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Seen by Astronomers & Dozens of Other Witnesses . . .

Transparent UFO Tall as a 3-Story Building

. . . Craft Manned by 2 'Extremely Tall' Figures With 'Large, Bright Eyes'

An enormous UFO — the height of a three-story building — seen hovering over the Canary Islands has left scientists, military authorities and dozens of other witnesses completely dumbfounded.

Two of the witnesses, a respected medical doctor and his driver, saw within the globe-shaped transparent object two "extremely tall" figures with "large, bright eyes" — and ran from the object in terror.

And three astronomers watched in stunned amazement as the "giant, brilliant sphere with a swirling center" streaked directly toward their observatory.

At about 10:30 P.M. on the night of June 22, 1976, the physician, Dr. Francisco Julio Padron, was being driven to Galdar, a town on the northwest coast of Grand Canary Island. As the car rounded a curve, the strange sphere was seen some 60 yards off the road.

"It was very large, about the size of a three-story building, and as perfectly round as if drawn by a compass," Dr. Padron said. "It was of a grayish-blue color, but transparent — we could see the stars right through it."

"It was suspended a few feet above the ground.

"There were two figures toward the center of the sphere. They were well over 6 feet tall.

"They were either dressed in brilliant red or red in color.

"Their faces were flesh colored and human in appearance. I could not see any ears because they wore a kind of clothlike helmet or turban on their heads.

"Their heads gave off a glow, like a halo or aura.

"They had pointed, wing-like appendages on the end of their arms that they moved slowly like hands. They seemed intent on some sort of control panel.

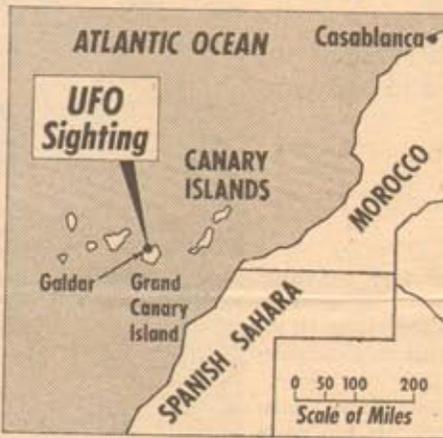
"Suddenly the car radio went dead and we felt a terrible coldness. The object began to lift off — and seemed to be growing steadily larger as it rose!"

Shocked and frightened by what they'd seen, they brought the car to a screeching halt — and sought refuge in the nearby farmhouse of Paco Rodriguez.

Just before Dr. Padron and the driver knocked at his front door, Rodriguez recalled that his TV set suddenly and mysteriously went dead.

When the farmer let the men in, they all rushed to a window.

Recalled Rodriguez, "We could see the object clearly — a bright bluish sphere as big as a house with two red



objects inside that looked like human forms.

"I dived to the floor, covered my head with my arms and yelled to my wife to do the same. We stayed there until the doctor told us it had gone away."

The driver, Francisco Esteves, declared: "I also saw the two figures. I could see that they had very bright, large eyes.

"I can swear that this was something out of this world. My nerves are shattered — I'll never forget this as long as I live."

Another witness was architectural draftsman Domingo Alamo, who was in a friend's house on a mountain near Galdar.

Their wives, coming in from out-

side, exclaimed there was something "very strange" in the sky.

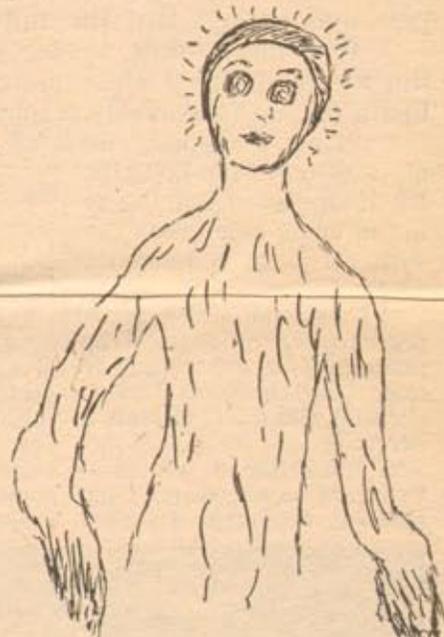
"We ran to the roof and were astonished to see a perfectly round, transparent sphere in the center of which was a sort of bent, long shape of a bright red color," Alamo said. "It was stationary, about the height of the church spires nearby. It seemed to expand gradually, always in a perfect circle. We had it in view for about 30 minutes, while it seemed to recede until there was just a huge, white circle in the sky."

Dr. Francisco Sanchez, director of the Astrophysical Observatory on Monte Izana, Canary Islands, said that several scientists at the observatory saw the object with their naked eyes, but were unable to track it with their telescopes.

"It was below the line of sight of our telescopes," he explained. "The astronomers reported it had the form of a huge sphere and was very brilliant. It was definitely not a planet, a balloon or smoke. I have no scientific explanation for it."

Dr. Fernando Bello, one of three astronomers at the observatory that night, remembered, "All of us saw the UFO — a giant, brilliant sphere with a swirling center shaped like a snail. It seemed to be headed straight toward the observatory!"

"The object continued to approach until it paused for just a moment, made an abrupt 90-degree right turn



DRAWING by Dr. Francisco Padron of one of the figures he saw aboard the massive UFO.

and took off like a streak of light. We all gasped. No flying machine made by man could have executed that maneuver. We had it under observation for three to five minutes."

General Carlos Dolz, commanding officer of the Spanish air force in the Canary Islands, located about 130 miles off the coast of Morocco in Africa, said: "Our radar did not track any object that night. However, many people did see something extraordinary, including several military people, and all accounts seem to coincide.

"We have been conducting an official investigation into the event."

Double standard: "Ethics," the father told his son, are very important to everyday life."

"For example," he continued, "today an old friend paid me back a loan with a new 100 dollar bill. As he was leaving, I discovered he'd given me two bills stuck together. Immediately a question of ethics arose: Should I tell your mother?"

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