UFO crews described in reports by A. N. Dmitriev (which have by now been declassified - see his book *Cosmo-Terrestrial Connections and the UFOs*, Novosibirsk, 1996).

Organizers of the *Galaktika* program were also informed about a short-term abduction of two workers in the environs of Orsk (Orenburg Region, Russia). Since the Novosibirsk participants of the *Galaktika* program had no funds to travel to Orsk either, N. A. Zheltukhin proposed communicating with the eyewitnesses of this event by phone.

A long talk with the authors of a detailed letter about this strange incident provided reason enough to believe that the latter was not a joke, neither a misinformation. If abduction cases had been considered as a serious matter, this story would have deserved a deep scientific investigation.

But given the complete lack of financing, participants of the program could feel only a moral responsibility for its results at best. It was therefore much more simple and safe to decide that nothing of this sort had ever happened. ...Whence it followed that "there came not a single report of abduction".

Well, as the Russian proverb has it, when baking pancakes you invariably spoil the first one. After the current economical crisis in Russia is overcome, a Second State Program of UFO Studies will not be long in coming. And new generations of researchers, having severely criticized their forerunners for treating the UFO problem in a not-too-scientific way, as well as for the ineffective over-frugality, will take new steps towards the truth.

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It was already clear from the last weeks of 1995 that Puerto Rico was about to have another UFO wave, and this is now in full swing.

At 7.30 p.m. on November 18, 1995, in the municipal region of Barranquitas, a flying saucer of considerable size came down and hovered over the transmission mast of RADIO PROCER and caused a sensation.

The electrical engineer and news-controller of the station, Sr. José Arriaga, heard someone shouting, apparently from a house near by, and then suddenly the entire area was flooded by a vivid white light. Said Arriaga to me: "Simultaneously all the electronic equipment went crazy. Needles jumped about like mad, from one extreme to the other, and the music became distorted.

One old and obsolete instrument that we have had since 1957 caught fire by itself, and it wasn't even plugged in, and its needle also started leaping about! It was unbelievable! I went outside and there was the UFO, up by the mast, an oval-shaped big, grey, metallic thing, emitting powerful light. All round it was a great window, divided up into sections. These windows were square, and darkened - like smoked glass, and showing a dark brownish light. It hung there for a further minute or so and then rose and vanished like a brilliant star."

The people at the nearby Villa Universitaria (University Hostel?) also saw it. But most important of all is the fact that, just prior to this sighting, a number of local residents - adults and children - saw strange creatures moving around about the place - and the strange creatures



Fig. 1 "Chupacabra" type of creature.

looked like the CHUPACABRAS!

Two boys, Edwin Valdés and Gumersindo Alicea, were playing ball at about 7.20pm and the ball fell into some bushes. They went to look for it, and found themselves face to face with one of these creatures. They said it was about 4ft high and just as described by dozens of other witnesses (Fig. 1). The boys felt no fear and say the



Fig. 2 Gumersindo says he felt paralyzed...

creature just stood there quietly gazing fixedly at them with its red eyes. Then it turned away into the bushes. Gumersindo says he felt paralyzed during the encounter. (Fig. 2)

After the UFO had departed, at 9.00 p.m. a lady named Sra. Doris E. Malavé Matos, from the same block of flats as the boys, saw the same creature (or another one) going round the building and walking up a nearby slope. The news-casts on TV channels 4 and 11 reported the UFO at Barranquitas, but censored out all reference to these creatures seen there.

A MOTHER-CRAFT OVER CABO ROJO?

Another incident with an impact occurred one night at the end of November 1995 in the west of the Island, in the Cabo Rojo municipal area, at a place on the coast called Joyuda. Among the eyewitnesses was Sr. Alberto

(Tito) Ronda, owner of a well known local restaurant, who told us when we interviewed him:

"When it happened, at around 8.30 to 9.00 p.m., we were out here chatting - there was Dr. Cora, director of the Emergency Department of the Medical Centre in Mayaguez, Sr. Alberto Gómez, and his son, and some of my employees, and myself. We saw what looked like a great big star, stationary in the air, and it sort of opened and out came four bright lights and it closed up again. (fig. 3)

"These lights took up positions, two on each side of the big one, and then began cruising to and fro in front of it. It remained there for about 45 - 60 minutes or so. 'Then the "big light" opened up again and three of the little lights entered it, leaving one outside. Then the big one turned red and moved off southwards and then eastwards - over the Sierra Bermeja mountain range.

"The small white light followed it, as though escorting it. About an hour later an aeroplane and a helicopter arrived and seemed to be investigating and searching the same area

where the thing had been hanging. This shows that the Authorities do know what is going on."

Sr. Ronda added: "A lot of folk have come and told us about things they have seen, and there is one point that I find strange: since these things began happening here, there are sometimes - very late in the night - convoys passing along this road (No. 102) - convoys of U.S. Army trucks, with soldiers - at 11.00 p.m. midnight; 1.00 a.m., 2.00 a.m. - sometimes ten to fifteen trucks along this National Highway!"

Another example of what has been going for years past there - Sr. Ronda's wife, Rosita, saw an incredible sight two years ago. She told us: "It was still daylight - about 5.30 to 6.00 p.m. - and several of us heard jet aircraft. Then I was called out, and we saw some jet aircraft chasing a UFO - quite a big one, grey, metallic, more or less oval, like a disc, with a cupola on top. I

Fig. 3 The smaller objects cruised around the larger.

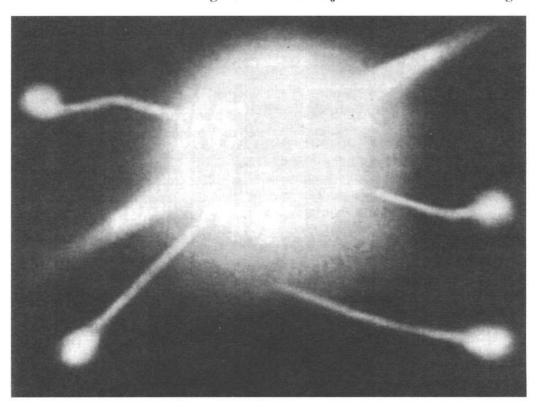




Fig. 4 Computer simulation of UFO with jets.

would say like a hat in shape. You could see it all very clearly, and some military jets were chasing it.

"As the jets got near it, it did a 90-degree turn and vanished southwards at a tremendous speed. The jets could not equal it, and went off." (Fig. 4) Señor Ronda concluded his statement: "All this has been going on here like this for years past, weird, strange things, and the Security Agencies of the USA and of Puerto Rico who are concerned with such matters are concealing something. Something is going on. And they are hiding it. I don't know the reason. But it worries me".

SIMILAR CASE IN LAJAS.

Towards the end of November 1995 Sr. Nicolás Santiago, a fisherman from Lajas in the S.W. part of the Island, was out at sea late at night when he had an encounter with similar objects. Out of one big UFO came lots of smaller ones which started flying around all over the place. Shortly after that, the big UFO, along with all the small ones, moved off to the area where the U.S. authorities have their big stationary balloon or "aerostat" moored, and they approached it.

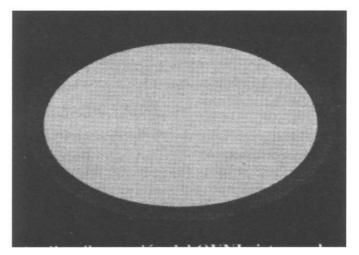
"This has been going on for a long time. And - do you know something - those UFOs are bringing something to that balloon? It is as though they are seeking something, or watching for something, because they halt there, above where that globe is.

"Maybe there's something going on there that we don't know about. Or maybe they get energy from the globe? I don't know,. But there's definitely something going on there!". [Note by G.C. Many of Jorge's reports mention this "balloon". The U.S. authorities are said to claim it is used for detecting smugglers(!)]

UFO WITH OCCUPANTS IN RIO PIEDRAS?

On the morning of December 13, 1995, Señora Carmen Vázquez, resident in Puerto Nuevo, was driving in her car along the Avenida Campo Rico, near Calle Eider, in the "Country Club" housing estate at Rio Piedras, when her five-year-old daughter, who was with her, said urgently: "Look! What's that!"

She peered and saw, there ahead of her, a brightly shining oval object flying away eastwards towards El Yunque Mountain. The daughter went on: "That thing had little windows and at the little windows there were



Fig, 5 Sketch of UFO seen in Santa Clara.

some little kids looking at me".

Intrigued by what the child was saying, Sra. Vázquez, when she had got home, looked out a copy of our journal (EVIDENCIA OVNI) that she had bought, and gave it to the child to look at. The child leafed through it, and suddenly said: "Here they are, Mama! That's what the nenes (kids) were like!"

Sra. Vázquez looked, and saw at once that what the daughter was pointing to was a drawing of the "Little Grey" type of humanoid. Evidently when the child had cried out the UFO was right close to the car and she had had a very clear view of them.

Previously to that, Señora Vázquez had also seen, on two occasions in June 1995, and both times at 2.00 a.m., a bright reddish-orange UFO stationary over an electricity plant at Guaynabo. As it was quite distant the UFO must have been pretty large indeed, and had 'a sort of appendage projecting from one side'.

In another case, at 10.30 p.m., over Guaynabo, a Sr. Santos Santiago and several other residents saw a UFO with a red light on its underpart circling silently above a high tension pylon in the Santa Rosa suburb. Shortly after the UFO had departed, a helicopter of the Puerto Rico Police arrived and flew about over the area inspecting it with a powerful searchlight - no doubt in response to the many calls from the public.

At 3.00 a.m. on December 31, 1995, another glowing, orange, oval-shaped UFO was seen by 50 people in the Santa Clara suburb of Rio Piedras. (Fig. 5).

ALSO AT CIDRA.

On the same date, December 31, Sr. Francisco García, of Cidra, his family, and neighbours, saw a large red shining ball of light flying silently overhead.

Many employees of a local chemical plant of Smith, Kline and Beechams, in the same area, saw a disc with brilliant lights all around its rim, come down and very nearly land, after which they saw it take of again and head towards the local lake, Cidra Lake, where they thought it went down into the water. The same thing occurred again on January 1, 1996.

MORE UFOS OVER LAJAS AND GUAYNABO.

In the nights of January 4 and 5, 1996, residents of the Guanabo area saw a huge luminous orange-coloured ball fly over. There were commercial aircraft overhead at the time, some of the eyewitnesses say the pilots must have seen the UFO.

At Lajas in the night of January 3, 1996, Sr. Carlos Rivera of Lajas and a friend were out at sea, fishing, when they saw a whole area of the surface of the sea lit from below, from a big round object down there. (Fig. 6) The light emitted by the UFO was a light blue and it also had a central light which seemed to be revolving.

On January 16 there was a massive sighting over Lajas, when numerous witnesses saw a large circular UFO, with many lights around its rim, shooting down beams of light onto a small hill, and simultaneously there was an electricity blackout. Lajas Police and

the radio stations were inundated with calls. We interviewed Lt. Remigio Camacho, head of the Lajas Police, who said:

"Ever since January 11 we have been having masses of calls from folk who say they have been seeing UFOs, and in the last one (yesterday, Jan.17) at 2.05 am. the eyewitnesses saw a big silent circular object emitting lights of various colours flying around in circles, not in a way that an aircraft could do.

"As regards the electricity, Sra. Lilliam Irizarry Ramírez, a local resident, swears that while the UFO was there the power supply was affected. However I contacted the Electricity Authority people about it, and they say they have no record of any such power cut. So, if it happened, then it was only at a local level. We ourselves have no idea as to what can be the cause of all this. We get all these reports from the public, and we pass them on to the Police...."



Fig. 6 A whole area of the sea lit up from below.

We asked Police Lt. Camacho whether in his opinion this is a repetition of what happened two years ago in the South-West of the Island, when there were countless UFO sightings and countless claims of having seen alien beings, all through the region, particularly around Lake Cartagena?".

He replied: "On that occasion the alleged sightings were mostly limited to one area. There are three suburban areas where these flying objects are being seen this time."

Lack of space prevents us from being able to report more, but this gives an idea of the intensity of what is going on at present. Certainly 1996 has begun "with a bang" And we may well wonder what the rest of this year will bring?

Because it may well finally oblige the authorities to reveal something about the reality of the situation - which is that we are not alone and that other beings from the Cosmos are visiting us. Let us be alert for what comes next.

STRANGE UFO HAPPENINGS IN THE LAJAS AREA (SOUTH-WEST PUERTO RICO). © BY JORGE MARTÍN, Editor of *EVIDENCIA OVNI* (Puerto Rico) and FSR Consultant.

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[Since the end of 1995, UFO activity in the south-western part of the Island of Puerto Rico has seen a powerful resurgence, most especially in the region comprising the two Municipal Areas of Lajas and Cabo Rojo. Along with numerous UFO sightings there have been some certainly very strange and peculiar situations, in which the U.S. Armed Forces appear to be connected in some mysterious way with the UFO scene as it is developing there.

The zone around Lajas appears to be quite particularly involved in these events, especially in connection with the "Aerostat" (See Fig 2) - which is the name given locally to a large stationary sort of balloon or airship

(similar to the barrage balloons of WWII in shape -G.C.), which the U.S. authorities have, permanently moored over the Lajas area. Officially the authorities have claimed it was there "to help with the anti-drug campaign," but it seems that many do not believe this, and prefer to think that it is more likely to be engaged in "monitoring the UFO activity in the area". What, then, really is going on? What is being hidden from us? Here are some fresh considerations on the situation. J.M.]

In EVIDENCIA OVNI No. 9 we discussed some of the cases from the intense UFO wave in our South-West, particularly in the coastal areas of Lajas and Cabo Rojo.

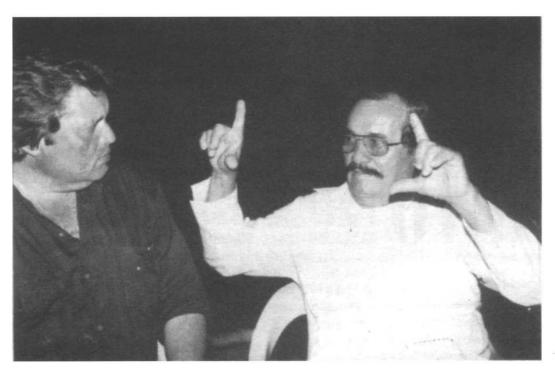


Fig.1 Sr. Vargas describes UFO flying near *Aerostat*.

(Already translated as, "What does the Year 1996 have in Store for us". G.C.)

As we mentioned, the huge UFOs being seen over that coastal region of the West, were sometimes seen putting out numerous smaller glowing craft that flew around.

We also mentioned that the craft, both large and small, always seem to gravitate towards the "Aerostat" and the facilities below it, in the Olivares area of Lajas, where they would then hover briefly and then rise into the sky and head off, almost always on a western or south-western course.

WHY? Is it that the "Aerostat" may have a double function? Not only to watch over the contraband drug situation in the region, but also to watch the UFO activities?

We learn from confidential, "inside" sources that the "Aerotstat's" radar screen and system are linked to others at the Roosevelt Roads U.S. Naval Station at Ceiba (far eastern end of the Island of Puerto Rico)

and with the U.S. Naval Base at Sabana Seca, at Toa Baja (on the north coast), and all in turn linked up with U.S. Naval headquarters in the Capital, San Juan.

According to our informant, whenever an "unknown", with the usual 'UFO' features, appears on the screens, the Puertorican technicians who are present are ordered to leave the chamber where the radar screen for the control of the "Aerostat" is located, and only U.S. - i.e. "North American", personnel remain. Why such secrecy? What are they trying to hide?

We learn from our source that it is here that recorded registered everything about the flight and passage of UFOs, their routes, their points emergence from the sea, of entry into the sea, and along the south-western coast. The objective of all of which is to localize and identify alleged subterranean alien bases deep in the sea off the West Coast. And of course the whole defence and intelligence system in Puerto Rico is in permanent and instant linkage with the

whole system in the United States.

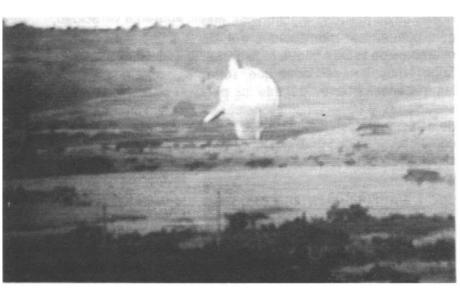
According to the same source, the DEA (Drug Eviction Act Agency), the U.S. federal body in the struggle against the drug traffic, ALSO KEEPS A RECORD OF SOMETHING ELSE - namely to do with UFOs. Every time, after a 'plane has had a UFO encounter, people from the DEA collect "the boxes" from the aircraft, remove the information, and put the "boxes" back into the aircraft.

IS OFFICIAL CONTACT CONCEALED?

Numerous facts related to UFO happenings have glimpses of disquieting angles to the phenomenon which could indicate that the U.S. Government, or a faction in it, could be in contact with the intelligences behind the UFO business.

In December 1995, Señor Francisco Vargas, a resident of El Papayo, in Lajas, was an eyewitness of the movements of the great glowing UFO with its lesser UFOs emerging from it into the sky over the coast of Lajas. He

Fig. 2 View of tethered *Aerostat* surveillance balloon.



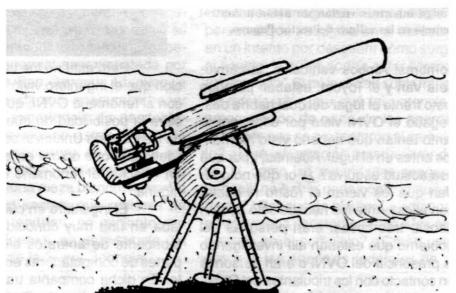


Fig. 3 Sketch of mysterious "cannon-telescope" of military.

was fishing, out at sea, with one of his sons, just south of the area where the "Aerostat" station is located, at about 2.00 a.m. in the early morning. He observed something very strange. Happening to glance towards the "Aerostat", the premises of which were lit up, he was astounded to see an unusual and abnormal glow in that area. The brightness was coming from below, from the ground, upwards. And he saw an object go up vertically from the area where the buildings of the "Aerostat" facility are.

He told us: "It was round, a disc, with lots of coloured lights, very vivid, all around its edge. It was a lovely, beautiful sight. It came from where the "Aerostat is", and went up vertically to about 500 ft, and then hung there, above the "Aerostat". It was a flying saucer! - Nothing more nor less. An actual flying saucer, round, metallic, with lots of bright lights and, as we could see, a cupola on top. It made no sound, and was quite big. After that it went on up, and vanished into the sky." (See Fig. 1)

We asked him: "Are you absolutely sure that it came from where the facilities of the "Aerostat" are? "Yes" he replied, "I'm very sure of that. It came from below. And it came from there. I don't know whether it came from anything below the ground or whether it came from the run-way where the "Aerostat" globe is anchored - but yes - it came from there!"

"But that's nothing new here. I have been seeing these machines around here ever since 1946. In fact, when I was 12 years old, I had just been working with my dad on a field of sugar-cane in Lajas. It was morning, because the sun was pretty hot so we worked at night on the cane.

"Suddenly a huge round thing came down from the sky - like a dish - and shone a very bright, bluish-white - but very hot - beam of light at us. It stung our skin - it was so hot. We both threw ourselves into the plants to hide from it, and even there we felt the heat and the burning effect on us.

"The thing remained there a while, and I remember how the sweat was pouring off me. Then suddenly that thing rose and left. We both got up and went home. After that, my father got ill, and gradually went down and down. He had fever, and pains in his bones, and some tumours, and an eruption came on his skin.

"Six months later, the doctors said he had cancer, and he died of it shortly after that. I'm not saying that that light did anything to him to cause the illness, because nothing has happened to me myself, and I was also exposed to it, my attention was indeed drawn to the coincidence of those two things happening at the same time, - what do you think?

"After that I've seen lots of those objects - which in my opinion are the craft of extraterrestrials who are *here*, living here with us, possibly underneath the ground here, and the Puerto Rico Government, and the Americans, know it".

Again I asked: "And you say you are sure that you saw the flying saucer come up out of the area of the "Aerostat"? What makes you think that?"

He answered: "In my opinion the Americans are in contact with extraterrestrials in that place, and there is something going on there that they are hiding from the people of Puerto Rico. Either that - or that saucer which came up out of there is from them - from the Americans - and they have got it hidden there - they are testing something. But in my opinion, - so far as I am concerned - they are in contact with them with the extraterrestrials.

"Look - I often can't get to sleep early, and I remain right outside, on the balcony here, looking up at the stars and enjoying the fresh night air, and I have seen lots of these things, these UFOs, - because they are craft - passing overhead here. But I have also seen, at around 2 o'clock in the morning, how convoys of American trucks, field sapas as we call them (word not known, G.C.) - a sort of OMNI type of jeep), go by, together with another big military truck loaded with something big that is

Fig. 4 Sketch of "Saturn"-type UFO.

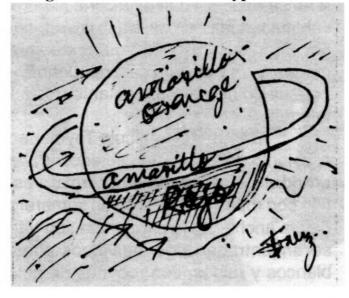




Fig. 5 Electronics engineer & friend flying remote-controlled planes.

covered with canvas, and armed soldiers going along with it. And they always come, as it seems, from La Montalva (between Guanica and Lajas) and at this same time.

"Behind the "sapas" and the big truck come two police patrols, as though escorting them, but the police in those patrols are never from this western area - they're not personnel from anywhere in this coastal area. It's my opinion that they are from San Juan or some other part of the Island. Why so much mystery? Why do they go by at this hour of the night, as if so as not to let people see them? What is it that they want to hide?

"Look you - me, I'm a bit fond of fishing, so I often go out to fish at about 2.00 o'clock in the morning. And at times, when I arrive at the beach, at Papayo, and am about to put out to do my fishing, I encounter these military people dressed in camouflage uniform, these people with the jeeps and the big truck... doing something there at that hour of the night.

"And do you know what that covered thing carried by the truck is? Well - it's a big thing, that seems like a telescope, a weird thing that is a sort of mixture between a telescope and a big gun. It has tripod legs, and something underneath like a base, and there is a seat on the cannon, and a soldier sitting on the seat controlling the strange apparatus - the cannon or the telescope - whatever it may be. (See Fig. 3).

"They keep that "cannon-telescope" "aimed", at an inclined angle to the sky, pointing towards the stars. What are they looking for? I don't know, but something tells me that they are fighting the UFOs. The soldier who is sitting in the seat, at the base of that thing, is controlling it, and directing it towards different points of the sky, as though seeking something. That's why *I say* that the Government KNOW what is going on here, and is hiding it from us. And it is time that they told us the truth".

Such were the final comments of Sr. Francisco Varg

A SECRET PLOT?

And now, to cap what Sr. Vargas has said, we will present the incident experienced by two Puertorican citizens living in the municipality of San Germán - also an incident that provides plenty to think about.

Both individuals (they have requested anonymity for the present) are keen addicts of the sport of flying radio-controlled model aircraft. One evening, in the summer of 1989, as it was getting dark, they were just returning

home from flying their models on the sands at El Papayo, in Lajas Province, a spot much favoured by the *aficionados* of this sport for its level ground, free of vegetation. (See Fig. 5)

As they were driving along Highway 324 towards the 305, to La Parguera, they were surprised to see, coming from behind a mountain to their right, a large round object of the 'flying saucer' type enveloped in a reddish light and with a 'Saturn' shape. (See Fig. 4). The UFO, emitting a hum, shot upwards at an angle of about 45 degrees and rapidly vanished in the sky towards the southeast.

Impressed, they speeded up to round a curve and get a better view of it, and they were surprised to see, parked in front of them on the road, two vehicles, one of them a black van with its windows slightly "smoked" and a small old pretty ramshackle brown *Toyota* car.

Sitting in the driving seat of the *Toyota* was an individual of a normal complexion, in civilian clothes, with a broad-brimmed hat. And in the van were two tall, white, blond individuals, with very short hair-cuts, apparently Americans, wearing one-piece overalls like those of mechanics, black or dark-blue in colour, and dark glasses.

Excited, because they perceived that the two vehicles were parked precisely opposite the spot from which the UFO had seemingly taken off, our two eyewitnesses pulled up beside the two vehicles and asked: "Did you see that?! We saw that thing that went up from there! That was incredible, wasn't it? Didn't you see it?"

But the individuals in the van paid no attention to their words and simply sat there looking in front of them, very stiff, and apparently annoyed by their presence there. Puzzled by the attitude of those two individuals, they moved closer to the *Toyota*, and asked the person inside it if *he* had seen the UFO, but he too, in very strange fashion, refused to speak to them, and turned his face towards the right-hand side and pulled his hat down as though hiding his face.

The eyewitnesses were baffled as to what the meaning

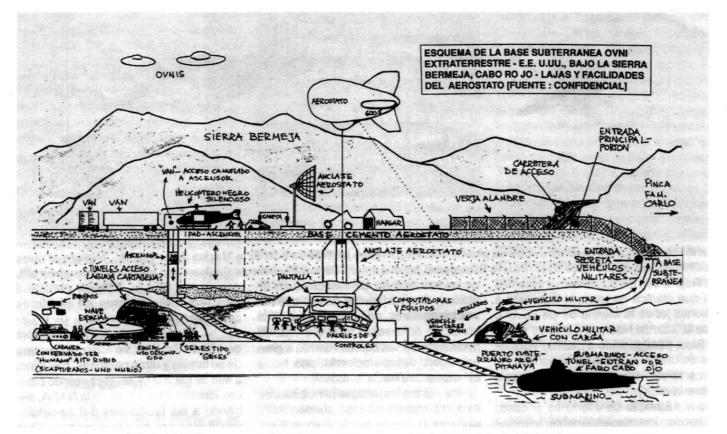


Fig. 7 Diagram of subterranean extraterrestrial-U.S. base.

of all this could be but now they immediately perceived the reason for the mysterious behaviour of the men in these two vehicles! Both vehicles were standing opposite the spot from where the UFO seen by the eyewitnesses must have taken off, so the men in the vehicles *must* have seen it. But why their odd behaviour? Why the unwillingness to talk or to show their faces? Only three conclusions were possible. Either (a) the men in the vehicles were Government men investigating UFOs, or (b) they were Government men who were apparently in contact with the UFO crew.

Thoroughly nervous and worried that they might have seen something that they ought not to have seen, the two witnesses rapidly fled from the scene.

One of these witnesses - an engineer - remained extremely worried for a couple of months afterwards, fearing that "somebody" (i.e. the Government) would come to his house looking for him because he had seen what he shouldn't have seen. Because those men in the vehicles had also seen *them*, and must also have seen his car number-plate, and would therefore assuredly have secured his address, etc. He was scared about his safety. However, nothing did happen, and there was no change. The other eyewitness, a businessman, took the experience more calmly.

But, well now who WERE those mysterious people in the vehicles at the spot where the UFO must have been? WHY were they there? Were they maybe linked in some way with the UFO? The response to these questions still remains to be seen.

But that wasn't the only experience that the engineer had in relation to UFOs. What is going on in the western part of the Island of Puerto Rico in connection with the UFO/alien phenomena *is indeed real*. This engineer in question was working in a very well known company manufacturing electronic equipment and computer parts, located in that western area. In that same company there was also working a high-level supervisor, an American aged about 60, whom everyone in the company suspected of having links with some military or Intelligence agency of the USA, because, every time that something important at a military or security level happened, "somebody" communicated with him via a radio set which he always carried with him and he always had to leave his work and then settle down again as soon as possible afterwards.

Well now - on one occasion - arising out of the incident on the night of December 28, 1988, in which two F12 Tomcat fighter planes of the U.S. Navy disappeared - captured in mid-air by a gigantic triangular UFO over the Laguna (lake) Cartagena - (Saman area of Cabo Rojo), this engineer said, in English and in a joking tone, to the mentioned supervisor - and in front of a group of his companions - "THEY ARE NOT LOST! WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE, AND WE ARE GOING TO GET THEM BACK!". After that the American seemed to realize that he had committed a grave indiscretion and he fell silent and went away immediately.

Nevertheless, to the engineer and to all those present it was obvious that the U.S. Authorities in Puerto Rico do know what is going on in the southwestern part of the Island in connection with the UFO/ alien business. The supervisor's words to the effect that "they" knew where the planes and pilots captured by the UFO were, and that they were going to rescue them, is clear proof of it.

MORE ON THE SOUTH-WEST AND THE "AEROSTAT"

Well now, returning to the matter of the "Aerostat" in Lajas, what is it that is going on there? No matter what the Authorities say, what is certain is that the people living around there have, for a long time past, observed how the UFOs display a very special intest in the place, as also in the Sierra Bermeja Mountain Range and Lake Cartagena - both in the same area.

Could that relate to the fact that the crews of those UFOs have bases in the subsoil of the region, as many folk conjecture, or can it perhaps be that it is *the USA* that has these bases, and the aliens are watching them very closely. Or - thirdly - can it be that *both* of these possibilities are true?

A few years ago, the journalist Julio Víctor Ramírez published a diagram of an alleged joint underground base of the U.S. military forces and the Aliens, said to exist right below where the "Aerostat" is. The journalist was not able to give an assurance that the base existed, but, having received the diagram confidentially from someone else, he desired, in the face of the numerous UFO incidents in that region, to make known yet one more angle on the things that people were saying about the enigma of the "Aerostat" and the incidence of UFO happpenings there.

We, for our part, had also received a copy of the said diagram at around the same date, and we knew indeed that it had originated as a result of a paranormal experience undergone by a young fellow from San Germán.

This young man, who we did interview, assured us that he had had an experience of astral projection in the course of which an alien being of human appearance, tall and blond, and dressed in a tight-fitting one-piece white garment, had taken him to a secret facility that the U.S. military have, together with alien beings, in the subsoil underneath the Aerostat" and under the Sierra Bermeja Range of Mountains.

The sketch of this underground facility (see Fig. 7) was based on the young man's recollection of what he had seen there during his strange experience.

Although nobody can give any assurance that the said secret facility really does exist, it s equally certain that, when the sketch was published - so our own "inside sources" in the "Aerostat" inform us - the Federal Authorities on the Island of Puerto Rico "seemed to go crazy" in their alarm about "something" regarding the sketch in question.

Interestingly enough, while on the one hand the local and Federal authorities denied everything relating to the said sketch and to the alleged secret facility beneath the premises of the "Aerostat", on the other hand they conducted an intensive interrogation of the personnel working at the "Aerostat" in order to find out how the sketch had come into existence "and who could have been leaking information?"

If such a subterranean facilty did not exist there, then why such urgency and preoccupation on the part of the Federal agents who came to the "Aerostat"? What information would be leaking out, if, as the

authorities assured, there was nothing there of the kind that people were saying there was! Then why were they interrogating and harassing the employees on the complex? Do you believe that the Federal Agencies of Investigation, such as the FBI and the DEA (Drug Eviction Act Agency) would spend precious funds on investigating the source of something that doesn't exist!

Yet another example of the alleged UFOs - "AEROSTAT" interaction is the sighting which the young woman Jocelyn Irizarry and her husband and children, living on the Avenida 65 de Infanteria, in Lajas town, had on June 17,1991, when they saw an enormous UFO of the flying saucer type, with a cupola and brilliant lights all around it, hanging stationary in the air at the side of the radar globe. On that occasion she contacted the Lajas Police Headquarters, and a sergeant named Toro said to them: "You have seen nothing. Don't talk to anybody about this!"

UFOS VERSUS INTERCEPTOR JETS OF THE U.S. NAVY AND OF THE PUERTO RICO NATIONAL AIR GUARD.

Further examples of the important UFO happenings in the LAJAS and CABO ROJO zone are the numerous incidents in which hundreds of eyewitnesses have seen jet aircraft of the U. S. Navy and of the Puerto Rico National Air Guard pursuing flying saucers of various types and sizes as well as other mysterious aerial devices over the region.

A good example of this is the case, already mentioned by us above, and already famous internationally, of the encounter between some jets of the U. S. Navy and an enormous triangular UFO, which occurred on December 28, I988, at 7.45p.m.

On that occasion, numerous eyewitnesses, resident in the La Parguera, Maguayo, and Olivares sectors of Lajas, and in the Boquerón, Las Parcelas Betances, and other sectors, of Cabo Rojo, saw the huge triangle, with a great round yellow light on its underside, flying over the Sierra Bermeja Range and Lake Cartagena. Along with the UFO, they saw two jets chasing it and intercepting it. Suddenly the UFO halted in mid-air, and it seemed as though one of the jets, which was passing behind it, would collide with it, but the jet suddenly vanished. The same thing happened with the second jet, for which reason the eyewitnesses all felt that the UFO had captured them both. After that, the UFO hovered at a height of some 100 ft. above the palm trees of the pool at Saman and then, with a burst of silent light, it divided into two, producing two triangular craft, one of them enveloped in red light and the other in yellow light, both of which then vanished at high speed, one towards the North and the other towards the East.

Among the principal eyewitnesses to this most important case we can mention the family of Sr. Eulogio Santiago in La Parguera, the families Sr. Roosevelt Acosta and of his brother Heriberto Acosta, and many neighbouring residents in the parts of Olivares (Lajas Province) lying right close to the side of the "Aerostat", and also the Diodonnet-Cotté family of Sabana Yeguas,

also in Lajas Province.

We should also mention most specially the family of Sr. Carlos Mercado and the family of Sr. Edwin Olmeda, among others, residing in Parcelas Betances, in Cabo Rojo Province, and also the family of Sr. Luis Rivera in Boquerón, and also others in Cabo Rojo Province.

The U.S. Navy continues to deny that this incident of the two Tomcats ever occurred, but the investigation made by us at the time, and the large number of eyewitnesses throughout the whole region, refute the denials. And we even have confidential reports from within the U.S. Navy to the effect that, in the period comprising October to December of 1988, the U.S. Armed Forces lost six interceptor jets in similar circumstances.

The Director of Civil Defence for Lajas Province, Sr. Freddie Cruz and members of his family and other persons, have seen white trucks, identified as belonging to NASA, entering the premises of the "Aerostat" at around 2.00 am, escorted by military personnel. What has NASA got to do with that place? That is a question that has never been answered satisfactorily.

Indeed, to give the precise truth, during some interviews which the Japanese UFO investigator, Yun Ichi and Yaoi and I, with a crew from the Nippon TV (Japanese television network), had at the "Aerostat" in 1992, one of the policemen there actually assured us that a part of the activities of the complex there are under the control of NASA and of the CIA.

On the other hand, Sr. Cruz and neighbours, and several of his employees in the Civil Defence, also saw one evening, from his residence in Santa Rosa de Lajas district, a flying saucer being pursued by two military jets. Suddenly the saucer split into two, in the midst of a burst of light. The upper part, with a cupola, separated from the lower, and both parts vanished in different directions at high speed. The two aeroplanes, whose pilots seemed confused, flew around over the area for a few moments and then departed towards the East (towards the U.S. Naval Base of Roosevelt Roads, maybe at Ceiba? (Far eastern end of the Island. G.C.)

In our last issue (EVIDENCIA OVNI No.10) we gave several other cases of this sort, including those of Sr. Tito Roldán and his wife Rosita, at Joyuda, Cabo Rojo, and that of Sr. Carlos Torres and his wife in the Pedernales district, also of Cabo Rojo Province.

CONTROVERSIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

But undoubtedly the incident of this type that has created most discussion in Puerto Rico and abroad is the alleged encounter of the young man Amaury Rivera, who avers that he was kidnapped by the crew of a UFO in Cabo Rojo and liberated later in the Las Palmas district.

After the event, when be arrived back at his house in Boquerón, he said he had heard the sound of jet turbines flying low over the area and, on looking up, had been astonished to see several military jets chasing a flying saucer (maybe the one in which he had been captured just previously?). Having a *Kodak Instamatic* camera to hand in his car, he ran up to a slope behind his house and took several photographs of the incident. In the photos the UFO, of saucer type, was, so he says, stationary in the sky, while several *F 14 Tomcat* type jets of the U.S. Navy were flying very near to it and examining it. (See Fig. 8)

Originally Rivera had said that he had taken the photographs in the Las Palmas area, when he was just coming to himself again after having been set free by the aliens who had captured him, but subsequently he revealed to us that really he had been up on the hill behind his own house, at Boquerón Why had he concealed the exact spot? It's simple. In order to please his uncle and aunt, owners of that house, who did not want to have their privacy affected in anyway.

With the same objective, his family also asked us to conceal the facts about the spot where the photos had been taken, and we gave our word, but later an individual* of the Cabo Rojo area discovered the spot, and, enraged in a personal revenge against Rivera because the latter would not permit him to set himself up as Rivera's 'manager' or 'agent' for the handling of his photos and other material in return for an economic percentage (the individual in question was dreaming of making many thousands of dollars out of the affair and making himself famous over the Rivera case), the individual set about creating an irregular and not very ethical situation in order to possess himself of Amaury Rivera's photos so as to be able to exploit them economically!

Then, later, when he had failed to do that, he dedicated himself to the task of carrying on a campaign to discredit and defame Amaury Rivera and those of us who knew about the individual's shady dealings. In his campaign he has been alleging that Amaury Rivera had fabricated the photos and that these are therefore fraudulent. Nevertheless, all his allegations failed following upon the analysis of the pictures and after everybody connected with the case in one way or another had been questioned.

As a matter of fact, Señora Magdalena Del Amo Freixedo, an excellent investigative journalist, and wife of the well-known Spanish investigator Salvador Freixedo, visited Puerto Rico and researched everything concerning the case of Amaury Rivera and his photographs and the unethical transactions of the individual, and wrote a report on the whole affair which was published in the Spanish review ESPACIO Y TIEMPO (SPACE AND TIME), in which she denounced the sordid details of the individual's activities - which same activities have been the very antithesis of what should be the behaviour of a UFO investigator seriously interested in the subject, whose course of action must always follow a line characterized by the highest ethics and seriousness.

EVIDENCIA OVNI has a copy of Señora Del Amo Freixedo's report,* and has her permission for it to be published in our own pages too, and if we have not yet done so it is because Sr. Amaury Rivera, feeling much pity for the individual in question and feeling

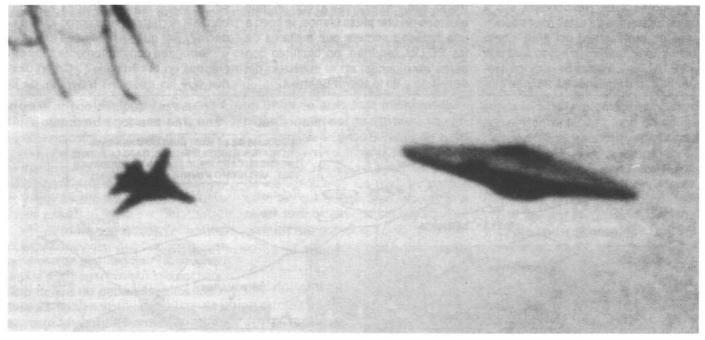


Fig. 8 Photo of encounter between UFO and F-14 Tomcat jet by Amaury Rivera, taken in May 1988.

consideration for the individual's family, who he holds in high regard, has requested that for the time being we shall not do it.

But there is one thing that is certain. A number of computerized analyses have been made, by experts, of the photographs by Amaury Rivera, and NOBODY has been able to prove that they are a hoax. As I personally am not an expert in the analysis of photos or videos of UFOs by computer, I accept that, so far, Amaury Rivera's material does seem genuine, and this is what I have always said about it. (Only Sr. Rivera of course knows whether his alleged experience was real, but many of the details that we have investigated seem to indicate that it was).

Well now, finally, in the light of all that we have set forth in this article, what difference does it really make, (as regards this most important UFO situation that prevails daily in the south-western part of this Island of Puerto Rico) whether or not the Rivera photos are real? Of course from a certain aspect it would be ground for condemnation if they weren't, but in the broadest sense of what we are here interested in, WHAT IS UNDENIABLE, AND WHAT SHOULD BE GROUND FOR PREOCCUPATION FOR ALL OF US, IS THE FACT - PROVED UTTERLY TO SATIATION POINT - THAT THE SAME TYPE OF **ENCOUNTERS AS PORTRAYED IN THE PHOTOS** OF AMAURY RIVERA - BETWEEN UFOs AND MILITARY JETS OF THE USA OR OF THE PUERTO RICO NATIONAL AERIAL GUARD PURSUING THEM -ARE STILL GOING ON, WITH EXTREME FREQUENCY, IN THE REGION OF LAJAS AND CABO ROJO, BEFORE THE EYES OF HUNDREDS OF CREDIBLE WITNESSES. THIS IS WHAT OUGHT TO BE WORRYING US, ON ACCOUNT OF THE IMPLICATIONS THAT THIS TYPE OF SITUATION HAS FOR ALL OF US.

WHY IS IT THAT THE MILITARY JETS ARE

CHASING THE UFOS? IS THERE MAYBE A SITUATION OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE USA AND THE BEINGS THAT CREW THESE CRAFT? OR ARE THEY PERCHANCE CRAFT OF THE USA THAT ARE BEING FLIGHT-TESTED OYER THE INHABITED AREAS OF THE SOUTH-WEST? IF THIS IS SO, WHY IS THIS BEING DONE, RISKING THE LIVES OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE REGION SHOULD THERE BE AN ACCIDENT?

THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT WE MUST BE ASKING OURSELVES, AND TO WHICH THE AUTHORITIES MUST GIVE AN ANSWER.

FINAL COMMENTARY.

Certainly, as we have seen throughout this article, a very strange situation is building up in the Lajas and Cabo Rojo areas, and very specially so around Lajas and the so-called "Aerostat" and Lake Cartagena. For example - the situation experienced by the electronic engineer and his friend near the "Saltings" of Papayo, and the mysterious persons whom they saw at the spot from which a UFO seemed to have just taken off.

Likewise the case af the American engineer working in an electronics manufacturing company, who was connected with the U.S. armed forces, and who said - in front of witnesses, that "Yes! They knew the whereabouts of the pilots captured by the big triangular UFO over Cabo Rojo on December 28,1988, and that they were going to get them back!"

Another point to consider is this: what are NASA trucks doing, entering the "Aerostat" premises at late hours of the night, when it is thought that nobody will observe them?

And - what about the flying saucer that don Francisco Vargas saw go up from the spot where the "Aerostat"

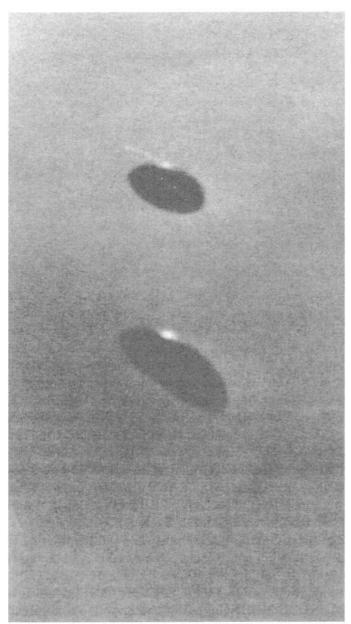


Fig. 9 The fishermen see them constantly.

is located? And the mysterious "cannon-telescope" operated by the military on the beach of El Papayo? For what are they using this strange device, together with other sophisticated equipment, pointing it at the stars in the early hours (2.00 to 3.00 a.m.) when the inhabitants of of the area are all asleep and don't see them? We must also add that the same military Personnel have also been seen handling the same equipment, near the Faro del Cabo Rojo (Red Cape Lighthouse) and on the beach at Rincón further north, at the times of important UFO sightings.

Recently, when in conversation with a high-ranking officer of the U.S. Navy, whose identity we shall, for obvious reasons, not reveal for the time being, he said this to me in confidence:

"Yes, as you have said, - we do know that in the subsoil of the south-west of Puerto Rico there is an enormous subterranean facility which extends under the sea, as far as the Isle of Mona. (See map on inside front cover)..... It.is a base of "something", or "someone" that is not from here, that appears to be something extraterrestrial.

"We have been following and watching the

situation for many years and we know that they are down there. But - how can we explain that to the public?

"One of the principal fears of the Government is that the sudden knowledge of the truth might cause a panic, and above all, a paralysation of worldwide economic activity, and that can lead to chaos. That is something very, very delicate

"We, as Military, have a duty to fulfil in connection with the security of our citizens, and we are doing our job. You may possibly not perceive it as so, but we are doing what we have to do."

And finally, speaking in the soft accent of the U.S. South, he added: "Look Jorgé, you earn my respect because I can see that you are doing a good and serious job. At present I can't tell you more than that about what is going on, but I can tell you that in about five years from now the public will already know a good deal of what has been going on with all this business. In any case, I can't at present give any further information, but in four years' time I'm retiring, and then we'll be able to talk extensively about this matter. I can assure you that many, many things are going to surprise you "...

For those who are interested, we will add that there are witnesses to this conversation between the officer and myself.

Last word: The reports on what the UFO Phenomenon/Alien Phenomenon is going to "dish up for us" in the south-west of this Island of Puerto Rico are still pouring in, and in our coming issues we shall publish further events and provide new details. -J.M.

COMMENTS BY EDITOR OF FSR.

* This wholesale "trouble-maker" and purveyor of slander against Amaury Rivera is named Wilson Lustosa.

* * I also have Señora Magdalena's fine report and hope to tackle and translate it very soon. It is very lengthy and highly accurate. Amaury Rivera's book about his abduction and his photos has now been published (in Mexico) and I have a copy of it. Its contents are startling and I shall report on it in due course.

Just to the north of the Island of Puerto Rico, lies the vast PUERTO RICO TRENCH, with an average depth of 8,000 metres - one of the deepest sea areas on our planet, and its very deepest part, the MILWAUKEE DEPTH, at the western end, just above the western end of Puerto Rico, is 9,200 metres! It is here that, about 20 or 25 years ago, I recall that the U.S. Navy spent about a week, with several warships milling around, picking up fantastic sounds from down there, and vainly trying to trace and chase and depth-charge "SOMETHING". I recall having once seen a published account of it, in English, and I do hope that some of FSR's American readers may recall it and will now help me to trace and identify that report; which I feel sure came from the U.S.A.

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We are living in strange times. Even when, today, the daily technological advances astound us, as they instantly become the fulminating routine new tools for our scientists, and the store of advanced knowledge that enables us to put people on the Moon now comes within the reach of mankind, we still find ourselves faced by certain mysteries that require a satisfactory answer.

Among these mysteries are the numerous animal mutilations recently reported throughout the whole of this Island of Puerto Rico. We, as serious investigators, are astounded by the variety of cases occurring - cases and situations that defy all logical explanations. Thorough, diligent, investigations have been carried out by the Police, the Civil Defence, the Veterinary Services (though when they perceived the 'anomalous aspects' of the business the veterinary men disassociated themselves from the investigations!), by the serious Journalists, and by the Ufologists.

The facts have been established - but the question-mark as to WHO is doing all this - and - WHY - still hangs in the air. This question has not been totally answered, it is true, though there *are* certain details that seem to give us an answer to it.

Some folk say that the mutilations are done by predatory animals such as dogs. And that *could* be so in one or two cases, but up till now the evidence indicates that what attacks the animal victims (sheep, cattle, goats, etc.) is nothing ordinary, inasmuch as the physical signs that would be left in such attacks as those **are never found in these cases.**

The mystery becomes greater when, as in the majority of the cases, no traces whatever of human footprints or animal footprints or animal footprints, or vehicle tracks, can be found at the sites (except that at times there do appear strange footprints or animals unknown in this country!)

Other mysterious events that might - or might not - be connected with the mutilations both here and abroad, but that have become the standard pattern in these sorts of happenings, include numerous sightings of UFOs, of unidentified helicopters, and encounters with alleged alien human-like creatures or strange hairy creatures.

In putting out this Special Issue on Mutilations our objective is not to sensationalize the matter in order to stimulate the sales of our journal, as certain charlatans have said, but to bring to you, the public reader, a series of real events and features of consideration on this enigmatic matter, such as will enable you to better understand what is happening. With this end in view we include herein complementary material, from Puerto Rico and from abroad, that will enable you to make important correlations regarding the cases on the Island and the cases in other countries - particularly the USA. Likewise it is not our intention to create panic or fear, and for that reason we have withheld certain facts that could be badly interpreted.

It is our firm belief that the public have the right to know the truth, no matter how unpleasant it may apparently be - and more especially so if that truth implies that "something" or "someone" is intervening, physically, psychologically, or spiritually, in our world. The human race needs to know the truth, especially if it requires us to

adopt a totally new and revolutionary view of our own history, our own future, and our own reality.

We believe that there are official persons and organizations in our midst who know what is behind these mutilations, but we cannot prove it. For reasons unknown they remain silent about what is going on.

On the other hand, official Government organs have embarked on a campaign of disinformation and ridicule about the subject, but all that they have managed to achieve thereby is to make evident their own interest in covering up what is happening, and their total non-recognition of it. It has been a painful spectacle for us to see biologists and employees of such agencies as the Puerto Rico Department of National Resources and the Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture pulling out of their hats absurd and ridiculous "explanations" for what the eyewitnesses and the facts themselves have demonstrated.

Sadly, others - allegedly UFO researchers - have joined in the campaign of disinformation. This might be due to two things: (1) they might be in some way associated with the agencies interested in the cover-up, or (2) It may demonstrate their own total ignorance about a subject which they have not deigned to investigate seriously.

But the events that are continuing to occur have given a powerful reply to their statements.

And we take this opportunity to express our very special recognition to the reporter and announcer, Sr. Arnaldo García, of Radio Cumbre in Orocovis, who was an original informer for us of what was going on and who has, throughout, maintained a thoroughly professional attitude. We thank him immensely for his cooperation in our investigations.

Likewise we extend our thanks and recognition to the members of o the Orocovis Police Headquarters, who displayed great professionalism and collaborated with us at every moment, just as the eyewitnesses and general residents of Orocovis have done. To all of these folk we dedicate this Special Number. Likewise we express our recognition to the reporters Pedro Rosa Nales of Channel Four Television (WAPA TV), and Arnaldo Ginés of Channel 11, as also to Omar Matos, reporter of the weekly paper *El Diario*, - all three of whom at every moment gave serious and professional attention, just as we have done, to everything related to the mutilations and to the sightings of strange creatures and UFOs in the areas affected. This has enabled the public to achieve a clearer perception of everything.

In the name of TRUTH, very many thanks to all of you! J.M.

NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR.

So much for Jorge Martín's excellent and eloquent Introduction to this Special Issue on Puerto Rico animal mutilations, which began in the 1970s and are still occurring all over the Island and indeed intensifying. As soon as I can I shall follow up with my translations of the most spectacular of the truly hair-rasing reports which he gives, especially from the Orocovis District.