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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.

The alleged "Lundy Island" naval sighting

Dear Sir, — With reference to FSR Vol. 28, No. 3, page 23, Footnote No. 5, I have checked the *Navy Lists* for the mid-1950s, and can find no mention of the name "Chelwan." It is possible therefore that this name is a pseudonym, as used in the original German newspaper report.

However, it is also possible that the Royal Navy just do not have commanders who see UFOs on the water, let alone take pictures of them. It is not cricket, old chap, and would upset Their Rollicking Lordships no end.

Yours sincerely,
P. J. Hampton,
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Cowes,
Isle of Wight
July 5, 1983

[We are grateful to Mr. Hampton for his help. We confirm that, so far, our efforts to throw light on this story have been quite unsuccessful. Reader A. Calvert of Barnet recalls that the identical story — word for word so far as we can see — appeared in the New York magazine Man to Man for April 1969, but without comment, and he was good enough to send us a photostat of it. An-

other reader has written in, pointing out that the name "Chelwan" "sounds a bit Indian (i.e. Hindu)", but I cannot agree that I see anything "Indian" about it myself.

There is certain other information that might be adduced in support of the authenticity of the story, but I regret that I am not prepared to divulge it, as it came to me in strict confidence from another former British Naval Officer (Commander). He told me (about 15 years ago) that the Admiralty took a deep and serious interest in UFOs and had a lot of documentation about them. I am not prepared to risk trouble for this Officer from the direction of Their Rollicking Lordships. — EDITOR.]

The "E.T." Plague, and UFO Shapes

Dear Mr. Creighton, — Two points regarding your Vol. 28, No. 4 issue, which I received today.

First, concerning your editorial, it should be mentioned that U.S. film makers have also produced some horrifying motion pictures depicting extraterrestrials as hostile monsters. Especially notable are **ALIEN** (1979) and the re-make of **THE THING** (1982). How do these fit in?

Second, the objects in the drawings on pages 18 and 20 would seem to have at least a family resemblance to the one reported by Dean Powell, described on pages 13-16 of Frank Salisbury's widely neglected classic, **THE UTAH UFO DISPLAY**. A drawing appears on the second page of the photo section of that book.

Sincerely,
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April 13, 1983

Humosaurs?

Dear Sir, — With reference to Dr. Bernard Finch's article *Dinosaurs... Not Humanoids?* (FSR 27/4), and subsequent correspondence (FSR 27/6 and 28/3), I enclose for your perusal, and for possible further discussion, the cutting of an item which recently appeared in one of our daily papers.

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[The interesting item, entitled The Dinosaur Man, accompanied by sketches of a remarkably human-looking saurian beside a remarkably saurian-looking human, comes from a newspaper serialisation of Ripley's famous book of real wonders, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, which was a best-seller for many years in the 1930s and 1940s and is evidently still going strong. (Presumably we are precluded from reproducing it, for reasons of copyright.)

The human-looking saurian described by Ripley was *Stenonychosaurus Inequalis*, a small flesh-eating dinosaur which, according to scientists at the Canadian Museum of Natural Science in Ottawa, became extinct about 63 million years ago. "However, had it not become extinct," said these scientists, "it would very probably have evolved into a manlike creature 4' 2 ft. tall, with a large brain, green skin, and yellow reptilian eyes." — EDITOR]

A Sighting in Brazil

Dear Mr. Creighton, — In July 1976 I was vacationing in Brazil. I rented a houseboat on the Araguaia River*, which separates the States of Mato Grosso and Goiás, for a period of 5 weeks.

While fishing one evening in a dinghy with two residents of the area, we saw a Nocturnal Light. The time was about 8.30 p.m., the locale was about 1/2 mile up-river from the village of Macauba. One of my friends asked me to look up, whereupon I saw what I first took to be a satellite crossing the star-filled sky, although it seemed rather large for a satellite. Both of my friends said it was not a satellite and that they had seen such lights before. We watched the glowing globe as it slowly crossed the sky until it suddenly stopped, hovered for a few seconds, then doubled-back on a course at an acute angle to its previous trajectory, to cross the sky again. Our attention was briefly distracted by some other fishermen who called out to us. When I looked up again a couple of minutes later, the light was not to be seen. Until this time I had given very little thought to UFOs; in fact, I certainly did not "believe in" them.

On the following day I mentioned the sighting to my two friends but they did not want to talk about it. I later spoke to some men who work on

a fishing boat, and they told me that they had one evening been frightened by a ball of light which swooped down from the sky over their boat, then took off upwards again, leaving a trail of gases which made them nauseous and gave them headaches. These were illiterate frontiersmen.

In the March 1983 issue of FSR you included an article on Early Brazilian Reports. In these reports have you seen any mention of UFO sightings in the Araguaia area? In Vallée's *Challenge to Science* which I read recently he discusses Michel's "Straight-line theory", and on the map he includes, the "straight-line" seems to cross over the area where I saw the NL.

Sincerely,
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April 13, 1983

[*The Araguaia, one of Brazil's mightiest rivers, has its source around 18° S. and flows due north to join the Tocantins, which then enters the Atlantic near Belém or Pará (1° 27' S., 48° 29' W.)

Incidentally it is (relatively speaking, given the vastness of Brazil) not too far from the Araguaia eastwards to Parnarama, allegedly the scene of one of Brazil's most gruesome UFO stories, as we reported in World Round-Up on page 25 of FSR Vol. 27, No. 5. (The report claimed that, in October 1981, four Brazilian hunters had been killed at night by UFOs and their bodies found totally drained of blood.)

We have not simply printed this frightening story and left it at that. Since then we have asked both Dr. W. Bühler and Senhora Irene Granchi away down in Rio to check the affair for us, and both have been doing their best, but we have nothing more conclusive yet. We are informed by Mr. Bob Pratt, the American UFO investigator, that he hopes to visit that remote area of North-Eastern Brazil shortly, and he too has promised that he will do all he can to get to the bottom of this business about the four hunters. In the meantime, we can however say that we have just received certain other reports that are even more blood-chilling and that relate to alleged UFO activities in Amazonas Province of Brazil in the autumn of 1982, but we shall not publish these until we know more.

Despite it all, however, we still get a steady trickle of letters from people who

insist that everything is sweetness and light in Ufology, and that the critters all love us dearly. One can but sigh and murmur the good old English saying: "There's nowt so queer as folks!" — EDITOR]

Let's Not Extrapolate Our Present Technology to the UFO Phenomenon

Dear Mr. Creighton, — I read with interest Mr. Robert Boyd's report entitled "Burnt by a UFO's Laser Beam?" (FSR 28-3).

However, I object to the use of a term "laser beam". Why always extrapolate our mechanistic science and technology when dealing with the paraphysical UFO Phenomenon? I already cautioned against this anthropocentric extrapolation in my letter of February 6, 1979, published in FSR 25-1. Such a naive and simplistic extrapolation will only serve to perpetuate the puerile "nuts-and-bolts" extra-terrestrial hypothesis.

Since the UFO Phenomenon is one of the diverse manifestations of the Extra-dimensional Superintelligence which is commonly called "God", there is no point in trying to interpret the Phenomenon in terms of our 4-dimensional science and technology.

On page 20 of FSR 28-3, you say *Something* is doing very queer things to a great many members of the human species. Well, this *Something* has a well-known name: "God". Charles Fort used to say we are Somebody's property. Well, this Somebody is so-called "God".

The mysterious phone call which Denise Bishop received on September 11, 1981, did not come from Chris Bloomfield of CBS Radio in Vancouver, Canada, but was engineered in a masterly manner by so-called "God" itself! By the way, when referring to "God", we should say "It" and "Its" and not "He", "His" or "Him". We should not anthropomorphise "God".

I also disagree with your contention that all Governments know what the UFO Phenomenon is. In fact, they don't, but they fool themselves into believing they do. Or they dare not face the mind-boggling fact that the UFO Phenomenon is one of the so-called "Divine" manifestations. No wonder then that science is totally powerless to do anything about it.

For the above reasons, I maintain my deep scepticism of Leonard H.

Stringfield's allegations about "Retrievals of the Third Kind".

Yours sincerely,

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March 7, 1983

The UFO phenomenon is unrelated to ETs

Dear Sir, — The contents of FSR 28-4 call for some comments. I do not share your paranoic fear of the UFO phenomenon expressed in your editorial "The ET Plague" — fear based on the phenomenon's seemingly evil aspects. As I said in FSR 25-1 and 27-6, so-called Good and Evil are skilfully mixed in the UFO manifestations. This mixture is deliberate and designed to put us off the scent. Moreover, since the UFO phenomenon is unrelated to ETs, why worry about the "ET Plague"? The success of Steven Spielberg's puerile and unscientific film "E.T." is attributable to the childishness of those who went to see it.

Now for the letters of Messrs. Stewart Campbell and Peter A. Hill, both entitled "The Space-Travel Debate". Mr. Campbell says that Earth blazes in radio frequencies, and Mr. Hill suggests that our radio noise would be a beacon inviting ETs to visit us. Well, for more than 20 years now, both U.S. and Soviet radio telescopes have been scanning Space for return radio signals from advanced ET civilisations, but *in vain*.

Mr. Campbell adds that no ET civilisations would embark on interstellar travel without first communicating with us by radio. He unwittingly implies that the UFO phenomenon has nothing to do with ETs because, in fact, no ET civilisations have yet contacted us by means of specific radio signals. Mr. Hill speculates that the MIBs could be robots. Doesn't he know that *the MIBs usually vanish into thin air*? Would he please explain how material/physical "nuts-and-bolts" robots could dematerialise?

Even Carl Sagan, a well-known U.S. astronomer and exobiologist, who is convinced of the existence of advanced ET civilisations within our Milky Way Galaxy, does not think that Earth has ever been or is being visited by their representatives travelling at speeds near that of light aboard crashable "nuts-and-bolts" spacecraft. The reason for his scepticism is sim-

ple: there is no scientific evidence of such visits. *If NASA had concrete and tangible proof thereof, it would not be wasting its time and money on radio search for ET civilisations.*

The UFO phenomenon may present the outward appearance of being ET visits, but this is a trap set by the Extradimensional Superintelligence (commonly called "God"), and the ETH advocates have walked straight into it. *Appearances are deceptive*, indeed! Many an "abductee" has reported a UFO whose interior is far larger than its exterior. This proves that the UFO's materiality is only temporary or illusory. The UFO phenomenon has also been frequently observed in association with poltergeistic phenomena. All this confirms the parapsychical nature of the UFO phenomenon, which makes it impossible for us to study it scientifically.

Yours sincerely,

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April 22, 1983

Those Crash-Retrieval Reports

Dear Sir, — With regard to Leonard H. Stringfield's series on UFO crash/retrievals — I very much doubt that proof or disproof will ever be forthcoming. UFOs and their occupants are parapsychical; composed of etheric matter. Their solidity can only be temporary. Any 'crashed' UFO would eventually vanish — like angel hair — back to its own realm.

The recrudescence of the hoary 'crashed flying saucer' myth is an indication that ETH is still with us — despite the advance toward the parapsychical by Keel and others in the early '70's. Perhaps, as in the arts, there is no such thing as 'progress' in Ufology?

It seems that so many are still locked into mechanistic frames of reference that it has become necessary to indulge this endless stream of anecdote, and hearsay, about alleged crashes.

The UFO game is full of deception — most of it emanating from the phenomenon itself, or its *human* agents, e.g. the mysterious "Mr. Johnson". The phenomenon seeks always to disguise itself, and its purposes. It is hardly surprising that Mr. Stringfield's "sources" vanish; some of them were probably spooks, labouring to

perpetuate or renew the myths about pickle-bottles at Wright-Patterson AFB.

So the old game continues, and one can only hope that 1983 Ufology is sophisticated enough to take pickled alien stories with a grain of salt.

Yours sincerely,

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Queensland,

Australia

April 26, 1983

(We now have a photostat — which we shall publish — of the July 1947 Memo by J. Edgar Hoover, the famous former Head of the FBI, in which he complains that the U.S. Army (who at that date still had control of the U.S. Air Force) had refused to let the FBI participate in the examination and investigation of a crashed disc! Doesn't sound very "eth-eric" to us. — EDITOR)

Crash-Retrieval Reports

Dear Sir, — I am writing in response to Julian Kaneko's letter in FSR vol. 28 no.2. I cannot answer all his questions but I am confident that I can answer some of them. Julian asked the question why UFOs have not crashed in other parts of the world? The simple answer is that UFOs *have* crashed in other parts of the world e.g. the alleged crashed object in Suffolk, England, and the legendery cover up in Argentina and a photo of an unknown crashed object which actually appeared in FSR. Since the UFO phenomenon began the governments have denied the existence of UFOs, so if they copied the aliens craft and someone found out then they would be contradicting themselves. The U.S. President is in power for four years unlike the FBI or CIA who are in power for ever and so have the right to deny anyone top secret documents. I hope I have answered some of Julian Kaneko's stupid questions, anyone wise enough sense could have worked them out, by the way I am only 13.

Yours Sincerely,

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April 21, 1983

p.s. Please forgive my typing as I am just a learner.