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Vallee Class--Type I-A ***

BACKGROUND

This is an important UFO case for a number of reasons:

1. It is a multiple-witness episode involving a husband, wife, son, and daughter vacationing in their native Italy at the time.

2. The husband's credentials especially are excellent. Not only was he at the time (and still is) a member of Massachusetts MUFON and therefore at least somewhat knowledgeable about UFOs, he also was (and still is) a theoretical physicist and therefore a careful observer of scientific phenomena.

3. The case demonstrates all too well the unfortunate climate surrounding the UFO subject in the scientific professions (as well as generally). Because of the fear of ostracism and potential damage to his credibility, the physicist witness not only refused at first to even divulge the sighting to MUFON, but when he did seven months later, he insisted that his name and professional business remain confidential. That request still is in effect.

4. The UFO described in this occurrence projected an upward-pointing vertical light beam, a rarely reported feature. The vast majority of UFO-associated shafts of light have been reported as pointing downward or horizontally.

I have assigned the family the pseudonym "Vicente" and their first names as "Roberto," now age 51, "Leonora," 46, "Diana," 19, and "Michele," 17. Roberto received his Ph.D. (theoretical physics) in Italy in 1966, and Leonora, a degree in social work

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- * CE-II (Close Encounter of the Second Kind--physical effects: eye discomfort, insomnia, animal reaction)
 - ** Type 6-P (UFO "lands" within frame of reference; minimum separation from ground less than or equal to major dimension of object; transient physiological effects)
 - *** Type I-A (UFO on or near ground)

in 1964. They married in 1966 and came to the U.S. the following year. Roberto, now an American citizen, has been on the faculties of Harvard and other major U.S. universities. He has published seven monographs and over 100 articles in refereed technical journals on such topics as the origin of the gravitational field, the structure of hadrons, symmetry, and various physical laws.

Leonora got her Master's in social work in 1978 and then worked in her chosen field for a governmental agency. She now helps run a family business.

Diana is a finance major at a local university, and Michele is a high-school senior. Both live at home in the Boston area.

I first met Roberto and Leonora at a Massachusetts MUFON meeting held at their home on May 2, 1981--two years before their sighting. The UFO experience took place on August 12, 1983, during a vacation trip to the Italian town where Roberto was born. Upon returning to the States, the Vicentes kept quiet about their dramatic encounter. But eventually Roberto, as a member of Mass. MUFON who felt somewhat guilty about not disclosing his sighting to the membership, decided to recount the event before a MUFON meeting under the proviso that his name and employment be kept strictly confidential. He subsequently delivered a detailed presentation, complete with maps and drawings, at a gathering of MUFON members on March 10, 1984.

Having dropped my local MUFON participation for the most part, I did not attend the meeting. I hoped, however, that one day either Roberto or another investigator would forward a formal report to MUFON Headquarters. In the meantime I devoted most of my time to writing a book concerning another UFO close encounter/abduction. After completing the manuscript, I once again turned to pending UFO cases, including the Vicente episode. So far the case had not been filed with MUFON.

Thus on November 11, 1986, I wrote Roberto and Leonora and promised them anonymity if they would permit me to interview them and their family. Roberto called me the same week and agreed to the interviews. It was not until January 7, 1987, that it was possible to assemble all four family members at a mutually convenient time for everyone.

Each person related his and her version of the encounter, separate from the others, and each made sketches of the object. Although original sketches drawn immediately after the 1983 incident had been discarded, Roberto still had his drawings which were used at the MUFON presentation in 1984 and later these were copied for me. I taped a total of two and three-quarters hours of interviews.

THE ENCOUNTER

Dr. Roberto Vicente was born in the little town of Capracotta, Italy (in Isernia Province, Molise Region), located in the spectacular Apennines, the mountain backbone traversing the entire Italian peninsula. The spot is about 90 miles east of Rome and 65 miles north of Naples. Tourism has replaced sheep-raising as the chief industry in this scenic district.

Called the highest town in the Apennines (at 4,645 feet elevation), Capracotta is situated on the edge of a ridge between Monte Capraro (5,674 feet) and Monte Campo (5,727 feet). From Monte Campo on a very clear day, according to Roberto, it is possible to see both the Adriatic and Tyrrhenian Seas on either side of Italy. The town is accessible from the valley to the west via a narrow, paved, two-lane road which winds along the steep slope of Monte Capraro. Tall trees have been cleared away along the road, leaving only young, sparsely growing trees in most places and occasional denser groves in the ravines between the curves of the road. The mountain is virtually uninhabited.

The date of the UFO experience was August 12, 1983. The Vicente family was vacationing in Italy at Capracotta. Following a visit with Roberto's relatives in San Pietro Avellana in the valley, the Vicentes left shortly after midnight (morning of the twelfth) to return to Capracotta. Diana, age 16, thought she remembered that the sky was clear with stars and that it was warm with no wind. Roberto, 47, recalled only that it was a dark night without a Moon. He was driving an old Fiat 1500. Michele, 14, sat in the seat next to him, while Leonora, 43, and Diana occupied the rear seats.

The nine- or ten-mile drive normally took about half an hour. About a third of the way up the mountain, the car was going around the first curve in a hairpin turn (elevation about 3,700 feet). All at once the family spotted a very bright glow of light across the ravine (north) between the curves of the road. At first the witnesses speculated that it was the headlights of a car or truck coming down the mountain, a crew working in the forest, or a military operation of some kind.

Roberto slowed to a stop along the edge of the road but kept the engine running. Looking out the windows, the Vicentes all observed a brilliant white cone of light pointing upward and apparently emanating from an object that was stationary just above the mountain slope below the road on the opposite side of the ravine. Its distance was estimated at from about 100 feet to several hundred feet. (When I compared Roberto's drawing with a topographic map of the area, I came up with an estimate of approximately 300 to 400 feet.)

Dr. Vicente described the light beam as "an extremely intense . . . cone of light going toward the sky." The light beam

was brighter than car headlights. Roberto, who is very sensitive to bright light (photophobic), stated: "It was very uncomfortable to look at it. . . . I estimated the intensity about 10,000 watts minimum." He also judged the beam's angular diameter as about 60° wide. According to Dr. Vicente, the cone turned on and off in irregular fashion every one or more seconds. (No one else seemed to recall the beam performing in this manner; the others thought they recalled the light remaining constant throughout its period of visibility.)"

The cone appeared to originate from the top of a darkened object possessing horizontally moving spots of light. (Although Roberto's drawing shows a row of rectangles, he indicated to me that this was not accurate.) The physicist said he is colorblind and was unable to identify the colors of the horizontal lights or their number. "I could see something was moving there, and out of this whatever that I could not see well, this enormously intense light would beam toward the sky." He continued: "The size of this whatever it was [the object itself] was the size of my car [about 15 feet?]." When the cone was off, the object's other lights remained on and were bright enough to continue illuminating the surrounding area.

One of the most striking features associated with the vertical light beam was the shadows cast by the light. Everyone commented on this beautiful effect. The UFO was located behind three small trees, according to Dr. Vicente. "Each leaf [as well as the trunks]," he said, "created an extremely strong cone of darkness. You could see each leaf." In other words, the beam was intense enough to silhouette objects in front of it and to project a very long, dark, fanlike shadow outward from each object.

Mrs. Vicente described the UFO similarly:

. . . [The light] was very, very powerful and I could see-- you know when you have the leaves in front of a big light and the leaves make some shadows. . . . I could see that it was a big cone going up . . . and at the bottom there were some blue lights moving [left to right]. . . . Probably there was some red. . . .

She was unable to estimate the object's true size. When asked to compare the UFO's diameter with something familiar at arm's length, she felt that the apparent width of the object was at least 12 inches. (This may be an exaggeration, an entirely normal tendency of UFO witnesses when requested to make such estimates.) Leonora said the cone of light had a wide base, and its length appeared shorter than a searchlight beam.

Daughter Diana:

. . . All of a sudden out of nowhere this huge cone of light shot up into the sky. . . . It was so incredible because you could see the leaves so clearly; the light was behind the leaves. And the shadows that was [sic] cast was [sic] incred-

ible. . . . You could look at it but you had to strain your eyes. . . . You could see at the base of this light like a circular object with colored lights around the bottom, and the lights were turning in a circle. [She assumed that the object was circular, although she actually could not detect an outline. The horizontal lights were multicolored--blue, green, and red. As for the UFO's apparent diameter, Diana thought the object might have subtended the spread of her hand at arm's length--again a possible exaggeration.]

Son Michele:

. . . I looked over and I saw a cone of light going toward the sky. And it was really bright and you could see the definition of the leaves against the light. It was that bright.

Below the cone he remembered seeing a row of "amber, green, blue, and red" lights. Michele asked me:

. . . Ever see Close Encounters? You know how the lights in the middle--how they meshed? They went around like this. . . . You couldn't see any silhouette of any object because it was really dark. [Although like the rest of the family Michele could not see a shape, he sensed that it might be oval and included this in his drawing. He also believed he saw the lights as rectangular but did not think they were windows. His estimate of the object's apparent size seemed to me closest to the truth--that of a silver dollar.]

The time at this point was later reconstructed to be approximately 12:20 based upon knowledge of travel time/distance along the route.

After perhaps 15 to 20 seconds of observation from the car, Dr. Vicente told his family: "Let's stop talking. Let's go and see." He indicated to me: "At that moment I must confess that I sensed that this was very unusual."

As the car rounded the inside curve at the end of the ravine, a thick grove of trees obscured a direct view of the UFO for about 30 seconds or less. The group could still see the area behind the trees illuminated by the light beam's intense glow.

Upon clearing the trees, the Vicentes were shocked to discover that the object was not where they expected it to be. During the interval that it had been hidden from direct sight, the UFO had moved south across the gap to a point just below the witnesses' initial parking spot. What happened next is worth quoting verbatim.

First Roberto's reaction:

My first surprise was the object was not there. While we moved in this turn, the object had moved from the edge of the turn to exactly where we were originally. I stopped again, and

this time Michele and I instinctively jumped out of the car. [The engine and headlights were left on.] Then at that moment everybody start screaming because we were expecting a stationary source. [The object was hovering several hundred feet away above the other side of the ravine. Now the Vicentes were looking down at the UFO from a higher elevation of about 3,770 feet.]

At that point my physics training took control of me, and my objective was to ascertain if there was noise because if there was noise, it probably was a helicopter or something. . . . We need a substantial amount of noise to generate that amount of energy.

Roberto said his daughter became very frightened. When Michele urged that they go back to inspect the object at close range, Mrs. Vicente protested: "No! No! No way!"

Dr. Vicente continued:

Everybody [was] screaming. And so at that point I started to really scream as loud as my lungs will allow me: "Shut up for a second because I have to hear if there is any noise!" And finally everybody quieted down for a second.

And that was the moment which was extremely emotional for me because it was absolutely total silence. I remember the emotion was so big that I had a very strong pain here inside my chest. Because I realized this is not something that I can understand. That was the magic moment because we had the sensation it was something completely out of our knowledge. I said: "Oh, my God! What is this?"

Then the screaming restarted because Michele screamed: "It's hovering! It's hovering!" [He actually meant it started moving upward.] And indeed it moved. Leonora and Diana said: "Let's get out of here!" I want to go and observe, but I was afraid of Leonora and Diana, particularly of Diana. Leonora, no. Leonora had a crisis later. But she remained very calm at that time. She was controlling Michele and me from doing some crazy things and assisting Diana not to create a panic in her. And so I had to make a decision what to do. I could not walk back because Leonora and Diana would have killed me. I could not go by car and bring Diana along. So we decide to go to the next stop farther away from the object. I told the girl: "Okay, Diana, don't worry, relax. We will move. Give me a few more seconds."

What I noted clearly is that the intensity of the light will decrease significantly during motion. [The UFO rose very slowly above the trees, the shaft of light still turning on and off irregularly, according to Roberto.]

Leonora confirmed her husband's testimony:

When we arrived here, the light was not there. And we didn't find any light on the road. So we turned around, and the light was down there. Roberto and Michele stopped and they went out of the car. I was holding Diana and screaming

to them: "Come in! Come in!" And I heard Michele saying: "It's hovering!" It was moving a little, but it wasn't moving rapidly. [She noted that the lights were still turning.] But I wasn't really anxious to look at it. I was trying to get everybody in and leave. And then they came in.

Diana:

As soon as we turned the corner, this light where it would have been on top of us, it was, I'd say, a quarter of a mile behind us in the air. . . . I don't remember seeing it move. But I was so scared I didn't know what I was doing. . . . And underneath it you could see the colored lights moving and this cone of light shooting up into the air. And we were still trying to rationalize it. . . . [My father] said a light of that power and that intensity has to have some kind of noisy generator. Of course, all of us were screaming. You couldn't hear a sound [and] my father screamed: "Shut up!" So we all shut up. There was no sound whatsoever.

I asked the witnesses whether anyone had perceived any effects on the automobile or their bodies during this phase of their UFO sighting. The answers were negative.

After spending about two to three minutes here, Roberto and Michele got back in the car and took perhaps another minute to climb around several more curves before stopping at a third vantage point (elevation 3,850 feet). Mrs. Vicente joined her husband and son outside the car, and together they watched the unknown object move slowly out over the valley about halfway between them and Monte Miglio (4,428 feet) located two miles to the south-southwest. Locally this mountain is known as Monte Leone because of its resemblance to a reclining lion.

"Now at this moment," Roberto explained, "my observation becomes highly unreliable because of my poor eyesight. I clearly could see there was an object there, but I cannot distinguish the details." He said he could still see overlapping spots of light moving horizontally but could not be sure whether the cone of light was still present. The UFO advanced slowly northward against Monte Leone.

Leonora, Diana, and Michele all confirmed that the light beam had disappeared. Meanwhile they could still see multicolored lights turning around the darkened object.

After about three minutes of observation, the witnesses drove about a mile farther and made a fourth and final stop (elevation about 4,200 feet) to view the UFO. Mrs. Vicente and Michele were still able to see the object now far away to the right against the distant mountains. Roberto's estimated duration at this last site was about two minutes, adding up to a total observation time of approximately seven to eight minutes.

It was at this location that Michele reported two events

apparently not recollected by the others:

. . . I remember hearing the barking of the dogs, like kind of close, like from all sides. They're wild dogs that had been left by their owners in the woods, and they formed packs and they've lost their domestication. [Dr. Vicente said when villages were abandoned, the dogs often were left behind.]

When we were finally up on top right at the gate of the entrance of Capracotta, we looked over the mountain and I remember seeing flashing of lights, like lightning really far away--like you turn on the headlights of your car, flick them on and off, on and off, but random. [The flashes were behind the mountain, according to Michele, creating a silhouette of the summit.]

The Vicentes arrived home and went to bed. But it was a sleepless night for everyone. Roberto had had his emotional crisis during the encounter but was still in a state of anxiety over the event. And now Leonora finally realized that what they had experienced had no rational answer. She reported:

I was awake almost half the night because the more I was trying to find an explanation, the more I couldn't find one. I wasn't scared in the beginning because my mind was--"I know what that is." But when I went to bed and I started to think about it, I was becoming very scared. I was worried and my heart was pounding. . . . I'm usually more calm, and I'm usually kind of understanding things and try to rationalize. And I think that that was the point that I couldn't, and I had this extreme anxiety that I don't think I ever experienced in my life in that way.

Later that morning the family visited the local police in Capracotta and asked them if there had been any military night exercises on the mountain. Roberto commented:

They laughed at us. They said no, no, certainly not in the middle of that steep mountain. [There are no military bases anywhere in the area.] I told them that I was a physicist, that we had a very unusual sight of this light, and I was searching for information. I asked if they had reports of other UFO sightings. They said officially no, but unofficially we know people who had similar experiences but they don't want to talk to us.

In fact, the Vicentes discovered that people in San Pietro Avellana had had sightings in the past. Roberto's relatives were among the witnesses of UFO events. I will come back to these stories later.

The same day (the twelfth) the family and Roberto's cousins returned to the site of the close encounter to search for any physical traces. That's when Michele had his own crisis. Mrs. Vicente explained:

. . . He was so excited he couldn't talk. He was absolutely babbling, and he was screaming and jumping around. I've never seen him like that. He was almost out of control. Just the memory of what he had seen was creating a lot of anxiety or emotions.

Dr. Vicente also recalled his son's behavior. "When we returned to the spot," he said, "Michele was taken by such emotions that he couldn't speak Italian, and my cousins were upset because he was screaming in English. . . ."

When Roberto scrambled down the slope, he found that the area was large enough for something the size of his Fiat to descend into. No burned or damaged vegetation or other signs were noticed.

On several nights Michele and Diana decided to drive below the top of Monte Capraro to see if they could spot anything unusual. A cousin Nennella and a friend Luciana, both in their twenties, accompanied them. Following the initial incident, according to Michele, the four drove out of Capracotta late at night, and once again Michele said he saw the flashing of lights behind the summit of Capraro and heard the barking of wild dogs.

Then two nights after the original event, he said they were driving toward Monte Leone when they spotted lights flashing on and off from different areas on the uninhabited mountain. At one point Michele asserted:

. . . I remember seeing a light. It was like an orange ball with a light coming out of it, just like a headlight but really, really powerful. It shined on us real quick. I ducked down and I started crying and screaming. And everybody was screaming, the whole car. [He said a car behind them almost hit them then swerved around their car and passed by. Michele kept his head down and refused to look at the light source.]

Although Diana did not mention a beam striking the car, she did state that around the second or third night the group saw an immense shaft of light shine down from the summit of Leone. She said it could not have been car headlights since there were no roads on the mountain, and besides the light was far too bright. The beam lit up the side of the mountain like daylight. At the same time she said she heard "dozens" of dogs barking and howling. Diana remarked:

. . . I'd never heard them in my life. My father never heard them. And there were cows in the pasture next to us, and they were going in circles [and also moping]. Everyone was very upset in there, and everything was very tense. . . . My cousin who was brought up in this little tiny town . . . was always aware of these dogs; everyone had always told her about

them. But in all of her life there she had never heard them. You hear one howling every now and then but never heard them like this. They were behind us, in front of us, everywhere.

The excited youths drove back to Capracotta, woke up Dr. and Mrs. Vicente, and described what had happened. Roberto, who thought this particular episode had occurred early the morning after their close encounter, recollected that the group had reported seeing a beam of light originating from the top of both Capraro and Leone. He remembered returning with Michele, Nennella, and Luciana to a spot several miles from Capracotta on the east side of Monte Capraro's summit. While Dr. Vicente himself observed no beams of light, he said he did hear many--perhaps 20 or 30--wild dogs howling and whining, a unique and unusual experience for him.

I ended each separate interview by asking the witness the question: "What do you think the object was?"

Roberto answered:

Definitely a UFO, an object which I could not, as a physicist, identify. It was physical. The energy was there. It was a physical entity of absolutely unknown origin.

Leonora:

I don't know. It was something out of the normal explanation of everyday routine life. So I don't know.

Diana:

I'm positive that the object was nothing from out of this world because of the fact that there was no sound and because of the fact that it took a right turn [she was the only one who mentioned this feature] and it was hovering without any sound. And it just seemed impossible for me to comprehend it as being something that this world has built. And I believe seriously that it came from another world.

Michele:

It couldn't be a plane because it couldn't have just taken off. It couldn't have been a helicopter; we would have heard it. It couldn't have been a rocket of some sort. I mean, singling out all the options, I really don't know what else it could have been. Unidentified object.

OTHER SIGHTINGS

On their vacation trips to this area the Vicentes have heard repeated stories about strange sightings from villagers living in the valleys and hills around San Pietro and Capracotta.

"People were absolutely uncooperative in reporting sightings," commented Roberto.

Leonora added: "Many people were afraid to talk because they said, 'They are going to think that we are crazy.' You know, in a small town you have to be very careful."

Although most of these reports are fragmentary and come from secondhand sources, several of the sightings originated from Roberto's own relatives. He was able to speak directly with them.

The most detailed of these reports has been investigated by Massachusetts MUFON field investigator Joseph Nyman of Medfield, who previously had interviewed Dr. Vicente about this particular episode. The following is a summary drawn from Joe's report.

Roberto learned about this experience on his 1977 travels to the region. The two observers were an uncle and aunt of his, ages 68 and 66, both retired high school teachers and highly respected in San Pietro Avellana.

Around midnight on February 1, 1977, the uncle didn't feel well and so, with help from his wife, walked about his room for a while. He happened to look out a window and saw a big stationary light the apparent size of the Moon and about 50° to 60° up in the northeast sky. The sky was cloudless with a bright, nearly full (12 days old) moon also visible. The object, according to the two witnesses, appeared to change shape from circular to elliptical and to change color from yellow to orange. No sound could be heard when the window was opened. The object's distance could not be estimated.

Stranger still was an alleged effect upon the background stars immediately surrounding the UFO. The stars around the object appeared much larger than normal ("a small coin at arm's length") as though magnified telescopically. With an increase in angular distance from the UFO, the stars gradually seemed to return to normal point size.

The observers insisted that they had never seen stars or planets behave in that way before. After about half an hour, they grew increasingly fearful about what they were watching, deciding to close the shutters and return to bed.

That same night yet another uncle of Roberto's was driving from Capracotta to another town when he said he was suddenly seized by an "extreme anxiety." He felt that he was being watched, although nothing unusual was seen. Mrs. Vicente paraphrased the man's reaction this way:

He said: "Oh, my goodness! Something is watching me, and if someone were to come here and just take me away, nobody would ever know where I was." He was born there so he knows the roads. And he said that never in his life he had been afraid except that particular night.

Roberto added: "He is a very stable, very calm person. . . . I tried to investigate, but I could not get enough information in this particular case."

Dr. Vicente alluded to another sighting that happened five or six years ago. He said:

There was also another relative of mine at the bottom of this valley. They were sitting in front of their house, and a [spherical] object went over the valley from one mountain to the next at about 7 or 8 p.m. . . . And it was moving at relatively low speed.

There had been a recent rumored sighting where, according to Roberto, "this man had a close encounter on the mountain road itself . . . but apparently he refused to talk to anybody."

Leonora briefly mentioned one other sighting--"somebody who had seen a light in the woods and run away."

EVALUATION

Although the Monte Capraro object bore no resemblance at all to astronomical bodies, I nevertheless checked out the celestial backdrop as a routine part of my investigation. The Moon was not present, in agreement with Dr. Vicente's recollection; the three-day-old crescent Moon had set some two hours after sunset. Neither were there any bright planets visible at the time of the sighting.

The annual Perseid meteor shower happened to have been at its maximum that morning. It is quite obvious, however, that the Vicente object could not have been a meteor or bright fireball. Meteors appear as short-lived streaks of light that dart across the sky at tremendous speeds, being visible only for a fraction of a second in most cases. Exceptionally slow fireballs sometimes last up to 15 or 30 seconds.

IFO candidates were limited to helicopters and earthquake lights. Beyond the fact that the Vicente object hovered during the initial phase of the sighting and projected a beam of light, its likeness to a helicopter clearly ended there. Moreover, a helicopter at close range announces its presence audibly in a very noisy manner; the UFO was silent. And the police in Capracotta scoffed at the notion of a military exercise being conducted at that hour on the steep slope of Monte Capraro.

Since the Italian peninsula has been the site of severe earthquakes in both recent and historic times and San Pietro, according to Roberto, is prone to quakes (as are other valley towns in the area), I had to consider the phenomenon of earthquake lights (EQL) as a possible explanation for the Vicente object.

EQL are presumed to be caused by seismic stress in subsurface rock, especially in quartz-bearing layers along fault lines. By some mechanism not yet understood (piezoelectric effects, frictional heating, and electron bombardment all have been proposed), electric fields may be produced that ionize the air, causing luminous phenomena. Reported displays range from tiny pale "spook lights" to ball lightning, glowing columns of light, and brilliant diffuse luminosities. Such displays normally remain fairly stationary near the fault, though some move short distances from the stress zone (especially ball lightning).

The Monte Capraro object's appearance involved not only a luminous vertical shaft of light, but also a row of multicolored lights in rotation at the base of the shaft and moving at right angles to it. The unknown object was stationary at first just above the mountain slope, then moved across a ravine (possibly in response to the oncoming Vincente automobile) to another hover point, and finally rose vertically and traveled away from the mountain across the valley for a distance of at least several miles over a time span of some 11 or 12 minutes (which includes the drive time between each stop). Such characteristics and behavior are inconsistent with EQL.

Because the upward-directed light beam is an infrequently reported element in UFO sightings, I sought to uncover a few other sample cases to at least demonstrate that the Monte Capraro object was not a completely isolated event.

One episode that I personally investigated combined upward beams with multicolored lights. On August 13, 1963, a family of four and their housekeeper, staying at a summer cottage on the shore of Molasses Pond near Eastbrook, Maine, observed a pale glowing, cigar-shaped object resting near the opposite shore about a mile distant. Very long bluish-white beams of light shone upward from either end of the object. There were always either two beams on one end, two on the other, or one on each end. Four to eight lights in a row were arranged along the middle of the cigar.

The UFO repeatedly blinked on and off, and as it did the color of the lights varied from red to pale blue to orange to green. The row of lights remained off each time about five minutes and stayed on for periods of from two seconds up to seven or eight minutes.

Another source of light hidden by trees on the left dimmed and brightened. When the glow brightened, the lights on the UFO invariably came on again, as if there were a connection of some kind between the two events.

After one and a half hours (9:30 to 11 p.m.), the witnesses

grew tired of watching and returned to bed.¹

Just five months after the Vicente experience, the two occupants of a car near Arnold, Missouri, said they encountered a circular object with three brilliant white lights and a vertical shaft of light coming from the top. It was about 7 p.m. on January 22, 1984. As the glowing white disc approached the car, the driver made a 180-degree turn to evade the object. But the UFO pulled up and paced the vehicle for about three minutes before leaving. The driver estimated that the object got to within 150 feet of the car, kept an altitude of about 150 feet, and was at least 25 feet in diameter.²

On August 28, 1968, at Ucero, Spain, a retired policeman said he saw a spinning oval object somewhat larger than a truck tire descending toward a field about 7:30 p.m. (at dusk). It was emitting a light beam in an upward direction. About 1,000 feet up the object directed the beam across the countryside, temporarily blinding the witness and making his hair stand on end with an attractive force. Either landing or hovering low about a quarter of a mile away, the UFO stopped rotating. The vertical oval object had four long windows and four smaller ones on top. Three or four figures were said to have floated to the ground and then to have returned to the object in the same way one minute later. The UFO rose, the powerful beam pointing upward, and flew away in seconds. The whole episode lasted about seven minutes. One other witness saw the initial descent from the other side of a hill.³

At Lake Chelan, Washington, on July 28, 1964, two men, one a former Navy pilot and both considered trustworthy, were at work in a field about 10:30 p.m. when they said they noticed an intense cone-shaped light emitted from ground level. When the beam turned off, a similar cone of light appeared in the sky. Something on the ground seemed to be signaling another object at high altitude which answered back. Finally a round, aluminumlike object about 30 feet in diameter, with a red and a white light, landed with a whistling sound. High-pitched, childlike voices could be heard in the darkness. A low-flying jet circled the area. After 40 minutes, the UFO took off.⁴

Some 175 miles southeast of the Vicente site lies another Italian San Pietro--an island in the Gulf of Taranto. There on January 11, 1963, at 11 p.m., a 43-year-old farmer was awakened by his restless animals. Fifteen minutes later he said he saw an object about 15 feet long and five feet high land in a small village square. When the observer approached within 30 feet of the UFO, he became paralyzed. He said he could see two dark figures moving behind a translucent upper dome. Two minutes later the object ascended toward Brindisi, emitting a vertical beam of greenish light.⁵

One of the best descriptions of multicolored "rim" lights on UFOs that I have heard of was an incident occurring in the U.S. during the same month as the Vicente sighting.

Sometime in late August of 1983, about 11 p.m., a mother and 12-year-old daughter in Vienna, North Carolina, asserted that for some 15 minutes they observed a UFO put on an incredible light show accompanied by aerial maneuvers. They described seeing an approaching UFO beyond their house whose white, red, green, yellow, and blue lights slowly rotated around the edge of a disc-shaped object. This color band turned dark red at one point then to pale yellow-orange. The 30-to-50-foot object performed a variety of vertical and horizontal maneuvers and also hovered.⁶

An equally vivid observation was reported by a family of four on June 6, 1974, near South Hampton, New Hampshire. They reported a large, red-domed disc hovering and bobbing about 120 feet above a field. A band of colored lights--greenish-yellow, red, pinkish-red, green, and blue--appeared around the edge of the object and flickered on and off, one by one. Then all the lights went on at the same time with just one color--first red, then blue, then green.

The witnesses returned to the scene to find the disc still there. When a low-flying jet circled the area, the UFO retreated to a swamp, settled like a falling leaf, and extinguished its lights.⁷

I pursued a lengthy investigation of a 1968 close encounter/abduction affair which took place in Vermont. The close-encounter UFO was described by one of the two prime witnesses as a classic disc with a translucent dome and a band of colored light rotating around the object's periphery. The band pulsated in synchronization with a rhythmic vibratory sound and changed color across the spectrum--from purples to blues to greens to reds, but only one hue visible at a time. At very close range the observer said this spectral band appeared to be a plasmalike medium flowing through a transparent chamber that encircled the UFO's rim.

One other aspect of the Monte Capraro episode that has been reported during UFO experiences was the agitation exhibited by animals in the area (wild dogs), both during the August 12 encounter and on subsequent nights when beams of light were reported emanating from Monte Leone and Monte Capraro. (Cattle also displayed signs of distress.)

Both domestic and wild animals have often been described reacting in various ways in the presence of UFOs by showing symptoms of fear, panic, paralysis, or even illness. Several theories have been suggested to explain these effects, including "response to microwave energy, low-strength magnetic fields, ul-

trasonics, electrostatic charge in animal fur, and direct stimulation of the auditory nerve or brain by electromagnetic radiation."8

Based upon my interviews with the four members of the Roberto Vicente family, I find no compelling reasons to doubt that the Monte Capraro UFO encounter occurred approximately as described by the witnesses. The slight variations and gaps in their testimonies are minor and would in fact be expected considering the circumstances--the emotional turmoil in the car at the time and the desire by half the family to leave the scene, the individual reactions among any group subjected to a bizarre transient event totally foreign to everyday experience, and the three and a half years of elapsed time since the actual observation. I regard it as particularly fortunate that one of these witnesses was a professional physical scientist who also happened to have had a curiosity about UFOs and who made a careful attempt to note what he could about the strange phenomenon confronting him (given his limited eyesight).

The aerial event described in this report bears no similarity to any IFO (identified flying object) that this investigator is aware of. The object's appearance, flight behavior, and silence at relatively close range clearly place it in the UFO category.

I believe the Monte Capraro, Italy, sighting should be classified as a significant unknown.

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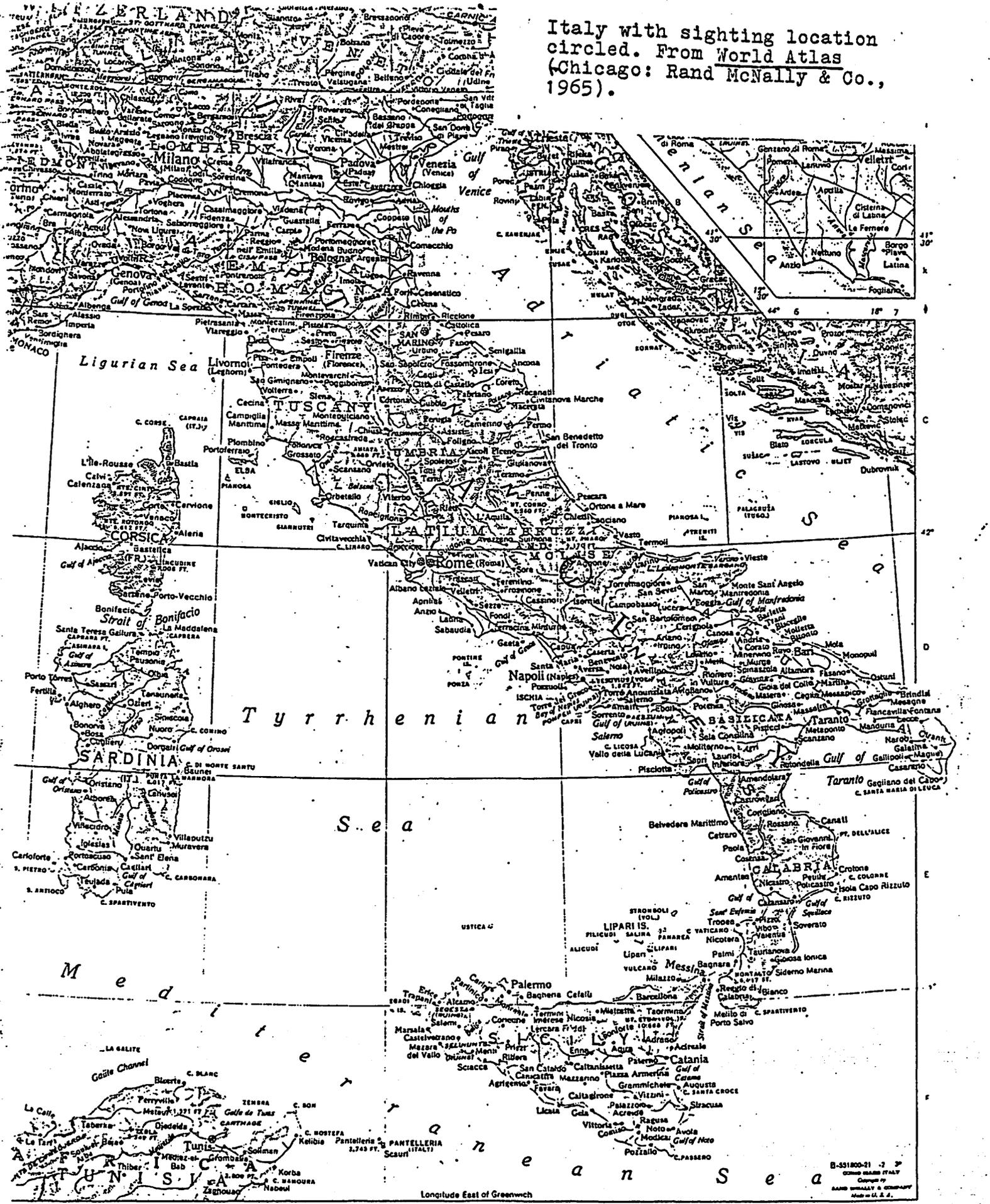
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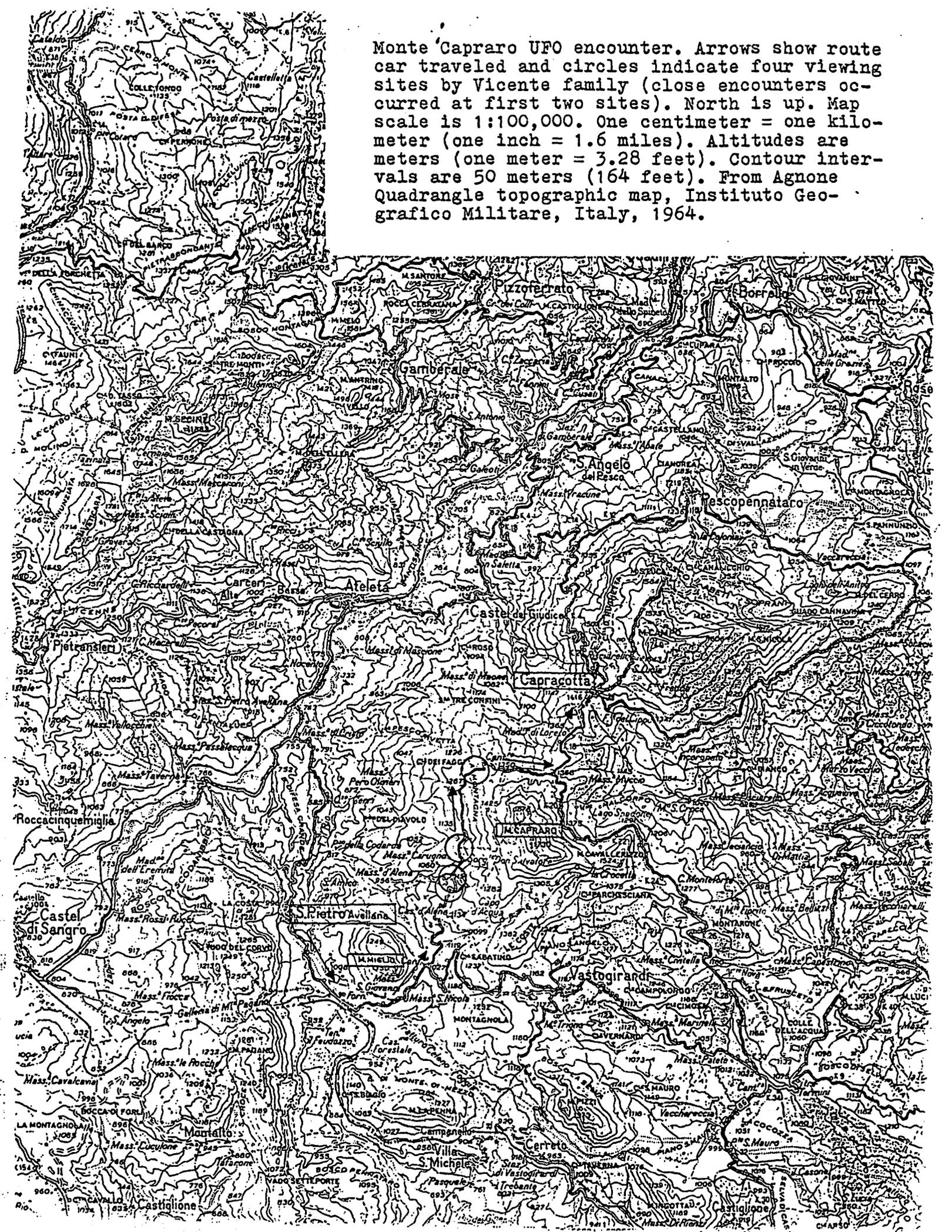
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Monte 'Capraro UFO encounter. Arrows show route car traveled and circles indicate four viewing sites by Vicente family (close encounters occurred at first two sites). North is up. Map scale is 1:100,000. One centimeter = one kilometer (one inch = 1.6 miles). Altitudes are meters (one meter = 3.28 feet). Contour intervals are 50 meters (164 feet). From Agnone Quadrangle topographic map, Istituto Geografico Militare, Italy, 1964.



Copies of Roberto Vicente's sketches (reduced from 11 x 16" size) used at Mar. 10, 1984, MUFON meeting, seven months after UFO encounter. →

1. "First Sight." The Vicentes look up at UFO projecting cone of light across ravine behind three trees. Distance actually closer to approximately 300-400 ft. Roberto thought beam turned on and off ("pulsation"). He actually did not see horizontal rectangles, only spots of light, nor a circular outline.
2. "Loss of Direct Sight." Car travels around ravine to other side. Stand of trees obscures UFO temporarily.
3. "Second Sight." View from road across ravine toward witnesses' first position where UFO had moved. Distance again several hundred feet. UFO, now at lower elevation, hovers then rises.
4. "Second Loss of Sight." Car travels farther up mountain to third viewing site.
5. "Third Sight." Vicentes watch UFO move over valley halfway between them and Monte Miglio (Leone). Topo map shows their elevation at approximately 1,175 m. (3,850 ft.) and summit of Miglio at 1,350 m. (4,428 ft.). Also distance to mountain actually 3 km. (2 mi.).
6. "Fourth Sight." View from last stop. UFO has moved northward to a point against distant mountains.

FIRST SIGHT

DURATION ABOUT 15" + 20"
VIEW FROM CAR WINDOW

PULSATION
IRREGULAR
EVERY ONE OR
OTHER
SECONDS

ABOUT 10,000 WATTS
MINIMUM

SHARP
COMES OF
DARKNESS OF
INDIVIDUAL LEAVES
INSIDE

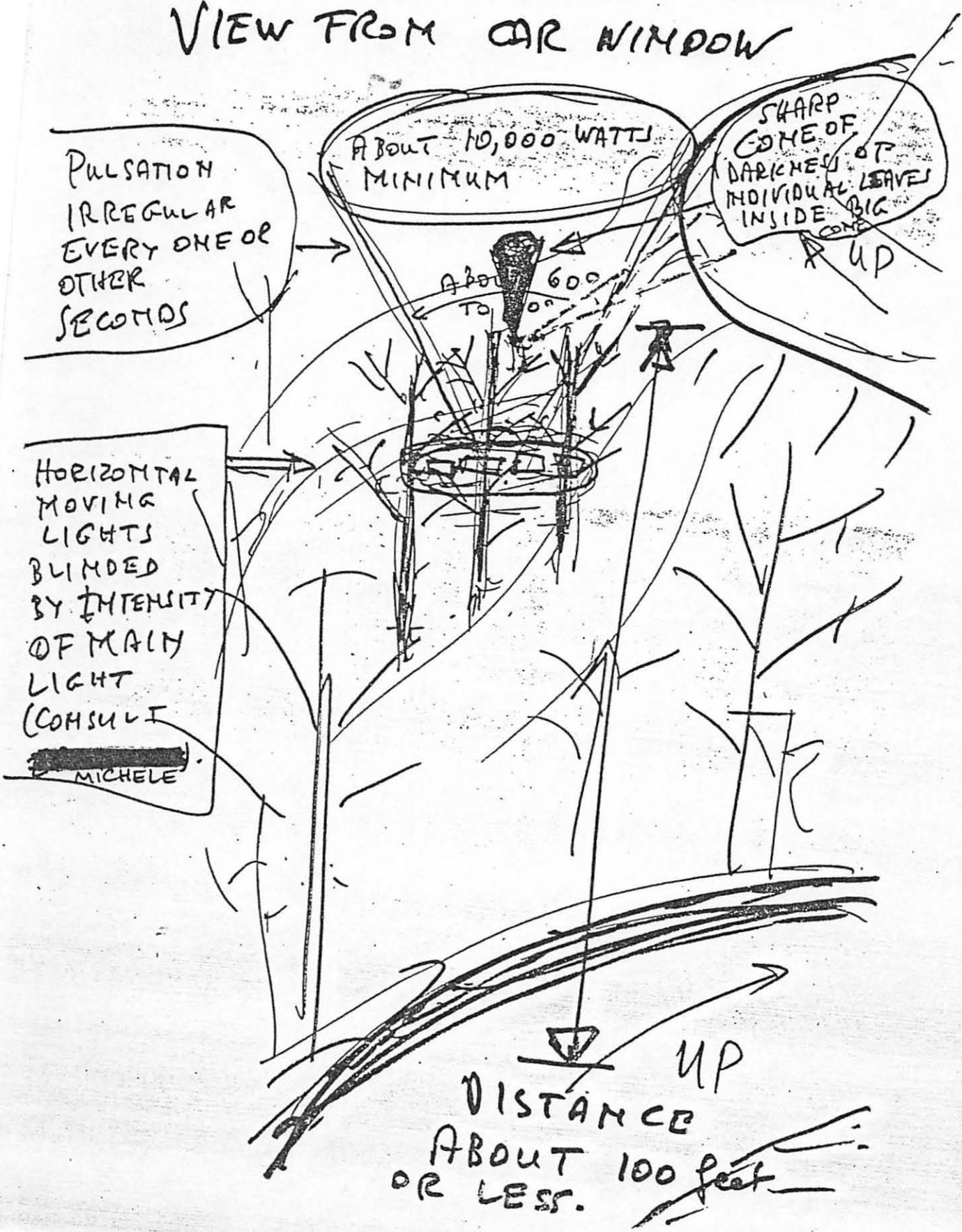
UP

ABOUT 600
TO 800

HORIZONTAL
MOVING
LIGHTS
BLINDED
BY INTENSITY
OF MAIN
LIGHT
(CONSULT

MICHELE

UP
DISTANCE
ABOUT 100 feet
OR LESS.



LOSS OF DIRECT SIGHT

ABOUT 30 SECONDS
OR LESS

LOSING
CONTACT
BEYOND
TREES

2ND SIGHT

THICK
TREES

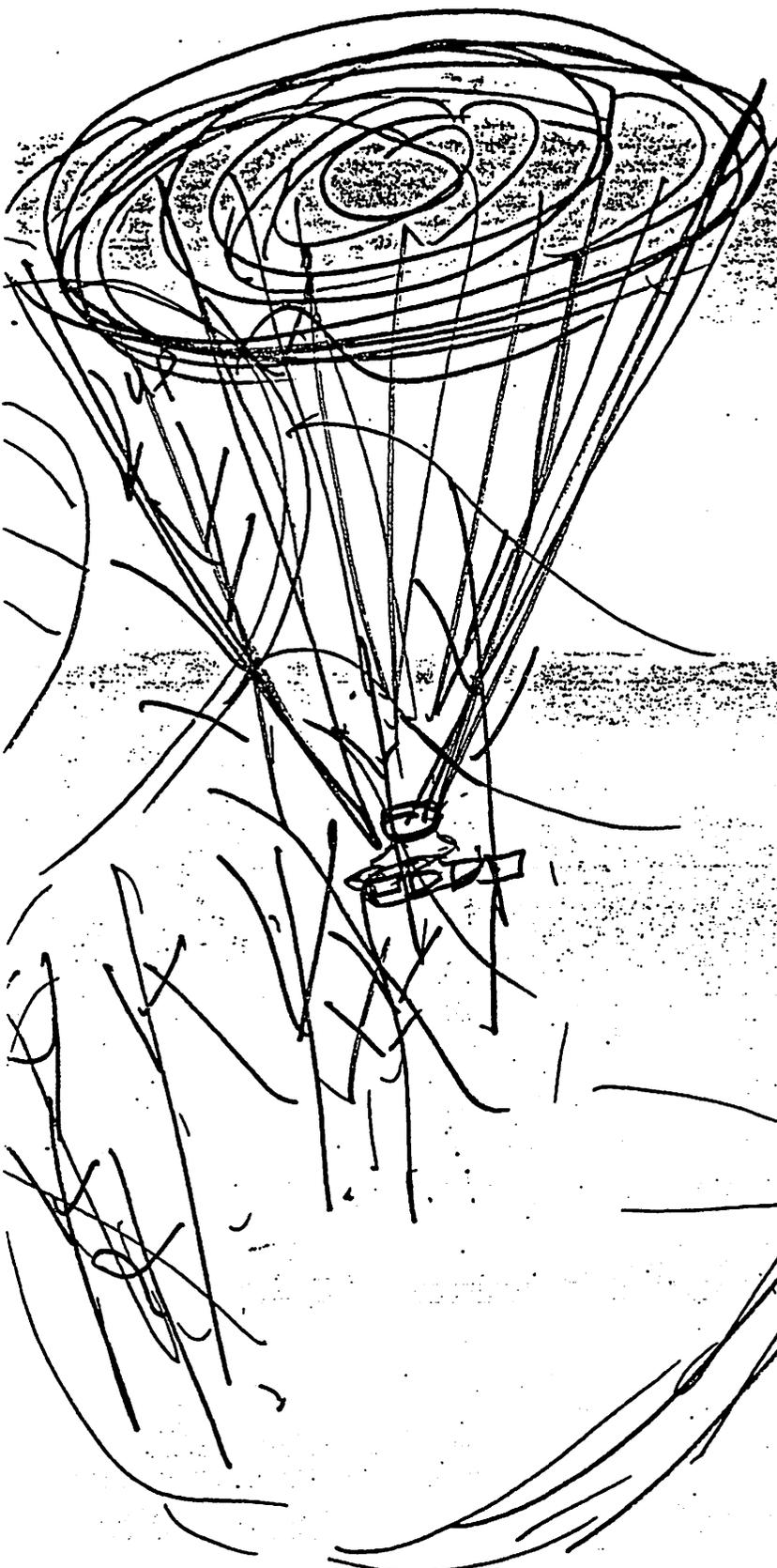
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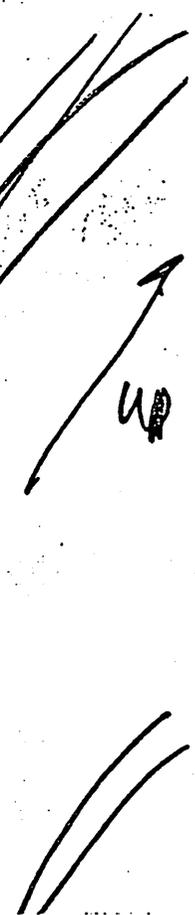
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DURATION FROM 2 TO 3 MINUTES

DISTANCE: AS FIRST (ABOUT 100 FT)

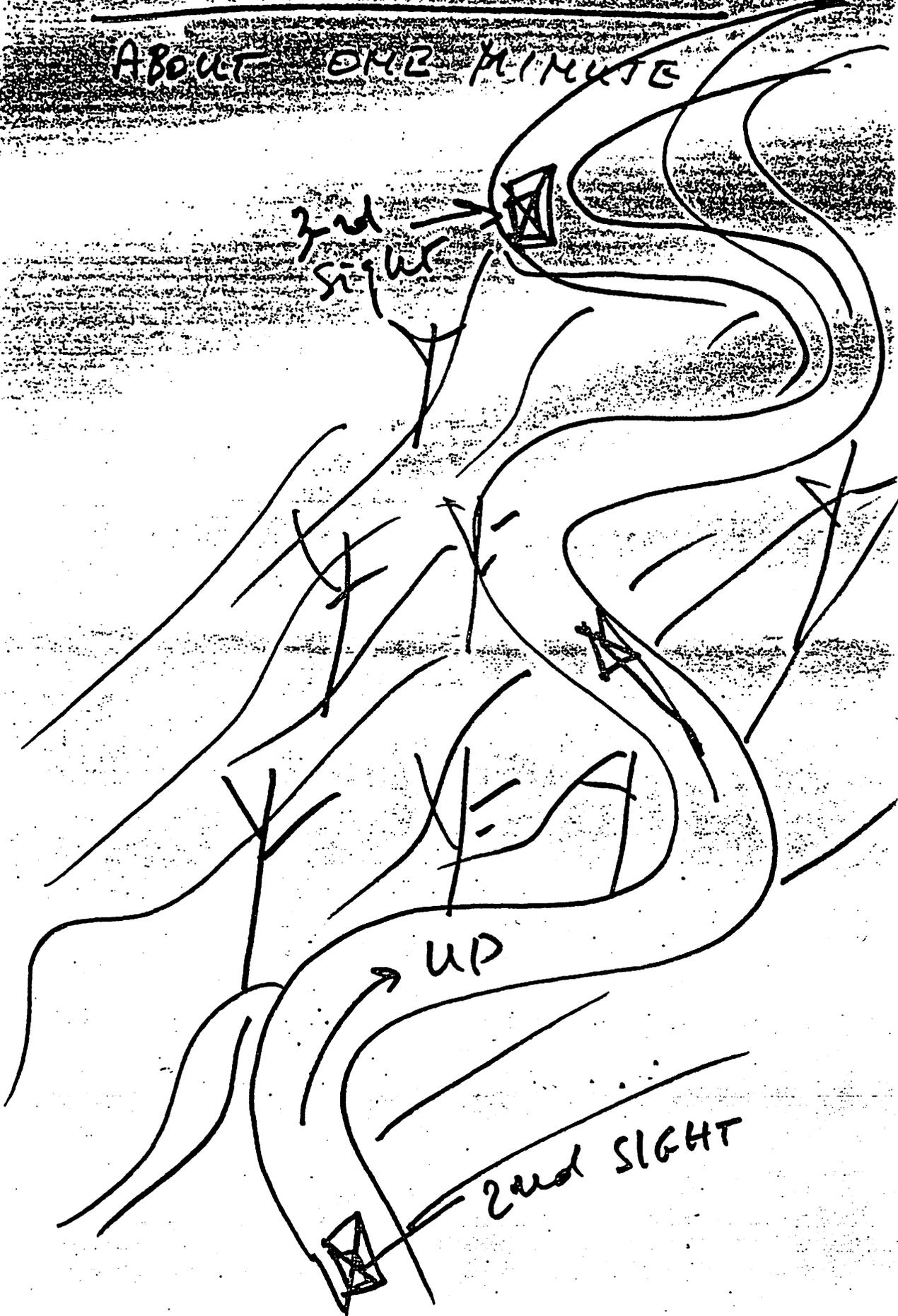


VERY
STRONG
PULSATING
LIGHT AS
BEFORE
STATIONARY
FIRST
AND THEN
LIFTING UP
OVER THE
TREES



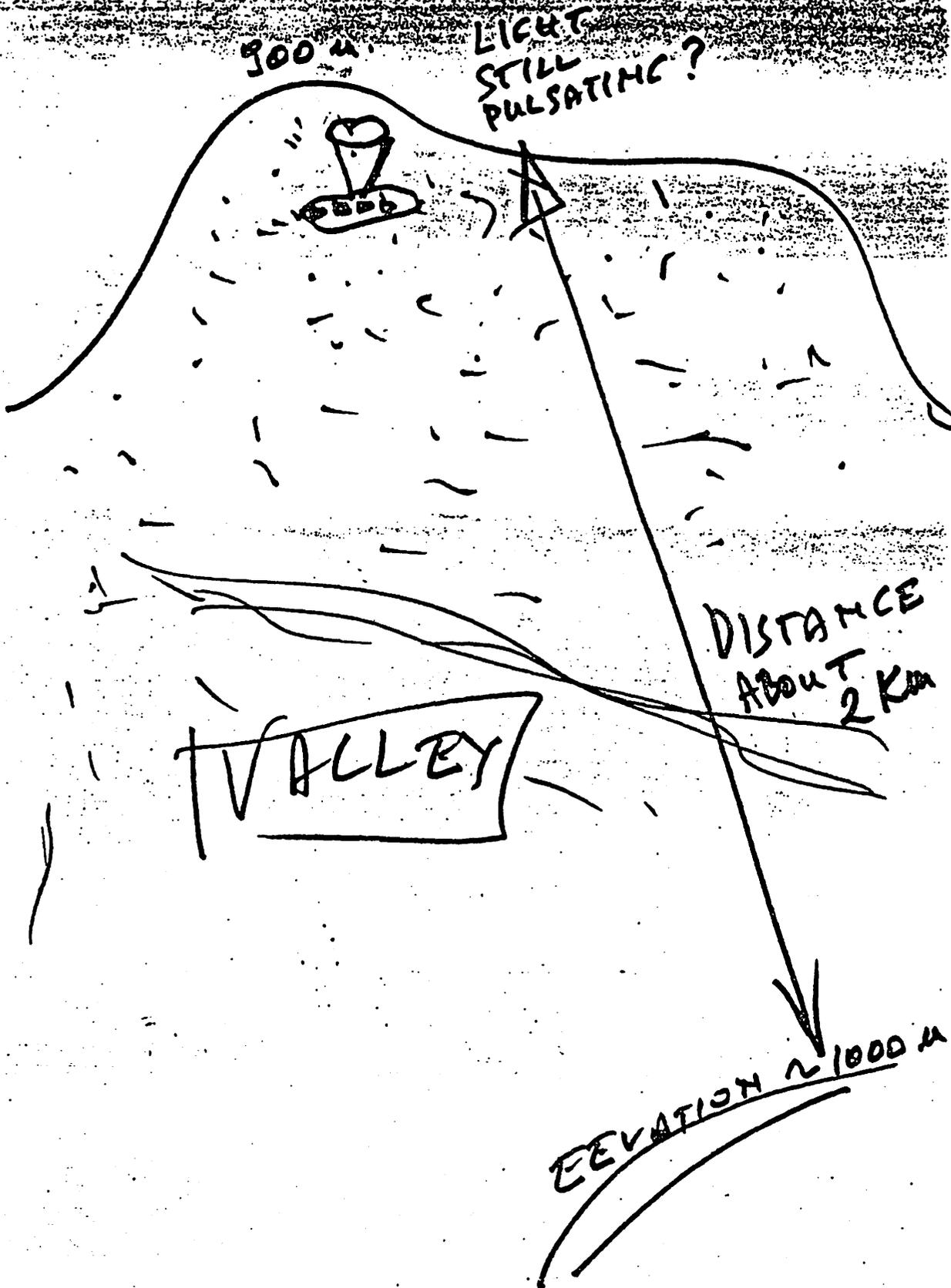
SECOND LOSS OF SIGHT

ABOUT ONE MINUTE



THIRD SIGHT

DURATION: ABOUT 3 MINUTES



RIGHT SIGHT

LOCATION ABOUT 2 MINUTES
(BY MOTHER AND SON)

LOCATION

SEE

NEW LOCATION

NO PULSING
LIGHT

OBSERVATION
POINT

Copies of Leonora's, Diana's, and Michele's sketches drawn during interviews Jan. 7, 1987, some three and a half years after sighting. →

Fig. 1. Leonora Vicente's sketch of UFO from first viewing site showing cone of light and moving horizontal lights at base. Wiggly lines at left are leaves in front of cone.

Fig. 2. Diana's version of UFO from first viewing site. She assumed dark object at base of cone was round since multicolored lights appeared to turn in circle. But outline not actually visible.

Fig. 3. Michele's sketch showing Vicente car and view across ravine to UFO at first viewing site.

Fig. 4. Michele's sketch of UFO. He believed horizontal multicolored lights were rectangular and object's true shape might be oval. Actual shape not detected.

Fig. 5. Michele's drawing of flashing lights he said he observed behind summit of Monte Capraro as family neared Capracotta. Same event was repeated next night, said Michele.

Fig. 6. Michele's sketch showing intense light beam on Monte Leone allegedly striking car he was in. two nights after Aug. 12 encounter.

Fig. 7. Diana's version of same powerful light beam on Monte Leone. She said beam illuminated mountain-side like daylight.



Fig. 1

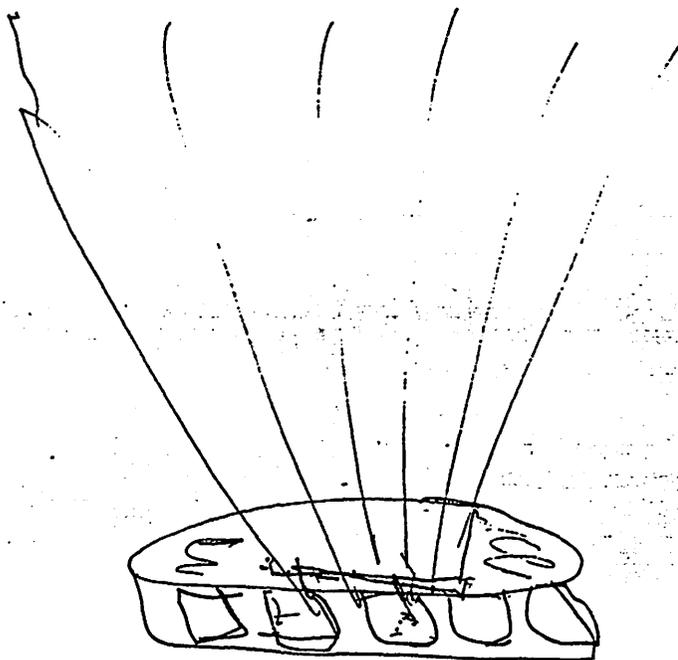


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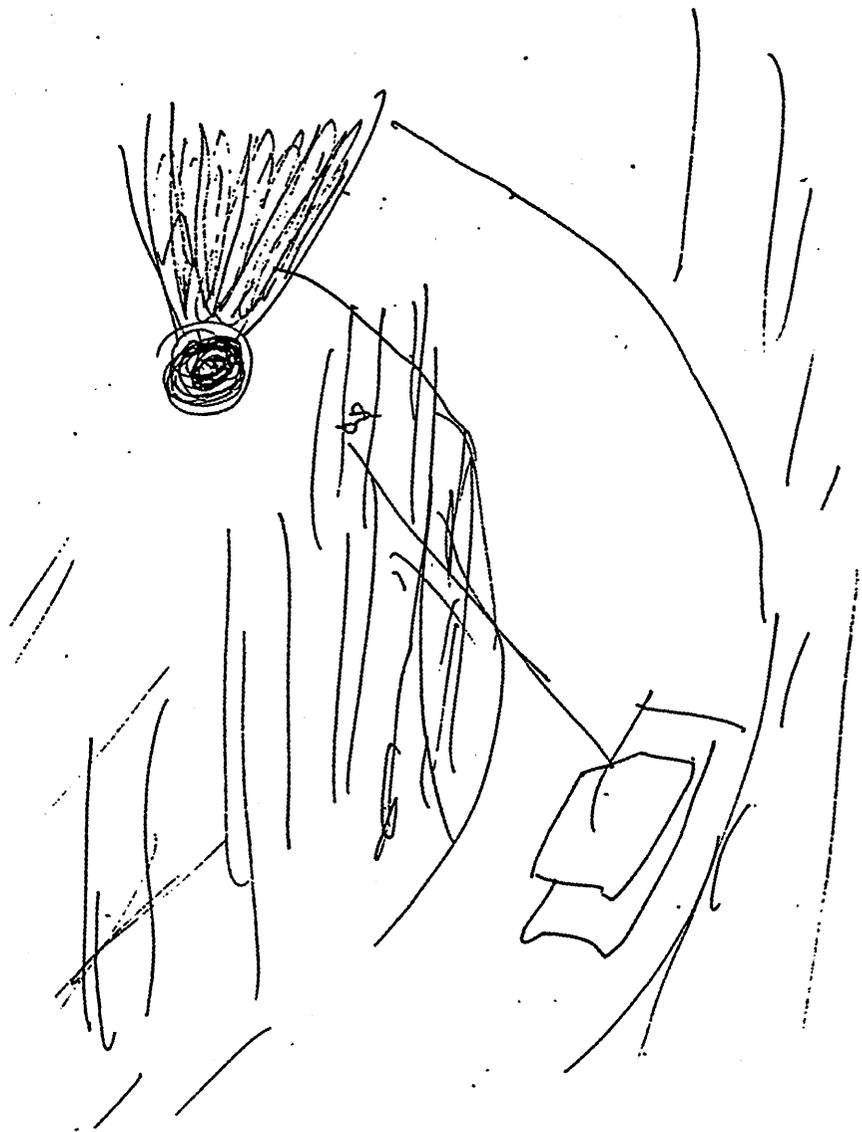


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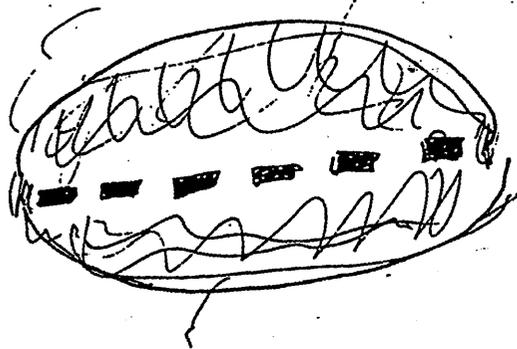


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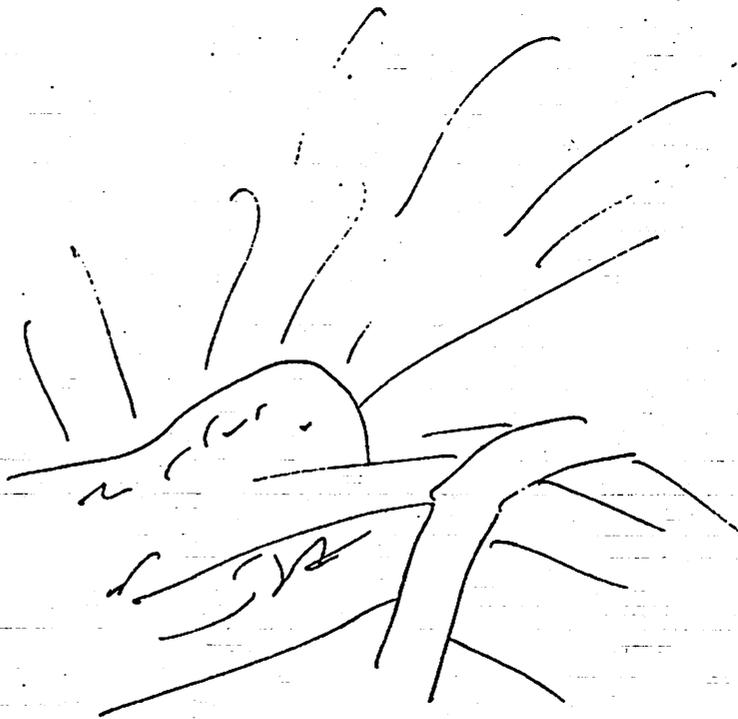


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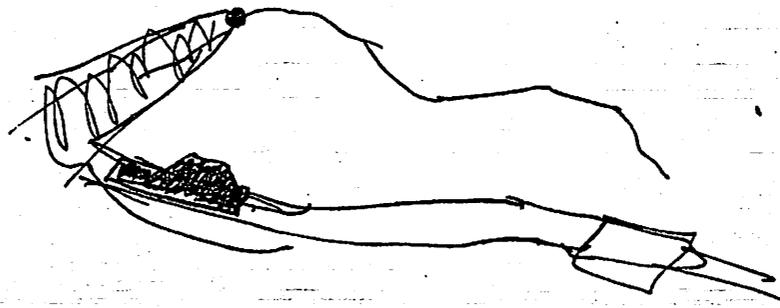


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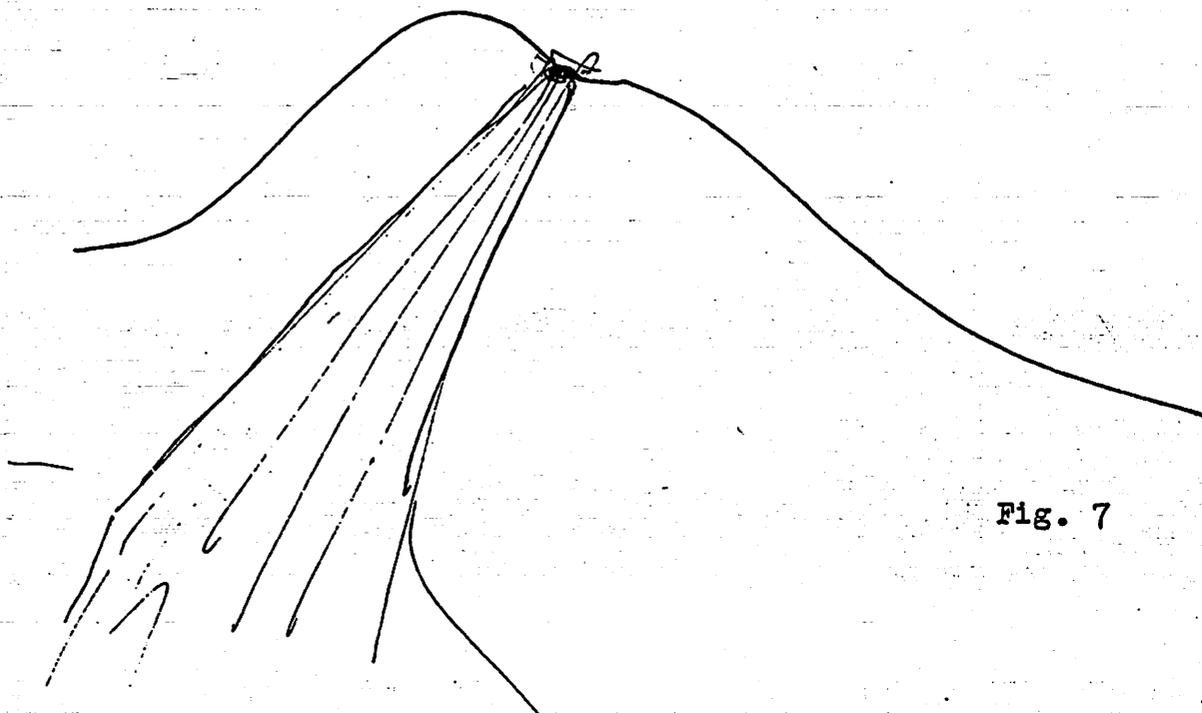
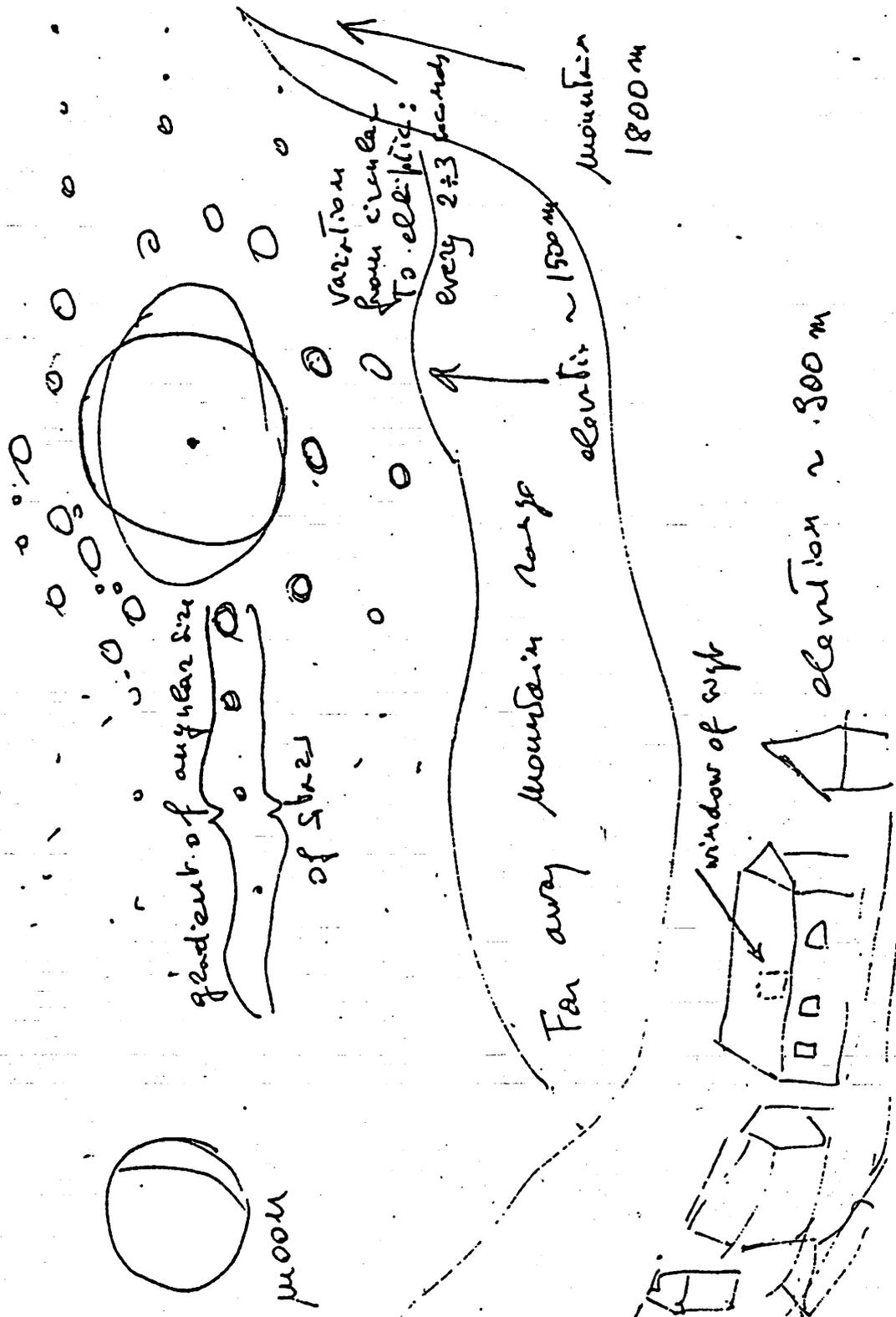


Fig. 7



Narrator's sketch of sighting at San Pietro Avellana, February 1, 1977.

Feb. 1, 1977, sighting at San Pietro Avellana, Italy. Roberto Vicente's uncle and aunt observed UFO change shape and color. Stars in vicinity of object seemed magnified. Sketch by Roberto from his knowledge of locale and sighting. Credit: Joseph Nyman, MUFON



UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - COMPUTER INPUT (FORM 2)

DATE OF INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT 1987 Feb. 3
year month day

INVESTIGATOR Walter N. Webb
name

DATE OF SIGHTING 1983 Aug. 12 00 20 (24 Hour Clock)
year month day hour minute

TIME IS STANDARD _____ DAYLIGHT SAVING _____ GMT _____

IF DATE IS UNCERTAIN, USE SEASON/MONTH/WEEK/TIME OF DAY ESTIMATE ON FORM 2.

WEATHER CONDITIONS Clear, warm, no wind?

LOCATION FEATURES: (CIRCLE) CITY, FIELD, MINE, YARD, DESERT, SAND, NUCLEAR, CEMETERY, ROAD, FACTORY, OCEAN, LAKE, POND, RIVER, RIVER BANK, WOODS, HILL, MOUNTAIN

PRIMARY WITNESS IN: CAR, BOAT, AIRPLANE, OTHER car (CIRCLE) Outside

SIGHTING LOCATION: CITY OR TOWN Capracotta NEARBY, 5.5 KM, 3.4 MILES, NE (DIRECTION), STATE OR (PROVINCE) Isernia, NATION Italy site Molise Region

NUMBER OF WITNESSES: 4

PRIMARY WITNESS' NAME "Roberto Vicente" (pseudonym) Confidential in UFOCAT

SEX M AGE 47 (in '83) OCCUPATION Theoretical physicist

BALANCE OF WITNESSES: (CIRCLE) SPOUSE, SON, DAUGHTER, MOTHER, FATHER, CO-WORKERS, ADULTS, TEEN-AGED, CHILDREN

PHOTO OF UFO TAKEN? No RADAR CONFIRMATION? No

IS THIS SIGHTING A CLOSE ENCOUNTER? YES x NO _____

IF NO: A STATIONARY OBJECT OR LIGHT _____, MOVING IN A STRAIGHT LINE _____, STOPPED OR TURNED ONCE _____, STOPPED OR TURNED MORE THAN ONCE _____, OBJECT SHAPE _____

IF YES: EFFECTS NOTED: TRACES _____, ELECTRICAL _____, ABDUCTION _____, MISSING TIME _____, PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS ON WITNESS x, ANIMALS AFFECTED x, LASTING INJURY TO WITNESS _____, WAS THIS A LANDING _____, WERE THERE ENTITIES _____ OTHER _____
COMMENTS Near-landing. Roberto's eyes photophobic so beam

NUMBER OF UFOs SIGHTED 1 "very uncomfortable." Son heard barking of wild dogs.

DURATION OF SIGHTING: _____ HOURS, 7-8 MINUTES, _____ SECONDS

SIZE OF UFO: _____ DEGREES OF FUNCTION OF A DEGREE Approx. 15 FEET, 4.6 METERS OF MAJOR DIMENSION

FOR SIGHTINGS OVER OCEANS, LIST COORDINATES: LATITUDE _____ LONGITUDE _____

Figure 2



UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - GENERAL CASES (FORM 1)

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM (Print) AND RETURN TO INVESTIGATOR (For MUFON Use)

NAME OF INVESTIGATOR: Walter N. Webb
STREET ADDRESS: 5 Willow Street PHONE: A/C 617/326-5367
TOWN/CITY: Westwood STATE: MA ZIP CODE: 02090 COUNTRY: USA

DRAW A SIMPLE SKETCH OF THE OBJECT. (Label any lights, colors, protrusions)

See drawings & maps in full report attached.

(On a separate sheet, please sketch a simple map of the area showing your position and the object's position. Include an arrow denoting the direction of North. Indicate direction that the object was moving.)

PLACE OF SIGHTING

Monte Capraro COUNTRY
Sernia STATE/PROVINCE
Molise Region nr. Capracotta, Italy CITY/TOWN

SIGHTING TIME

12:20 PM () AM ZONE:
DURATION: 7-8 SEC () MIN HRS ()

DATE OF SIGHTING

12 DAY Aug. MONTH 1983 YEAR

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT AS IT HAPPENED. BE SURE THAT YOUR NARRATIVE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. WHERE WERE YOU AND WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THE TIME?
2. WHAT MADE YOU FIRST NOTICE THE OBJECT?
3. WHAT DID YOU THINK THE OBJECT WAS WHEN YOU FIRST NOTICED IT?
4. DESCRIBE YOUR REACTIONS AND ACTIONS, DURING AND AFTER SIGHTING THE OBJECT.
5. DESCRIBE THE OBJECT AND ITS ACTIONS.
6. HOW DID YOU LOSE SIGHT OF THE OBJECT?

See full report attached.

(Continue narrative on reverse side)



ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

VIEWED FROM: OUTDOORS (X) INDOORS () CAR (X) AIRCRAFT () BOAT () OTHER
VIEWED THROUGH: (GLASSES (X) WINDOW () SCREEN () BINOCULARS () TELESCOPE () STILL CAMERA ()
MOVIE CAMERA () THEODOLITE () RADAR () OTHER
AREA/LOCATION: CITY () SUBURBAN () RURAL (X) INDUSTRIAL () COMMERCIAL () RESIDENTIAL ()
AREA/TERRAIN: FIELDS () WOODS () HILLS () MOUNTAINS (X) RIVER () POND () LAKE ()
AREA/TECHNICAL: AIRPORT () POWERLINES () POWER STATION () RAILROAD TRACKS () OTHER
SKY CONDITION: CLEAR (X) PARTLY CLOUDY () OVERCAST () FOGGY () HEAVY () MEDIUM () LIGHT ()
PRECIPITATION: NONE (X) RAIN () FOG () SLEET () SNOW () HEAVY () MEDIUM () LIGHT ()
UFO DIRECTION: FIRST SEEN IN N LAST SEEN IN N IT MOVED FROM N TO SSW
UFO ELEVATION: (FIRST SEEN - 1/4 () 1/2 () 3/4 () OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD () OTHER
LAST SEEN - 1/4 () 1/2 () 3/4 () OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD () OTHER
UFO DISTANCE: WHEN CLOSEST TO ME 300-400 ft UFO ALTITUDE: WHEN CLOSEST TO THE GROUND <= UFO
UFO PASSED: (IN-FRONT-OF mt hillside WHICH WAS c. 500 ft IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS
BEHIND trees distant mt. WHICH WAS c. 300-400 IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS
ALSO IN AREA: AIRPLANE () HELICOPTER () BALLOON () SEARCHLIGHT () OTHER
BEFORE WITNESS SIGHTED UFO () DURING UFO SIGHTING () AFTER UFO SIGHTING ()

OBJECT DESCRIPTION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

OBSERVED: (AN OBJECT (X) NUMBER OF 1 SHAPE OF disc or oval COLOR(s) dark with multicolored lights
DESCRIBE: SOUND None SMELL None SPEED Zero to slow
REAL SIZE: (LARGER () SMALLER () SAME SIZE (X) AS THE OBJECT LISTED BELOW
(BASKETBALL () COMPACT CAR (X) STANDARD CAR () HOUSE () OTHER
APPARENT SIZE: (HOW MANY TIMES LARGER () OR SMALLER () IF PUT IN THE SKY BESIDE OBJECT BELOW?
Much brighter than car headlights
BRIGHT AS: A STAR () THE MOON () OR A PLACED AT SAME DISTANCE
DID THE OBJECT(S) OR LIGHT(S): (Please elaborate on items checked below by using a separate sheet)
CHANGE DIRECTION? (X) HOVER? (X) AFFECT RADIO/TV? () FLUTTER? ()
TURN ABRUPTLY? () DESCEND? () AFFECT ELECTRICITY? () SPIN? (X)
FALL LIKE A LEAF? () ASCEND? (X) AFFECT MAGNETISM? () BLINK? beam (Dr. V) (X)
ABSORB OBJECT(S)? () OVER POWERLINES? () AFFECT TIMEPIECE? () PULSATE? ()
EJECT OBJECT(S)? () OVER A BUILDING? () AFFECT ENGINE? () APPEAR SOLID? (X)
CHANGE SHAPE? () LAND ON GROUND? () AFFECT VEHICLE? () HAVE FUZZY EDGES? ()
CAST SHADOW? trees (X) LAND IN WATER? () AFFECT ANIMAL? (X) HAVE OUTLINE? ()
CAST LIGHT? beam (X) CARRY OCCUPANTS? () AFFECT HUMAN? (X) WOBBLE? ()
REFLECT LIGHT? () COMMUNICATE? () AFFECT WATER? () VIBRATE? ()
LEAVE A TRAIL? () GIVE OFF HEAT? () AFFECT GROUND? () GLOW? ()
DISINTEGRATE? () LEAVE RESIDUE? () AFFECT VEGETATION? () APPEAR TRANSPARENT? ()

FOR MUFON USE
TEMPERATURE: (Warm?)
WIND DIRECTION: (None?)
WIND SPEED:
VISIBILITY: Unlimited?
CEILING: Unlimited?

EDUCATION: Graduate School (Roberto Leonora)
DEGREE: Ph.D.; Master's Major: Physics; Social work
SPECIAL TRAINING: Roberto Roberto & Leonora
VISION: Excellent COLORBLIND? (X) EYEGLASSES? (X)
HEARING: GOOD? (X) FAIR? () POOR? () USE AID? ()
HEALTH: DURING SIGHTING? Excellent AFTER? Excellent

WITNESS' NAME: Roberto, Leonora, Diana, 47, 43
Michele Vicente, AGE: 16, 14
STREET: On file with W. Webb
TOWN/CITY: Boston area, MA PHONE: On file
PROVINCE: USA
OCCUPATION: Theoretical physicist, home maker, college student, high school student
EMPLOYED BY: On file with W. Webb

HOW MANY OTHER WITNESSES? 4 total DID ANY OTHER AGENCY CONTACT YOU? No "Roberto Vicente" (pseudonym)

PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES/ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS OF OTHER WITNESSES AND/OR INVESTIGATORS OR AGENCIES ON SEPARATE SHEET IF APPLICABLE AND KNOWN.

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER
YOU MAY (X) MAY NOT () USE MY NAME
DATE THIS FORM SIGNED 4 Feb. 1987
DAY MONTH YEAR



UFO QUESTIONNAIRE - ANIMAL EFFECT CASES (FORM 4)

INTER-FORM CROSS-REFERENCE DATA

SIGHTING DATE: Aug. 12, 1983 PLACE: Monte Capraro, nr Capracotta, Italy TO
TIME OF DIRECT EFFECTS: FROM
WITNESS' NAME: "Michele Vicente"
INVESTIGATOR'S NAME: Walter N. Webb

GENERAL DATA

KIND OF ANIMAL: #1 Wild dogs BREED: AGE:
KIND OF ANIMAL: #2 Wild dogs & cattle on subsequent nights BREED: AGE:
KIND OF ANIMAL: #3 BREED: AGE:
NAME/ADDRESS OF VET. (if treated)

PERSONAL ACCOUNT (Include on Form 1)

In your own words, describe the apparent Animal Reaction to the UFO and/or Entities.

ANIMAL EFFECT "DURING" UFO ENCOUNTER

(Please elaborate on items checked below, where applicable, by using a separate sheet.)

AUDIBLE: BARKED (X) HOWLED () WHINED () BELLOWED () OTHER See attached full report & wild dog/cattle reactions on following nights.
EMOTIONAL: INDIFFERENT () STARTLED () PANICKED () HID () OTHER
MENTAL: DISOBEDIENT () BEWILDERED () OTHER
MOVEMENT: STILL () COVERED () SHOOK () PACED BACK AND FORTH () PACED IN A CIRCLE ()
KICKED () COVERED EARS () FLEW () OTHER
PHYSICAL: PARALYZED () BLINDED () BURNED () URINATED () HAIR STOOD ON END ()
LOSS OF BALANCE () LOST CONSCIOUSNESS () DIED () OTHER
COMMENTS:

ANIMAL EFFECT "AFTER" UFO ENCOUNTER

(Please elaborate on items checked below, where applicable, by using a separate sheet.)

POOR APPETITE: () DURATION? FEARS UFO SITE: () DURATION?
SKIN DISRUPTION: () DURATION? DISOBEDIENCE: () DURATION?
SHED FUR/FEATHERS: () DURATION? ABNORMAL BIRTH: () EXPLAIN?
LOSS OF BALANCE: () DURATION? %/EGG-LAYING: () EXPLAIN?
PARALYSIS: () DURATION? %/MILK-GIVING: () EXPLAIN?
DEAFNESS: () DURATION? OTHER: COMMENTS
BLINDNESS: () DURATION? OTHER: COMMENTS
COMMENTS:

RELATIONSHIP OF UFO OR ENTITY TO-AFFECTED ANIMAL

INDIRECT: (UFO MERELY OVERFLEW AREA WITH NO APPARENT INTEREST IN THE ANIMAL(S) (X)
OTHER
APPARENT DIRECT: (UFO HOVERED OVER ANIMAL(S) () AT ALTITUDE OF
UFO APPROACHED NEAR ANIMAL(S) () AT ALTITUDE OF AT DISTANCE OF
UFO PURSUED ANIMAL () UFO PROJECTED A COLORED, SHAPED LIGHT AT ANIMAL.
ACTUAL DIRECT: (ANIMAL TOUCHED BY: UFO? () ENTITY? () OTHER
ANIMAL ABDUCTED BY: UFO? () ENTITY? () OTHER
OTHER COMMENTS:

MAY (X) MAY NOT () USE MY NAME "Michele Vicente" (pseudonym) 4 Feb. 1987
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS DAY MONTH YEAR



UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - PSYCHOLOGICAL/PHYSIOLOGICAL CASES (FORM 5)

INTER-FORM CROSS-REFERENCE DATA

SIGHTING DATE: Aug. 12, 1983 PLACE: Monte Capraro, Italy
TIME/EFFECTS OCCURRED: FROM TO
WITNESS' NAME: "Roberto Vicente" wife, son, daughter
INVESTIGATOR'S NAME: Walter N. Webb

GENERAL DATA

TYPE OF EFFECT: PSYCHOLOGICAL (X) TEMPORARY (X) LASTING ()
INGESTION OF: STIMULANT/DEPRESSANT MIN () HRS () PRIOR EFFECT
ATTENDING DOCTOR: (Name/Address/Phone/Comments)

PERSONAL ACCOUNT (Include on Form 1)

In your own words, describe any psychological/physiological effects experienced.

PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS

(Circle the D and/or A beside each item checked to denote whether the effect was noted during or after the UFO sighting. Additional information, including the time duration of each effect, should be clearly stated on the reverse side of this questionnaire. Use additional numbered sheets, if necessary.)

- CALMNESS (X) Wife Husband & son THINKING IMPAIRED () D A PERSONALITY CHANGE () D A
CURIOUS (X) Daughter Son INVOLUNTARY ACTIONS () D A RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE () D A
ELATED () D A TRANCE-LIKE STATE () D A MEMORY LAPSE () D A
FEARFUL (X) Daughter Son MENTAL TELEPATHY () D A TIME LAPSE () D A
PANICKED (X) Daughter Son DREAMS () D A OTHER () D A

COMMENTS: When unable to explain UFO during sighting, husband felt pain inside chest. Son become excited & incoherent upon visiting site later.

PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS

(Use same instructions as for above)

- HAIR STOOD ON END () D A SHOOK NERVOUSLY () D A FELT ELECTRIC SHOCK () D A
HAIR BURNED () D A FELT DIZZY () D A BECAME PARALYZED () D A
HAIR TURNED WHITE () D A FELT SLUGGISH () D A BODY PERSPIRED () D A
HAIR FELL OUT () D A FELT NAUSEATED () D A FELT BURNING SENSATION () D A
EYES WATERED () D A HAD HEADACHE () D A SKIN WAS BURNED () D A
EYES SMARTED (X) Husband* (X) D A ORGANS VIBRATED () D A EXPERIENCED SKIN RASH () D A
EYES OUT OF FOCUS () D A DRY-HEAVED () D A EXPERIENCED WARTS () D A
EYES BLINDED () D A VOMITED () D A EXPERIENCED BODY MARKS () D A
EARDRUMS VIBRATED () D A PASSED URINE () D A EXPERIENCED BODY WOUNDS () D A
EARS HURT () D A PASSED STOOL () D A SKIN PEELED OFF () D A
EARS DEAFENED () D A FELT WARMER () D A NECK MUSCLES ACHED () D A
NOSE IRRITATED () D A FELT COLDER () D A ARM MUSCLES ACHED () D A
NOSE BLED () D A FELT LIGHTER () D A LEG MUSCLES ACHED () D A
BLED THROUGH MOUTH () D A FELT HEAVIER () D A SPINAL COLUMN ACHED () D A
TOOTH FILLINGS VIBRATED () D A FLOATED IN AIR () D A OTHER All had in (X) D A

#He is photophobic so beam "very uncomfirt somnia that night. -able."

RELATIONSHIP OF UFO OR ENTITY TO AFFECTED PERSON

INDIRECT: UFO MERELY OVERFLEW AREA WITH NO APPARENT INTEREST IN THE WITNESS (X)
APPARENT DIRECT: UFO APPROACHED WITNESS DURING EFFECTS () UFO HOVERED OVER WITNESS DURING EFFECTS ()
ACTUAL DIRECT: WITNESS TOUCHED BY: UFO () LIGHT BEAM () ENTITY () AN INSTRUMENT ()
COMMENTS: UFO hovered low over mt. slope. Topo map indicated UFO approx. 300-400 ft. away at nearest point.

PSYCHIC INTERESTS AND ABILITIES

INTERESTED IN PSYCHIC PHENOMENA? YES () NO () WHAT TYPE?
HAVE PSYCHIC ABILITIES? YES () NO () DESCRIBE
HAVE ABILITIES BEEN TESTED? YES () NO () BY WHOM/RESULTS?

MAY (X) MAY NOT () USE MY NAME "Roberto Vicente" (pseudonym) 4 Feb. 1987
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS DAY MONTH YEAR