

LANDING, E.M. EFFECTS AND ENTITIES AT TORRITA DI SIENA

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IN the evening of September 17, 1978, between 8.15 and 8.20 p.m., Signora Ultimina Boscagli of Torrita di Siena and her son Riccardo (12), heard an intense noise. It was like a round of artillery fire and from where they were standing in the street in front of their house (on the via pie agli Orti) they looked up to see a fireball with yellow-orange contours and a reddish trail. Suddenly, in a blinding dazzle, the object vanished.

The lower part of the round-shaped object had been seen to be reddish in colour, and a very bright white in the upper part. Signora Boscagli and her son were so frightened that they retreated quickly into their house.

An object lands

Other witnesses of the phenomenon were Signora Santina Faralli and her son Rivo (25). Signora Faralli was indoors watching television and she heard the noise and was aware of the dazzling light outside. Indeed the electric light, she said, was extinguished suddenly, but then came back on. Soon after that Rivo, a barber by profession, arrived at the house where he stayed for about half-an-hour. Then, at about 9.00 p.m. he left, got into his car, a *Fiat 127*, started up and moved off. He had only gone a few metres when it stalled and stopped, the electrical system having ceased to operate. While he was still puzzled, a strange bright object, preceeded by a beam of red light, landed on the road in front of him. The lower part of the object was discoidal in shape while the upper part was hemispherical and orange in colour like the colour of a priest's hat. It was so bright that it illuminated the area around it, and it appeared to be standing on the road on three iridescent beams of light varying from yellow, to green, to red, to sky blue. The object had a diameter of three metres and it covered all the carriage-way, at the same time touching a dry stone wall with one edge. It hung in the air at about the height of the *Fiat 127*'s bonnet.

Humanoid entities

Suddenly, on this object — presumably a UFO — a "port" opened in the fashion of a double door,

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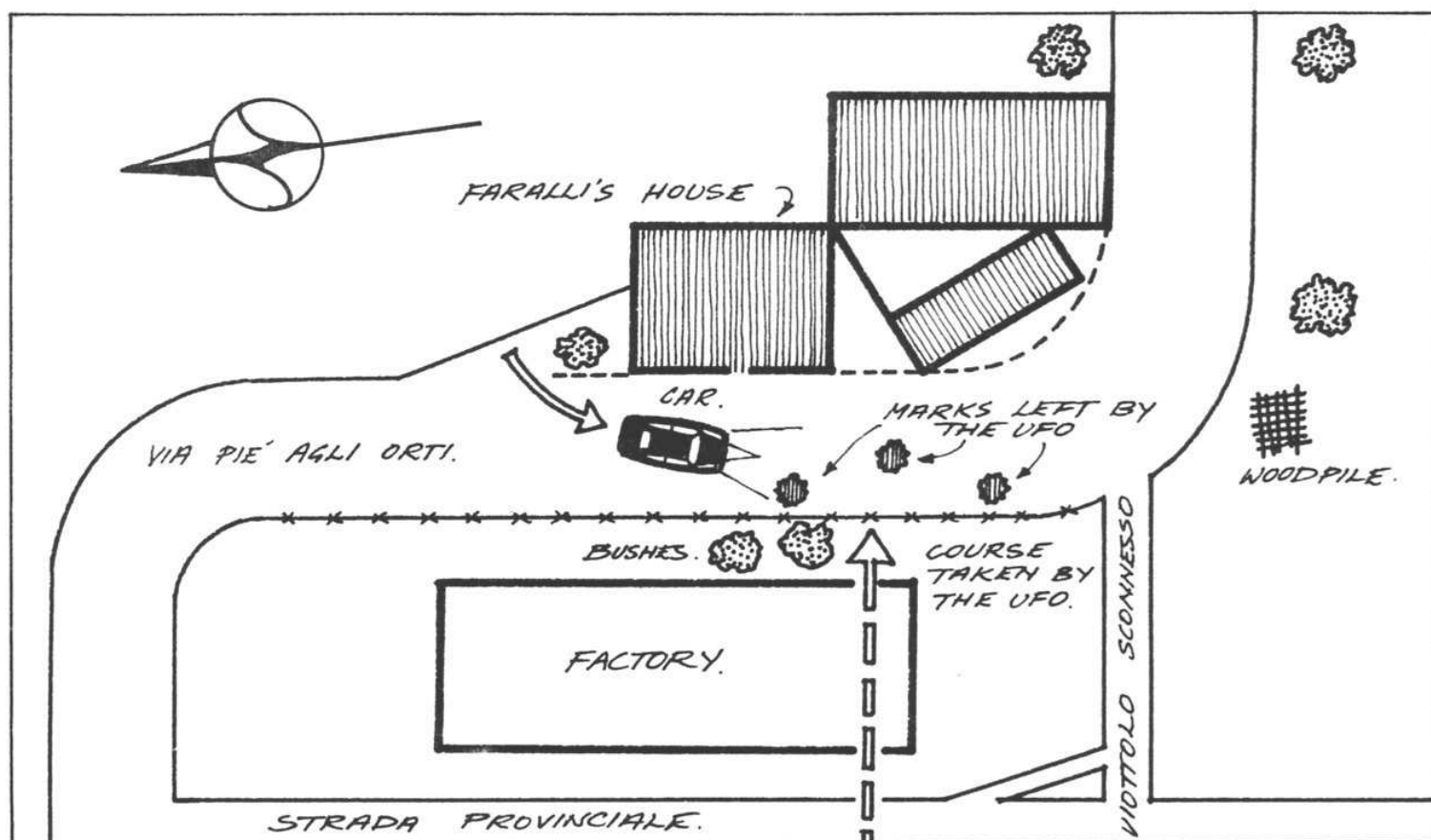
During 1978 there were in Italy some very interesting UFO landings, with occupants reported. The subject of Dr. Pinotti's article is a landing near Siena in Tuscany during September of that year, and it was part of an intense wave which was located principally in Central and Southern Italy. There was a massive onset of the UFO phenomenon between the 13th and 20th September, with a "peak" in the number of reports on the 14th with more than 40 incidents, and an overall total of 120 cases. (It should be noted that in this figure there are several reports of objects readily explainable as natural phenomena or man-made artifacts, reports generated no doubt by the effects of the heavy TV, radio and press coverage of the main UFO sightings and encounters.

One of these was the close encounter of the third kind with EM effects which was reported from the province of Siena. The investigation of this incident was carried out by Dr. Roberto Pinotti, the leading authority of Italian ufology and well-known to FSR readers, who also edits the excellent review *Notiziario UFO* which is devoted to ufology and astronautics. Dr. Pinotti was assisted in his investigation by Sig. Gianfranco Rudoni and by a colonel of the Italian Army.

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one part to the left, the other to the right. Two beings emerged and proceeded down from the object. They were about 1.00 to 1.10 metres in height and they descended in a fluctuating motion until they were about 10 centimetres from the ground. In that position their heads were level with Rivo Faralli's face as he sat in his car, and it was this that enabled him to estimate the entities' height.

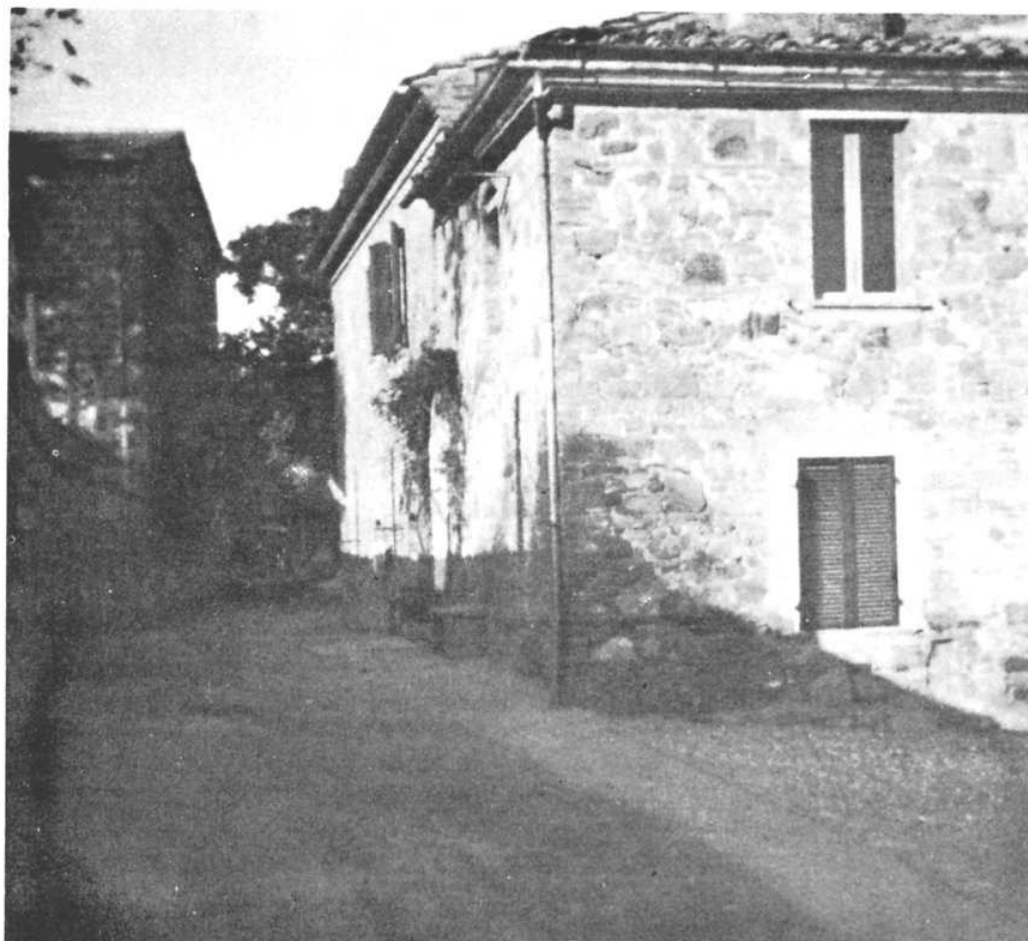
Rivo saw that they had green "coveralls" and big helmets, and that part of these helmets was transparent. The creatures' skin seemed also to be green, and while their faces were to a degree human-like, they were falt and lean with bony, arched cheeks (zygomatic), regular noses and thin lipless mouths. The witness couldn't see their eyes and ears as they were hidden in a shaded zone. The fronts of the helmets had what appeared to be two slender cylindrical protuberances like springs, or similar helical structures.



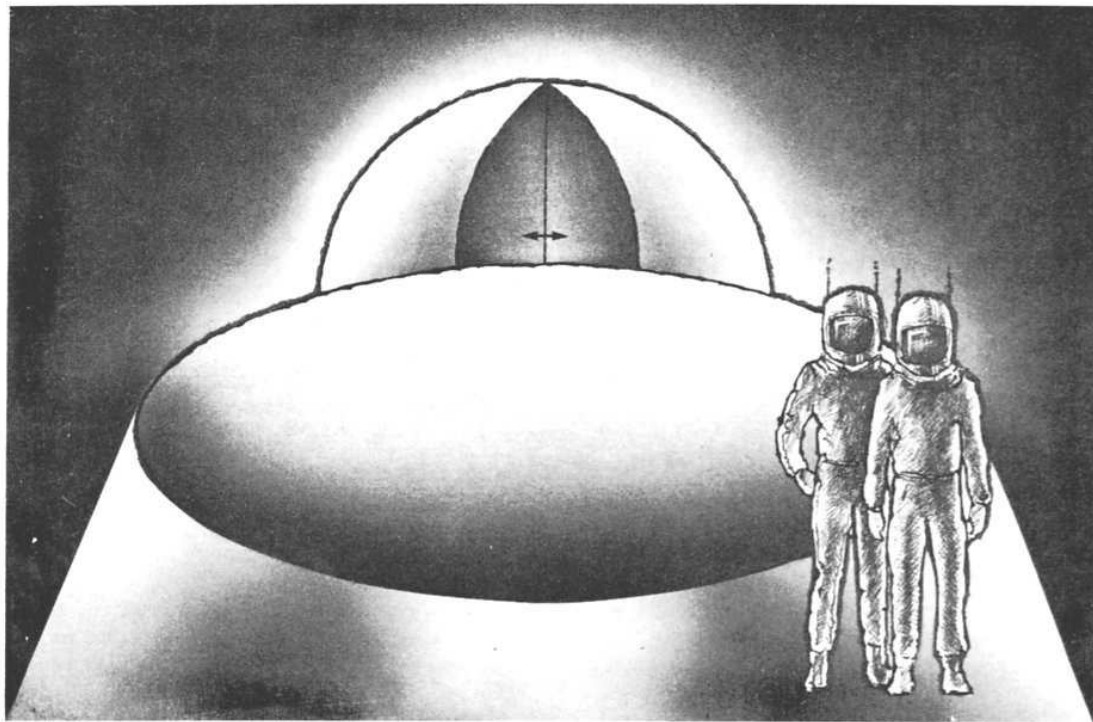
Location of the events at Torrita di Siena

Right: Santina Faralli's house

Below: Witness Rivo Faralli with his mother



Right: Graphic reconstruction, based on Rivo Faralli's description of the UFO and entities as seen from his car.

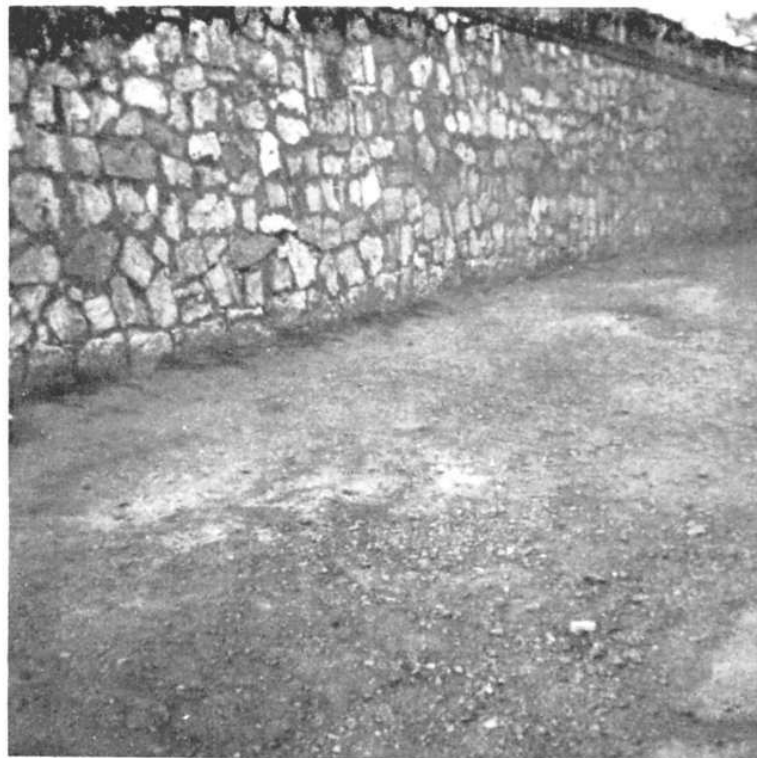


Below right: The marks on the carriageway of the via Pie agli Orti.

The overall garments seemed to be of one piece and they were neither close-fitting nor large; indeed, the shapes of their limbs were visible and their proportions appeared normal as they walked towards the car. Their gait was awkward as they encircled the vehicle. They seemed to have more interest in the car than in its owner, and when they were behind him he could still see them by way of the driving mirror. In fact Rivo noticed that their awkwardness seemed more marked. After completing the round trip they headed back for the UFO to which they ascended with the same fluctuating motion as they had displayed when descending. Once aboard, the first of them settled in the bright dome — the hemispherical section. The witness couldn't say whether the entity was sitting or standing, for he could see only its head (helmet? — CB) and part of its back. Before entering the object the second entity turned back and looked at the witness as though he wanted to say something, then checked, turned away, entered the strange craft and took position beside his companion. The port shut and from the lower part of the "body" came two very intense beams whereupon the craft rose vertically for about 10 metres, then shot away in level flight leaving a bright horizontal trail. As the UFO disappeared the headlights of the *Fiat* came back on, **automatically**, and since the gears were still engaged **the car started to move forward** without any action by Rivo Faralli. Signor Faralli had not touched the controls when the craft first appeared as he was at first stupified and bewildered, and then almost paralyzed with terror.

For three days after the incident Rivo experienced "burning" eyes.

It was reported that in the next street, at about 9.30 p.m. on the evening of September 17, 1978, several television receivers went off for about a minute, and then returned to normal operation.



Physical traces

When I went to the scene of the landing with Gianfranco Rudoni we found some strange traces in the road. In the middle of the carriageway there was a black circle 50 cm. in diameter which appeared to have been caused by considerable heat. To the right and to the left of this mark there were two other traces of fire, one close to some bushes (see sketch map) and where there were broken stones (broken by heat?), burned and hard but very light in weight.

Two samples of soil were taken, one from the

area where the surface was scorched, the other from beyond the burnt ground. These samples, plus some blackened gravel picked up by Rivo Faralli the following day, were subjected to chemical analysis by CUN consultants in the Euratom laboratories of Ispra. Analyses of radioactivity, of fluorescence and "X and (at the carbon dirration (by combustion at 1100°C with current of oxygen and measuring of the carbon dioxide))* were undertaken. Unfortunately the results weren't very conclusive and showed neither magnetization nor much radioactivity, other

than minute traces above the lower limit imposed by the testing equipment: the possible active residues may have been diluted by rain water. No abnormal element or compound was found; for the analysis the samples were subjected to a temperature not exceeding 500°C.

* [As it is not clear what he means, I have left this passage in Sig. Verga's translation — and, I suspect, rearrangement — exactly as given in his manuscript — CB]

ANOTHER CEIII REPORT FROM ITALY

With some observations on the Torrita Di Siena case

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THANKS to some unusual characteristics the Torrita di Siena CE III case is a very interesting one. For example, there were the EM effects on Sig. Rivo Faralli's car: did the emanations from the UFO "absorb" the current delivered by the dynamo and the car battery;† was anything emitted which affected the distributor, plugs or coil as far as the running of the engine was concerned? What is strange is the report that the ignition allegedly was reactivated of its own volition and that, having been left in gear, the car started to move forward of its own accord as the UFO departed.

As far as the witness is concerned, the report seems to be reliable. Then there is the consideration that shortly before the strange encounter a bright object, the apparent size of which was less than that of the full moon, was seen in the same area. Again, three days earlier, a Signor Viero Foianesi saw in that same district, another bright flying object. A similar case took place on December 18, 1962, at 2.20 a.m. in Milan, an incident which was reported in *Il Corriere della Sera* for December 19, 1962.

Colle del Castello CE III

The Torrita di Siena case wasn't the sole CE III case in Italy in 1978 — as FSR readers will no doubt be aware — and one of the other reports came from Colle del Castello, near San Donato di Tagliacozzo in the province of L'Aquila. At time of writing, this incident which occurred on November 14, 1978,

at about 5.00 a.m., has only been sketchily reported, and my sources are daily newspapers, particularly *Il Messaggero* of November 15, 1978. Here are the details I have collected so far:—

The witness was a Signor Giuseppi di Giovanni, a married man of serious nature aged 51, who was tending the cattle — and at the moment in question, searching for a cow which had strayed — when suddenly he saw a circular object of an estimated diameter of 5 metres, and height 1.50 metres. He said it looked like "a brown shoe-polish box," with some small windows, lying in a field.

Sig. di Giovanni approached the strange object and looked inside (presumably through one of the ports—CB) where he saw 6 or 7 "people" of human aspect. They were very small, wore green overalls, and were smiling like children — which reminds one of the Cennina landing of 1954. Two of the entities were "women," like dolls. While the "women" were blondes, the "men" were dark haired, and gave the appearance of being much older than the "women." The witness was suddenly overtaken by fear and hid himself behind a bush. He rubbed his eyes but the object "was still there." Then he closed his eyes for a minute or so, but when he re-opened them the strange object was gone.

The preceding case, that of Torrita di Siena, that of Sturmo,¹ and those of Etna (July 4, 1978) and

† [Did the witness's Fiat 127 have a dynamo or an alternator? — C.B.]

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