

PUERTO RICO: AN AREA OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL EXPERIMENTATION?

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Some months ago, under the title "WHAT IS HAPPENING IN PUERTO RICO?", we published in *Espacio y Tiempo* an article describing the massive number of UFO phenomena occurring on the Island of Puerto Rico, many of them likely to surprise even the most experienced of investigators. (A full English translation of that report, *Current Happenings On Puerto Rico*, followed in due course in FSR 36/4, Winter 1991. G.C.)

On that occasion, we discussed the "Yetis" that are frequently seen in the Yunque Mountains (far south-west of Puerto Rico), the "big-headed dwarves", and the malignant-looking birds with wing-spans of four or five metres, and we also included a photograph of a bird with fangs — maybe an escapee from some laboratory in the area that is engaged in genetic experiments? (Or...maybe...something else? G.C.).

At The Epicentre of the Mystery

During our subsequent further visit to Puerto Rico we have been able to confirm once again that the sum total of strange phenomena (UFO sightings, animal mutilations, and contacts with "little men") is still enormous, and these events are occurring not merely in the Cabo Rojo area and other 'hot' regions on the Island, but also even in the area of the Capital itself (San Juan), which has frequently been the scene of these sorts of events during this past year.

The case that we are now about to relate was, in a way, the cause of the Puerto Rico Government's actual public display of its own interest in the UFOs and everything concerning them, as we shall describe later in detail.

The central figure in our case in question is a middle-aged Puertorican man who, after residing in New York for thirty years, had returned to his native town on the Island, and shortly afterwards was abducted by extraterrestrials, as his story shows. He does not want his name disclosed, and his reasons for this are obvious; *he wants to get a job*. And he is certain that, if the story gets out and he is identified, nobody will employ him.

He lives in San Lorenzo, in the east-central part of Puerto Rico. He was found at a place called Adjuntas, 'in an altered emotional state' according to

the Police and according to the persons who found him. He said that he had been in his home-town, San Lorenzo, when some extraterrestrials abducted him and took him aboard their craft and then, after an alarming journey, left him there, at Adjuntas, some kilometres from his home, where the people found him.

Before giving all the details of this interesting case, we ought to mention that the area in question has always been the scene of UFO sightings and other phenomena. If we go back just a few years, we find that there were a number of paranormal phenomena there — one of which, possibly the one that caused the most stir, was the appearance, on a screen in the local church, of a figure of Christ which, owing to its apparently magical nature, attracted so many hundreds of devoted folk that finally the priest felt obliged to close the church.

The Vampire of Moca

During that same period, and not far from there, at Moca and in the surrounding area, there were several waves of UFOs accompanied by animal mutilations and by other peripheral phenomena habitually associated with UFOs. The generic name given to the whole pattern of events there was "*The Vampire of Moca*". All the mutilated animals presented certain very clear features, the principal of which we can emphasise as follows: all the animals appeared to be devoid of blood, even without residual blood on their wounds. And the wounds gave the impression of having been produced by a sort of *punch* or *needle* (*punzón*) which, as it entered, destroyed the internal organs and the bones, but strangely enough there was no blood around the wound, although it was open.

It was as though the instrument had sucked out everything it encountered. Furthermore, the animals had had some of their organs cleanly and skillfully excised, as though by some super-refined surgical technology.

So extreme was the commotion caused by the "Vampire" affair that the Department of Civil Defence of the Puerto Rico Government launched an investigation, details of which leaked out unexpectedly to the public. The man in charge of the investigation, Col. José A.M. Nolla, was on oath in the course of a political

court hearing at the time, and was asked whether or not he had been involved in the affair of the “Vampire of Moca”, whereupon, in order to avoid perjuring himself, he was obliged to reply in the affirmative.

I secured an opportunity to have an interview with Colonel Nolla at the time, and I was able to chat with him for more than two hours. Although he replied in friendly fashion to my questions, some of his answers and his conclusions were a faithful reflection of the official ‘mood’, involving concealment of data, denial of evidence, or — at times — simply barefaced lying.

When I asked him what conclusions he had arrived at in 1975 after his investigation of the “Vampire” affair, he unabashedly replied that he had conscientiously investigated the animal deaths and that “*all of them were due to a pack of wild dogs.*” When I reminded him, not without a certain irony, that wild dogs kill savagely and not with surgical instruments, as was suggested by the quite extraordinary wounds displayed by the animals, on top of the fact of the total absence of any signs of violence or of struggle, he told me that he knew nothing more about the affair and that that was all he could tell me!

Sophisticated Mutilation of Geese

I refrained from expressing my opinion about his answers and, continuing on the same theme, I asked for his opinion on the case of Buenaventura Bello, a worthy gentleman from Isla Verde, who, getting up one morning, was surprised at not hearing his geese cackling as usual for their food. When he stepped out of the



Señora Magdalena Del Amo-Freixedo interviewing Colonel Nolla

forbidding all access to the house and its vicinity.

After the lapse of half an hour, somebody telephoned, saying that he was the representative of one of the southern universities of the USA and asking for one of the dead geese, as his department was very interested in the investigation of mutilated animals. Shortly after that, a man who seemed to be from the USA arrived and took away one of the dead birds in a plastic bag.

UFO Radiation: Danger of Death

Sr. Buenaventura Bello was advised, although this was not done officially, to quit his house, because his health could be endangered. So, following the instructions of these presumed Federal agents who had taken custody of his house, he moved out.

Eighteen days later, his valuable Alsatian bitch, less than a year old, died of a galloping cancer, apparently produced by the radiation to which she had been exposed for some hours at the scene of the events.

The report on the autopsies on the geese indicated that within a two cm.-diameter circle, stripped of feathers, the birds had received two puncturing wounds which destroyed their internal organs.

These two wounds seemed to converge in the interior of the body, and the instrument producing the wounds cauterized the walls, preventing the issue of any blood. In any case, the geese were totally drained of blood. *As can be seen, wild dogs are expert surgeons!*

Colonel Nolla said he knew nothing about all that, and displayed what looked like a certain degree of surprise and interest in the affair — *seeing that everything relating to the investigation of radioactivity is the business of the Department of Civil Defence — of which organ he is himself the Director!*

The Abduction at Adjuntas

I will move on now to the case at Adjuntas, and relate what the eyewitness himself told us about his experience. “I was on my way to Ponce that day, to visit a brother whom I hadn’t seen since my visit to the USA. On the way, in a valley, I halted... It was there that I



Colonel José A. M. Nolla, Director of Civil Defense, Puerto Rico

house, he understood perfectly the reason for such silence: all his geese were dead, laid out in a circle, and drained of all blood.

He called the Police to report the matter, but, surprisingly, his call was answered *instantly* by some gentlemen in a white minibus, carrying some pretty sophisticated sorts of measuring instruments. After making a preliminary check of the area with what looked like Geiger counters, some of the investigative group put on white anti-contamination suits and entered the patio of his house with an assortment of their measuring and analyzing instruments, while simultaneously the others went off on a patrol around the area,

saw this thing like a big round shadow falling down on top of me. And suddenly something, a force, grabbed me, as though I was caught in a net, and it lifted me. And then, when I came to my senses again, I am inside a big machine and sitting in a sort of armchair that looked as though made of bronze, but soft, and I wasn't able to move. I tried to do so, but couldn't."

As he went on to describe it, the chamber in which he was "seemed to be metallic, of a material similar to bronze, lit by a faint golden-orange light coming through the edges of the wall. The ceiling was round and dark... covered with what looked like stars. It wasn't the real sky, because nothing in it was moving, but it looked very much like a sky with stars. Beyond the metallic wall I saw several beings-persons, but not like us — passing in and out through an open door... I counted four or five of them. They were a bit shorter than us and weren't like us. They were wearing helmets and their heads were big and their eyes big too. Their eyes were big and elongated and a bit protruding and of a greenish colour, with a bright orangish or red part in them, in the centre. They had no ears, only little holes, and their mouths were thin, without lips, and for noses they only had two little holes".

As we went on questioning him, the witness continued to give this description of the beings — though not without a certain difficulty, for the man's educational level is very low. On the other hand we have to state that this man scarcely had any previous knowledge whatsoever about UFOs, and had not the slightest concern whatsoever regarding that subject.

He went on: "They were thin, skinny, and wearing a sort of greyish-coloured clothing. The clothing covered their whole bodies and was close-fitting, very close-fitting, all as far as the neck and down to the hands. The hands had like four longish fingers and they came down almost to the level of the knees. Those peoples' skin was of a yellowish-green colour, sort of greyish, a very queer colour".

This description, apart from a few slight nuances here and there due to the mental make-up of the observer himself, coincides with the accounts given by other witnesses who have also had experiences of this kind.

He went on: "Two or three of them came over to me *and said something — but inside my mind — that I couldn't understand. They put things into peoples' minds.* Then, after that, one of them came over whom I did understand. This one was a wee bit taller. He told me to stay calm; that they weren't going to do anything to me, and that they only wanted to see something. Then they came up close to me again and said that they were going to put me into special clothing like theirs, which was to prevent me from being harmed by the high speed at which they were going to travel to the place from which they come. They put that clothing on me, a grey thing like they were wearing themselves, and then I felt a sort of thrust as though the thing I was in was moving very fast. *I felt heat,* and then, after a while, we had arrived somewhere where everything

looked as though made of bronze, like a dark golden, greenish shade.

Humans in Extraterrestrial Communities?

"They didn't put me down. Through a little window I could see that outside,, in the place where we had arrived, everything looked as though made of this metal. I saw buildings, and five machines like flying saucers, but with projections at the sides that made them look more like stars. Through the little window I could see that there were lots of those strange beings there, *but I also saw people like us there.*"

(Here, once again, we encounter a feature that appears quite frequently in case reports of this kind, namely *the presence — according to the eyewitnesses — of humans in communities that are supposedly extraterrestrial.*)

He continued: "I saw there something shining, up above, like a ball of brilliant golden light — I don't know whether it was a sun or a light... it was a ball of light. Nor am I sure, either, whether we were underground or somewhere else... I only knew that the journey, from where they had caught me, to where they had taken me to see all this, had lasted only about half an hour, and everything that I saw, I saw through the little window of the craft.

"One strange thing that happened was that one of them seized hold of my hand and checked my watch. It is a cheap wristwatch, with an image of a small crucifix... what they call a hologram — underneath, where the numerals of the watch are. He checked my watch, and when he let go of my hand, the crucifix was larger and brighter and was on the upper part of the watch-glass, and also the colour of the crucifix was more golden. I didn't know what had happened, but the watch had not been like that before.

"Another thing is that, after that, I realized that I had a mark like a scar, like a burn, on that wrist, and I hadn't had that before! I don't know where that had come from!" The witness went on to say that, after he had had all these experiences, the craft commenced the return journey, which lasted some 30 minutes.

After that, they took the clothing off him and asked him why he lived there, in San Lorenzo, if he was from another place? (He had been born in Adjuntas). And they told him that he must go back to the place from which he had come.

After these somewhat less than intelligent remarks by his captors, he felt himself once more overcome by the strange force. All that he remembers after that is that he was lying in a place covered with bushes and the craft, above him, was speeding away out of sight.

He said: "Terrified, I scrambled to my feet, and shouted for help. Two men heard me and came to my assistance and they took me to the Police Headquarters. And I was in Adjuntas! "It had been about 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon when they had grabbed me, and when they released me it was about 5.00 p.m. So three hours had elapsed."

When he was asked how frightened he had been during the experience, he said: *"When you are with them, you don't have fear or nerves. It's as though, with their minds, they do something to stop you from being scared. But when they have let you go, it's then that you get the terror and the nerves. My nerves are still badly upset by it. Indeed, it's worse than that, for tomorrow I'm going to see my doctor to ask for something to make me sleep, because ever since the day when that happened I can't think of anything else and I can't sleep well. I can't get it all out of my mind".*

Statements By The Eyewitnesses

What is interesting, apart from the man's own account, is the fact that there are other people involved in the case. Two of them, Sr. Rubén Pérez Vélez and Sr. Juan Caballero, who were the two that found him, gave their own accounts of the affair as follows:-

"Juan Caballero and I were there to collect some horses that I was going to sell, and the horses were behaving very strangely, very disturbed, whinnying and jumping about. Juan said: 'What's all this!'. And I looked, and then we spotted a big circular area where the grass was all flattened, and around the edges of the area the standing grass was twisting and turning all around. And I said to Juan: *'It must be a tornado! Let's get out of here!'* We turned round and we were just about to leave when we heard somebody shouting desperately for help. And when we looked again to see what it was, we saw that the wind and the circle had disappeared, but that there was now a man lying on the ground right in the very middle of the place where the circle had been. We ran to him, and the man picked himself up. He was jolly scared. He asked us to help him, to take him to a church, to the Police. Real scared he was.

"We looked him over first and questioned him, to see if he was crazy or suffering from some other sort of problems, and he told us what had happened to him and that some queer beings had carried him off in a flying saucer from where he lived, at San Lorenzo, and had then left him here at this place. The chap was quite sober, and he truly was very scared, very nervous. I didn't know what to think about his story. But the fact is that *he hadn't been there* just a few moments before, when we were looking. And then he appeared there instantaneously, right in the middle of that flattened grass circle with the grass all around twisting and turning. *That's* what made me believe his story — because he hadn't been there just before — we are both sure of that!

"And another thing is that it had been raining, and the ground was muddy, but when the man got up he was absolutely clean, with no mud on his clothing, and his hat too, which was thrown down beside him, was completely clean. All of which is of course impossible, but all the same, that's how it was... He asked me to take him to a church, but I said no, it would be better to take him to Police Headquarters, and I took him there".

Before we pass on to relating what happened at the Police Station, it would be an opportune moment for us to consider one or two points. If what the abductee has told us is interesting, no less interesting is the testimony of the two persons who met him just afterwards, and also interesting are the events preceding the UFO encounter. Particularly interesting are the facts concerning the circle of flattened grass and the standing grass around, twisting and twirling about to such a degree that the two witnesses thought it was a tornado. *Is it, maybe, that there was something present there, something physical, that their eyes did not perceive?* What is certain, according to their account, is that a man suddenly appeared in the centre of the circle, as though he had appeared out of nowhere. *Moreover, to cap it all, despite being on a muddy spot, he was completely clean and completely dry.*

When they reached the Police Headquarters they were received by Police Officer Remigio López and Police Sergeant Rivera, who proceeded to carry out the preliminary investigation so as to be able to draw up an official report on the case.

With regard to the emotional state of the abductee, Police Officer López remarked that the man had arrived there in a lamentable condition, very frightened and nervous. "When he explained to us what had happened, we were surprised that he should have been released precisely *here* in Adjuntas, in view of all that is going on in this part of the Island with the UFO business."

Adjuntas, a region already "classic" insofar as strange phenomena are concerned, has been prominent in the news again of late, and there are few people there who have not had some sort of experience. UFO sightings and encounters are in fact almost daily there. So much so, that one of the TV programmes with the largest viewing audience on Puerto Rico dedicated one of its slots to the UFOs and did it directly from Adjuntas. Hence the words of Police Officer López, well accustomed to hearing stories of this kind at Police Headquarters, and also himself an eyewitness of UFOs on more than one occasion.

Police Sergeant Rivera, for his part, said: "What he told us didn't surprise us, and so we gave him a body-scan with a Geiger counter. It showed no reaction, but when we ran it over his watch the watch gave an instantaneous response. The needle leapt up to the top, and after that there was no more reaction, but all of us had seen how it jumped.

President George Bush's Reply

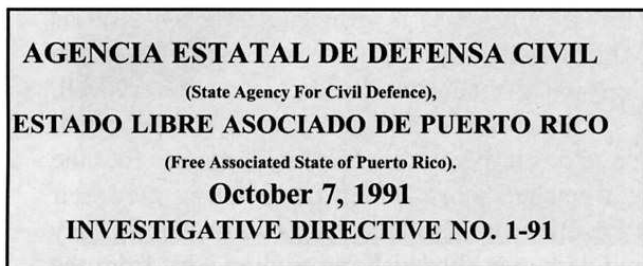
Because of this spectacular and interesting case, and because of the countless UFO sightings which, as we have said, had been occurring in Adjuntas region, the Mayor of Adjuntas, Sr. Don Rigoberto Ramos, sent a letter to the U.S. President himself, George Bush, requesting some explanation, seeing that the Puertorican

authorities themselves appeared to be unaware of anything and had simply confined themselves to denying the facts and ridiculing the eyewitnesses.

We had had a date fixed for an interview with Mayor Ramos and with Edwin Plaza, but owing to our limited time we were not able to see them, so our interviews have been deferred until our next visit to Puerto Rico, when we shall try to clear up various points in connection with this case.

President Bush's reply was not long in coming; on October 7, 1991, the Puerto Rican Civil Defence Agency issued a "secret" memorandum signed by Colonel José A. M. Nolla which — as Colonel Nolla himself confirmed to us — was *secret (materia reservada)*.

Since this document is "secret" and since it deals with "*materia reservada*", it gives me a double pleasure to offer to readers of *Espacio Y Tiempo* a portion of the text of it:-



FROM: JOSÉ A.M. NOLLA, DIRECTOR.

TO: 1. INSPECTOR-GENERAL

2. DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

3. DIRECTOR OF GEOGRAPHICAL INTELLIGENCE

4. CO-ORDINATOR OF OPERATIONAL AREAS

5. CO-ORDINATOR OF SPECIAL AREAS

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS

In the past, and also more recently, sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and unidentified maritime objects (UMOs) have occurred in the territory of the Free Associated State of Puerto Rico. In conformity with Article 6, Sub-paragraph F of Law No. 22 of July 23, 1976, we have deemed it fitting and necessary for the Civil Defence of Puerto Rico to investigate and study the cases of sightings of unidentified objects with a view to assuring that the said sightings do not represent a threat to the security of the Puerto Rican people.

The study of the sighting cases will be the responsibility of a special committee composed of the State Director, the State Sub-Director, the Director of Geographical Intelligence, the Director of Government Operations, a Representative of the Arecibo Observatory*, and a Representative of the Puerto Rico National Guard. Other Organs of the Government of Puerto Rico will also participate in the study as and when the necessity may arise.

It will be the responsibility of the Co-Originators of Special Operational Areas (Zones) to carry out the initial interviews with eyewitnesses of sightings, using Form DC-DIG001. Once the initial interview has taken place, the completed DC-DIG001 Form must be sent to the Director of Geographical Intelligence for decision as to whether a further investigation of the case needs to be carried out.

Groundwork For The Official Investigation Of The UFOs

The complete text of this Directive runs to a total of eight pages, and it establishes the basic arrangements for the official investigation of the UFOs in Puerto Rico. It sets the guide-lines for evaluating eyewitnesses' reports, depending on whether or not the observation was by a group of people or by a single person. Instructions are given for the correct carrying out of the interrogations, but, above all, it is insisted that nothing is to be ridiculed and that all details of each case shall be gathered up however insignificant they might seem to be.

But what connection is there between Colonel Nolla's Memorandum and the letter from the Mayor of Adjuntas to President Bush? The matter is clear enough. The UFOs are *evidence of something*. And they merit investigation.

On the other hand, the Puerto Rico Civil Defence Department receives a part of its funding from the Department of Defence of the United States, and so it is utilized in this way as a sort of "front" in collecting UFO information in Puerto Rico without it being made evident that in reality it is the *U.S. Government* who are interested in everything that is happening on the Island of Puerto Rico in connection with the UFOs.

We hope that the manner in which the Puerto Rico authorities conduct themselves (as regards their duty to furnish information to the people of the Island) will change, and that we shall see no repetitions of the ridiculous scenes that we saw a few months ago in connection with the "lights over Lake Cartagena" in the south-western corner of the Island.

Lights Over Lake Cartagena

Lights continue to be seen over this Lake — lights that enter the water and that emerge from it, and the affair reached such a point that the authorities felt obliged to intervene. It is obvious that they did this in order to deny the facts, and in doing this *they carried out an experiment to prove that the lights were nothing more than reflections in the lake from the nearby towns!*

Here is how the experiment was done. The Civil Defence Department, in association with the Electrical Energy Authority, staged a black-out, and simultaneously they set up a number of searchlights on the top of the Candelaria Mountains, and switched them on whenever they wanted, so as to produce light reflections in the waters of Lake Cartagena.

The "experiment" proved to be a total disaster, because they were unable to produce any reflections on the surface of the Lake. And for this there were two reasons:-

1. Because the houses of the town of Candelaria were located at a considerable distance from the scene of operations, and

2. Because the bulrushes growing everywhere all over the Lake, except in a smaller region at the very

centre (which was below where the “lights” were being seen) are very tall indeed, and so prevented any of the searchlight reflections from appearing on the water!

Furthermore — in any case — according to local oral traditions, it is well known that these “Lights over Lake Cartagena” — in common with all the other phenomena — have existed, and have been seen, since long before the electric lighting had reached any of those towns!

Sightings of lights, craft, strange animals, animal mutilations, abductions — all these things can be considered as more or less “normal” within the general corpus of Ufology. But what is more important now, and what makes the UFO Phenomenon in Puerto Rico more particularly *different*, is the matter of the “*Little Men*” (*Hombrecitos*), both as regards their appearances on the scene and the frequency of these appearances, and as regards their evidently far closer approach nowadays to the populated areas, which previously they avoided.

Encounters With The “Little Men”

There are now cases — becoming ever more abundant — in which these beings have been seen inside the patios of houses, inside the gardens, and even inside the houses. On many occasions their behaviour is completely autistic — behaving as though they are alone and as though any human reactions to their presence are utterly unimportant to them.

However, the mountainous region of El Yunque ‘takes the prize’ for phenomena of this kind.

The case which we are now going to relate was experienced by a former policeman, Luis Torres, his wife Margarita and two of his Police colleagues plus their respective wives. Here is how Luis Torres described it for us:-

“It was at the end of February 1991. My wife and I drove up with some friends to visit the El Yunque area. We went up, one night, along Highway 191, and when we had reached a spot a little before where the swimming-pool is, where the last hut is, with the little office where the Forest Rangers tell people all about El Yunque, and we halted there. We were all filled with curiosity, anxious to verify whether we might be able to see anything ourselves, but we had never expected what we *did* see there!”

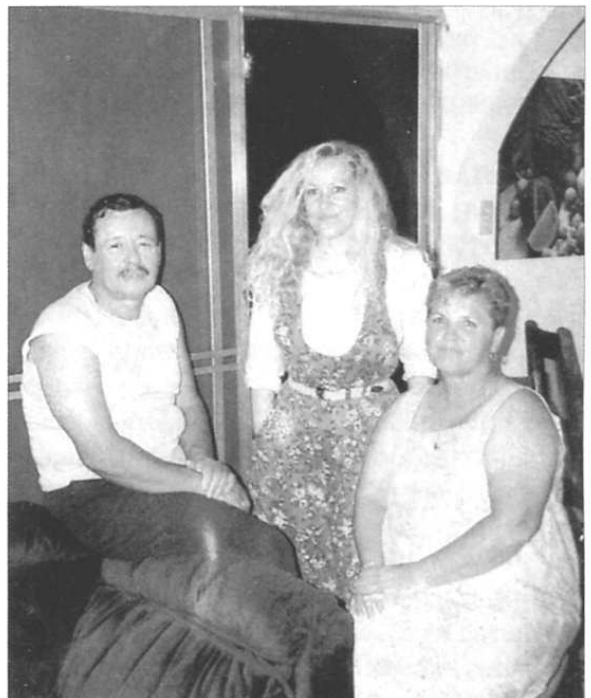
In this case (unlike the last case that we have described, where the abductee had never even heard of UFOs) this group of people had gone up the sacred mountain with the intention of trying to see them, having decided to try their own luck after hearing of the experiences of some of their own colleagues up there.

Two “Little Men” In El Yunque

Luis Torres continued: “We were in the parking lot and looking up at the sky, when, after about fifteen minutes or so, we saw two little men. We were there beside our cars, chatting, when we perceived two people coming down the highway in front of us, as if

there were nothing to it, and talking a weird gibberish like *nyii-nyiii-nyuuuu-nyuuuu-nyam-nyum-nyummm-nyam* — something like that, very fast. A language incomprehensible for us. It was like when you listen to a tape-recording that’s very fast... more or less just like that. When we looked more closely we saw that they were weird. Two of them walking down the road. They weren’t just ordinary people! They were weird little men! They were maybe around 4ft. high, thin, slim little chaps, dressed from head to feet in clothing — you know that sort of clothing which is used for exercising — very tight-fitting to the body? Well, it was that sort of thing. Clothing fitting the body very closely, very well, like overalls. In the moonlight — there wasn’t much that night — the clothing looked a greenish colour. Between green and grey. It came right up to the tops of their heads, covering the skull. All that you could see, outside the clothing, was their faces and their hands — nothing else. Their little arms were right down to about the knees, and their heads too were elongated, though we couldn’t see them very well.

“Their heads were large, sort of slanted, big at the top and small down below, looking more like the shape of an egg. And a bit flattened at the top, and their faces flattened too. I saw no eyebrows on them. They had big dark eyes, blackish, protruding a bit from the face, bulging like... Their little necks were very thin;



Magdalena Del Amo-Freixedo with Puertorican policeman Luis Torres and his wife

almost no nose to be seen, and nor the mouth neither... Their skin looked to me grey or greyish-green.

“They passed right by, in front of us, and they must have seen us there, because we were in the building there right on the edge of the road. They carried on down the road, and when they had gone about 100 ft. or so past us, they turned around and started off up the road again, passing right by us once more. We tried to follow them. I got out my revolver



Sketch of the "bio-robots" as described by policeman Luis Torres and his wife Margarita and their companions

— not to harm them, but just so that they would see that we were armed, in case they should by any chance try to do anything. But when I got out the revolver, it seems as though they knew it. They didn't look directly at us at any time, but they quickened their pace and, a bit further up the road, they crossed over to the left-hand side of the road and entered the thickets on the hillside. We tried to see where they had gone, but saw no more of them."

Margarita confirmed what her husband had said, and added: "They weren't *men*. They were just something weird." However, far from having inspired fear or revulsion in her, her feelings were rather those of tenderness. She said they were so charming, so lovely, that she wouldn't in the least have minded bringing one of them into her house. "They really were weird. And at the same time lovely, because in shape they looked just like two little twins... absolutely identical".

We asked Luis whether he, as a policeman, knew of other strange cases that had occurred in the El Yunque mountain region, and he said that there were lots of people in that area who had had even more terrific experiences than he and his party had. Many of his own Police colleagues, he said, had also experienced similar happenings, but their situation as Policemen obliged them to keep silent about it.

The Case of Amauri Rivera

As we have seen, the description of the "little men" or "the kiddies", as it is customary to call them, is sufficiently similar in all the cases that we have

described.

The next case that we are going to give is at this moment being reported and discussed around the world and investigated by leading Ufologists. And, like all the other features within the UFO field that depart somewhat from what appears to be the "usual", it is giving rise to much controversy. *We refer to the case of Amauri Rivera.* For some time past his story has been known to us, but we preferred not to publish anything about him until we knew him personally. Which came about a few weeks ago, in Miami, USA.

To begin with, Amauri Rivera was a bit upset when we met him, and on his guard with us, because I had published — without his permission — one of his much-sought-after photographs. It was a pretty bad copy, to tell the truth. But after the first few moments of nervousness we "got stuck into" our subject, and he started to tell me his story right from the beginning.

It was at about 4.00 o'clock in the early morning, one day in May 1988. (To be precise it was on the day before Mother's Day). Amauri Rivera was returning home alone along the La Bajura Highway, an isolated and little-travelled route. He had recently arrived back in Puerto Rico from the USA, and a relative of his had found him a job as a waiter in a discotheque at weekends. There does exist another route to his home, and one that is more frequented, but he had always been using this particular route from the start because it was shorter. He remembers that he was anxious to get home, as he badly needed to eat and rest after having been on his feet for so long in the new job to which he wasn't yet accustomed.

He was driving slowly; he had been warned that there were sometimes animals loose from the neighbouring farms. Moreover it was misty, and the road surface was not good.

Suddenly he was astonished to see, through his side-window, that beside his car there was somebody, seemingly on foot, who, by the light from his headlights and from the Moon, looked greyish in colour.

(I omit the detailed description which Amauri Rivera gave us of the entities because in fact his account agrees almost totally with the cases that we have already discussed in this article.)

Amauri Rivera's first thought was to put on speed, but he ended up by braking, because, looking ahead, he was immediately astounded to see a second dwarf in front of the car. He thought at first that it was the same one that he had just seen beside the car and felt surprised at the speed with which the entity had moved. Until he discovered in fact that there really were two of them. The door of his car opened, and at that moment he lost consciousness.

When he came to again, he found himself still in his car. Not, however, on the road leading to his home, but in a sort of underground car-park where there were other empty cars. He could remember nothing, and began to search for an exit. Suddenly one of the dwarves appeared again beside him, and on seeing the creature he at once recalled what had happened at La Bajura. He felt scared. The strange being put its hand

in through the car window and touched him on the forehead, and in that instant Amauri fell asleep.

The "Kiddies" Are Bio-Robots

When he regained consciousness, Amauri Rivera found himself in a room made of a strange material, with a number of chairs of the same material. At this point he has great difficulty in expressing something that for him is totally new and totally different from anything that he has ever known.

The walls of the chamber were at some distance from him but he was unable to estimate what distance. "They might have been a metre from me, or they might have been at infinity".

In the chamber there were 15 people including himself, seated in three rows of five. He was in the last of the three rows. All the people appeared to be Hispano-Americans, and they gave the impression of having been brought there suddenly. Some of them were wearing shorts and others were in pyjamas and dressing-gowns. Facing them was a tall, dark man of human appearance. His hair was long, down to the shoulders, and his complexion dusky. He would, says the witness, have passed anywhere unnoticed.

This man said that he was a human, just like them, who had come here from another planet in our Galaxy. On either side of him there was a dwarf, similar to those we have already described.

Almost all of those present in the chamber gazed with horror at the two creatures. Then the human took hold of one of the creatures and climbed on top of it, with his legs around its waist and his arms around its neck, like a chimpanzee or little monkey. He seized hold of its face with one hand and turned it to right and to left, at the same time saying that they should have no fear of these entities, as they were biological robots created by them for certain kinds of work, and that they were quite inoffensive.

Terrifying Holograms

He then told them that they were about to see some images — later Amauri learned that they were *holograms* — which were *false* — and therefore they should not get upset. At this point in the conversation with me the contactee became nervous. He is in fact still unable to recall the events without getting upset. He told me that his hair still stands on end and he sweats when he recalls it.

He said that during the projection of the holograms, everyone wept and screamed. Among other things, they observed a huge celestial body approach the Earth, and strike it, causing enormous disasters, with multitudes of people suffering and weeping. "The feelings aroused by those images were really nasty" said Amauri, very moved. He says that he himself wept at the scenes and experiences again even now how ill he felt.

When the projection had ended, the dwarves



Contactee Señor Amauri Rivera, with Magdalena Del Amo-Freixado

put his hand into the hand of the tall man, and then the dwarves proceeded to touch the foreheads of all the abductees, who instantly fell asleep.

Amauri said he felt a tremendous wave of disgust at the idea of being touched again by one of the creatures and tried to avoid it, though at the same time he was also thinking that in this way at least he would be finished with all the torture and unpleasantness that he was undergoing at present.

When the creature did touch him, he duly lost consciousness.

Upon coming to his senses again, he was in his car and on the road, but not at La Bajura and on the way to his home. He was now in a place that he did not know, some kilometres from home, and dawn was just breaking.

He was weeping, but he had no idea why, because he remembered nothing at this point. He just felt strange. He no longer felt hungry. And he noted to his surprise that he had urinated.

The UFO Photographed

Suddenly he heard the sound of aircraft engines. He put his head out to look, and beheld an enormous greyish, round, object with a ball beneath it and another ball on top gliding silently through the air, followed by an aircraft which was either pursuing it or escorting it. And — at once — he recalled that on the back seat of the car he had a camera belonging to a female cousin of his.

Before we proceed any further, it is probably fitting for us to explain at this point how it was that he had a camera with him, and a loaded one at that. The fact of the matter was that at the nightclub where he was working they had just had a very well known Puerto Rican group, El Gran Combo, playing there that night, and his cousin, a fan of this group, had asked him to get some photos of the group for her, and this he had done, and so the camera was now lying on the back seat of his car with part of the spool still unexposed.

He reached for the camera and as he did so he heard — not inside his head but outside of him — a sort of *beep-beeping* sound. He pressed the button of the camera, and then again, like an automaton, he pressed

the button again, seemingly not quite knowing why, and once again he heard the *beep-beep*. In all he pressed the button several times, until the UFO began to bank, glowing brightly as it did so, and vanished into the skies.

More tranquil now, Amauri felt only one desire — to get home as fast as possible.

He drove on for some distance over a stretch of road unfamiliar to him, until he saw a woman who was giving her garden an early-morning watering, and she showed him the road to Cabo Rojo.

When, finally, he got home, he found his grandmother, with whom he lives, greatly worried because he was so late.

He felt ill, and very sleepy, but a long spell in bed sufficed, and a couple of days later he was completely recovered.

Meanwhile of course he remembered nothing whatsoever of what had happened to him, though night after night he had awful nightmares.

Then, a few days later, his cousin had her film developed and there, along with the snaps of the Gran Combo Group, were the photos that Amauri had taken of the huge object and the aircraft. And it was then that, suddenly, he recalled his extraordinary experiences.

Amarón's Message To Mankind: Earthquakes and a Nuclear Catastrophe

Subsequently, Amauri Rivera had further contacts with the "human" personage, who had said his name was Amarón. (The similarity of this to his own name is obvious, but we do not know what, if anything, that signifies.)

Just as had happened with most "Contactees", Amauri's life-style has changed radically. At first he regarded his UFO experience as something totally "negative", but today, although he still has certain reservations, he considers that what happened to him has benefited him spiritually.

His case is possibly one of the most spectacular and most complete of recent times and, therefore, one of the most controversial. The case contains all the classic features: the sighting; the abduction; the message; and the photographs (this latter a very infrequent feature).

Amauri has a message to spread to the world, and a mission to accomplish here on Earth — it is something to do with the gathering of seed for a near future — after the approaching catastrophe.

The reference is to a catastrophe to be suffered by the Island of Puerto Rico and by the entire World as well, caused by EARTHQUAKES. Likewise, a series of nuclear plants in the United States will commence a chain-reaction, and will explode as they feel the effects of the geological faults in their specific geographical areas, and will pour out all their radioactivity into the atmosphere, contaminating the entire planet and affecting the life-cycle on the Earth.

As we have seen, Amauri is no exception, and he is completely in line with the general pattern of the

"Contactee" as a bearer of catastrophistic messages.

This, however, is just a sample of what is going on in Puerto Rico at the present time.

We shall shortly return there, in order to tell our *Espacio Y Tiempo* readers about other equally weird cases, because the incidence of such happenings is mounting in Puerto Rico all the time, so that one is totally at a loss to know what to think about it all.

I discussed this with the great Puertorican UFO investigator Jorge Martín, and I take this opportunity now to express to him our thanks for all the information that he always places at our disposal. He said: "*I think 'They' are making an attempt now at open contact.*"

For some time past various UFO investigators have been concluding that Puerto Rico is an area of experimentation. WHOSE?

Let us hope that one day we shall discover the answer, and be able to tell you. In the meantime, we shall go on gathering data about this Island which, for the time being, has become the Epicentre of the UFO Mystery.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR. According to the *Cambridge Atlas of Astronomy*, a vast volume, published in 1985 and containing authoritative articles by some fifty top astronomers, the huge American "dish-telescope", built in a natural hollow in the hills near Arecibo, was at that date the largest radio and/or radar telescope in the world. It is stationary, and has a diameter of no less than 305 metres. Scanning of the sky is secured by the Earth's rotation, and by displacement of detectors suspended by cables high above the "dish". Arecibo was used by NASA in the 1960s to transmit the first powerful radio signals aimed at any possible civilizations existing in the Globular Cluster M13 (first SETI programme) and the U.S. astronomer F.D. Drake became known as associated with those experiments.

In view of the existence of this enormous telescopic "dish" on the Island of Puerto Rico, it is curious that the Island seems also to be a focus for so much alien activity!

FSR's reports of *animal mutilations* on Puerto Rico go back almost 30 years, but I do not recall any such reports or any general UFO reports relating *specifically* to the Arecibo region, which is roughly midway along Puerto Rico's *Northern coast*. Can we take this as meaning that the aliens have some respect for the science of the Earthlings, and avoid Arecibo? As Sra. Del Amo-Freixedo indicates, the main focus of the alien activities seems to be in the *South-West* of the Island.■

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THE ONGOING SPANISH COVER-UP

By Gordon Creighton

IN FSR 38/2 we published an article, *The Spanish Air Force UFO Files*, by one of Spain's best-known and most experienced UFO investigators, Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos of Valencia.

It was indeed an interesting article, but there was something in it that worried me greatly when I read it. I refer to the passage where Vicente-Juan writes:—**"In 1990 I started to visit and correspond with officials in such headquarters, mainly the Public Relations Office and the Air Safety Section, bringing to the attention of the Chief of the Air Force Staff memoranda, reports, and arguments proving that (1) UFOs pose no threat to the national security and (2) UFOs represent a legitimate scientific problem, not a military one. In consequence, I argued, existing UFO documents should be declassified and the corresponding material should enter the public domain"**.

Sr. Ballester Olmos goes on to relate how finally, in May 1991, his efforts were successful, and the colonel in charge of the Air Safety Section prepared an internal memorandum to the General Division of Operations of the Spanish Air Force which finally "explicitly concluded that the UFO file should be declassified and made public to interested parties".

We are informed that this process of "declassification" is now taking place, and that the whole amazing thing has been brought about by Sr. Ballester Olmos, a private citizen of Spain! If this situation is indeed true, what is it telling us? It is telling us that, after years and years of UFO study, the top Air Force officials of one of the largest and most renowned nations of Western Europe do not know how to make up their minds about UFOs, and about the possible grave danger of UFOs to mankind, without going for advice to a businessman from Valencia and indeed being finally convinced by him as to what course of action they should take! (Try to visualize the British Ministry of Defence consulting Gordon Creighton about how to deal with UFOs!).

If that is the truth of the matter, then I am astounded. But I don't believe it for one second, and I said so in my editorial note to Sr. Salvador Freixedo's letter, on page 26 of FSR 38/2. My statement was as follows:—**"I beg leave however to doubt whether this material contains anything of any real value whatsoever apart from harmless details of encounters by Spanish aircraft with UFOs in Spain's Air-Space... I suggest that these "revelations", startling as they may seem to be, are in themselves only a part of the ongoing official cover-up and black-out. I'll bet they contain not one single word about abductions, about genetic tinkering and crossbreeding and about the forcible extraction of sperm and ova from humans, such as we now know is going on in other parts of the world, and most particularly in the United**

States of America".

Attempts are now being made in many quarters to "prove" that these disagreeable sorts of stories are appearing *only in the USA* and that they are purely the result of the "over-excitability" and craziness of the American population or of the downright mendacity of Budd Hopkins. I therefore wish to make it plain here and now that FSR's own medical team have for a considerable time past been finding and regressing people here in Britain who offer "tales" that are just as "wild" and just as "crazy" as any of the stuff which they allege is being cooked up by Americans who are high on drugs and enjoy claiming that they have been "abducted by aliens", or cooked up by Budd Hopkins and the rest of his colleagues in the USA. (At present we are publishing none of this British material. There will be decisions later as to how it is to be dealt with.)

I revert now to the matter of Spain and the claim that the Spanish Air Force are about to "come clean". We are being asked, it seems, to accept the extraordinary suggestion that the military leaders of a great and noble European nation are incapable of deciding by themselves whether UFOs are dangerous or not dangerous without the advice of an automobile dealer from Valencia.

Such an idea is of course preposterous. But I can fully understand that the Spanish Ministry of Defence may have perceived that Señor Ballester Olmos's naive belief in the "harmlessness" of UFOs might easily be put to very good use, and might help them to unload upon their own public another load of subterfuge.

Proof that my suspicions were well founded is now provided by the latest Spanish book on the UFOs, *Materia Reservada* (meaning in English "*Classified Material*"), by J.J. Benítez, which I have already advertised inside the front cover of FSR 38/4. I have not yet learnt what the price of the book is (my copy has no price marked) but it is published by Editorial Planeta, Barcelona, and those who have enough command of Spanish are urged to have a look at it. With all the load that we are carrying in publishing FSR, I have not yet had the time to read through the whole book attentively, but it is perfectly clear to me that Señor J.J. Benítez, who is a journalist in the Vizcaya Region of Northern Spain, is not talking nonsense and that the Spanish Air Force — like every other air force in the world — are continuing to prevaricate.

As for Sr. Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, FSR's readers have been familiar with his fine work for many years past. There is no more indefatigable researcher in Spain! He is a firm follower of the "nuts-and-bolts" theory, and it seems that, after all these years, he still thinks our human science is going to "solve" the

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