

(One UFO investigator remarked: "WELL - THEY WOULD SAY THAT - WOULDN'T THEY!")

The Debonair Air Line office at Luton refused to name the pilot. They said: "He is on four days leave. He definitely saw a big red light".

However, -and this is very interesting- the press reports seem to agree that the UFO, tubular, was "silver-coloured and long and pencil-thin, with square windows along the fuselage".

And this is precisely the type of tubular UFO that has very often been reported, just as the square windows have often been reported. One of the press reports (Express, London, April 27, 1999) mentions that "at one stage, the UFO came to an abrupt halt before accelerating past the jet plane at thousands of miles an hour" (!).

It is evident that not all the press reports mention the shape of the UFO, its row of square windows, and its extraordinary behaviour in halting and the accelerating to a speed of thousands of miles an hour. **Instead, they prefer to keep referring to "the great red light", or "the incandescent light".**

A spokesman for the British Ministry of Defence insisted that there were no military aircraft in the area. He said: "We saw nothing".

A spokesman for the British Pilots' Association (6,000 members) said: "We get reports of this nature from our members but they are few and far between. In the past 10 years or so I would say that there have been around six cases (!) of UFOs being sighted. Many pilots are reluctant to make such claims because it tends to lay them open to ridicule. So when they do go as far as making a report we do expect it to be given credence".

NO WONDER THE PILOTS DON'T REPORT THEIR CASES!

The number of private and commercial pilots from around the entire world who *admit* to having seen UFOs is - so we are told - 3,500! That is certainly not the total figure of pilots who have seen or encountered UFOs.

According to the last reports seen, Mr. Toke Havnstrup, President of Scandinavian UFO Information, had expressed a definite intention to investigate this case of the UFO over the North Sea.

PRESS REPORTS SEEN.

Daily Mail April 27, 1999

Express April 27, 1999

Express April 28, 1999

Scotsman April 28 1999

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR.

O.K! So what about this little item of thirty years ago?:
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SECRECY OVER FLYING SAUCERS ANGERS PILOTS:

UFOS TRACKED BY RADAR ALL OVER USA.

Commercial aviation pilots are incensed over the secrecy of the U.S. Air Force on flying saucers, states the *Newark Star Ledger* (newspaper), which has published a report that the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) has been tracking unidentified flying objects by radar in all parts of the United States.

A group of 50 commercial pilots who fly into Newark, one of the busiest air-freight and passenger centres in the world, told reporter John Lester that the Air Force's policy of secrecy is just plain silly.

Every one of the 50 pilots had reported to the Air Force having seen at least one UFO. Each pilot had been subjected to Air Force questioning and then told, in effect, that he had seen a mirage. Then, to cap it off, he was warned that, if he told anyone else what he had seen he might face up to 10 years in prison for revealing military secrets!

The pilots said this policy makes no sense. If the UFOs are mirages, as the Air Force claims, then why all the secrecy? And why does the CAA bother to track them by radar!

"They are very strict about requiring us to report the mysterious objects and then they are downright insulting in telling us that we haven't really seen anything!", say the pilots. G.C.

A few years later, as I recall, we published in FSR another, similar, protest, also from the pilots flying in and out of Newark, saying that, if their senses and their faculties of perception are so dangerously defective as the authorities suggest, how then does it come about that these pilots can be permitted to go on exercising their arduous and heavily responsible tasks as pilots! (This report not yet located in bound set of FSR volumes). G.C.■

WHO'S MONKEYING WITH COLONEL CORSO'S BOOK? BY GORDON CREIGHTON.

It will be recalled that, in our article on Colonel Corso on page 15 of FSR 43/3 (Autumn 1998), we mentioned that, immediately after his return from his important high post in the Allied Military Government of Italy, the Colonel had been posted to the Military Intelligence School, and was at Fort Riley in Kansas.

And he goes on to tell us (page 23 of the first edition of his book, July 1997) that after the UFO crash at Roswell on or about July 4, 1947, the debris was recovered by the US Army and shipped off to Fort Bliss, Texas, then the

Headquarters of the 8th Army Air Force (**at that date the Americans had no separate Air Force**), and from Fort Bliss some other debris went off by trucks to Wright-Patterson Air Field, Ohio.

The trucks with this second portion of the debris made a night halt at Fort Riley, in Kansas, where as indicated above, Colonel Corso was already stationed.

The Colonel goes on to describe (page 32 of the original edition) how, on the night of Sunday, July 6, 1947, he

entered the old Veterinary Building at Fort Riley to take a look at the thirty or so wooden crates and boxes of the Roswell consignment.

Flashlight in hand, he discovered that one box was not securely closed, and looking into it, he was amazed to see a human-like body, about 4 ft long, enclosed in a thick light-blue fluid inside a thick glass container, and the accompanying Army Intelligence document specifically identified the creature as having come from the crash at Roswell a few days previously.

Colonel Corso tells us (page 32) that the creature had "bizarre-looking four-fingered hands -I did not see a thumb."

Well, now, the only really expert civilian investigator of the Roswell story in the early years was quite unquestionably Leonard Stringfield, who spent decades on the job, and issued six or seven thick detailed Reports or Situation Statements (most of which was reported in FSR).

Stringfield was heavily subsidised by a very good personal friend of his -a wealthy European prince -and I recall that before he died recently Stringfield said, in one of his last Roswell reports, that he had traced and interviewed and interrogated many individuals who had seen either the Roswell crashed UFO, or the dead crew, or both. (I forget how many -I think he said he had between 30 and 40 such statements from witnesses.)

Stringfield's reports contained excellent and clear sketches of the Roswell creatures' hands. He stated the sketches showed plainly that the fingers were four in number, "claw-like", and without thumbs.

Now, what does Colonel Corso say? He says that, prising up the lid, he saw a small creature, about 4 ft long, with "bizarre-looking four-fingered hands. I didn't see a thumb."

WHY THIS NOTE IN FSR?

Colonel Corso had not been in good health, and he died, aged 83, at his home in Florida on July 16, 1998 (just one year after the first issue of his book, in July 1997).

In June 1998 (just a month before he died -one may imagine he would have been in no state to protest or comment) the publishers (Pocket Books/Simon and Schuster) put out a paperback edition, price US\$ 6.99, and selling at £6.99 in England. ISBN 0-671-01756-X).

The blurb on the cover tells us that the paperback edition is "updated", with sensational new material, but I have had it checked by one of our readers and compared with the original, and we find only one "amendment"!

And what is the amendment? Instead of "bizarre-looking four-fingered hands" we find "bizarre-looking six-fingered hands", (p.34 of the paperback).

What light can one throw on this mystery? The covers of both editions show that Col. Corso had a writer to help him, Mr William J. Birnes, and one may well assume that this was necessitated by his failing health. Mr Birnes' name is on both editions.

It so happens that very shortly before his death, Col. Corso attended the UFO conference in San Marino, Italy.

And there he met, and had a long chat with, Desmond Leslie. From Desmond Leslie's own account to me, it seems that Corso was furious with Mr Birnes, and gave Desmond Leslie to understand that he had a law-suit going on against Birnes. Desmond Leslie said also that the reason for the law-suit was that Corso was highly displeased because Birnes had not written the story as it **should** have been written.!

At what conclusion can anyone arrive except at the impression that there is some monkey-business going on here, by party or parties unknown. And what can the purpose be, if it is not to boost the credibility of the highly suspect Santilli film shown in recent years, which features the alleged dissection of an alien body which has six fingers?

NOTA BENE -SIX FINGERS.

It had not been my purpose to express any opinion about the "Santilli film", or indeed to suggest that six-fingered entities do not, or cannot, exist. But, whereas I had never previously been prepared to accept such an idea, I feel bound to say now that one cannot disregard the work of so eminent and thorough a researcher as Linda Moulton Howe, and those who know her monumental two-volume work *Glimpses of Other Realities*, Vols. I and II (1993 and 1998) will know that, on pages 7,9,44,45 and 46 of the second volume (1998) she gives a surprising amount of evidence *that aliens with six fingers do indeed exist!*

Even more astonishing is the evidence that the U.S. authorities possess square metal plaques, in pairs, which bear the sunken outlines into which six-fingered hands can be slotted -no doubt in connection with the drive of their craft!

At any rate, if such six-fingered folk do exist, we may say with certitude that they are *not* related in any way to the Roswell story. Both Leonard Springfield and Colonel Corso have spoken clearly on that score.

One final point: In my note about Colonel Corso on page 15 of FSR 44/3 I quoted a report from the MUFON Journal for July 1998 to the effect that C.A.U.S. (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) had issued an announcement that Colonel Corso had not only declared in his book that he had opened a crate at Fort Riley and seen a small entity with four-fingered hands inside, but had also subsequently sworn under oath that his statement about the matter was true.

The evidence seems to show very clearly that Colonel Corso knew what he was talking about. It seems unlikely that this tampering with his book would have met with his approval.

TAIL-PIECE.

In a recent article about the French *Cometa* Report on UFOs, I said it was a downright scandal, and a shame on France, that the report contained no mention of any of the eminent French civilian investigators who had laboured for so many years in the search for Truth. Equally scandalous and shameful for the USA is the fact that not a soul ever mentions Leonard Stringfield today. Instead a new galaxy of Prima Donnas hold the stage on the Roswell affair. G.C.■