

CONFIRMATION OF AN IMPORTANT U.S. NAVAL SIGHTING. BY GORDON CREIGHTON.

Five years ago (in FSR 40/3, autumn 1995) we gave Mr. Chester C. Grusinski's account of the day when, in 1958, serving aboard the American aircraft-carrier *Franklin D. Roosevelt*, he and many other U.S. Navy men observed the close approach of a huge 'cigar-shaped' UFO during their cruise off the American Naval Base at Guantanamo on the island of Cuba. Shapes of beings - not human - were seen inside the UFO.

Since that night Mr. Gusinski, now of Clinton Township, Michigan, has never ceased in his efforts to find other witnesses of that episode for - as he said in his report - there were *at least 25 other men on the flight deck* with him who *must have seen it*.

As Grusinski told us, CIA men immediately came aboard, and a massive cover-up started, with all crewmen who had knowledge of the sighting or who talked about it being immediately transferred out of the *Franklin D. Roosevelt* and allocated to other ships or jobs in the Navy.

According to an interesting and lengthy report by John Baugham now published in a journal named *The Broad Top Bulletin*, dated December 26, 2000, (evidently this is an old comrades' association journal for those who served on the American carriers) one such witness who has come forward to confirm Grusinski's statements is Harry A. Jordan, now of Omaha NE, who served aboard the U.S.S. *F.D.R.* from 1962 to 1965.

Throughout the years since 1958, Grusinski, as he has already told us, continued his research, and had discovered that the *F.D.R.* had been involved in a second UFO incident in 1956, and in yet further incidents in the 1960s.

The *F.D.R.* was finally decommissioned in 1977. Later, via the Freedom of Information Act, Grusinski secured a copy of the ship's deck logs for 1958 and 1959. And, he says, he found that "*a lot of information was blackened out*".

Here is Harry Jordan's continuation of the story, as given in Lucius Farish's Newsclipping service, in a letter from him to Grusinski in August last. Jordan it seems, just like Grusinski, had been searching ever since 1958 to contact other ex-crew members who had witnessed the same incident, and he had found Grusinski's name on a posting on a Canadian website.

Jordan's statement to Grusinski reads:-

"In late 1963, aboard the *F.D.R.*, during my mid-watch on radar, off the coast of Sardinia in the Mediterranean, I detected a very large UFO. *I was subsequently told in no uncertain terms to keep my mouth shut for 20 years.*

"In summer 1998 I gave the Senate Intelligence Committee an affidavit concerning that experience.

During that particular cruise there were several photographers aboard to document the NATO Naval Operations in which we were engaged, and they were present on the ship on the night in question."

(The complete text of Jordan's statement can be downloaded by going to www.majesticdocuments.com/witnesses/jordan.html).

From 1961 to 1965 Jordan served in the Operations Intelligence Division on three other U.S. warships as an expert on display, analysis, reporting, and recording of radar, radio and electronic emission data, and for this he had received extensive training at the Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island. So, clearly he *was a specialist*.

Whilst aboard the *F.D.R.* he had served on two cruises in the Mediterranean, between 1962 and 1964. After discharge from active duty he then worked as an instructor at Jones Point Naval Reserve, Alexandria, VA, on the use of navigational equipment particular to radar intelligence, and thus he was an expert in this field too. He had served as a recognition expert on detecting surface or air objects at as far away as 300 miles. He had trained both enlisted men and naval officers.

JORDAN'S TESTIMONY BEFORE A U.S. SENATE UFO HEARING (SUMMER 1998).

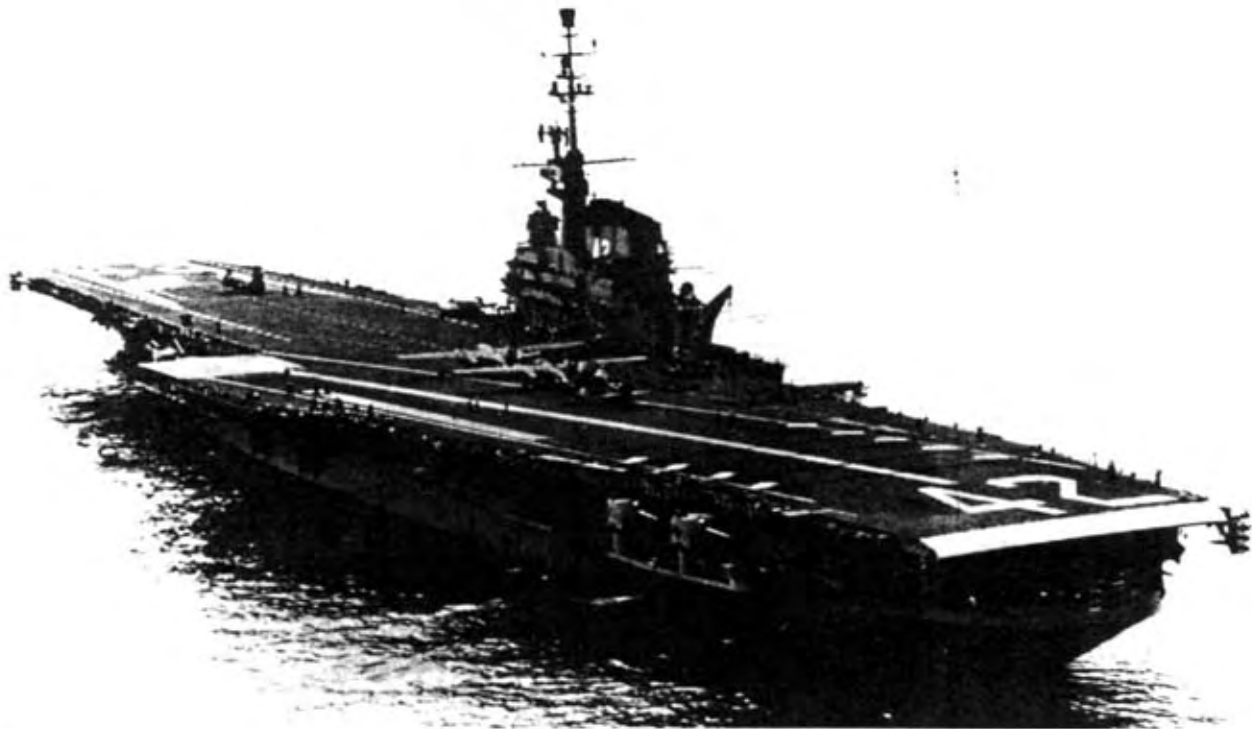
Here is Jordan's first-hand account at the Hearing:-

"Late one night in the fall of 1963, while operating off the coast of Sardinia at approximately 0200 hrs. Zulu Time, I was standing mid-watch on a SPA-8 repeater and height-finding equipment. My JFF box was enabled, and in the process of challenging an aerial contact approaching the ship from a bearing of 012 degrees relative to our course.

"The aerial contact was detected at 600 miles according to the calibration rings on my scope. I made several adjustments to the calibration settings because I didn't believe I could detect such a contact at that distance. The aerial contact was at a height of 80,00 ft., then dropped in about 20 seconds to 65,000ft. where the contact then hovered for about 10 minutes.

"During this period the watch-officer awoke the Division Commander and informed him of our situation. U.S. Naval Task Forces operating in the Mediterranean in those days were being subjected to frequent fly-overs by Russian *Bear* aircraft with electronic warfare capability. It was my job to stay alert for such a scenario.

"The Division Commander came into CIC, observed the radar returns, expedited his own ECM scan of the contact, and then informed the orderly standing watch at the Captain's stateroom. The Captain was apprised of



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the situation, ordered a course change into the wind, increased the ship's speed and gave order to launch aircraft. During this time I was continuing to observe the contact, and watched our *Phantom F4Bs* once they had attained sufficient altitude. The *Phantoms* went to after-burners vectoring to a course straight for the *bogey* on my scope.

"After a period of about 15 - 20- minutes the *F4Bs* were within 200 miles of the *bogey*, due north of our course. They turned on their conical scan radar, and the *bogey* disappeared from my scope. The pilots did not detect any contact on their own scopes, and were turned by the Air Ops C.O. and headed back to the ship. The Captain had kept the ship on a heading into the wind during this entire operation so that aircraft could be launched or recovered at will. The *Phantoms* returned to the ship and were recovered.

About five minutes after the recovery of the last aircraft, and during the process of turning the ship back to our original course, the contact "winked back on" again! *This time it closed in from a distance of 600 miles from the ship to right above us, in about one minute! The bogey was travelling at around 3,600 miles an hour at an altitude of 30,000 ft. I never saw any heat signature.*

"Someone in *C.I.C.* yelled out: *"Damn it - what the hell is that !"* I couldn't determine who it was that made that comment. Lookouts on the port and starboard lookout wings of the conning tower could not see anything above the ship with their binoculars. *The situation was bizarre, and the watch personnel looked scared but calm.*

"Watch-logs are always kept, particularly when a

critical situation is under way. "General Quarters" practice drills are another matter - *but this wasn't a practice drill. The Captain had not called "General Quarters"*.

"I recall vividly when it was first determined how unusual the situation had been. My Division C.O. (Commander Gibson, USN) asked me what, if anything, I had put in my log. He said to me *"Jordan, this never happened"*. (I was reminded of that comment later when I first saw the movie *"RED OCTOBER"*). I replied to him: *"Yes, Sir"*.

"I never mentioned anything to fellow-sailors, or to anyone else, until years after my Honourable Discharge from the Navy. I was Honourably Discharged in December 1967, at Jones Point Naval Training Centre in Alexandria, Virginia.

"On watch that night were a plotter on the DRT, one on the VG, myself on the radarscope, and the watch-officer. *It was my distinct impression from hearing the airmen aboard during "chow-time" that they were confused about why the heck they would have such an unscheduled launch and not be told what had been going on that night. It was their duty to arm aircraft, etc. To me it was obvious that they had been 'kept in the dark' on this one operation. I myself never said anything to them (the airmen) about what had happened that night.*

"I myself have stood lookout watch by night and by day during my period of active duty. I have logged well over 1,000 hours of operating radar equipment and standing watch during my active duty with the Sixth Fleet. What I experienced that night will never be forgotten.

And what I have experienced since my discharge from active duty has become every more fascinating as the years have progressed.” (End of quotation).

MORE TESTIMONY.

But that was not quite the end, for Jordan had some other interesting comments for the Senators at the hearing in summer 1998, as quoted here:-

“In 1985 I met Dr. John Kasher, a Physics professor at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. He was a consultant at Lawrence Livermore Labs in California and is at present a summer consultant on plasma physics at Huntsville for NASA. He is currently the State Director for the MUFON Network of Nebraska. He and I have personally investigated over 50 cases related to UFOs. These cases involve people from age 5 to the 70s.

“We have video tapes of private interviews, physical trace cases, and lab reports. Some of these cases involved events that occurred on the ground simultaneously with STS-NASA missions. There are uncut, unenhanced video tapes produced by live-real-time NASA select 6 camera shots taken aboard the Space-Shuttle.

“*At present* the cameras aboard the Shuttle are monitored, the video signals are delayed several seconds, and sometimes minutes, before being fed into public video-feed networks. **Immediately after the STS-48 mission UFO flap in which Dr. Kasher and I were involved, NASA began to delay the live-feed.**

“**Their premise for altering the video coverage of each mission was that they didn’t want the world to be privy to the medical condition of the astronauts. This is pure hogwash, as NEVER has the medical condition of the astronauts been public knowledge through video monitoring to public channels. We have a copy of the original NASA directive which went out from NASA to all ground facilities on the day after STS-48 - the day of the UFO flap.**

“**The UFOs which currently are flying on station when the Shuttle is up are being fired upon by high performance aircraft using state-of-the-art particle beam weapons. The very character of a particle-beam does not need an atmosphere to be seen, it imparts its own coherence upon the vacuum of Space. We have video tapes of STS-missions as recent as STS-80 during the month of March 1997, wherein one can clearly see these beams coming up from the Earth through the cloud-cover below the Space Shuttle.**

“**What concerns us most here, from our personal field experience, is that out of all our private interviews (50) with eyewitnesses, not one instance of a negative or a sordid nature has been told to us. [But isn’t 50 only a very small total? G.C.] Virtually all close encounters on the ground have been very passive, bizarre, and extraordinary to ordinary people-whatever “ordinary” means these days is another matter.**

“**It is with great concern for our fellow-Americans and citizens of the world at large that we question the reasons why UFOs are being fired upon. What the Federal Government of the United States of American knows about UFOs is not being shared. I question the**

current status of this posture and the reasoning behind it. These matters might well be beyond the knowledge of the Senate, Congress, and perhaps even of the President of the United States.

“**If public hearings were held regarding these scenarios there would be some red faces at the Pentagon and NASA regarding the UFO issue and the reality of their occupants. Many decent law-abiding Americans have had real experience, and are prepared to come forward to share proofs. The truth needs to be brought forward without further hesitation”.** (End of quotations.)

NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR.

I feel absolutely sure that everyone who reads this statement will agree that *unquestionably* Chester Grusinski and Harry Jordan have given us an astonishing - and no doubt, so far as it goes - a remarkably accurate picture of what happened on certain occasions when an American aircraft-carrier was seemingly visited and inspected at very close quarters by a large UFO.

On the other hand, what I think most of us will strongly doubt is whether, *ALL* UFO influences are so benign - as Mr. Jordan appears to think - and whether or not one can say that the authorities of the United States are doing the wrong thing in continuing - as they apparently *are* doing - to keep the entire problem so much “under wraps”, and also to shoot at UFOs with particle beams.

As FSR readers will already know, my own opinion on this prickly question is that, while we now have a very great deal of evidence of *seeming* benevolence (or also of *seeming unconcern*) on the part of many of the so-called “*Aliens*”, we appear to have an even larger volume of evidence that points in a different direction. *My own firm conclusion therefore is that it would be premature to come to hard and firm theories in one direction or the other. The Government may indeed be utterly right in their policy of silence.* As for the constant howls of these who claim that the Governments ought to “come clean with all the facts” tomorrow morning, I doubt whether many would be found to be exultant over the findings if they got them”!

As I have emphasised many times, one of the principal reasons for the alleged current ‘apathy’ of the British public towards matters unfological is that IN TRUTH THE SITUATION IS POSSIBLY CONTROLLED BY THREE ‘DON’T WANTS’: *FIRSTLY*, WE CAN ASSUME THAT THE ALIENS (OR AT ANY RATE A VERY LARGE PART OF THEM, HOWEVER NUMEROUS THEIR SPECIES MAY BE) CLEARLY DON’T WANT US TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE UP TO HERE. *SECONDLY*, THE GOVERNMENTS - WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ‘UNDER ALIEN CONTROL’ - ALSO DON’T WANT US TO KNOW WHAT THE ALIENS ARE UP TO. AND, *THIRDLY*, IT IS PATENTLY CLEAR THAT THE VAST MAJORITY OF HUMANS THEMSELVES ALSO DO NOT WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE ALIENS ARE UP TO HERE (AND I ADMIT THAT PERSONALLY I THINK IT HIGHLY LIKELY THAT, WITH THEIR POWERFUL TELEPATHIC FORCE, THE

ALIENS *THEMSELVES* ARE THE DIRECT CAUSE OF THIS APATHY AND DISINTEREST - IN OTHER WORDS, A VERY SMART POLICY!).

IF THE PUBLIC REALLY *DID* WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT UFOs. THEN FSR's READERSHIP WOULD BE ENORMOUS, AND NOT

BE - AS IT IS AT PRESENT - HEADING FAST TOWARDS VANISHING POINT.

AND ONE SEES LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF A CHANGE IN THIS SITUATION. [Credit and thanks to LUCIUS FARISH'S UFO NEWSCLIPPING SERVICE No. 379. G.C. February 2001]■