

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR REPORTS SAUCERS

The International UFO Observer Corps Area Investigator for Sweden, Mr. K. Gosta Rehn, has sent the following report of a sighting made by Mr. Ernst W. Akerberg, a criminal investigator of the Police Dept. of the City of Visby on the Island of Gotland. Here is Mr. Akerberg's account:

"On the evening of August 5, 1957, I drove some friends of the family to my fishing cottage at Lergravsviken, 53 km. from Visby. This is on the east coast of Gotland. Before my wife and I left the cottage we looked at the moon through binoculars. It was a full moon, a clear sky, no clouds and visibility was the best possible. The time was around 10 p.m. My wife suddenly exclaimed: "Take a look at the sea and see what it is that is coming there." I rose and looked. I saw a saucer-like object coming towards us from a north easterly direction and it headed straight down towards us there on the roadside. The nearer it came, the bigger it appeared. The outline of the object when I first saw it was rather blurred. The craft kept its straight course until it reached the shore, when it veered off sharply to the south and then came 1,000 metres to the south east. I was afraid at first that it would collide with the mountains on the sea shore. Its size appeared to be that of a big football held at arm's length distance. When it made the turn I saw that the craft tipped itself up on edge. When it was less than 300 metres away I could plainly see the joints and the boltings in the metals of its bottom.

"In its sharp turn it appeared as if the craft fluttered, but immediately thereafter it resumed its steady flight—I should say at the speed of an ordinary aeroplane.

"When the craft took its southern course I noticed that the colour of its lower part was silver-grey and that its form reminded me rather of the semi-sphere of a bicycle bell than about a saucer. The bowl itself was shiny as stainless steel and it rotated slowly around the lower part. I could see the glitter from the rotation. In the cupped part out on its nose there were cut-outs or notches with upward-folded edges. The craft had no labelled markings, no windows or apertures, but outlines of black lines running alongside were visible. In the bottom part there was something like a tube, cherry-red with a steady light, no flames or peaks as one can notice on a motor having a silencer. Moreover, there was another light, red, not so big and not so bright as the first light; it reminded me of the back light of a car. I estimated the size of the craft to be around 25 metres in diameter. It travelled without a sound, except for a clicking sound that reminded me of the noise you hear when you wind a watch, but more hollow though. After the passage of the craft a very powerful draught came, that caused ripples on the water surface and the tree-tops to writhe quite vigorously.

When the craft turned to the south east it just stood and swayed for a second or so, before it continued its flight and disappeared above the north eastern part of Fitudden Island.

"Then immediately came another craft of the same appearance, taking exactly the same course as the first one, excepting that its turn to south east was made considerably tighter than that of the first craft. A distance of about 1 km. parted the two craft. After the second craft passed there was another strong draught of air current. The last craft had only one steady light in its back with the same intensity as that given by the first."

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Sept 10, 1968

Dear Coral and Jim,

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K. GÖSTA REHN  
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Jeez..I got excited, receiving you mimeographed letter, mailed Sept 6. I was fumbling along with my second Swedish book, trying to get it ready before workmen stumble in here, hammering and sawing for remodelling work, but don't worry, I shall put the stuff aside and respond to your urgent request. Yes, sir.

What cases to pick ?

Aug. 5 1957. Gotland. Åkerberg, high rank police officer and wife. 2 witnesses. Close-range. I claim the case is first rate, one of the best in the world. Why - I sent you translation on March 18 1968, urging you to publish it!!! Fortunately I got another copy which I enclose. My investigation !

Oct 19, 1967. Hosjö near Falun. Dentist dr Börje Rindborg, wife and son- 3 witnesses to sighting of a classical saucer, rather close-range. I sent you a translation which has not appeared in the Bulletin. Here is a copy. Case investigated by me

March 4 1967, Vilhelmina, Söderström and family, 6 witnesses. Case in Bulletin, but could be augmented. Close-range

March 23 1967, Road Kungälv, Ann-Lis Danielsson, highly intelligent university student. Lone witness. Car buzzing, circling case. In your Bulletin, but could be augmented by accounts of new meetings and check-ups of the incident by me and another party

March 1967. Road Smålandsstenar. Road worker Gunnar Lundström. Saucer on road, braking in. Case in Bulletin. Lone witness but good

April 27 1967. Road Sala, Technician Gunnar Rosquist. Saucer on road Braking in, Car damaged. Insurance company was by necessity given another version of the accident. Lone witness ( not in bulletin)

~~March~~ March 17 1967, Road to Kiruna. Worker Birger Lundgren. 2 saucers on road stopping car. Lone witness (not in bulletin) Investigated by univ student

29.10 1960. Mariannelund, Gideon Johansson, electrician. Close range and little men in saucer. 3 witnesses. In Bulletin. (reliable?)

Aug 26 1967. Boy and girl, 15. Monster case in Bulletin (reliable?)

May 12 1968. Grannäs, Felix Moström, 43, electrician. 2 witnesses. Close-range rather. Investigated by univ. student  
Do you want that case ? Good details, reliable

March 7 1956. Dala-Järna. Timberman Erik Gevestad, close range Lone with. Exceedingly detailed reliable case, discovered by me in Defense files, very long narrative

Well, let me know if the two first cases are sufficient for your purpose. They are well documented, witnesses of high caliber etc.

Hugs and kisses



The Gotland case (Gotland is the Swedish big island in the Baltic Sea)

In the book by E. Gösta Rehn, "Flygande tofat; Dokument och teori" 1966, the first and only orientation in Swedish about the UFO problem. 20 years in the USA in sundry office mills, Bachelor of Law and of Arts (Fordham USA), now retired official of the Swedish State Power Board.

Case based on original letters to me from Mr Åkerberg, on conversations with Mr and Mrs Åkerberg at a two day visit in Visby and at the place of the sighting for a personal check-up investigation. (Visit in 1961, letters in 1968) Ernst Vilhelm Åkerberg and wife Karin, around 55.  
Lergravsviken, Gotland (on the east side) Aug 5, 1957. 2 witnesses

Lergravsviken is situated 53 km from Visby across the island. In Visby Åkerberg works as a crime police official.

Around 10 P.M. the couple left their fishing cottage in Lergravsviken, having let it out to some friends. Preparing for the return to Visby, Mr Å was busy inside the car when he heard his wife cry, "Look, what on earth is coming over the sea there?" Mr Å stepped out. Both now stood on the road embankment, about 300 m from the sea shore. I sum up the account of their observation, which lasted 30 or 60 seconds. I use, though, their actual words.

1. It was full moon, sky starlit, no clouds, visibility the best imaginable. Moon rather southward.

2. A complete calm prevailed. Not a leaf was moving.

3. When the craft came flying above the shore line, less than 200 m from me, I cried out: "What in hell is that?" And I was afraid it would collide with the rocky hill behind us. The craft maintained a steady course from NE until it reached the shore line, when it turned toward the South. This turn was sharp as a knife (On a map Å has plotted the paths, showing a 45° turn). Its speed was not remarkably high.

4. When executing the turn the craft kind of raised itself up on edge, where it wobbled or fluttered for a moment. Then it continued over the sea SE bound, crossing the little island Fludden across the waters. At a point about 1 km in the new direction the craft again made another change of course, then more SE-ward. This time it again banked on edge, wobbled, whereafter it resumed its quiet course.

How much of a squawk do we have here? What factors drop out w. 1, eg, greater speed?

Does Corak's bursting servomechanism hypothesis (plus the propagnology of the site) explain altitude assumed or ~~altitude~~ altitude? maybe even the rush of air? P?



5. After the passage of the craft came a violent rush of air, that caused ripples on the calm surface of the waters and made the treetops sway and swing vigorously.

6. Immediately following this event another craft came rushing right against us. It looked the same as the first one and did the same ~~manoeuvres~~ <sup>manoeuvres</sup>. It followed the same course with the exception that craft II made a still tighter turn. <sup>Also</sup> After craft I<sup>1</sup> came a vigorous current of air.

7. When these crafts reached the shore line they were about 200 m away and at about 200 m elevation. I could see the woods behind them. (Because of this statement subsequent investigation showed that the saucers came much lower than 200 m).

8. I estimated their size at about 25 m diameter. Size like a soccer football held at an arm's length (separate statement; this would indicate real size as a big residence house, say 30-35 m) <sup>two story</sup>

9. Form was discus-like. The round outlines, at first blurred, but distinct when at close range. The crafts were streamlined and were devoid of protruding parts sticking out like antennas or wings. When destined south I saw that the bottom part was silver grey.

10. It looked more like a bicycle bell than a saucer. The bowl itself was shiny like stainless steel and rotated slowly around the bottom part. In a bulging part in front there were notches with edges folded upward. The craft floated along in an oblique position with the bulging part obliquely ahead. The crafts carried no designations and they had no windows or apertures, but around I could see black bands or lines.

11. The upper part rotated. I could see how the rotation glistened. Around the contours there was a hazy, glimmering lustre.

12. On the bottom part there was a kind of a tube giving off a cherry-red, <sup>light</sup> constant light ~~flames~~ - no flames or spurts like you see from a silencer of a motor. At the turns I could plainly see the seams in the plate and the bolts in the bottom plates.

13. The crafts travelled without a sound - with the exception of a ticking sound perceived when at close-range. It reminded me of the sound you get when



winding up a watch, but more hollow.

14. I did not see, or smell any exhausts.

15. On my inquiries at the military authorities, I got the <sup>definite</sup> word that no Air Force planes were around in this region at the time mentioned.

Mr and Mrs Åkerberg told me that afterwards they felt shaken by this experience." It took about half an hour before we could calm down".

I asked about possible influences. A wrote: "I have not read any book about flying saucers, just some brief items in the daily papers. But I was not interested - just read the head lines. Before I held that flying saucers were pure figments of phantasy. That these crafts were real, firm, intelligently controlled space crafts. I have not the slightest doubt about."

I found them plain, sensible, sympathetic everyday people with no exalted views. This was a rare close-range observation, one of the few very best in the UFO history, I hold. Two witnesses gathered exceptionally full details in this short time because they were two individuals, because they saw the saucers at close range, because their perception was rendered acute through a <sup>repetition</sup> ~~repetition~~ as saucer II glided by, because policeman Åkerberg <sup>by profession</sup> is a very competent observer and is accustomed to be out on sea fishing, seeing all kind of phenomena, he tells, and he is also familiar with the surrounding.

I viewed the place of the sighting together with the witnesses and was able to get a fair check of the estimates and the statements;

Note: The Defense staff got only a flimsy, very brief report from Åkerberg on their little form. Defense guessed on a lighted research balloon. There was no big research balloons in Sweden at that time and the explanation is preposterous.