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With the overcast skies of the past few weeks, UFO reports have been few and far between. We have featured in this issue, one of the most recent reports to come to our notice (see front cover). It appears to be a good example of what the Flying Saucer Review recently discussed under the heading "Do They Mimic". In other words, is it possible that UFO's may be copying our own flying aircraft in order to camouflage their own craft?

We have often heard the "1897 Airship" controversy, over the numerous sightings of the mysterious "airship", which in 1897 seemed to have the capability of speeds around 1,000 mph. (see The Performance Characteristics Of The 1897 UFO, by Kenneth Lloyd Larson.)

However the question arises, that if the UFO technology is so far advanced, as it appears to be, why are there such glaring shortcomings in their attempts to copy our own craft? The completely inconsistent lighting pattern on the aircraft reported in the incident would hardly fool a seven year old and the short stubby wings look aerodynamically unstable for such a large fuselage (visions of the "Starfighter"). Could the similarity only be a coincidence in designs made to cope with our atmosphere, but using a different power source ?

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(Investigator: Brian Maguire.)

The two witnesses, Mrs A.Huntley and Mrs P.Martin were on their way to the Aldershot indoor swimming pool on the night of the 26th March, this year. The time was about 2030 and the witnesses were driving in a car approaching the pool. It was a pitch black night, with only a few stars visible and a slight breeze blowing, there were few people out that night.

As they turned in a bend in the road, Mrs Martin commented that there was something flying above them. "It looked like a large aircraft, flying very low and we could see the windows and cabin lights in it!" "We thought it was an aircraft landing or crashing because it was so low, then as we turned the corner, it came on the same path as us". "It was slightly ahead of us and we still thought it was an aeroplane and we thought that it was crashing because it was silent." "We didn't really notice the silence until we stepped out of the car and we commented that there was no noise coming from it".

"When we got out of the car, there was a small bank and we climbed up on the bank to see where it went". "It went over towards the Hogs Back (A stretch of hill between Guildford and Farnham) and as it went away from us we could see that it was very bright and the lights were shining down". "It hovered for about three minutes and then it moved off in the direction of Guildford". "Then we saw what we at first took to be one of these army spotter helicopters with a big white light, but again there was no noise and the light seemed to turn and start coming towards us". "We looked around, but there was nobody else that we could get hold of and I thought of running to phone my husband, but I was frightened that I would miss something". "Then the light turned away and flew off in the direction of Guildford and then we noticed that this big thing that we had first seen, was coming back".

"As this object turned slowly in the distance, we heard a low humming noise, there was no engine noise, just this low humming sound". "This time we saw this thing from a different angle and as it went over, we saw a cone of lights on the front, all different colours!" Mrs Huntley continued with her impression of the sighting: "It went over and it looked like the side of an aeroplane, looking up, there was the cigar shape of these lights, but then there things sticking out of the side like wings, but they were square and sticking out of this central shape".
(See front cover)

Mrs Huntley continued: "That is where I remember the coloured lights being, on these wings or whatever they were, they were square and not at any angle (sweepback) from the main body. Mrs Martin then gave details of the nose of the craft: "There was an actual cone of lights on the front of it, I thought to myself, it is just like a fairground."

N.B. The lights around the nose cone were described as being white at the tip followed by green, blue and red towards the main fuselage. The lights along the leading edge of the wing were described as being yellow and blue, with red lights at each end of the "wing". Although there may have been some confusion over the correct colour sequence of the lights, the pattern alone does not conform to aircraft navigation or landing lights.

Mrs Martin continued with her story and recounted the impression of the huge size of the object: " It must have been a quarter of an hour to twenty minutes that we were out there, because we were very late arriving at the swimming pool!". " When the object came over the car, it was very close, it was a massive great thing and how nobody else saw it or if they did, why they have not reported it I don't know".

Mrs Huntley also recounted the incident: " When it came over at first, I was sure that it was a big airliner crashing, I thought its going to crash and there is nothing we can do". "I remember the windows, they were an oval shape". "I had this fixation that it had got to be an aeroplane, but then these small wings would not have kept it up". " I can't remember seeing a tail of any kind, but the object was just a dark shape and the lights seemed to beam downwards in some way".

When discussing the noise made by the object, both witnesses described it as a "low humming", the small white light, thought at first to have been a helicopter, made no noise at all and was subsequently discounted as being a helicopter on night exercise in view of the complete silence. The objects hovered a matter of only half a mile away from the two witnesses, to the South of them and near an area called Runfold. The craft were lost from view finally, when they flew/moved behind trees in the distance.

In spite of the report being printed in detail in the local paper, no other witnesses have come forward concerning this incident. The two witnesses (one a teacher and the other a hairdresser) were adamant that they had seen something extraordinary that could not be accounted for by a conventional aircraft, a view which we are inclined to share.....

(Investigator: Omar Fowler)

A report reached us concerning a sighting made over Aldershot at 1610 on the afternoon of January 11th. There were three witnesses, a couple who saw the object together and another independent witness. They were all situated approx. $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the craft.

The weather conditions were:- a perfectly calm afternoon, no wind and cold. The sky was clear and there was a slight ground mist/haze.

The object was described being a round shape by one witness and toadstool shaped by the others. The colour was described as being bronze and also reddish brown. One witness stated "It was like nothing I had seen before". The craft was lost from sight when it disappeared behind rooftops.

CONCLUSION.

I was fortunate in being in the area of the incident at the precise time when it was reported that the "Mushroom" had been flying around. I was standing in a back garden admiring the fine evening sky (who can resist a glance around the sky on a perfectly clear evening?), when my attention was attracted by a high pitched buzzing sound coming from overhead somewhere. On looking up, I spotted a small winged object at approx. 1500', it was in fact a powered hang glider of a slim wing design. The buzzing noise came from the tiny engine mounted in front of the craft. The wing was not the usual triangular shape that we have become accustomed to, but a longer slimmer wing of high aspect ratio. The craft moved and droned along at only about twenty miles an hour and I was quite unaware at the time that this could be confused with a conventional (?) craft and mistaken as a UFO. However I am pleased to say that in this instance, there is absolutely no doubt that what the witnesses had seen was in fact a powered hang glider. The bronze colour was no doubt induced by the witnesses looking towards the setting sun.

O.F.



Witnesses Drawing.



Hang Glider.

Peter A Hill

It was with surprise that I realised recently that the last number in this column was March 1980. It is not my intention to write an annual report; the year has rushed by with extraordinary speed. All is indeed relative.

UFO phenomena have been relatively scarce since the remarkable Livingston close encounter. A paper will be given to the second London International UFO Congress on this case by Stuart Campbell, BUFORA Investigation Co-ordinator for Scotland.

The Edinburgh Evening News of 30 August 1980 featured a report under the heading 'Mystery of the UFO over Scotland'. This referred to reports of a 'large' UFO over Dumfries in the morning of 30 August 1980. Authorities were said to have been baffled by the reports. The UFO was sighted by residents on a Council estate and by workers at Dumfries Infirmary, according to the Dumfries & Galloway Police.

"It was apparently oblong in shape, well illuminated, but there was no sound with it. There have been other reports, but we tracked them down to car lights. This one could not be explained."

Some witnesses described the UFO to the Police as a series of clusters of lights which hung just below cloud level for some twenty (20) minutes before vanishing. If this description is accurate, it eliminates astronomical and satellite explanations; it also rules out most aircraft, meteors, meteorites and leaves few possible answers. These could include a helicopter, although no noise was heard. A hovering VTOL aircraft is highly unlikely to be in a position for 20 minutes, also unheard. The chances of hoax or delusion seem remote, because of the multiple witnesses. Pending further evidence, this case remains unidentified.

In October 1980, I was the guest of SUFOI at Copenhagen, Denmark, where I gave a paper to the well-attended SUFOI Conference. This event enabled me to fly from Glasgow to Copenhagen, where I was met by Danish colleagues. Our Danish friends were most hospitable and I was accommodated in the comfortable home of the Chairman of SUFOI, Peter Hansen. Peter's wife is English and their young son is truly bi-lingual, like most Danes. Very few that I met did not speak excellent English.

The Conference was highly successful, with an exceptionally good exhibition. This included a detailed, scale model of a UFO event, including a Police car and an interceptor which investigated the report. The ground was beautifully modelled to enable the scene to be very clearly imagined.

Other guests came from Norway, Sweden and England. The Crewe based Group, FUFOR, sent no less than three members, although they are not a large Society.

Whilst in Copenhagen, a meeting was held of The Provisional International Committee on UFO Research, set up by the 1979 Working Party in London. A copy of the Minutes has been sent to SIGAP. A further Committee meeting is to be held in London on 23 May 1981, prior to the International Congress.

In April 1981, The Scotsman newspaper reported a meteorite sighted over Scotland. It was described as bright green, travelling North and it could be seen from both the East and West coasts, giving an approximate idea of the height. Air Traffic Control at Prestwick Airport reported that the first report of a meteorite was from an aircraft over Carlisle. The object was travelling at a high speed, with a trail of occasional sparks. It gave off a bright green glow.

Several UFO researchers will be making the trip to London for the second International Congress. It is hoped that many of those attending the London Congress will travel the other way in March 1982, when BUFORA will hold its first National Conference out of England. The venue is the George Hotel, George Street, Edinburgh. SIGAP members would be extremely welcome at this event. It presents an opportunity to attend a Conference and see the magnificent capital of Scotland. Communications from the South are very good. Intercity 125 high-speed trains run from King's Cross to Edinburgh in 4h 37m, British Airways run a shuttle from Heathrow in 70m and the M1 and M6 motorways lead to a good choice of roads. The George Hotel is adjacent to Princes Street, one of Europe's most popular shopping streets, with its tartans, fairisle and numerous beautiful shops, opposite the Castle. It is hoped that SIGAP will be well represented. P.A.H. May 1981

THE SEGMENTED BEAMS OF LIGHT.

By Jean Bastide.

On October 18th (or possibly 19th) 1965, a strange incident took place at Mogy-Guacu, a state of Sao Paulo in Brazil, this was quoted by Dr. Walter Karl Bühler, President of the well known "Sociedade Brasileira de Discoa Voadores" (SBEDV). The witnesses had already seen one object and several humanoids: "Then began a really strange sight. At approximately 2 Km. two identical luminous objects became visible in the sky, they were approx 2000 metres apart. The object on the left shot out a beam of light onto one of the pillars of the balcony at the front of the house. Then within a few minutes the shape of a man appeared, as if projected by the beam onto the front of the house. The being was small in stature and was in a half sitting position, with his arms bent, as though at the steering wheel of a car.

He had a light coloured skin, a bald head and the nape of his neck was a creamy colour. Dona Lucia (one of the two witnesses) did not like the look of this small humanoid, but the younger other witness of the incident moved forward and placed his hand into the beam of light, about 20cm. from the pillar projection, shutting out the beam at that point. The beam then cut out completely and it was then noticed that one of the objects had projected a beam of vertical lines towards the other craft. The beam stretched out until it touched the other disc, then there was a flash and the two objects disappeared.

It appears that at the same time this incident took place, the oil lamps in the house went out and it was not even possible to strike matches. The two witnesses were named as Senora Lucia Anhaia and her grandson Darinho.

The physical effects were similar to a French case investigated by Aimé Michel, when a diesel engine was stopped by a UFO on February 25th 1974. It could be possible that UFO's can induce a field that stops and prevents all the chemical endothermic reactions. (*1)

Canadian Beam Case

On January 1st 1970 a UFO was seen by several Canadian witnesses. Mr J. Drummond described the object as being sort of "egg shaped" in a vertical shape, but the top and bottom were indistinct, I could'nt really make out any details. The object slowed down to almost a stop, then a thin ray of light came out of the thing, like a very thin neon tube, but it was in pieces. The beam was something like the dots and dashes of morse code. It came down in a curve and then in a flash, went out.

Mr Jim Drummond commented "I could'nt have imagined anything like that". After the incident, the object climbed up and passed out of sight to the South. (*2)

In both cases quoted, the divided beam of light disappears when it hits a solid thing (another UFO in the Brazilian case and possibly the earth in the Canadian one). In both cases, the disappearance occurs amidst a flash of light. In the case of the Brazilian objects, there was also a "crash", a loud noise that may have been caused by the rapid displacement of the two vanished objects. The slowly moving Canadian object produced no sound. Both cases appear to be genuine and as we will see, there are other cases....

In the USA near Vernal in the state of Utah, Mr Richard Faucett who had seen a number of UFO's between 1966 and 1972, related his latest sighting to Mr M. Joseph Hicks and Dr. Frank Salisbury in the following way:-

"The third one I think was when Con Bell and I were coming back from Browns Fork after goose hunting, and we were north of Vernal, possibly fifteen miles away. We saw this falling star come across the sky and then the darned thing stopped". "I stood there looking at and I asked Con, did you see that thing?" He said "You mean that thing that I am looking at too?" "So we stopped the car and watched it and as we watched, it came down real slow, just like it was hovering and getting lower all the time". "It came down I'd say about a quarter of a mile from the ground and then a light came out of it and shined off into the heavens and the light looked like it was spliced." "It came out real bright for a ways and then it was dark and then there was another stretch".

Question from Dr.F.S. "Did it look as though it was going through layers of clouds like a spotlight?"

Answer R.F. "Thats right, it looked like it was going up through layers of clouds".

Question F.S. "Were there any clouds ?"

Answer R.F. "As I remember there was'nt a cloud in the sky that night". "It was an amber coloured light. Con Bell could probably tell you more about the colour". (*3)

: : To be continued in next issue

NOTES TO THIS SECTION:

- *1 : "Phénomènes Spatiaux", n^o 40-41-42, juin-septembre-décembre 1974 p.12: une soucoupe volante met en panne un Diesel. par Claud Poher (GEPA, 69 rue de la Tombe-Issoire, 75014 Paris, France).
- *2 : "Canadian UFO Report" summer 1970, vol.1, no.7, pp.8-10 "Phénomènes Spatiaux" no.27 mars 1971, p.8: le rayon corbe fragmenté par M. René Fouéré .

*3 : Frank B. Salisbury, "The Utah UFO display: a biologist's report" 7

"The Uninvited" - Fact or Fiction ?

By Omar Fowler.

The strange happenings at Ripperstone Farm have been the subject of much discussion in recent weeks and our next meeting at the "Prospect Club", Ash Vale, Surrey, will enable me to raise a number of questions concerning the incidents depicted in the book.

The incidents have been reported in various publications, including Flying Saucer Review (FSR) and "ALPHA" etc. There is no doubt that some very strange incidents occurred in that area of Wales (see also "The Welsh Triangle" by Peter Paget), but in view of some of the claims made by witnesses, the question arises as to whether several of the events could be the result of psychic phenomena.

I visited the area in late October and questioned a number of the "locals" about the events of 1977. The postmistress at Broad Haven confirmed that at one time, there were so many UFO's flying about in the area that it was just accepted as an everyday thing. There had also been an incident near the local school and the headmaster had instructed the pupils who had witnessed the craft to draw what they had seen and yes, the sketches were similar. However, until the book had been published, there was little known about the incidents at Ripperstone Farm.

The area is dotted with farms and tall hedgerows, a fact that makes it virtually impossible to see the sea, or for that fact anything on the other side of the hedge. The roads are very winding and narrow, which makes it almost impossible to exceed 40mph without coming to grief. The approach road to Ripperstone Farm is a bumpy straight track about a quarter of a mile in length and it is difficult to imagine how any car could "free wheel" along it, as suggested in the early part of the book (Page 25).

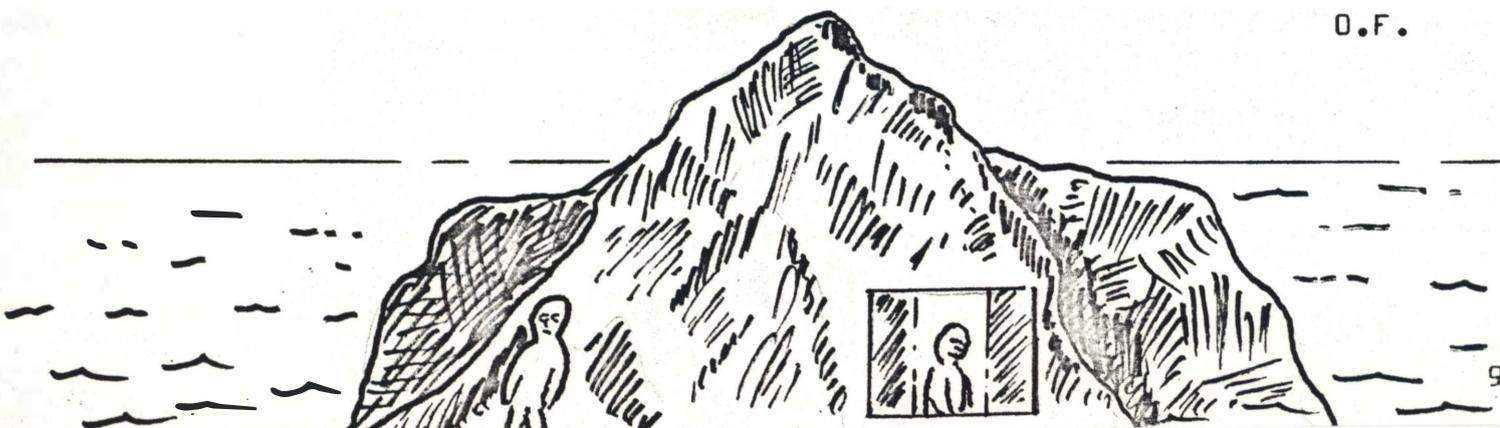
There is also the matter of the electrical failures and overloads that took place at the farm, both to electrical appliances (T.V.etc) and to the farm vehicles. An electrician called in to repair the T.V.'s said that they must have a "force field" at the farm. This seems rather a strange statement for someone to make, surely it would have been more positive to suggest that the local Electricity Board should be contacted and requested to install an electrical current recorder for a few days. This is a machine that records any electric fluctuations and as far as I recollect, the service is free.

As for the electrical wiring burning out in several of the cars, well, it is a phenomena that has been reported on several occasions. Was it just bad maintenance or was another "force field" responsible? Unfortunately one thing that seems to be lacking is any hard "evidence". What about plaster casts of the mysterious footprints, was there any soil analysis carried out ? If not, then why not ? According to the book, at one time the farm was crawling with UFO enthusiasts and newspaper reporters. It has been stated that "radiation traces" were found. Who found them, what type of radiation, what intensity over the normal background radiation ?

Early in the book (Page 14) we read that at "The spot where the light thing came down" (on the coast path), the place was alive with soldiers and unmarked army trucks, plus fifty frogmen... and this took place on the coastal path, where two people can hardly walk next to each other because of the danger of falling down the sheer cliffs, where there is no road and access could only have been through a farm gate and across the fields behind Ripperstone Farm. Presumably it was daylight when they arrived, otherwise the "fifty frogmen" would have had a very dodgy time clambering down the cliff face into the sea? Why had'nt this activity been noticed before Billy' had walked the few hundred yards from the farm to the cliff path?

The big question is the involvement and activity reported on "Stack Rocks" which are about a quarter of a mile off the coast. It was on these rocks where a "craft" was reported to have landed and "beings" were described as entering a door in the rocks. They were first thought to be skin-divers but then it was noticed that their heads were "elongated" and "rectangular shaped with the corners rounded off". An artists impression was shown on the cover of FSR Volume 23 No.6. which is reprinted below. Compare this with the actual size of "Stack Rocks" as seen from the nearest point of the cliffs (photo Page 5). You may notice a small dot below and to the left of the rocks, this is a fishing boat with a crew of about six. Did they have long heads ?? Why not come along to our next meeting and give your comments.....

O.F.





Omar Fowler on the Welsh coast, with Stack Rocks in the background. The scene of strange incidents in the book "The Uninvited".



Mike Prewett (right) discussing the UFO project undertaken by Detective Sgt. Graham Knight of the Kent C.I.D. while on the "Advanced C.I.D." course at the police H.Q. Maidstone, Kent.

SIGAP HAVE A POLICE RECORD...

We mentioned in the last issue of PEGASUS, that we had been approached to assist the Kent C.I.D. "with their enquiries". As it turned out, a number of C.I.D. officers attending an 'Advanced C.I.D. Course' at the Kent Police Headquarters, Maidstone, were in need of some information on UFO's. This was the subject given to them as an investigation project, while on their course. In answer to this request, Mike Prewett and Omar Fowler paid a visit to the Police H.Q. on Tuesday 20th November.

We were met by Det.Sgt.Graham Knight and were given a guided tour of the H.Q. (see photo P.5.). This included the computer doing it's "party piece" by identifying our car registration numbers within ten seconds and providing us with a typed print out of information on our names, type of car, colour and address of the owners, then handed to us as souvenirs. However, undaunted by this efficiency, we were guests for lunch and then proceeded to do our little bit, by discussing the subject of UFO's and the possible implications involved. This discussion resulted in the format for a video T.V. recording session in the H.Q.'s own studio's that evening. Incidentally the studio's are much larger than the "Southern BBC" studios visited a couple of years ago.

That evening with Mike Prewett tinkering with the cameras and asking the studio crew some very technical questions, Omar F. and Det.Sgt. Graham Knight sat down and took part in a half hour programme in front of the colour T.V. cameras and virtually 'straight off the top of their heads', which was pretty good going, as in the opinion of the studio staff such a programme should have had about three weeks preparation. The only "retake" was for a period of about 15 seconds, which can't be bad..

Finally after being further entertained in the bar that evening, Mike Prewett and Omar Fowler were both presented with a Kent C.I.D. tie, as a mark of appreciation.

The final presentation on the UFO project was described as an "outstanding success" by Det. Sgt. Knight and we were thanked once again for the help and assistance of the SIGAP group.

"TALE ENDERS"

From the DORKING YOUNG CONSERVATIVES: "Thank you so much for giving up your time to come and speak to us. I am pleased that we had a higher attendance than usual, so the subject of UFO's is obviously of some interest".

"Judging from some of the remarks and discussions I heard afterwards, you certainly got people thinking". "Thank you once again for providing us with a thought provoking interesting and informative evening".

E.C.S.Eve, Div. Chairman.

Omar Fowler is due to produce an updated talk in the near future. It will most likely be given a preview at the next meeting approx. mid June. A number of clubs have enquired about the "UFO talk" and have made several bookings for the coming year.

Extract from "The New Scientist": Nature Seen, Nature Lost: p.41.

Referring to the centenary of the Natural History Museum and hidden relics in the archives. "He had found the story in some file that he was not supposed to receive". "He asked me too, to keep the secret, but he is dead now and I can see no point in remaining quiet".

"According to this file, a farmer called Claybourne had fields near Apsley Guise, north of London. The year was 1893. One early morning in the summer of that year, as he was crossing his yard, when what he described as a 'creature' crawled out from under a stack of sheets of corrugated iron". "it was clear to Claybourne that the creature was dying, it was moving only spasmodically and he could hear the breath rattling in its lungs". "He ran for the local vicar only to discover on their return that the creature was quite dead".

"Up to that point they had been more concerned with aid than identification but as soon as they looked more closely at the corpse, the more they were puzzled".

"It had the form of a human being, but details were strange and at least to Claybourne, somehow frightening". "The eyes were larger than normal and across them was one continuous furry eyebrow". "The hands were long and narrow and had only four fingers". "The figure was dressed in a dark, tough material, in one piece". etc, etc,.

.....were you caught out too? the date of the publication.. April 1st..

Reported to us by the Basingstoke Police: 17/4/81

A witness reported a very bright light to the south of Basingstoke, at 2134. The light was flashing white, red & green and had also been seen by the Police.....SIGAP contacted local member Hilda Downes who viewed the light through her binoculars and commented that it was almost certainly a planet. We are awaiting the report form from witness.. 12

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News of a sighting - often through the Sigap 'Hot-line' - Farnborough 41012 - triggers an instant and well-established course of action. This preliminary enquiry procedure is designed to eliminate obvious explanations. With so much going on in the sky today - much of it generated by man himself - over 80 per cent of reports can be explained in terms of natural and man-made phenomena.

If Sigap investigators find no immediate explanation as a result of preliminary enquiries, the group will send someone to interview the witnesses, and where possible, will visit the site from which the observation was made. Sigap then calls on the expertise of its own consultants in an effort to explain the sighting. The group liaises with similar organisations throughout the country, and often finds a pattern of activity consistent with that in other areas.

Our most significant reports are sent to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, USA. The Center is run by Dr J Allen Hynek, Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University, and for 20 years, was consultant to the US Air Force on UFOs.

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