

came orders to minor authorities to be carried out at once. It is here that the decades-long tradition of slandering ufologists originates.

No one could ignore the Party's orders, not even in the Academy of Sciences. When F. Zigel' submitted a detailed review of the foreign press and appealed to the Presidium of the Academy to start serious examination of the problem they answered... (believe it or not, this is a verbatim quotation) — "*Neither the existence of ufological organizations abroad, nor the publication of books and magazines on this subject should deceive us, because in the USA investigation of the problem of UFOs is, in fact, a consequence of the atmosphere of military psychosis*".

This double-dealing has been applied every since. Party and Government leaders were scared by a phenomenon they could not comprehend when sitting in their well-guarded offices, while in public the problem was ridiculed or, as Zigel' put it, "a fool's cap was put on ufology". President of the USSR Academy of Science, Academician A. Alexandrov set the fashion. He treated UFOs like he would treat chaste conception. But the interest of independent investigators in things contemptuously called "flying dishes" passed through that trial.

In 1989-1992 the focus of world public interest in this phenomenon transferred to this country. It did not diminish in the rest of the world though.

Ufology had been banned, investigations had got no support from anyone, and yet Russia's ufologists had succeeded in acquiring a lot of scientific data from UFO landing places. They did not set out on their expeditions empty-handed, though, they were equipped with original instruments. They had Yu. Simakov's biological detector, R. Varlamov's radioindicator, A. Pluzhnikov's biological locator and others. Readings of some instruments were verified with others, thus reliable data was acquired.

Editor, AURA-Z.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

*Evidently Korolyov's heart lay in rockets! So it is not surprising that he went on to become, in due course, the head of the entire Soviet Space Programme during the desperate days of the Cold War. His position as such a key figure was never mentioned - it was a dead secret - and in Russia only the "top people" knew of his very existence for he was never named or discussed in TV or radio programmes or documents and the ordinary Soviet public never heard of him.■



MAILBAG

A Letter From Ahmad Jamaludin (Malaysia)

Dear Mr. Creighton, — It has been quite a long time since I last wrote to you or submitted any articles for FSR. It has been a frustrating period for me, as the UFO reports seem to have been almost non-existent in Malaysia for the past few years. I do not know the reasons for such an extremely quiet period.

Anyhow, I am enclosing a local newspaper report on the UFO activities over and around Taiwan,(1) which I hope you will find of some use.

I am at present working on the possible relationship of UFO manifestations and earthquakes. (2) I believe there is such a relationship, but unfortunately I do not have enough seismic data to correlate with the UFO sighting reports.

I also plan a further article in due course for you on the UFO sightings over South-East Asia as a whole, but have not yet got the recent reports fully assembled. I do have a lot of earlier accounts, which may already be known to FSR readers, and I am still hoping for enough new cases to appear for me to compile something of interest, which I feel is long overdue!

Allow me to terminate here, and to wish you all the very best for your dedication

in carrying on the enormous task of getting FSR going strong and respected worldwide.

Wishing you and family all the very best, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year,
Yours sincerely,

Ahmad Jamaludin,
Makmal Diagnosa Veterinar,
Jabatan Haiwan,
25100 Kuantan,
Pahang, Malaysia.
December 14, 1993.

COMMENT BY EDITOR

1. Already published by us in FSR 39/1 (page 22)
2. We have long been aware of the very strong evidence for this relationship, and in the early years of FSR we devoted a good deal of space to discussing it. At present the evidence from such regions as Mexico, and Central America as a whole, is in fact quite alarming, and we have for some time past been slowly gathering material for a fresh discussion of the subject. Incidentally, I recall that quite a few years ago a French investigator produced an article in which he set out to prove that earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are *caused* by malignantly minded aliens! Although I can't say I have ever seen any evidence for that sort of theory, it seems today to be an *unquestionable fact* that the Valley of Mexico, with its mighty volcanoes, is *under constant surveillance by UFOs*.

From this fact I think we can take it as quite certain that big changes are impending on our Planet, and that others know it.

In the near future I hope to produce a summary of some of the recent evidence that UFO occupants - or certain of them - are conducting an extensive and sustained study of earthquakes and volcanoes throughout our world. We do know that the sightings of UFOs over and around Mexico City (the world's largest metropolis now!) and the Valley of Mexico have recently been quite unparalleled in number. So many people now possess good cameras and camcorders that a tremendous number of excellent daylight pictures of UFOs have been secured by residents of Mexico and the Valley.

We are informed that, all around Mexico City, on the hills and mountains, the authorities now have reporting posts with the necessary seismic recording instruments. For a serious outburst by the two neighbouring volcanoes of Popocatepetl ("*Smoking Mountain*" in Aztec) and Iztaccihuatl ("*White Goddess*" in Aztec) could almost certainly produce a far more terrible disaster than even what befell Herculaneum.

Popocatepetl (17,794ft), 50 miles to the S.E. from Mexico City, had had enormous eruptions in the period known to us since the Spanish Conquest - viz. 1519, 1523, 1539, 1548, 1571, 1592, 1642, 1664, 1697, 1862, 1921, and the

last time in the 1940s. Since then the giant has slumbered, but continuing to rumble, smoking quietly, exhaling sulphurous gases from the many "breathing holes" (*solfaterras*) inside its crater.

On July 18 1994, "Popo" was reported to be belching steam and gas, and the sulphur dioxide emissions were estimated at 3,000 metric tons per day - *double the rate of early 1994*. Four days later (July 22) another small volcano to the west, Colima, erupted violently throwing up huge clouds of ash and rocks and forcing thousands to flee from their homes.

Finally, it should be borne in mind that, while the Aztecs themselves - as the very primitive level of development of their writing (pictorial) shows - were still at a pretty barbarous stage, their near neighbours to the South, the Maya, had a far more developed system of writing (glyphs carved on stone). While much of their surviving material - which is scattered throughout the many ruins in the jungle - is not understood - great advances have been made in reading some of it, and some scholars say that the Maya (despite having no telescopes!) had a perfectly astounding and inexplicable knowledge of Astronomy, and appear to have realized long ago something that we have only just begun to perceive recently - namely that our sun, which we always seem to have thought "stable", is by no means so steady as we had comfortably imagined - and that it may well be liable to fluctuate considerably from time to time in its radiation.

While the majority of the tiny group of folk who have studied Maya glyphs do not seem to agree with them, there are one or two who claim to have found, in the extant Mayan inscriptions, definitive evidence of extraordinary changes in our Sun in the past, as well as of similar upheavals that may not lie far in the future. Maybe this is one of the things that the "Ufonauts" know, and that they are watching? G.C.

The Alleged Faked Photos from Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Creighton

In your "warning" (FSR 39/3, page 19) you mentioned some of the attacks against the authentic UFO photographs taken by Mr. Amauri Rivera in Puerto Rico in the early morning hours of May 9, 1988. These attacks were launched ignoring all the careful investigations that had been conducted by internationally renowned researchers such as Jorge Martins, Lt. Col. Wendelle C. Stevens, USAF Retd., and NASA - affiliate Jim Dilettoso who proved the authenticity of the Rivera case. The main "debunking effort" in all of this affair had been initiated by a complete "nobody" in UFO research - Wilson Sosa.

Indeed, there is some indication that Sr. Sosa's "debunking" effort" was grounded in his own personal rivalries with Sr. Rivera. Sr. Sosa, who had been merely one of over 100 eyewitnesses of a famous Puertorican UFO event, attempted, simply on the strength of it, to get himself elected as a speaker at various international UFO Conferences in the USA and Germany, but his application was turned down. The organizers (and I myself was one of them) found Sr. Martins and Sr. Rivera the better and more interesting representatives for Puerto Rico.

A thorough investigation had indeed disproved

Sosa's allegations. Jorge Martins interviewed four eyewitnesses who claimed to have experienced precisely the same type of abduction in a "classroom" aboard a UFO, met precisely the same type of alien (a six-foot-tall man with a dark skin, wearing a brown overall) and to have received precisely the same scenario of the future (an asteroid hitting the Earth).

Two contactees in Italy with whom I have been working tell me that they received this same scenario some years before Rivera did.

The photographs were subjected to a profound analysis by a firm of NASA contractors, the Industrial Application Center's Laboratory in Phoenix, Arizona, directed by the internationally renowned computer expert Jim Dilettoso. I quote from Mr. Dilettoso's six-page supplemental analysis to his report:-

"We find it extremely difficult to see how these pictures could be considered to be anything but as described by the witness. We find no evidence of trick photography or of the use of models. Staging anything like this with models would be extremely complex. To achieve the "distance-greying" observed on the disc-shaped UFO and on the aircraft would be next to impossible.... edge-analysis shows the F-14 jet fighter to be in considerable forward motion towards the left compared with the almost stationary disc, thus eliminating at least the possibility of there having been a small suspended model for the F-14".

The contradictory findings resulting from the analysis made by the MUFON-CES in Germany was due to their having ignored the scientific method of edge-analysis and having based themselves solely on inconsistencies in perspective between the four original pictures and a fifth photograph - never released - filmed by a researcher and re-photographed from a TV screen.

Unfortunately MUFON-CES forgot to take into consideration the usual distortions of any pictures taken from a TV screen, and came to the conclusion - just because of these inconsistencies in perspective - that the object photographed must be small, and close to the camera. Interestingly enough, they did not find any indications of a hoax in the four original photographs, nor did they comment on the photographic evidence that in fact the way in which the object reflects light is suggestive of a large object at a great distance from the camera and surrounded by the thin mist of a humid Puerto Rico spring morning.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Hesemann

Verlag Michael Hesemann,

Worringer Strasse 1

D-40211 Düsseldorf,

Germany

August 1994

NOTE BY EDITOR [We were delighted to receive this letter from Herr Hesemann, with whom we had hitherto never had any contact, but we have long known of him as Germany's leading expert in our subject, as Editor of the journal *Magazin 2000*, and as author of half a dozen books now available in more than a dozen countries, and producer of several awards-winning TV documentaries. With such a reputation, one may well conclude that his verdict on the Puerto Rico argument is to be regarded as of great importance. Editor]

The Bob Dean Interview

Dear Editor

I read with great interest the interview with Robert O. Dean (FSR Vol.39 No.3) I should however, point out that with all the translations of his article that have taken place, Mr. Dean's rank while in the service of the U.S. Army was mistakenly reported to be that of a Colonel. As Stanton Freidman likes to say whenever he is addressed as 'Doctor', "Please, no free degrees." In Mr. Dean's case, it should be, "Please, no free commissions."

Robert O. Dean retired from the U.S. Army in 1976 as a Command Sergeant Major. A Command Sgt. Maj. is technically a non-commissioned officer, and is still an enlisted grade (E-9) which is the highest enlisted rank in the U.S. forces (except for Command Sergeant Major of the Army, but only one individual holds that position at a time).

Warmest regards,

Stephen W. Gill

64 Christamton South

Irvine, CA 92720

U.S.A.

October 10, 1994

NOTE BY EDITOR

I can confirm that all the references that I had seen about Bob Dean (in both English and Spanish) seem to have called him a colonel, but I have no idea where the error started, and am making enquiries.

What I can however also confirm is that one of our FSR Consultants, Omar Fowler, spoke with Bob Dean only a few weeks ago, and, in a letter dated October 30, Omar tells me that Dean, so far as he knows, has never made any claim to such rank. He confirms that Dean told him that his grade when serving with S.H.A.F.E. was *Master Sergeant*, and that at the time when he left the U.S. Army he was a *Command Sergeant Major*, as Mr. Stephen Gill says. (This, I presume, would correspond perhaps to "Regimental Sergeant-Major" in the British Army). In any case, access to confidential material can never have been decided solely on the issue of rank. Our readers may recall that for several years the control of the secrets of the U.S. Air Force's *Project Blue Book* was in the hands of Captain Ruppelt assisted by *Sergeant Moody* and, I believe, one other man. G.C.

POSTSCRIPT: A long-standing Danish reader of FSR (I confess that so great is the pile of paper in this house that I have lost his letter) recently wrote to say that, in the Dean interview, the place-name ALBORT (in Denmark) cannot be correct as it is not a Danish name. I had noticed this myself at the time, but it is hard to remember everything when you are a six-armed Buddha operating a one-man-band. In any case I agree with our Danish friend that most probably it is an erroneous rendering of ÅLBORG.

And another reader has written in to say that the German place-name TIMMENS DORFER as given in the interview is incorrect, and having myself for years been with the British Government's Committee on foreign place-names in all languages, I quite agree that TIMMENS DORF would be correct. I shall be grateful if German readers will investigate and let me know whether there is a TIMMENS DORF up there near the Baltic Sea. G.C.