up look.

In fact, it came within 80 feet of one couple who suffered radiation burns as it hovered over their backyard.

"There was a decided jump on the Geiger counter when we checked them out," says New York police detective Peter Mazzola, who is also a UFO researcher.

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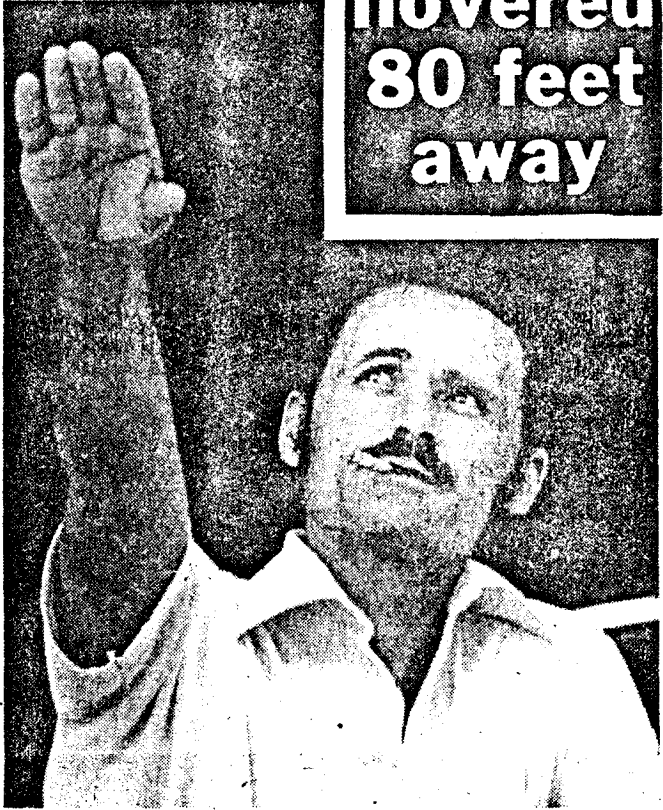
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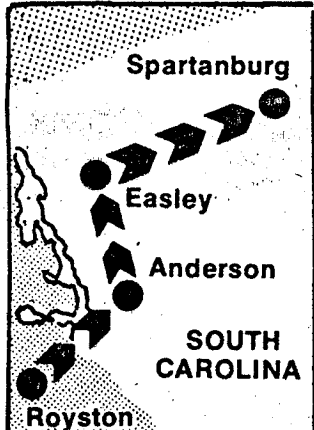
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INVESTIGATOR Jim Fillow examines Mary Faye McAlister's eye injury caused by UFO sighting.



JERRY McALISTER points to where the mysterious spacecraft buzzed him and his wife and inflicted radiation burns.



Investigators say it's the best documented sighting yet recorded

4:20 in the morning when I got up. There was a funny buzzing sound, something like a helicopter, but when I looked out the window it didn't look like any helicopter I'd ever seen.

"It was about two stories

watching it, no one seemed scared. I can't explain it, but I had the feeling that everything was all right — that it didn't mean us any harm.

"In fact I'm hoping it comes back again."

• **EASLEY, South Carolina**

Garrett, 40, who was working on his car in front of his home when he spied the strange craft.

"It was real close, maybe 200 yards away and may have been as high off the ground. It took me only a few

"But it moved enough that I was able to get a view of the top and the sides. It was a metallic, purplish gray, with a sort of glow coming from it. The top was dome-shaped."

Garrett says the buzzing sound was "like a bunch of bees." He adds: "I wasn't

UN OVNI ATACA A UN CAMPESINO



El agricultor argentino Amador Marsasi denunció las "visiones espaciales" que le causó un Objeto Volador No Identificado que lo persiguió por el campo y lo quemó en el pecho.

Marsasi aseguró que una potente luz que apareció en el cielo fue la causa de las lesiones que padeció y que motivaron su hospitalización.

Los hechos, ocurridos en la localidad de Arequito, a unos 20 kilómetros al oeste de Rosario, Argentina, podrían involucrar a Marsasi en el delito de violación de secreto de Estado y afectar a la integridad de sus datos.

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Para el momento de la denuncia, Marsasi estaba en un momento de descanso en su casa.

Algunos expertos en ufología aseguran que el fenómeno que se produjo en Arequito podría ser un caso de "ataque de luz".

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...del día 29 de octubre de 1978...
...de un suceso...
...como uno de los sucesos más controvertidos del año pasado...

A la hora exacta señalada, el joven aeronauta de veintidós años José A. Pagán Santos y su acompañante, regresaban de un viaje de placer por la República Dominicana. Volaban un avión Cessna de registro de 1947, con número N2806-H. De súbito, notificado a los controladores de tráfico en el aeropuerto de Isla Verde, Puerto Rico, que "un raro objeto volador" se les interponía en su trayectoria, y no les permitía ni sobrepasarlo ni escapar de él, indicando, además, que tenía luces brillantes.

"EL AVION DESAPARECIDO"

Tras la descripción anterior, los jóvenes señalaron que el objeto volador se les encimaba. Sumamente exaltados, indicaron que iban a intentar cambiar su ruta trescientos grados. Luego de esto, se perdió toda comunicación con el avión de los jóvenes. Al acontecer este hecho, se encontraban a unos mil quinientos pies de altura, y a unas treinta y cinco millas al oeste-noroeste de la ciudad de Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. Para ser más precisos, diríamos que estaban al norte de la isla de Mona, y en un punto al oeste, entre las ciudades de Mayagüez y Aguadilla. El avión desapareció con sus ocupantes, y no se ha vuelto a saber de ellos.

La conversación radiofónica entre el avión y el centro de control de tráfico aéreo duró unos seis minutos. Existe copia de ella, en grabaciones que están en poder de la Administración Federal de Aviación de los Estados Unidos en Puerto Rico, cuyas oficinas están localizadas próximas al aeropuerto internacional de Isla Verde, en San Juan.

Durante seis días se organizó una intensa búsqueda. En ésta participaron los guardacostas, la policía de Puerto Rico, unidades del departamento de Recursos Naturales y de la Defensa Civil de Puerto Rico, así co-

mo personal de la fuerza aérea dominicana y de la defensa civil del hermano país. Se usaron también aviones comerciales, helicópteros privados y pescadores, sin que se lograra obtener ningún rastro o pista del avión *Eurocoupe*.

Mientras se realizaba la búsqueda, los medios noticiosos de nuestra isla difundieron varias partes noticiosas contradictorias y ambiguas, sobre la desaparición de los dos jóvenes pilotos. Hasta esos momentos, se desconocía la existencia de la grabación que recoge la llamada transmitida desde el avión perdido, realizada y archivada en la Administración Federal de Aviación, y su referencia al objeto volador.

CONJETURAS

Como era de suponer no tardaron en aparecer las hipótesis sobre las causas de la desaparición. Había que tomar en cuenta "la posible inexperiencia" de los pilotos para la realización del vuelo. Dado que iban en un avión de 1947, quizás enfrentaron fallas mecánicas. Incluso se dijo que los jóvenes podrían haber estado involucrados en una acción de contrabando, y ante el temor de ser descubiertos, prefirieron "desaparecer" por un tiempo.

Ante los ambiguos partes difundidos, y la vaguedad con que se trataban las informaciones del ca-

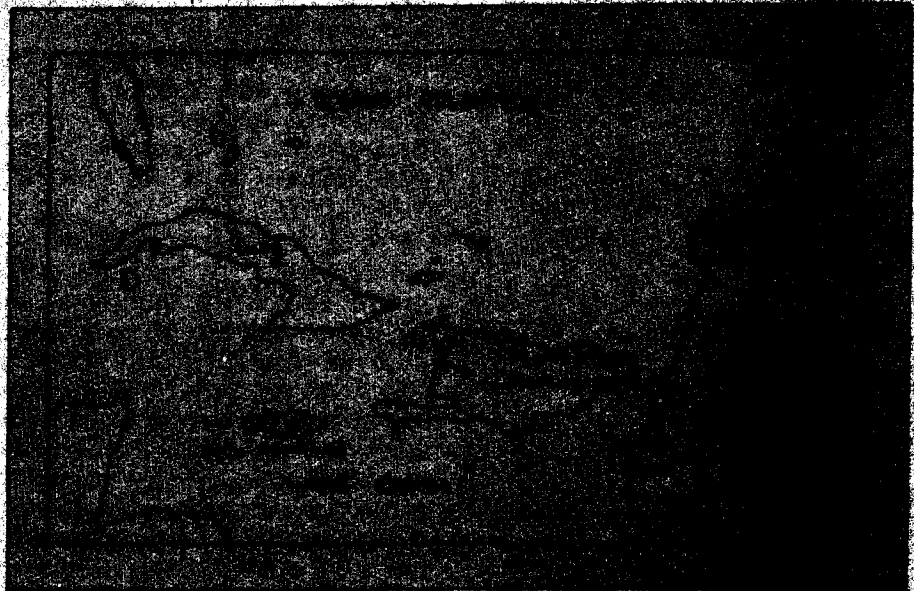
so, me dirigí a la oficina de un suceso ocurrido en octubre de 1978... También desapareció... Frederick Valentín, quien formó desde su avión... sabe un objeto volador no... cado. Decidí entonces... me con el padre de José A. Pagán Santos, residente en Manatí, Puerto Rico.

Contrariamente a lo que esperaba, el señor José Pagán Jiménez fue muy franco y positivo al respecto lo que para él y su esposa significó la desaparición de José Alberto. El vacío que ha dejado en su hogar. Su esposa se había ideado sobremedida, ya que al momento del incidente acababa de pasar por una operación muy delicada.

TAMBIEN PILOTO

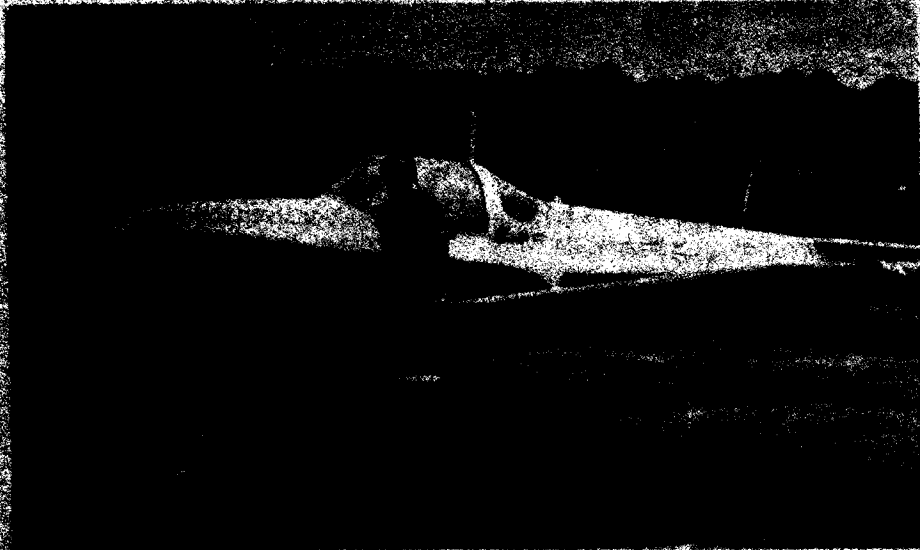
El señor Pagán, que es segundo teniente de la Policía de Puerto Rico, también es piloto. De hecho, es uno de los encargados de la unidad aérea de la Policía, donde goza de gran respeto y aprecio por parte de sus compañeros.

Categoricamente rechazó las insinuaciones de que es hijo y el joven aeronauta que le acompañaba, José L. Maldonado Torres, hubieran estado involucrados en contrabando alguno. Aclaró que su hijo era un joven serio, honesto y responsable, que hace poco había



Mapa de la zona donde ocurrió la desaparición. El sobrevuelo abarca una zona que se involucra muy cerca de aquí.

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José A. Pagán Santos posando junto a su avión días antes de su misteriosa desaparición.

abierto un negocio en Manatí. Maldonado Torres, que acompañaba a su hijo, era muy respetable y serio. Un excelente piloto y asador, al igual que su hijo.

"En cuanto al argumento de que pudo fallar el avión porque era un modelo de 1947, tengo que decir que compré ese avión personalmente para mi hijo, y me cercioré de que siempre estuviese en condiciones óptimas. Incluso, para mayor satisfacción, el motor y otras piezas eran nuevas", afirmó Pagán.



Valentich, el piloto australiano cuyo avión desapareció ya se elevó, también trae en su relato de los OVNIS, el parecer uno de los que se lo llevó.

Me dijo que había hecho muchas corridas en la República Dominicana y en Haití, con la esperanza de encontrar algo referente a los muchachos, pero todo resultó infructuoso. Quiso hacer patente su agradecimiento por este medio.

CREIA EN OVNIS

En este punto, las palabras del señor Pagán confirmaron mis sospechas. "Cuando pasó todo esto, yo fui a las oficinas de la Administración Federal de Aviación y pedí que me dejaran escuchar la grabación de la comunicación de seis minutos, entre el avión de mi hijo y el centro de control aéreo. Lo que escuché me impresionó mucho, no sólo porque mi hijo y su amigo estaban en ese avión, sino porque no esperaba lo que ellos dijeron en la transmisión".

"Pude escuchar claramente cómo el otro joven hablaba con el centro de control, indicando que un objeto extraño y no identificado se había situado frente a ellos y no les permitía sobrepasarlo o alejarse del mismo y que tenía luces muy brillantes. Y en un momento dado dicen que el objeto se les acercaba más, y ya aparentando estar muy alarmados le dijeron a los controladores de tráfico que iban a tratar de hacer un viraje de trescientos grados, para tratar

de salir del objeto. Pero en este todo fue silencio y ellos parecieron...", reveló Pagán.

Continuó señalando al pequeño joven. "Mi hijo creía en la existencia del fenómeno OVNI, y yo también. No sé si habrá sido atraído por uno de estos objetos, pero así fue, tengo la esperanza de que algún día volverá a nosotros. Sé, es como un presentimiento, eso me ha ayudado a soportar un poco... Espero que vuelvan los dos..."

¿COINCIDENCIA?

Como Valentich en Australia ¿fueron raptados o destruidos por un OVNI? Ante tal posibilidad queremos brindar al lector ciertas dudas concebidas por los que estudiamos estos fenómenos en Puerto Rico.

En 1968, un jet caza F-4 de la Guardia Nacional de Puerto Rico, se estrelló en el aire, ante los ojos asombrados de dos comandantes que lo seguían, y de los operadores de radar, que vigilaban el vuelo desde tierra. Esto sucedió al sur de Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico, y en el extremo sur del archipiélago de la Mona.

En los últimos años han ocurrido los casos de desaparición de aviones, portaaviones y minisubmarinos, con supuestos OVNIS y OSNIS (objetos sumergidos no identificados). Algunos han sido sensacionales y alarmantes. No todos han tenido lugar en el mismo brazo de mar, donde tampoco se han dado varios casos de desapariciones de barcos y aviones, en circunstancias por demás extrañas. Simultáneamente se han estado manifestando aviones de OVNIS.

Actualmente pasamos por otra oleada. Nuevamente la zona cuenta presencia el mayor número de casos... ¿Coincidencia?

Quizás futuros eventos aclararán el paradero de los ocupantes del avión Eurocoupe. Los presencias señalan que la espera podría ser muy larga.

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