

# MAIL BAG

## Gobbledygook

Dear Sir,—In the above article, which appeared in FSR Vol.18 No.6, I was very surprised that Mr. Creighton omitted to mention one early case of a reported interruption of a radio programme to announce the crashing of a flying saucer.

This occurred in June 1947 and concerned the stage and radio star Hughie Green. The report was on page three of the very first issue of "The Flying Saucer Review" — Vol.1 No.1! I enclose a photocopy of the page to refresh Mr. Creighton's memory!

Yours sincerely,

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And what better than to reproduce an extract from that item which was published nearly 21 years ago — EDITOR:

"Broadcasts reporting a Flying Saucer crash picked up on his car radio as he drove across America has baffled stage and radio star Hughie Green since June, 1947.

"He was driving alone from Hollywood to Philadelphia for a business appointment and was tuned in to broadcasting stations most of the time 'because it's a long and boring trip.'

"But let Mr. Green take up the story.

" 'About 250 miles out of Philadelphia,' he said, 'a commentator interrupted the programme to announce that a Flying Saucer had crashed in New Mexico and that the Army were moving in to investigate.

" 'Later the programme was interrupted again and quite a few details were given.

" 'Several newsflashes about the incident from various stations followed. The last I heard was just before reaching Philadelphia. The announcer promised further bulletins. None followed.

" 'When I got there I bought all the newspapers I could lay my hands on. But not one carried the story. And questions at the radio stations just drew a blank. It's mystified me ever since.' "

## An impossible journey

Dear Sir,—May I make brief mention of a curious "time contraction" (?) experience similar in part to that apparently undergone by some individuals elsewhere, but on the face of

it having no connection with UFOs.

This is related by a consultant psychiatrist in his book "Silent Union" (Stuart & Watkins 1966) which deals with his own psychic experiences as well as those of some of his patients. These he tells dispassionately and without attempting to draw any religious or related conclusions.

One day the doctor had visited another town with his wife and was driving back in the evening, the town being fifteen miles from home. It was a fine evening so they drove slowly, admiring the country. Yet after what they afterwards reckoned was less than five minutes travelling they passed a signpost indicating that they were only three miles from their own town. Unable to believe the evidence of their own eyes they consulted the AA map guide and confirmed the mileage between the two towns, at the same time slowing right down to watch out for the next sign post. This appeared in the next minute or so, and almost at once they found they were entering the outskirts of their own town.

Trying to keep calm and figure it out they found they had driven (since leaving) about six minutes but covered fifteen miles — in other words travelled from point of departure to home town at one hundred and fifty miles an hour!

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## UMMO again

Dear Sir,—A few thoughts on "UMMO: The photos of the UFO with the M sign are surely the best ever, but why "allegedly" hovered over Madrid? Surely there were enough witnesses to establish whether this sighting was genuine or not. And what about the plastic strips and metal tubes? There was physical evidence. Has anyone followed up this most important clue and approached Du Ponts for instance?

A new American test vehicle? This comes inevitably to mind, and perhaps the material was planted with that end in view. The Americans have bases in Spain, but I can't see them risking such a revolutionary craft on foreign soil when they have enormous secret test ranges in U.S.A.

So what — a hoax? Who on earth could or would go to such enormous trouble and expense, and with what object? No, the answer lies elsewhere.

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

John Keel is on the right track, I believe, although I prefer Meade Layne's "etherians" to Keel's term "elementals". Who ever heard of elementals building machines — they are instinctive, not intellectual. "Ultra-terrestrials" is better. We seem to be up against a thinking, apparently technological race inhabiting the etheric sub-planes intermediate between the physical and astral.

There is a cryptic passage in an early Theosophical manual which may have some bearing on this.

After listing ALL the different grades of elementals, nature spirits and devas, the writer states:

*"Quite outside of and entirely unconnected with the four classes into which we are dividing this section. there are two other great evolutions which at present share the use of this planet with humanity; but about them it is forbidden to give any particulars at this stage of the proceedings, as it is apparently not intended under ordinary circumstances either that they should be conscious of man's existence or man of theirs. If we ever do come into contact with them it will most probably be on the purely physical plane, for in any case their connection with our astral plane is of the slightest..."*

That was written almost 100 years ago, and I never met a Theosophist who could or would enlarge on that statement, but it seems to tie in with Allende's LMs and SMs — "goodies" and "baddies." I tend to link it with another statement, this time by the Tibetan in his "Treatise on Cosmic Fire." He says:

*"The fourth ether, the lowest of the ethers, is to be the next physical plane of consciousness. Etheric matter is even now becoming visible to some, and will be entirely visible at the end of this century to many."*

And again:

*"The fourth ether is coming into recognition, and along with it will come the knowledge of the lives which it embodies."*

The idea is that as the Aquarian age approaches and the solar system moves into a new alignment with the other heavenly bodies, the etheric atoms are being vivified by streams of energy from Sirius, the Pleiades, Great Bear and other sources — the seven Rays of Eastern terminology. So that the denizens of the etheric

\* C.W. Leadbeater, *The Astral Plane*.