

quite definitely no helicopter or other conventional machine.

Three weeks later he again saw the identical phenomenon taking off from precisely the same spot. These experiences have left him disturbed and unable to sleep.

The terrain in question consists of growths of conifers, evergreen oaks and scrub, deeply slashed by valleys and ravines, very isolated, and sparsely inhabited. There are no villages or hamlets for 10 km. or so in the landing area.

Spain

UFOs seen near air bases: entity also reported

From a detailed report in the Badajoz newspaper *Hoja del Lunes* of November 11, 1974, we learn that,—

A Madrid economist named Jose Maria Cavero and an unnamed lieutenant of the Talavera Air Base both observed a UFO over a main highway near Badajoz and in the vicinity of the Air Base.

"The occurrence was on November 5, 1974, and the time 2.00 a.m. As he saw the UFO approaching, the economist stopped his car. He then got out of the car, the saucer now being no more than 100 metres from him, and shone his torch towards it, whereupon its lights, of alternating colours, at once went out. Holding it in the beam of his torch, he could see that it was now stationary and seemed to be about eight or ten metres in diameter. (See sketch.)

"Witness stated that it was quite silent, but that nevertheless all the dogs on the neighbouring farms were barking furiously.

"The UFO continued to hang there for a few moments, at a height which he estimated at about 300 metres, so that he was able to examine it in detail. He described it as oval, and like a reversed deep dish set above a

small rectangular portion resembling a platform. While its lights were on it had a silvery colour, 'like a silver tray,' but when they were extinguished he was able to see a large rectangular window, like a panel, running right across from one side to the other. This window was still emitting light. (There is a discrepancy here, as his sketch seems to show not one wide window but a series of six small ones—G.C.)

"He began running forward, to get a closer view, whereupon it rose slightly and, with its lights still off, flew away. As it went he noticed a burst of hot air from it, and observed how the fruit trees beside the road, and even the grass, were moved by the blast. As it moved off, slowly at first, the saucer turned red and finally, as it gained speed, it was silvery. In no time it was lost to view.

"Sr. Cavero told the newspaper that this was not the first UFO he had seen. On September 7 and 21 he had had sightings at Granada, and on those occasions there was also a Spanish Air Force base close by. Both sightings had also been in the early hours of the morning, and the type of UFO appeared to be the same. (He also voiced the view that, since nobody seemed to be talking about these matters, the UFOs were evidently able to operate without being detected by the radar equipment of the Air Force bases.)

"Continuing his statement, he said that on November 8 (three days after his sighting near the Talavera Air Base at Badajoz) he returned to the site, and saw a strange being walking along beside the road just outside the town. He stopped and got out of his car and approached the being, who however took evasive action and got away without speaking. He was unable to overtake him.

"Describing the entity, he said the

latter appeared to possess no nose. It was wearing a dark brown jacket, black trousers, and, on its head, a sort of 'Roman helmet.' He shone his torch on the entity, and was able to see that it had slant eyes.

"The shape of the body was human. He got no view of the arms or legs. The body was tall and slender. He said he was forcibly struck by the furtive behaviour of the being.

"I think they are living here among us,' he concluded."

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(Possibly with a view to reducing the impact of this report, the newspaper printed alongside of it a photograph, supplied by *Telefoto-UPI-CIFRA*, showing a saucer-shaped triangular (as seen in profile) machine, seemingly standing on eight or more flexible, springy, thick metal legs, allegedly taken by one Paul Massa at White Sands in the USA in 1966 or 1967, the suggestion being that the craft seen at Badajoz and elsewhere in Spain are identical with the machine shown in the photo, and that all are of American construction. According to Paul Massa, "the U.S. Government prefers to be silent rather than give details" regarding this secret project—G.C.)

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Translation from the Spanish by G. Creighton.

Spain

UFO lands at Air Force base

The following item, taken from the national daily newspaper *The Guardian* of January 9, 1975, was datelined "Madrid, January 8,"—

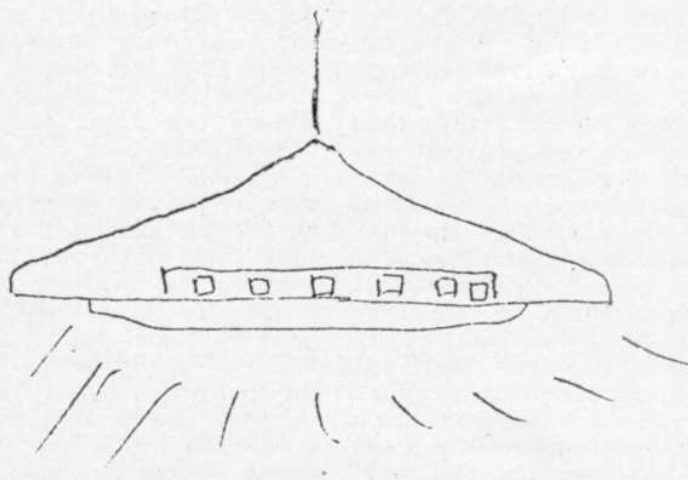
"For the first time senior officers of Spain's military air force have taken up the case of UFO with the grim seriousness which they usually apply to politics.

"On the night of January 2, an unidentified flying object reportedly landed on an air force bombing and gunnery range at Las Bardenas Reales, near Zaragoza, where the United States have a lease on a joint Spanish-American base.

"The Spanish military authorities of the Third Air Force Region, after consultation with the Air Ministry in Madrid, have appointed an investigating judge to inquire into the incident.

"These reports were confirmed by members of the US Air Force. Numerous more sensational but contradictory stories have been furnished by local inhabitants."

Our thanks to Robert Chapman for drawing our attention to this item, also to Mrs. Anne Dooley.



The UFO seen by José María Cavero