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We try to publish each issue in spring. Occasionally the Annual Report may be a combination of two years. The publication will be air-mailed to subscribers.

**Other publications:**

We have the Finnish-language publication Neljännesvuosiraportti (Quarterly Report) to be sent to researcher members, contributing members, The Finnish News Agency and the press. Occasional releases are issued especially to the press.

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**PREFACE**

This publication based on the Finnish membership publication called Neljännesvuosiraportti (Quarterly Report) and will be issued only in English. A condensed English translation on the Quarterly Report appeared previously and served as an exchange publication. It has been replaced by the Annual Report.

We wish to make Finnish events and research more accessible to foreign readers and friends. In the previous translation research details and reports could be dealt with only by way of review and reference. A precise view was difficult to get and this has caused some misunderstandings.

In addition to more detailed analyses, which now will be possible, we shall be giving more or less broad treatments of space-related phenomena which resemble UFOs. These include rocket launches, bolides and halos. We shall also describe the attitude of the press and media to UFOs and UFO research.

We hope that you will respond to us by stating your opinion about the Annual

Report and the topics dealt with. You may also request further information on any subject. We also hope that you tell your friends about this publication. We will answer any questions if possible. We shall of course publish the questions and answers in due time but there is a natural delay in the Annual Report.

## COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OF FIELD DATA

In order to gather first-hand data the UFO Research of Finland has set up a researcher network which covers the whole country. The membership of about 70 is the basis of the collection network. In addition we have several independent contributors.

Our address has often been mentioned in some periodicals, e.g. Ultra (which covers extra-paradigm areas and alternative life views) and Tähdet ja Avaruus (Stars and Space). In addition, our activities have been described in a few books with instructions for data collecting. We get some 50 reports a year, on an average.

From the reports we receive we will decide on further measures in each case. The case reports are hereby classed into three groups:

1. Unexplained observations (UFOs as defined). These cases contain detailed information and precise descriptions, so that all natural causes can practically be excluded. Such cases will be studied as thoroughly as possible, sparing no energy and resources.
2. The information remains insufficient despite all attempts to get more details. Thus, the cause of the observation cannot be decided. This is the largest category of cases, unfortunately. In these cases we continue investigations, if possible.
3. Explained observations: the information allows us to pinpoint a natural source for the observation, e.g. astronomical, meteorological and technological phenomena. Sometimes, too, a hoax is disclosed.

## 1985: AN INTERESTING YEAR

During 1985 the UFO Research of Finland studied six new sighting reports. Two cases were explained. One was an airplane and the other a shower of meteors. Three cases had insufficient information and could therefore not be given any other classification. One case, a column of light, remains unexplained. In the Finnish press we found about 220 UFO related articles, an increase of 37 % from the previous year. The chairman of the organization, Ilkka Serra, was interviewed on national radio on March 16th and on national television on March 17th.

We also uncovered a number of interesting old cases, the oldest from the year 1898 and the others from 1917 and 1943.

## STRANGE LIGHT PHENOMENON OBSERVED AT SAARIJÄRVI

Date: Monday 29 July 1985

Time: 12.00 pm

Place: Saarijärvi in the vicinity of the town Mahlu, central part of Finland

Witnesses: Mr. Olavi Schroderus and Mr. Erkki Nieminen

Nature of sighting: Strange sparkling light spot with a light column

Here is the story told by the observer:

"It was Monday 29 July 1985. I Olavi Schroderus, and Erkki Nieminen were in Erkki's summer cottage during that evening. The weather was calm, very cloudy and dark. We were sitting inside the cottage, watching TV and eating sausages. The time was around 10.30 pm when I went outside in order to move my car from the road. The road was going through the yard of the cottage. In case people should want to drive to the other cottages nearby, I had to move it. I finally parked the car to a place some 40 meters from Erkki's cottage. At that time, nothing unusual could be observed.

At Erkki's cottage the forest road branches off to the shore of Lake Kalajärvi and goes on to the other cottages. I placed my car on the road that leads directly to the shore. Because the electric current to the movable TV-sets was becoming inadequate, we had to take the battery from Erkki's car. To be able to put the lights on also in the cottage I had to move my car again to the grass in the yard of the cottage. I went to move my car at about 12.00 pm.

When I was walking towards the car, I noticed on the left hand side of the forest road, some 16 meters away, a reddish, strangely sparkling light spot on the ground. It was about 0.5 meter in diameter. I stopped at once and tried to look for the origin of the light. However, I couldn't see or hear anything. I thought that perhaps the light might be coming from the Lake Kalajärvi. After having been looking around for some 15 seconds, I started to carefully approach the sparkling light on the ground. When I came to a distance of 2 meters, I observed that the light was coming down in tapelike sections from an altitude of some 3 meters. Thus, the light was not coming from the lake. Again, I made a halt, listening, but couldn't hear anything special. Then I carefully approached the light spot on the ground. Immediately, I began to search for warmth with my hands. I was greatly astonished when I couldn't feel any raise in temperature from the sparkling spot. After having confirmed this, at once I put both hands in the

bandlike stream which was flowing from above. All a sudden, the light clung to my hands while sparkling, and I became enormously scared. I tried to shake it off and rubbed my hands together, but it just spread around. I couldn't feel it at all, however, it didn't have any weight, it didn't burn, and I couldn't sense any smell. When I couldn't feel the light in any way, I dared to take more of it in my hands, taken from about 20 cm off the ground, where the light was more dense. Then I started to run towards the summer cottage with the light sparkling in my hands.

When I was running I held the palms of my hands upright and observed that the light didn't react to the stream of air, caused by my running. When I reached the porch of the cottage, I shouted loudly: 'Look Erkki, something strange is taking place on the road'. I stormed inside and Erkki was quite perplexed and couldn't say anything. I explained that more of this sparkling thing in my hands was up there on the road, and that I couldn't feel it in any way in my hands. Still, Erkki was quiet.

When I was showing my sparkling fingers, I stretched a bit, causing an increasing distance between them. Hence, I observed that it still sparkled from fingertip to fingertip; a distance of some 5 mm. However, it was not very much compared with the light outside which was about 3 meters. The tops on the bright areas were not pointing upwards, as normal flames of fire do, but were instead blazing between the fingers. On the fingertips the bright areas pointed out from my body. The bright light didn't light up the cottage at all. The brightness began to vanish by and by from my fingers after some 30 seconds, and at last it disappeared completely.

Immediately, I went out to reinvestigate the light phenomenon on the forest road, but it too, had disappeared. Erkki didn't follow me outside, but looked through window. But he has looking in the wrong direction. He didn't see me, because of the darkness. I tried to listen and see something in the darkness of night perhaps for five minutes, but nothing happened. At last I dared to go to my car, but I was quite afraid. I backed my car to the cottage yard.

During the evening we were wondering what really had taken place. I could not sleep well that night. In the morning we investigated the area where the light phenomenon was seen, but there was no trace of any kind to be found. It was raining a little in the morning. After I had told about the matter at home, we came back on Tuesday (30 July) at the same point of time, together with other persons, but nothing happened.

On Wednesday, I called several professors at the Biological institute and Institute on environmental research at the University on Jyväskylä. They could not give me any complete answers directly. However, they suggested two possibilities, namely fireflies and a kind of lumious bacteria. A firefly emits pointlike light, whereas the light from bacteria is yellow-green. These phenomena, however, are observed mainly around the equator, so they are not satisfactory as an explanation to these phenomena".

### Investigations

Mr. Lasse Ahonen from the UFO Research of Finland visited the observation place together with Olavi Schroderus 10 August 1985. The place where the light spot had been, is the left hand side of the forest road, seen from the cottage. Nothing could be seen on the ground where the light spot had been. There were several ant paths on the place, and the small insects seemed to move as usual.

The first observation was made from a distance of 16 meters, when only a clearly contrasted reddish light spot was seen on the ground. The diameter was

then 50 cm and the thickness 2-3 cm. When the observer had approached the light spot to a distance of some 2 meters away, some kind of light pillar ca. 3 meters high, could be seen. Where the light was coming from is unknown, because nothing particular could be seen above the light pillar. The light simply ended at a height of 3 meters. It seemed to come down in bandlike wedges. The light on the ground was so dense or so bright that the ground couldn't be seen behind it. On the other hand, the trees behind the light pillar could be observed. Even if the light on the ground was bright, it was not dazzling, however.

The branches of a nearby spruce were very close, but not inside the light pillar. The branches of the trees or the heather close to the light spot on the ground were not lit up.

When the light grabbed the hands of the observer, it didn't illuminate the arms at all. The light was only on the bare skin. The shoes weren't lit up either, despite being just beside of the light spot. He didn't get any aftermath; like eczema, illness or else. The light spot was stationary during the entire time of observation. The time totalled 1-2 minutes.

During the observation the weather was cloudy, very dark and completely without winds. No thunder could be detected; the temperature was about 10°C.

What caused this phenomenon is still unexplained. It can hardly be an electric phenomenon caused by some manmade electric device, because there is no electricity or power lines in the vicinity. No reflecting objects of any kind were visible, either.

#### HUMANOIDS OR BALLOONISTS AT LUMIVAARA IN 1898

Lumivaara is a municipality near Lake Ladoga in eastern Finland. A 10-year-old girl named Riitta Nukarinen was walking in the forest when she saw an object that looked like a balloon just above the treetops. There was a rope of some sort going from the balloon to one treetop and there were people inside the balloon. Later she told the story to her children who then told it to UFO researchers.

A group of engineering students from Petersburg made pioneering balloon trips in the Lake Ladoga area in 1913, but no explanation has been found to the 1898 case. Perhaps the case was related to the 1890's airship wave in California.

#### FINLAND'S FIRST ABDUCTION CASE AT KURKIJOKI IN 1917

A 44-year-old woman, Anni Lattu (1873-1930), saw a saucer shaped object land near her home at Kurkijoki near Lake Ladoga in 1917. Then a ladder appeared from the saucer and a number of small humanlike creatures came down the ladder. Anni thought they were devils because they were so small. Anni was afraid, but they took her to the saucer. The leader of the creatures communicated telepathically with Anni. The saucer flew to various parts of the world and ascended briefly to outer space also, Anni was reported as saying. Anni noticed that it was pleasantly warm inside the saucer and that the seats were comfortably soft.

The creatures asked Anni to stay with them, but she refused. Then they returned her to her home. Anni Lattu was also known in the area for her clair-

voyant and palmist abilities. Some people thought she was strange, but she was also a respected person in the community.

#### A UFO LANDING AT KURKIJOKI IN 1943

During the war years two girls from Kurkijoki had been picking lingon berries in the forrest and were returning home. They pushed their bicycles on a remote dirt road. When they came to a better road they suddenly saw a 1-meter-high and 1.5-meter-long object in the middle of the road. It moved very slowly forward at a distance of about 50 meters from the girls. The object was grey and had a lumpy surface. The girls were amazed and just stood there.

After 10 minutes of slow movement the object disappeared in the bushes by the roadside. One of the girls suggested that they take a shortcut to where the road was leading in order to find out more about the object. But the other girl said it would not be safe since enemy soldiers had recently been seen in the area. So the girls went home and the object remains a mystery.

#### GHOST ROCKET ANNIVERSARY

1986 is the 40th anniversary of the ghost rocket sightings in Finland and Sweden. Despite extensive studies by both civilian and military authorities, the ghost rocket cases were never solved. In Sweden alone there were 997 recorded cases, of which 225 were daylight sightings. Military documents of the time show that the ghost rockets were not Russian test rockets. This year would be a most appropriate time to re-examine the documents.