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# Exclusive Report From Behind the Iron Curtain

## 4 Dwarf Aliens Spotted Near Hovering UFO

The Soviet Union and other countries behind the Iron Curtain have been terrorized since 1975 by an incredible blitz of close encounters with UFOs. Reports reaching the West tell of documented cases of UFO sightings, visits to earth by weird humanoids, and other strange phenomena. The ENQUIRER sent reporter Henry Gris to Russia to investigate these reports. Gris obtained documents and interviewed eyewitnesses, scientists and UFO researchers and others — and the results of his probe are startling. Here, in the fifth of an exclusive six-part special ENQUIRER series, Gris reports on the amazing case of four humanoid creatures spotted by two separate witnesses.

Two reliable witnesses — an engineering student and a teacher — say they watched in stunned disbelief as four small aliens walked around outside their hovering spacecraft, then boarded the craft and took off.

And three other witnesses say they saw a flying saucer soar into the sky.

The strange events un-

folded the morning of March 4, 1979, in Chernyakhov, 60 miles west of Kaunas in what used to be East Prussia, now part of the Soviet Union.

Technical student Aleksandr Podkopaev was raking leaves at his family's vacation cottage when he spotted two mysterious "domes" in fields 650 yards away.

"Following an impulse, I started to run toward the two domes," Podkopaev recalled. "I was still several hundred yards away when one of the domes lit up with a violet glow like a mercury lamp. It began to rise vertically, then sped away."

Seeking cover of underbrush, Podkopaev crept up closer to the second "dome."

"What I saw was too crazy to believe," he said. "There

were four little beings, like dwarfs, standing outside a flying saucer which was hovering about a yard off the ground. They had long bodies and long arms and short legs.

"All four were busy spreading out some shiny, metallic objects on the ground — as if sorting them out before carrying them back to their ship. They wore what looked like green space suits and pointed silver-blue helmets.

"Suddenly, as though sensing me, the four little men turned and faced me. A sort of breathing mask covered their mouths and noses. Their big red eyes were covered with goggles. I froze."

As Podkopaev stood transfixed, "the tallest of the four raised his arm, as though in salute. His arm was so long it doubled his height.

"He looked so funny, I even gave out a chuckle."

Seconds later, the aliens "just seemed to vanish inside

the dome. I could see the outlines of their bodies through the translucent sphere. The ship then seemed to cover itself with violet light and flew away."

A top Soviet UFO researcher Prof. Felix Yurievich Zigel dispatched one of his aides, Lyudmila Petrova, to conduct the investigation.

During her probe, Petrova came across another eyewitness to the event — a schoolteacher who had seen the four aliens from a different vantage point.

Petrova also interviewed three witnesses — a local militiaman, a carpenter and a cleaning woman — who reported that they had observed a UFO shoot upward from the field.

— HENRY GRIS

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