

cheek-bones and "slit eyes" after the fashion of the Chinese, these being her only "Mongolian" features.

Reconsideration of both these cases shows that they have indeed no points of resemblance at all.

*But I have on file a number of cases involving creatures that in various respects closely resemble those met by the Spanish cowherd.* There is in existence a whole body of literature and tradition about them, and in my travels in various parts of the world I have met quite a number of people who claim to have seen them. The Valensole case\* may very well fit in here.

For some years past I have been myself a member of a society which collects evidence as to their existence, and yet I doubt whether most of the society's members realise that what they are studying has something to do with flying saucers, which to them appears a decidedly off-beat and dubious subject, to say the least.

Space does not permit further discussion of the question now, but I intend on a subsequent occa-

sion to produce what I consider to be remarkable evidence of the existence of a whole order of creatures identical with, or closely akin to, those seen by the Spanish boy.

We pride ourselves nowadays on our enlightenment, but, as Gurdjieff was always pointing out, it looks as though, *for every new piece of knowledge that Man acquires, ten pieces of old knowledge are lost.* I hope one day to show that there is much evidence that *some* of what we nowadays call "beings from flying saucers" are much more probably creatures who share this Earth with us; creatures who are totally unknown to most of us; regarding whom Science has not a single word to say; but about whom our own written and oral traditions, in all our civilisations, speak volumes.

*Note*

\*Valensole incident, July 1, 1965: FLYING SAUCER REVIEW Vol. 11, No. 5 (September/October, 1965); Vol. 11, No. 6 (November/December, 1965); Vol. 12, No. 3 (May/June, 1966).

## South America

# The "Humanoids" in Latin America

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### Introduction

For some years past it has been increasingly obvious that the very kernel of our problem is the so-called "contact-report", so incredible, so baffling, that the instinctive reaction of sane folk has been to fight shy of it altogether.

But we cannot ignore it, because it is virtually all the material we have to work with. It is the "contact story" and not the "Flying Saucer story" or "UFO report" that we must endeavour first to understand. If and when we have grasped what these tales of "landings" and of "contacts" with entities mean, we may (perhaps) be on the road to understanding some of the larger aspects of the problem.

One thing at least is certain. These stories of alleged meetings with denizens of other worlds or realms or levels of existence constitute a fascinating social, psychological—and possibly also a *PARA-psychological* enigma. And surely an enigma of some urgency, for if the growing numbers of people all over our planet who claim these experiences are indeed hallucinated, or, as we are confidently told, suffering from the stresses and strains of the Nuclear Age, then it is as plain as a pikestaff that they are in grave need of psychological study and medical attention. If a new brand of psychosis is loose amongst us, then, instead of wasting so much time on why we hate our fathers and love our mothers, our mental experts and psychologists ought to have been in there

right from the start, studying and combating this new plague since its outbreak nearly twenty years ago! Valuable time has been lost. By now, they might have come to important conclusions, or even licked the malady!

This list contains 65 cases in which residents of Latin America have claimed to have seen or contacted "entities". Naturally no suggestion is made that the list is in any way complete; there must have been scores of such cases of which we have no knowledge. This list contains all that I have found. Inevitably, a good many of the earlier cases will be familiar to many readers, but I feel that most people will not mind seeing them again, and all will appreciate the opportunity to have them in a compact form, even though many are trimmed down to the barest details in order to include them all.

But almost half of the cases now covered will be entirely new to nearly everyone. FLYING SAUCER REVIEW is fortunate in the quality of its correspondents in Latin America, and it is a pleasure to place on record here the enormous debt which is owed to Señor Oscar A. Galíndez in Argentina; to Dr. W. Buhler, Dr. Olavo Fontes and Mr. Nigel Rimes in Brazil; and to Mr. C. H. Maxwell in Chile.

From these devoted collaborators and from other sources, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW received from Latin America, in respect of the single year 1965, a total of well over 800 reports and press-clippings.

Analysis of this staggering total shows that there were 51 "landings" in Latin America in 1965. And in no less than 25 of these 51 cases, the entities were seen or contacted. These 1965 landing cases, Nos. 40-65 in the list, amount thus to almost half of all the Latin American cases found since 1947, and the figures are overwhelming proof, if any proof be needed, that in 1965 the new epidemic reached an intensity in the lands lying between Mexico and Cape Horn that is totally unprecedented.

It is evident that the stress and strain of the Atomic Age is telling very heavily upon these Latin American countries, despite the fact that they are, in the main, non-industrialised, rather old-fashioned societies. Indeed, in many cases they are semi-feudal societies, whose populations (often mestizo or part-mestizo) were unscathed by both World Wars, lie furthest from the theatres of any likely future conflicts, are largely illiterate (at least in many of the republics), and neither know nor care about doings in the wider world outside. How strange it is then that precisely such people as these should get the psychosis so badly!

In making this list, I had hoped that some very clear and simple pattern would emerge, as I understand has been the case at least with the studies of the great French and European "wave" of 1954. Unfortunately, the picture that emerges is far more confused and inchoate. Even so, patterns there are, and we find the following:—

"Giants" .....	6 cases
"Tall" men .....	9 cases
"Medium" or "normal-sized" men .....	5 cases
"Small" men .....	10 cases
"Tiny" men 89 cms. to 1 metre (all in 1965) .....	12 cases
"Hairy, bellicose dwarfs" .....	5 cases
"Greenish" creatures (green skin, green lights, etc.) .....	3 cases
"Hairy giant" .....	1 case

Such categories may signify nothing, since it all depends on what you mean by "giant", or "big", "medium", "small", and so on. But be it noted that of the five "hairy dwarf" cases (possibly only four, as the word "hairy" was not actually used in No. 11), nearly all fell within the span of a few days (November 28-December 16, 1954), and all were in Venezuela.

The category of "hairy dwarfs" thus forces itself upon our attention. And so does another category—that of the "long-haired men". Poor Adamski had plenty of ridicule heaped upon him for his "long-haired Venusian", and one begins to wonder precisely why. For it is an undeniable fact that we have in Latin America five claims in which "long hair" is mentioned specifically:—

"Tall men with long hair" (Nos. 19 and 31) .....	2 cases
"Medium men with long hair" (Nos. 7 and 10) .....	2 cases
(within a month of one another, in 1954, and in the same State of Brazil.)	

"Small men with long hair" (No. 21) 1 case

These accounts of "long-haired men" seen in Latin America and elsewhere (there is even a good British case) are extremely important. Honesty demands that they be studied most carefully. I feel that this has not been done. Was it because of the fear that Adamski might turn out to be right?

The word "robot" was used several times in Latin America, but may only relate to stiff movement of an entity in a space-suit; we can hardly make a category out of it at this stage.

The next category which strikes us is that of the tiny creatures of 80 cms, 90 cms, or 1 metre. Note how in all twelve cases this very specific estimate is given. And all twelve cases were in 1965. What can this mean? Does it mean that the psychosis has suddenly changed its symptoms in 1965 and makes its victims see smaller creatures? Or can it be that a new species has arrived from somewhere? Has there perhaps been a take-over: a change of "ownership" here? Have they driven out the larger fellows, the "noble Venusians" of earlier years? Would we necessarily know? . . . Quien lo sabe?

### A New Category

And finally, we have another category that has emerged. The malady grows more acute, and we have the problem of the single eye; Our list contains no less than five accounts of creatures with only "one eye". Cases 30 and 41 relate to tall beings, in the range of two metres or so, seen allegedly in August, 1963 and February, 1965 respectively. The other three cases (Nos. 56, 58, 62) were all in Peru, fell within a period of less than thirty days (August 31-September 29, 1965), and relate to nine creatures 80 cms high.

To our way of thinking the very idea of having only one eye is too ridiculous to contemplate. And it may very well be that all five cases simply arise from a mistaken interpretation of the type of "window" in the front of helmets worn by certain entities.

At the same time, since we know nothing whatever about the Universe and nothing whatever about the real nature or meaning of this so-called Flying Saucer phenomenon now occurring, it is wise to maintain completely open minds. In his extremely interesting book "Strange People" (published 1961), the well-known American UFO investigator Frank Edwards tells us that, in a backwoods community in Mississippi, there dwells at the present day an unfortunate American Negro, middle-aged, who all his life has been dodging the importunate showmen and circus-owners who want to make him (and themselves) rich by exploiting his remarkable congenital oddity, to wit, one solitary normal-sized eye precisely in the middle of his forehead.

He is, of course, a freak of nature. But how can we be sure that somewhere in the Cosmos such freakishness is not normal?

And let us not forget that, in our own Greek mythology, we have the tradition of the Kuklopoi, the Cyclopes, who were one-eyed giants, so we are



told, though the proper meaning of the word is actually *round-eyed*. If we choose to take it in this correct sense of "round-eyed", then the gentry encountered by José Higgins, right at the start of my survey, would appear to fit the bill very nicely. If, on the other hand, we choose to assume that single-eyed creatures really do exist in the Universe—and the Cyclopes might well have been some of them who visited the earth in the days of the Greeks—then it looks as though we possess five pieces of evidence that their lone optics have recently been trained on the scenic beauties of South America.

But there still remain a host of jokers in our pack, and particularly the creatures with *three* eyes (No. 28) and the other one with various extra eyes up and down the body (No. 56). Nobody can say that the ufological fauna of Latin American is not remarkably diversified. Surely somebody, somewhere, is having a wonderful game with us! How Charles Fort would have loved it all!

Still, enough is enough. We dream of a logical Universe; what if it isn't logical at all, but a vast surrealist nightmare? If we hear, next year, that squint-eyed shrimps or furry triffids are enjoying the winter sports in the Andes, I, for one, shall begin to think pretty seriously about calling in one of those psychiatrists.

#### 1. Baurú, State of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

On July 23, 1947 (only 29 days after Kenneth Arnold's classic sighting in the U.S.A.), a Brazilian survey worker, José C. Higgins, heard a piercing, high-pitched whistle, and saw a great disc land. It was about 150 ft. wide, of a greyish-white metal, and stood on curved metallic legs. The other workmen all fled and Higgins found himself alone with three seven-foot tall entities in "transparent suits covering head and body, and inflated like rubber bags", and with "metal boxes" on their backs. Their clothing, visible through the suits, resembled brightly coloured paper. The entities, all identical, had huge round eyes, huge round bald heads, no eyebrows, no beards, and legs longer in proportion than ours. Higgins would not tell whether they were male or female, but found them strangely beautiful.

They surrounded him, one levelled a metal tube at him, and they seemed bent on luring him into the disc, but, observing that they shunned bright sunlight, he managed to elude them, and then hid for half an hour in a thicket and watched them while, with extraordinary agility, they leapt and gambolled and tossed huge stones. Then they re-entered the craft which vanished with a whistle towards the north.

At one point one of them had made eight holes in the ground with a stick and showed Higgins that the central one, larger, (perhaps our sun?) was "Alamo", while the seventh and most distant hole was "Orque" their home. This episode has been taken by some to indicate that they came from Uranus.

Their craft had a distinct rim around it, some three feet wide, and it seems likely that it is the "Saturn" or "double washbowl" type seen over

Trindade Island in January, 1958 and photographed from a Brazilian naval vessel.

Sources (see Index at end of article): 1; 2; 3; 4; 5.

#### 2. Lago Argentino, Southern Argentina.

At 6.30 p.m. on March 18, 1950, an Argentine rancher, Wilfredo H. Arévalo, saw a disc land, while a second craft hovered above. He got to a distance of 150 metres from the landed disc, which was giving off a greenish-blue vapour and "an intense smell of burning benzine" and appeared to be of a phosphorescent metal like aluminium. Above the disc, a large flat part was revolving, "like a gramophone record". In the centre the disc had a cabin of very transparent "glass" through which he could see "four tall, well-shaped men, dressed in something like cellophane", working at various instruments. He was particularly struck by the pallor of their faces.

On seeing him, the men shone a searchlight at him, a blue light lit up the craft, there was an increase of the vapour, and flames, alternately reddish and greenish, shot out from the base. The craft then rose with a faint hum and both machines vanished over the Chilean frontier, leaving bluish trails.

Searching the area next day, Arévalo and his cowhands found the grass burnt, and advised the Argentine Air Force and the Buenos Aires paper *La Razón*, which reported later the names of various other people who had seen similar craft in the same area at the same time.

Sources: 5; 6 (p. 75).

#### 3. Angatuba Range, State of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The Brazilian author of the book *Meu Contacto Com Os Discos Voadores*, Dino Kraspedon (pseudonym?), claimed that in November, 1952, he saw five UFOs over these mountains and that he subsequently entered a landed machine and contacted the visitors. This machine was allegedly a bell-shaped craft 90 metres wide. One of the occupants, a man over 6 ft. in height, told him that they lived on Io and Ganymede (two of the moons of Jupiter), where there were not only tall races, but also races of medium-size like earth people, and small races, but also races with white, red and black pigmentation, just as on earth.

(No confirmation of the Kraspedon story is known, and most people hold it to be entirely fictitious. It is included here for the record and in view of the recurrent reports of "Ganymedians".)

Source: 7.

#### 4. Ciudad Valleys, Mexico.

At 6 p.m. one evening in mid-August of 1953 (between August 17 and 20), the 40-year-old Mexico taxicab driver Salvador Villanueva was underneath his broken-down vehicle on the main highway when he became aware of two pairs of legs in something like "seamless grey corduroy" and, scrambling out, found two pleasant looking men about 4½ ft. high clad in one-piece garments from neck to toe, with wide shiny perforated belts, metal collars round their necks, and small black shiny boxes on their backs. Under their

arms they carried "helmets like those worn by pilots or by American football players". Their small height was not too strange in Mexico, where many Indians are quite short, and he concluded that they were airmen, no doubt from some neighbouring Latin American republic.

One man spoke good Spanish, but in a peculiar manner, "stringing the words together" in a strange accent, while the other evidently understood it but did not speak it. Both smiled sympathetically, they discussed his car and trivial matters, and when it began to rain they accepted his invitation to shelter with him in the vehicle.

During the night various casual remarks began to make Villanueva nervous, and finally came the statement: "We are not of this planet. We come from one far distant, but we know much about your world."

At dawn he went with them to their craft in a clearing half a kilometre from the road and noticed that, as they crossed swampy terrain in which he sank deeply, the legs and feet of the little men remained clean. "When their feet touched the muddy pools, their belts glowed, and the mud sprang away as if repelled by some invisible force."

The saucer, about 40 feet wide, resembled two shining soup plates, one reversed on top of the other. There were portholes in the shallow dome, the craft stood on three great metal spheres, and a faint hum was coming from it. A portion of the lower hull opened, forming a staircase with the supporting cables as handrails. The two little men went aboard, inviting Villanueva to follow, but he turned and ran to a distance, and then watched the craft rise slowly, in a kind of pendulum movement, "or like a falling leaf in reverse", until at a few hundred feet, when it began to glow intensely, and then shot up vertically at staggering speed, with a faint swishing sound, and was at once out of sight.

Source: 8.

#### **5. Near Santa Maria, State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.**

It has only recently been revealed that, so long ago as March, 1954, a Brazilian named Rubem Hellwig, of German origin, twice encountered a small craft, not of this world, and spoke with its occupants. A full account will appear in a future issue of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

The machine, shaped like a melon or rugby football, was of about the size of a Volkswagen car, was standing not far from the road on which Hellwig was driving, at 5 p.m. He stopped and walked over. The crew were two men of slim build, about 1 metre 60 cms in height, their faces brownish and they were not wearing helmets. One was inside the machine and the other was collecting specimens of grass. They spoke to Hellwig in a strange language and yet somehow he says he understood what they asked, which was where they could get some ammonia. He directed them to a nearby town. With blue and yellow flames and great luminosity, the craft vanished silently and instantly.

Next day, early, he met what seemed to be the same machine again, but this time with a different crew, a tall, fair-complexioned man and two women with light brown skin, long silky black hair and large dark slant eyes. All three were clad alike in one-piece brown garments resembling suede, with zip-pers. This party said they were scientists, spoke enthusiastically of the natural riches of Brazil, and were astonished that, unlike the other folk whom they had seen, Hellwig did not flee from them in fear.

Hellwig stated, in his account to the newspaper, that these people could all easily pass here as Earth natives.

Source: 9.

#### **6. Pontal, Brazil.**

On November 4, 1954, José Alves of Pontal was fishing in the River Pardo near that place. It was a quiet night; the spot was deserted. Suddenly, he saw a strange craft approaching with a wobbling motion, and it landed so near to him that he could have touched it. It had the shape of "two wash-bowls placed together" and was between 10 and 15 ft. in diameter. Too terrified even to escape, he watched three little men in white clothing and close-fitting skull-caps emerge. Their skin appeared to be quite dark. They gathered samples of grass, herbs and leaves of trees. One filled a shiny metal tube with water from the river. They then re-entered and the machine rose swiftly, silently and vertically and vanished. José Alves, known to his neighbours as a hardworking, quiet fellow, had never heard of flying saucers. He thought that he had seen some kind of devils.

Source: 10 (p. 44).

#### **7. Porto Alegre, State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.**

On November 10, 1954, a Porto Alegre agronomist, out for a car ride with his family, saw a landed disc, from which emerged two apparently normal-sized men with long hair and overall-like clothing. They approached the car with their arms above their heads but the agronomist, urged on by his wife and daughter, accelerated and left the strange men behind. They saw them re-enter the disc, which rose into the sky at a dizzying speed.

(Compare with Case No. 10.)

Source: 10 (p. 42).

#### **8. Curitiba, State of Paraná, Brazil.**

A Brazilian railway employee reported that, at 3.30 a.m. on November 14, 1954, he saw three beings in tight-fitting, luminous clothing examining the ballast on the permanent way and the ground around the tracks, by the light of a lantern. When the strange creatures saw him, they entered an oval-shaped craft which rose rapidly into the sky. (Jacques Vallée, mentioning this case, says that they were midgets, but Coral Lorenzen's account does not give their size.)

Sources: 10 (p. 42); 63.

#### **9. Caracas, Venezuela.**

At 2.00 a.m. on November 28, 1954, Gustavo



Gonzales and José Ponce were driving a van in the suburbs of the Venezuelan capital when they found the road ahead blocked by a luminous sphere some eight to ten feet wide and hovering about six feet from the ground. Investigating, Gonzales had a fight with a bristly, hairy, dwarf-like creature which, though seemingly very light in weight, was so strong that it knocked Gonzales a distance of fifteen feet with a mere push. With glowing eyes it leapt at him. He drew his knife and he stabbed at it, but the knife glanced off its body as though from steel. Another creature then emerged from the sphere and blinded Gonzales with a beam of dazzling light from a small tube.

Meanwhile, José Ponce had seen two more of the creatures emerging from the bushes with their arms full of what seemed to be earth or rocks. With great ease they leapt up into the hovering sphere. All the creatures wore loin-cloths.

Ponce fled to the nearest police station, and Gonzales arrived there shortly afterwards, overcome with exhaustion and fright. The police thought at first that both were drunk, but soon found that such was not the case. Gonzales had a long deep red scratch on his side, and the two men were given sedatives and placed under medical observation for several days.

One of the doctors treating them later admitted to them that he knew their story was true, as he had been driving back from a night-call at the time and had actually seen the fracas. According to the APRO representative in Caracas, this doctor subsequently went to Washington to discuss the case with American authorities.

Source: 10 (p. 53).

#### **10. Linha Bela Vista, State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.**

On the evening of December 9, 1954, the farmer Olmira da Costa e Rosa was cultivating his crops of french beans and maize at this place, 2½ miles from Venancio Aires, when he heard something "like a sewing machine", and animals in a nearby field panicked. He then saw an object, shaped like a topee or explorer's hat, cream coloured, and enveloped in a smoky haze. It was hovering just off the ground, and three strange-looking men were there, one inside the craft, one examining a barbed-wire fence, and one close to the farmer. In astonishment the farmer dropped his hoe, and the man smiled, approached, picked up the hoe, examined it carefully and handed it back to him. He then bent down, plucked a few plants, and walked back towards the machine, with the others. The craft rose slowly to about thirty feet, then accelerated, and flashed away towards the west at high speed.

The farmer, almost completely illiterate, had never heard of "flying saucers". He was able to study these men at close range and in great detail. They were of medium height, broad-shouldered, with long blond hair blowing in the wind. With their extremely pale skin and slanted eyes, they were not normal looking by Earth standards. Their clothing

consisted of light brown coverall garments fastened to their shoes, which were heel-less. He concluded that they must be aviators from some foreign country.

(Note the extreme similarity between these men and Adamski's "Venusian". Honesty requires that this case, and the other Latin American cases of "long-haired" men, be very carefully investigated. It does not seem that this has been done. Compare particularly with Cases 7 and 19.)

Sources: 3 ; 10 (pp. 46-47).

#### **11. Floresta, near Caracas, Venezuela.**

At 6.30 p.m. on December 10, 1954, a Caracas doctor and his father were driving from the La Carlota Airfield to Miranda Avenue. They halted in order to watch two little men who were running into a thicket, and shortly afterwards they saw a luminous disc rise from behind the thicket and dart off into the sky at great speed, making a sharp sizzling sound.

Source: 10 (p. 43).

#### **12. Trans-Andean Highway, in Venezuela.**

On the night of December 10, 1954 (i.e. on the same night as Case No. 11, and in an area not too far distant from it), two youths, Lorenzo Flores and Jesús Gómez, were hunting near the Trans-Andean Highway between Chico and Cerro de las Tres Torres, when they saw a luminous machine, about nine or ten feet wide, hovering about two feet from the ground. It was shaped "like one huge washbowl placed upside down on top of another" and flames were shooting from its base.

Four little men about three feet high emerged and tried to drag both youths into the craft. Flores struck with his unloaded shotgun at one of them as they were dragging Gómez away. It "felt like striking rock", and the gun broke into two pieces.

It was too dark for them to see the creatures well, but they were immensely strong and had abundant hair all over their bodies.

Gómez fainted with fright, and had amnesia afterwards. Both youths managed to reach a police post, where they were found to be covered with deep scratches and bruises, with their clothing in shreds. Visiting the spot, the police found signs of the struggle. Doctors who examined the youths found them hysterical with fright.

(Compare Cases 9, 11, 14, 15, 18.)

Source: 10 (p. 51).

#### **13. Linha Bela Vista, State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.**

At 5 p.m. on December 11, 1954 (just two days after Case No. 10 and at a spot less than one mile from it) the farmer Pedro Morais heard a commotion among his fowls and, looking around for a hawk, beheld an object "that had a bottom like an enormous polished brass kettle". It was hovering, with an oscillating motion, and making a noise like a sewing machine. Its upper part "looked like the hood of a jeep".

In a nearby cultivated field he next noticed two small human-shaped figures. He could see no faces, for they seemed to be enveloped in a kind of yellow

sack from head to toe. Indignant at this trespass on his crops, he headed for them. One of them began to run towards him, while the other raised his arm in what seemed to be a warning gesture to keep away. One of them then knelt down and plucked a tobacco plant from the ground, and both entered the craft, which vanished from sight in a few seconds.

This farmer, totally illiterate, had never heard of flying saucers or science fiction, and thought the creatures were ghosts. When told that the Brazilian Government was anxious to get one of these little men dead or alive he vowed he would shoot one if he got the chance.

(Note: Compare carefully with the Socorro case and the Gary Wilcox case.)

Sources: 10 (p. 47); 11 (p. 22); 12 (p. 6).

#### 14. San Carlos, Venezuela.

"On December 16, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in a press-conference, said in essence that flying saucers are not from Outer Space and exist only in the imagination of the viewers. On that same night a young man named Jesús Paz, in San Carlos, Venezuela, was set upon by small hairy man-like creatures and spent the rest of the night in a hospital having treatment for shock. What had happened to him was not imagined; he had the physical marks to prove it, and he has not forgotten the experience".—Coral Lorenzen.

Jesús Paz and two friends were travelling by car near the Exposition Park of the Venezuelan Ministry of Agriculture, when Paz asked the driver to stop so that he could go into some nearby bushes to relieve nature. Suddenly, his friends heard a piercing scream from him, and rushed up to find him unconscious on the ground and to see a small hairy man running away towards a flat, shiny object hovering a few feet from the ground. The machine vanished with a deafening whistle.

The hospital authorities found that Paz had long, deep scratches on his right side and down the spine, as though he had been clawed by a wild beast.

(Note: Compare with Cases 9, 11, 15, 18).

Source 10 (p. 50).

#### 15. Between Valencia and Caracas, Venezuela.

Early on the morning of December 19, 1954 (three days after case 14), an eighteen-year-old jockey named José Parra was doing a training run along the highway when he saw six little men pulling boulders from the side of the road, and loading them into a disc-shaped craft hovering less than three metres from the ground. He started to retreat, but found himself glued to the spot by a violet-coloured beam from a small device which one of the entities pointed at him, and stood there, helpless, while the creatures leapt aboard the disc, which vanished rapidly in the sky.

Several other people saw the disc or a similar craft between midnight and 3.15 a.m., hovering a few feet off the ground near the Barbula Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Valencia.

Detectives examined the spot indicated by Parra, and found a number of footprints which they were

unable to identify as either animal or human.

(Compare Cases 9, 11, 14, 18.)

Source: 10 (p. 52).

#### 16. Atacama Desert, N.W. Argentina.

Dwellers in these sparsely inhabited Andean areas reported in 1956 the presence of strange giant beings on the snowy slopes of Mt. Macon (over 20,000 ft.), where huge tracks had been found in the snow. A year or so previously, a huge cigar-shaped craft had been seen flying over the region and was reported to have either landed up in the Cordillera or to have crashed against a peak.

Moreover, quantities of dead condors and eagles had been found, and many of their nests ravaged and destroyed, in the same area where the gigantic footprints had appeared.

Source: 13.

#### 17. Near Pajas Blancas Airport, Córdoba, Argentina.

In April, 1957 (precise date not yet established) a motorcyclist was riding along a road about 15 km. from this international airport, when his machine suddenly failed. Dismounting to investigate, he perceived a huge disc some 60 feet wide and 15 feet thick, hovering about fifty feet above the ground just ahead of him. Terrified, he hid in the ditch.

Silently, except for a sound like the faint hiss of air escaping from a valve, the disc came down to a height of about 7 feet, and a sort of lift then descended from its base, coming down almost to the ground. In it was a man about 5 feet 8 inches in height, who came over and gently coaxed the motorcyclist out of the ditch and then stroked his forehead to calm him. The stranger's garb was like a diver's suit, fitting the body closely, and seemingly of some sort of plastic.

Entering the disc via the lift shaft with his companion, the motorcyclist found there were five or six similarly dressed men seated before instrument panels. An extraordinary light filled the cabin, and there were a series of large square port-holes which strangely enough he had been unable to see from outside.

The motorcyclist was then escorted back to his own machine. His companion placed a hand on his shoulder as a farewell gesture and re-entered the lift-shaft, which rapidly rose into the disc. The disc, of an iridescent bluish-green metal, climbed swiftly to what he thought might be 2,500 feet and vanished rapidly towards the north-west. During the next hour or so the same machine, or another UFO, was seen at six or seven places along the same course.

Unfortunately, the press-report is unable to supply the name of the motorcyclist, and does not describe the features of the entities, or say whether they wore helmets, but it seems likely that they did.

Sources: 14; 15.

#### 18. Uriman, Venezuela.

On June 5, 1957, at this place, two "bellicose dwarfs" were seen.

(Compare Cases: 9, 11, 12, 14, 15.)

Source: 63.



### 19. Sao Sebastiao, southern coast of Brazil.

At 7.10 p.m. one day in July, 1957 (precise date not established), Professor Joao de Freitas Guimaraes, a lawyer and Professor of Roman Law in the Catholic Faculty of Law at Santos, was sitting near the shore when he saw a luminous, hat-shaped craft approach from the sea and come down on the edge of the water near him. The "pot-bellied" craft opened and a metallic stairway was thrown out, as well as a landing line with spheres attached to it.

Two tall men, over 5 feet 10 inches in height, with long fair hair to their shoulders, descended the stairway. Their complexions were fair, they had eyebrows, and their appearance was youthful and they had wise and understanding eyes. They wore greenish one-piece suits fitting closely at neck, wrists and ankles.

The Professor leapt to his feet and asked in Portuguese, Italian, Spanish, French and English whence they had come, but there was no response. He then perceived that they were giving him a telepathic invitation to board their craft and did so, noticing that they jumped up the stairway lightly, holding only by one hand, whereas he had to use both hands.

The illuminated compartment contained a circular seat, on which he sat with the crew (three or four in all). The machine rose and took him for a flight. On his return, he found that his watch no longer worked, but estimated he had spent thirty or forty minutes with them. The professor told the newspapers that he thought these were advanced beings who were desirous of warning the savage inhabitants of Earth of the dangers threatening our species.

(Compare Cases 7, 10, 54. Also Adamski.)  
Sources: 64; 65; 66.

### 20. Quilino, Province of Córdoba, Argentina.

On August 20, 1957, a member of the Argentine Air Force was in a tent and heard a strange loud high-pitched hum. Dashing out, he saw a disc which slowly descended, making the grass and plants flutter wildly. In panic he tried to draw his revolver, but owing to some influence—as he felt—from the disc, he was unable to draw the weapon, which "seemed to be glued in its holster".

Then a voice from the disc, in Spanish, told him not to be afraid, for the Interplanetary Space-Craft already had a base in the nearby Salta Region, and would soon come forth and show themselves widely to Earthmen and warn the Earth peoples of the great dangers of the misuse of atomic energy.

(Note: It is now widely believed in Argentina that the UFOs have bases in the Salta region.)

Sources: 16; 17.

### 21. Quebracôco, Brazil.

On the night of October 10, 1957, Spanish naval officer Miguel Español and a companion, travelling by truck to Ceres, encountered a tremendous UFO. At first high in the sky, bathing the whole region in light, the craft descended and stalled the truck. They thought the craft at least 500 feet wide and 130 feet deep, and oval or saucer-shaped, with a long

"aerial" projecting from its dome and topped by a red light.

The hovering monster now switched off all its dazzling lights, and the two men saw seven completely human-looking small beings, the size of children, with long hair and clad in luminous suits, appear in an open hatch of the craft and gaze down silently for about three minutes at them.

The great machine then flew off, releasing a small disc as it did so. The small disc disappeared northwards, while the big one went south.

(Compare for long hair, Cases 7, 10, 19.)

Sources: 18; 19; 20; 21; 22. The last two sources (Dr. Buhler) say that the huge machine hovered but did not land, whereas the first three say that it landed. Dr. Buhler's version is probably correct.

### 22. Near Sao Francisco de Sales, State of Minas Gerais, Brazil.

This is the famous "A.V.B." or "Adhemar" case. During the night of October 15/16, 1957, a 23-year-old farmer named Antônio Villas Boas saw a "bird-like" craft about 35 feet long and 23 feet wide land near him as he was ploughing with a tractor. The machine, which bore blinding lights, stalled his tractor, and came to rest on tripod legs about 10 feet high.

From the craft emerged four people in rough grey one-piece garments and tall helmets, who kidnapped him and took him aboard the machine, where he had sexual relations with a young woman, apparently one of their number.

The girl, extremely fair-skinned and freckled, had high cheek-bones, a very pointed chin, and vivid blue "Chinese-type" slant eyes, and was about 4 feet 8 inches high without helmet. The rest of the crew (not seen without helmets and space suits) were possibly about 5 feet 4 inches, or perhaps (if they had instruments inside their helmets) considerably less.

This case has been covered in very great detail in the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, and is mentioned here in outline only.

Sources: 22; 23; 24; 25; 26; 27; 28; 29.

### 23. Maracajá, State of Santa Catarina, S. Brazil.

At 10.30 a.m. on November 18, 1957, the peasant farmers Joao Ernani and Pedro Zilli heard a strange hum and then saw, from a distance of 200 metres, two circular aluminium-coloured discs and six medium-sized men of slim build and wearing "dark-grey suits glued to their bodies" returning to them. The discs, hovering at a metre or so above the ground, seemed to be about 10 feet wide. They rose with a sharp whistling sound, and bent some coconut palm trees almost double. At the same time, three more discs, unseen until then, rose from behind the trees. All five craft headed out over the South Atlantic.

Sources: 30; 31; 32; 19; 20; 21; 22.

### 24. Minduri, Brazil.

Just after dawn, one day in August, 1958 (precise date not established), two "giants", estimated to be six(!) metres in height and clad in brilliant red garb, were seen near Minduri by three witnesses. The

entities were walking up the side of a hill and only a rear view of them was secured.

(Compare, for red clothing, No. 31.)

Sources: 34; 22 (gives sketch of entities).

#### **25. Paracurú, State of Ceará, N.E. Brazil.**

At 7 p.m. on May 13, 1960, more than a hundred people watched a smooth, dark-grey circular craft manoeuvring and hovering overhead. It had a powerful light on its apex, and seemed to be about 60 feet wide.

At 4 a.m. next day, May 14, a farmer, Raimundo dos Santos, saw two landed discs on the beach near Paracurú, and several small pale-looking human-like entities standing beside them, apparently conversing. On seeing the farmer, the small entities beckoned to him, but he turned and fled. Returning later with other men, he found marks in the sand left by the discs.

Sources: 10; 35.

#### **26. Province of La Pampa, Argentina.**

On May 24, 1962, an Argentine television station reported that a woman had been taken to hospital suffering from shock, after seeing a landed flying saucer and two "robot-like" creatures near it. The woman's husband, like her a farm-worker, was also a witness. Argentine Air Force officials found a circle of scorched grass some 18 feet in diameter.

Sources: 36; 37; 38 (p. 25).

#### **27. Crespo, Province of Entre Rios, Argentina.**

On July 18, 1962, Doctor Gazúa, a well-known physician of the city of Paraná and regarded as a highly reliable personage, electrified the whole of Argentina, when he revealed that, near Crespo, he had seen a landed saucer beside a road and, near the saucer, two gigantic beings.

Source: 39.

#### **28. Paraná, State of Entre Rios, Argentina.**

On July 27 or 28, 1962, Ricardo Mieres, a seventeen-year-old student at the Colegio Nacional de Paraná, was riding his motorbicycle near Bajada Grande, five km. outside Paraná, when he encountered a very tall creature with a melon-shaped head, very long and almost white hair, and "three eyes which stared fixedly, without blinking". In his terror he tried to flee, but his engine had mysteriously gone dead. The creature came up and violently snatched his muffler from his neck. It then "did an about-turn, like a robot", and walked off, leaving footprints in the sandy soil.

The motorbicycle now functioned again, and the student rushed into town and gathered a party of other motorcyclists to hunt the "robot", but they found only the footprints, and the muffler lying on the road. There were several witnesses who saw something luminous fly over at great speed at the time.

(Note that this case occurred in the same area as No. 27, and only nine or ten days later.)

Source: 67.

#### **29. The Diamantina abduction.**

At Duas Pontes, near Diamantina, State of Minas Gerais, Brazil, soon after dawn on August 20, 1962, a poor diamond-pro prospector, Rivalino Mafra da

Silva, was mysteriously abducted or disintegrated by what appear to have been UFO agencies.

From later investigations, it was learnt that some days previously he had come upon some "small men" who seemed to be burying something. Some investigators have therefore assumed that he was done away with or removed because he had seen what it was not permitted to see.

On the evening of August 19, two glowing red spheres, the size of footballs, were seen, by a neighbour, flying over the man's hut, and during that night strange non-human forms about 1½ feet high entered the hut, peered at the family as they lay in bed, and voices were heard outside saying that they were going to kill Rivalino.

Soon after dawn, his twelve-year-old son opened the door, where he found two strange balls on the ground. One was black; the other black and white; and each had a tail and a sort of spike.

The father came out to look at the balls, which then joined up and leapt upon him, enveloping him in a cloud of yellow smoke, and he vanished. The last reports seen on this case said that it was still totally unexplained and that the Brazilian army had taken the boy into permanent custody, no doubt so that he should be prevented from saying any more to anyone about it.

Sources: 40; 41; 42; 43 (pp. 10-12).

#### **30. Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais, Brazil.**

At 7.15 p.m. on August 28, 1963, three boys who were in their garden in the residential suburb of Família Sagrada, Belo Horizonte, saw a large transparent luminous sphere float down, with four entities seated in it. One of these beings emerged and descended to the garden on two beams of brilliant light. He was a tall, slim man, about two metres in height, wearing a slightly inflated "diver's suit" of some material that resembled brown leather, gauntlets, and high black boots. Upon his extremely round and totally bald head the man wore a large round transparent helmet surmounted by a circular object. He appeared to have no ears or nose, his mouth appeared to open in a strange manner, *his complexion was a vivid red, and he had only one large brown eye, devoid of any eyebrow.*

The man seemed about to touch one of the boys and the eldest boy (aged 12) tried shortly afterwards to throw a brick at the entity when it had its back towards him, but it veered round, shot an orange beam at him from a square lamp on its chest and "paralysed" the boy's arm, so that he dropped the brick.

The luminous sphere described by the boys as the size of a large room, bore three tall antennae on the top. There were two other men inside it, identical with the one described, and a woman, who had fair hair drawn back in a sort of "pony-tail" style. The boys only had a full view of the faces of the man who emerged and the one who operated the controls, and both, they say, had only one eye, and the other two appeared no different. All had the vivid red skin.



This case only became widely known in the summer of 1965. Since then, Professor Hulvio Brant Aleixo and other investigators have interviewed the boys and the father of two of them, Senhor Alcides Gualberto, have proved the case most deeply, and find no reason to believe that the boys are not telling the truth.

The case will be described in detail in a future number of the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. (Compare with Case 39.)

Sources: 44; 45.

### **31. Resistencia, Province of El Chaco, Argentina.**

At 6.30 one evening in 1963 (date not established) the three-man crew of a freight train running from Presidencia La Plaza to Resistencia saw a tall being, "over two metres in height" and dressed in a one-piece red garment, walking along the railway line towards them. The being was human, had a pale face, long fair hair and was carrying something in both hands "as though making an offering". It looked like the body of a small child.

Suddenly, when the locomotive was not more than five metres from the entity, he "shot upwards as though in a whirlwind" and vanished.

Meanwhile, in Resistencia, at the same time of day, Justo Masin and his son were sitting in their garden at supper when "a strange being descended towards them". His description of this being, as given to the press, tallied in all respects with the account given by the train crew.

Source: 46.

### **32. State of Paraná, South Brazil.**

In 1963 Paraná State was ravaged by very severe forest fires. At dawn one day, as a crowd of people stood watching the fires from a distance of 150 metres or so, they saw a huge machine "shaped like a basin, of a bright zinc colour", descend silently into the flames and smoke, where it hung motionless at a height of about four metres from the ground "as though held up by an invisible force".

It was about 35 metres in diameter and about eight metres in height. It hung there for about a quarter of an hour, seemingly protected by a field of repulsion, and to the astonishment of the watchers, "two or three tall, good-looking people" got out of it and began walking about picking up burnt material, stones, etc., in this protected zone around it.

Sources: 47; 48.

### **33. Monte Maíz, Province of Córdoba, Argentina.**

At 3.30 a.m. on October 12, 1963, in a violent rain-storm, truck-driver Eugenio Douglas was driving along the road from Monte Maíz to Isla Verde when he was blinded by a bright light ahead of him and his truck ran into a ditch. Climbing out, he found the road barred by a huge oval metallic object which seemed at least 30 feet high and may have been wider than the road. From a door in the side of it emerged three huge "robots" in human form. He told the police later that he thought they might have

been as much as four or five metres in height, or even more. He was unable to describe their clothing, except that it seemed "stuck to their bodies" and that they wore helmets bearing short antennae "like the horns of a snail".

He fired several shots at them with his revolver and fled. They re-entered their craft, which "buzzed him" several times as he fled down the road and directed on to him the same burning pricking heat-rays which he had felt all over his body as his truck was approaching the UFO.

Despite the heavy rainfall, investigators found next day some footprints approximately 45-50 cms. long near his truck, the wiring of which was burnt out.

This case has been described at length in the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

Sources: 49; 50; 51; 52; 53.

### **34. Trancas, Province of Tucumán, Argentina.**

At 9.30 p.m. on October 21, 1963, there occurred the famous "siege" of the lonely farmhouse near Trancas by a squadron of six discs which landed on or near the railway line close by the house. Subsequently some of the craft took up a defensive posture and focused powerful beams of light upon the house. The case has been covered in very great detail in the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, and is mentioned here only because entities were seen moving about around the landed discs on the railway line, though none of the witnesses were near enough to describe their size or appearance.

Sources: 54; 55; 56; 68; 51; 69; 52; 24 (p. 7); 46 (pp. 23-25).

### **35. Sauce Viejo, Province of Santa Fé, Argentina.**

One night in December, 1963 (precise date not established), Cesar Tulio Gallardo, a railway worker, was sitting in his quarters in a stationary coach on a siding at Sauce Viejo, reading his paper and listening to the radio, when suddenly the radio failed and his carbide lamp went out. He went outside to see what was causing this, but seeing strange lights, came in again and shut the door. But at that moment "a being totally surrounded by lights" came in at the door at the other end of the coach. The dazzle from this entity was so terrible that the man shielded his eyes with his newspaper, whereupon the entity snatched the paper from him and tore it up.

Gallardo was able to note that the visitor's legs were clad in some sort of dark, shiny cloth. The visitor next seized an oil-can and emptied its contents into a sort of bottle which he produced from his clothing, after which he vanished through the same door where he had entered.

Shortly after Gallardo had told the police, passengers on an incoming train reported that they had just seen "a luminous man" walking along the railway track.

Sources: 57; 46 (pp. 25-26).

**36. Colonia Castelli, near Resistencia, Territory of El Chaco, Argentina.**

Early in May, 1964, as Alberto Kalbermatter was driving home with a truckload of timber, through a heavily forested area, the road was suddenly blocked by a huge dark human-like form, about three metres high, and with abundant black hair. He almost ran the creature down, and it emitted a guttural cry of tremendous volume.

Terrified, Kalbermatter stepped on the accelerator and fled.

When telling the press of his experience, he added that he thought it must have been "a being from another world" and that at the same spot, a few nights previously he had seen a large luminous object which seemed to be lodged among the branches of some trees.

Sources: 59; 60.

**37. Pajas Blancas, Province of Córdoba, Argentina.**

At 4.00 a.m. on June 5, 1964, a Buenos Aires doctor and his wife (names not disclosed) were driving in their car at a place about 30 km. from the Pajas Blancas international airport (and in the same area where Case 17 occurred in 1957). Like the truck-driver Eugenio Douglas, of Case 33, their engine failed, and they found themselves confronted by a huge and extraordinary machine blocking the road. Its very powerful light went out, leaving only a violet-coloured light coming from the object, and they sat there in great perplexity for about twenty minutes.

Suddenly a figure approached their car and asked in Spanish: "What's the matter, my friend?" The doctor replied that his engine had failed. The man suggested that he try again to start it. He did so, and it came on, and the headlights too, so that they could now see the machine ahead of them. The stranger then said: "Don't be afraid. I am a terrestrial(!) I am carrying out a mission on Earth. My name is R— D—. Tell Mankind about it, in your own fashion!" The man then walked away slowly and joined two beings dressed all in grey who had now appeared. All three entered the machine, which rose rapidly and vanished, leaving a violet-coloured trail.

Sources: 61; 62 (pp. 25-26).

**38. Arica, Chile.**

On June 15, 1964, a Chilean miner, Rafael Aguirre Donoso, was driving at a spot some 20 km. inland from Arica, when he saw a strange machine land. It was about 10 feet long and 3½ feet wide, and from it emerged two fair-complexioned men who, in a mixture of Spanish and English, asked him for some water. He gave them some. They then re-entered their machine which rose rapidly and vanished.

Sources: 70; 24 (p. 29).

**39. Cofico, near Salta, Argentina.**

Señor Chafredo Dagota of Pueyrredón, near Salta, saw a flying saucer touch down briefly at 9.00 p.m. on September 5, 1964. It "seemed to stand on a

kind of pillar" and gave out a blinding light. Near it he caught a blurred glimpse of two figures moving about.

(Note: There have been several South American reports of UFOs "standing on pillars". Some of the pillars may be lift shafts—see for example Case 17—while others may possibly be much more slender affairs, as in the famous French Case at Valensole in July, 1965.)

Sources: 71; 72 (p. 26).

**40. San Miguel, Andes, Argentina.**

In January, 1965, it was reported that an object had fallen from the sky at San Rafael, four kilometres from San Miguel, and a photograph of it appeared later in *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* for May/June, 1965. The object, whatever it was, was subsequently removed by the Argentine Air Force. Most folk thought it was a satellite of some kind, but a few inhabitants of the area were convinced that it was a UFO and several said they had seen small individuals, near the object, who wore "strange divers' suits" which gave off a greenish phosphorescence. The case is therefore listed here for the record.

**41. Torrent, near Santo Tomé, Province of Corrientes, N.E. Argentina.**

In the early part of 1965 several reports appeared in the Buenos Aires press of attempts by "Martians" to abduct people in the north-eastern part of the country. The following is the only case in which details are available.

One night in the first week of February, a man living at Torrent, near Santo Tomé, called his neighbours to come outside and observe five luminous objects flying overhead. Then a transparent craft landed, and from it emerged five "Martians", nearly 2 metres high, each having only one eye in the centre of the forehead. On their heads were instruments giving off flashes of different colours. They entered a farmhouse and tried to seize a man, but withdrew in the face of the firm attitude of the villagers, and flew away.

On February 6, however, they returned and were seen by many people. Once again they tried to catch a man and failed. He escaped and gave the alarm. The villagers turned out in strength and fired their shotguns at the "Martians", seemingly with no effect.

This is the gist of a report from a Señor Rodrigo de Riana, who predicted that this would not be the end of the affair and that "they" would return.

(Note: Compare with Case 30 of a "one-eyed" man and transparent craft, and Case 33 of instruments on helmets.)

Source: 75.

**42. Chalac, near Formosa, Argentina-Paraguay Frontier.**

On February 21, 1965, several saucers were seen in flight, and one landed. Some fifty Indians of the Toba tribe stood amazed as three tall beings enveloped in luminous haloes descended from the craft and approached slowly. The Indians knelt and worshipped them with arms uplifted in the tradi-



tional Sun-worshipping ceremony of their ancestors, and heard a voice, coming from the visitors or the craft, saying that they should not fear, for the Space People would soon return to convince Earthmen of their existence, and to bring peace to the world. One Indian, attempting to approach the machine, was dissuaded from it with gestures. The visitors then slowly returned to the machine, bathed all the while in luminous beams emanating from its small wings. As the machine took off, its luminosity became blinding.

Argentine police officials were also witnesses, and took a number of photographs of the machine.

Source: 76; 17 (p. 13).

(Note: It has been suggested—I believe in the U.S.A.—that this story is bogus. However, Señor Oscar A. Galíndez, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW'S special correspondent in Argentina, has made careful enquiries and states that it is genuine and the photos were probably taken of *three landed craft and five crew members near them*. In July, 1965, Señor Galíndez knew the name of the senior Air Force official who had custody of the photos, and he has informed me of this name. In the meantime, of course, the usual Curtain of Silence has descended, and the usual smoke-screens are encountered.

It has also been said that the Chalcas entities were small. Oscar Galíndez assures me that all the Argentine press accounts said they were large. G.C.)

**43. Quilmes, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina.**

At Quilmes, lying a little south-east of Buenos Aires, at 8.00 a.m. on July 20, 1965, Señor Ramón Eduardo Pereyra, resident of San Francisco Solano, was driving in his van past the spot called Monte de los Curas when he saw an object "like a parachute" drop silently from the sky into some trees on a hillside. Investigating, he found, in a clearing, a chromium-coloured, egg-shaped craft standing on metal legs. Its top part was transparent, and the lower part extremely smooth, with no joins or sutures. Beside the machine stood a blond young man who seemed to be studying a piece of paper. He was wearing a "plastic diver's suit", small boots, and had a sort of briefcase attached to his right leg. The witness got right up to the craft without being observed and peered through a port-hole. Inside, he saw a second man, seated at an instrument panel. At this point the man outside noticed him and came up with an angry expression. "What's up, Guv?" asked Pereyra, but without answering him the other stepped straight into the craft which at once rose to a height of about 30 metres and then moved away in level flight.

Source: 77.

**44. Near Monte Grande (Argentina) and near Macías, Province of Entre Rios (Argentina).**

A thirty-seven-year-old Argentine shopkeeper named Felipe Martínez caused a good deal of hilarity in the national press when he announced that, on several occasions between 1949 and 1951, and on no less than three occasions in 1965, he had seen UFOs and had dealings with their occupants.

While hunting near the Monte Grande in April, 1965, he said, he saw a large egg-shaped craft, hovering a few metres from the ground at a distance of 300 metres from him. It had some kind of "rapid revolving ring" around it, and seemed to be quite silent.

Rushing enthusiastically towards it and shouting "Amigo!", he was suddenly struck by a paralysis which stopped him on the spot. A door opened in the craft, and a small man descended a ladder about 30 cms. wide. The little man, who was not much above 1 metre in height, wore a helmet and there were two cables linking the helmet to the saucer. The rest of his clothing consisted of a "diver's costume". They conversed, the little entity speaking slowly and with difficulty. He said that he and his people were friendly and that they "came from near the Moon". He called his machine a "sil", and said he would meet Martínez again on May 3, 1965. He also said that "they" required some help from us. Martínez replied that he was not in a position to give them much assistance, but that he would report the meeting to the Mitre Radio Station in Buenos Aires. "Yes, we know," said the little man, extending a clammy hand and promising to see him again on May 3.

The second encounter allegedly took place on that date, but no details about it seem to have been published.

The third meeting was at 11 p.m. on July 21, 1965, at Macías, near Guardamonte (Province of Entre Rios), when he allegedly saw the same little man. When Martínez explained the very great difficulty that he had experienced in trying to find anybody to believe his story about meeting the little "Martian", the latter replied that they would soon be showing themselves to people everywhere on Earth. And, he added, Martínez must keep a further rendezvous with them, namely on December 3, 1965, when they would return, take away Martínez and his family, and then burn up the whole Earth as punishment for the failure to accept their existence. (South America was swept by a fantastic wave of reports—many of them in the newspapers—that "THEY" were going to invade the Earth in force on December 3, 1965, and it seems possible that the Martínez story may have been the origin of it all. G.C.)

In a later interview with a Buenos Aires paper (October 8), Martínez gave some additional details about the alleged entities. For example, he said that he had once been inside a saucer in which four of the crew were less than one metre in height while the fifth member was a blond man almost two metres in height, on whose arms there were metallic plates with numerous small lights which looked as though they might be part of an electronic communications system. He added that, on that occasion, the crew of the "sil" had put a space-suit on him, but this caused him to feel such a disturbance in his circulatory system and an acceleration of his heart that they took it off him.

(Note: This case presents many features reported

elsewhere; in particular the meetings on the same day of the month, and the instruments on the arms. As regards the "mixed crew", one of the French landing reports of 1954 mentions a man "of normal size" in association with small entities, and Cases 3 and 54 in the present summary also mention beings of different sizes in association. G.C.)

Sources: 78; 79; 80.

#### **45. Carazinho, State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.**

On the evening of July 26, 1965, a 15-year-old boy named Adilon Batista Azevedo was lagging behind a party of youths who were going to a cinema. Passing across a piece of open ground on the outskirts of the town, he heard a strange hum and saw two cones of white light in the sky, and then saw two "roundish" craft (one larger than the other) land not far from him. Hiding behind the low circular wall of a well, he saw three entities emerge from one machine and two from the other. The two parties combined, and he could hear their speech, which sounded like nothing he had ever heard in his life.

The beings were about 1 metre 50 cms. in height, in helmets and one-piece space-suits of a dark colour and small boots. One of them had in his right hand a brilliantly luminous object like a wand.

They conversed in their sibilant language for about five minutes. Then each party walked round its machine three times, bending down and examining the hull. The boy estimated the diameter of the larger machine at 5 or 6 metres, and Dr. Buhler's SBEDV Bulletin shows the boy's sketches of craft and entities. (The latter resemble strikingly the sketches made by the Brazilian farmer Antônio Villas Boas of the people whom he met. See case 22.)

The inspection completed, they re-entered the machines, which took off with such fantastic speed that in a second or two they were just two more tiny spots of light among the stars.

Adilon ran on to join his friends at the cinema, but soon felt such a violent headache that, after half an hour or so, he had to seek a chemist who gave him some tablets. But to no avail, for the headache lasted five days. Greatly alarmed, the boy's father took him to a doctor, who prescribed medicines and rest for the headache and for a "disturbed heart".

Sources: 81; 82. (The second source has discrepancies in respect of the boy's name, the height of the entities—"almost two metres"—but I have preferred Dr. Buhler's account in SBEDV Bulletin 45/47 as more likely to be correct.)

#### **46. Lima, Peru.**

A boy living in the Peruvian capital claimed that, at about 7 p.m. on August 1, 1965, just as it was getting dark, he saw a UFO land on the roof of a building, and saw a creature emerge from it. He described the entity as "greenish" . . . "with hair all covered with green lights, and looking like a toad".

Two days later, however, another paper explained that the boy had now confessed . . . he had been reading too much Science Fiction.

(On the whole, one would be inclined to accept this explanation. But when we come to examine Case 47, together with another event which took place in Argentina a month later, one is not quite so sure. I give the "other event" below. It would not, of course, have been included in the present survey, since no *entity* was seen.)

Sources: 83; 84.

#### **47. Lima, Peru.**

According to a Reuter report from Lima on August 7, 1965, the authorities in that capital had recently arrested a band of dangerous cat-burglars, led by an individual with the nickname of "Pygmy". They had been masquerading as "Martians" and, taking advantage of the current fantastic wave of flying saucer reports in Lima, they had fitted themselves out with "space-suits", and had perpetrated a series of bold armed robberies and attacks against householders.

Source: 85.

(This report, which came right at the peak of the "Flying Saucer panic and psychosis" in Lima, should be read in conjunction with Case 46 and accompanying Note.

Incidentally, a great many of the more than 800 UFO reports received by FLYING SAUCER REVIEW from the Latin press in 1965 were, like this one, put out by the British news agency, Reuter. When I wrote to their London office recently and enquired why it was that none of these remarkable Reuter messages from Latin America got into our British press, they replied that it was now impossible to investigate such a question, as it was all so long ago. . .)

#### **San Justo, Province of Santa Fé, Argentina.**

According to *La Crónica Matutina* (Buenos Aires) of September 4, 1965, a certain Señor José Fernández, residing at 4,777, calle de Buenos Aires in this small town of N.E. Argentina, was awakened by a strange humming noise at 1.20 a.m. on September 3. The noise was coming from the flat roof of his own house.

Urged by his wife to investigate, he went up to look, and to his great astonishment beheld an oval object, apparently two metres in circumference, which was just rising into the air from his roof. It had a vivid luminosity, varying in colour between white and red, and was producing the hum. It went straight up like a helicopter, at great speed, and when he examined the spot where it had stood, he found strange marks and traces of combustion.

#### **48. Venezuela.**

A report dated August 6, 1965, from Caracas, capital of Venezuela, stated that a farmer in that country had seen a "mysterious object" land on his property and leave behind "a scorched area forty yards wide in his corn". "Three strange beings from Outer Space" emerged from the machine, but, when the farmer began walking towards them, they "were whipped back into it", and it took off at once.

Source: 86.

(This story, which in some astonishing way got into the final edition of the London *Evening News*, is one of the tiny handful of UFO reports from



Latin America that appeared in the British press during the *annus mirabilis* of 1965.

These entities were *whipped back*. Can this have any possible connection with the "cables" described in Case 44?)

#### 49. **Cruzeiros, State of Sao Paulo, Brazil.**

According to a Franco-Press report dated August 14, 1965, from Rio de Janeiro, a railway worker named Joao do Rio of the village of Cruzeiros was quietly fishing in the River Paraiba when a flying saucer landed nearby, and from it there emerged a strange little man, some 70 cms. in height, with large luminous eyes, who addressed the fisherman in perfect Portuguese, said that he was from a flying saucer from another world, and authorised Joao do Rio to relate the occurrence to his fellow-countrymen.

Before re-entering the saucer, the little man gave him a strange piece of metal, of a kind that does not exist on Earth, which piece of metal was now undergoing examination at the laboratories of the Brazilian National Railways Coachbuilding Works, with a view to the determination of its composition.

Meanwhile, neighbours of Joao do Rio were quoted as saying that he had always been regarded as a very serious and entirely reliable individual.

Sources: 87; 88; 89.

(Note: This is another one that got into the British press—the *Yorkshire Post* of August 13, perhaps because it sounded so comical that nobody would take it seriously. The name Joao do Rio—"John o' the River"—certainly sounds concocted. But the essential basis of the story may well be authentic.)

#### 50. **Salto, N.W. Uruguay.**

At 11 p.m. on or about August 15, 1965, five persons travelling in a car saw a blinding light, heard a terrifying hum, and saw a UFO land right in front of them on the road. It stalled the engine of their car. The vivid white light of the UFO changed to red, then green, and then yellow, from time to time, after which it dimmed enough for them to see that what lay before them was a leaden-coloured object about three metres high and occupying the whole width of the road. It was only about three or four metres from their car. Three of the people in the party fainted, while the other two sat there petrified with fear.

Inside the UFO was a green light, and it enabled them to see that inside the craft there were three beings who looked human and were moving about and moving their arms.

Suddenly, numerous bursts of reddish-yellow flame shot from the sides of the machine, it rose to about one metre above the road, and the terrible hum began again. Then the machine shot straight upwards and vanished.

Source: 90.

#### 51. **Lima, Peru.**

On the evening of August 17, 1965, a Peruvian woman named Hilda Santa Cruz, an employee of the

police authorities, was visited by "an extraterrestrial being, presumably a Martian". He knocked upon the door of her house with the evident purpose of paying her a visit. When she gave the alarm, neighbours appeared, but he had vanished, and all that was seen was a luminous sphere which passed overhead immediately afterwards at a fantastic speed towards the west.

Source 91.

#### 52. **Mexico City, Mexico.**

At 8.30 a.m. on August 19, 1965, two Mexican students (brothers) named Yago and Payo Rodriguez allegedly saw a large luminous disc, surmounted by a cupola, land in an open field near the Mexican National Polytechnic Institute. They said that the landing-gear of the craft consisted of a great tripod, and that the machine had a sort of "radiator" beneath it which, as it touched down, burnt the grass all around.

From the disc emerged two small beings about 80 cms. in height and wearing "gas-masks", who left on the ground, in front of the astonished and frightened students, a piece of strange metal. The "dwarfs" then re-entered their machine, which at once flew away.

The students picked up the piece of metal, which bore a peculiar inscription, and handed it over to the Laboratory of the National Polytechnic Institute, where it was undergoing examination.

Scientists from the Institute interrogated the two students and made a careful investigation of the alleged landing-site, where, in addition to the burnt grass and the marks of the tripod, they found drops of some strange sort of fluid, presumably fuel.

A journalist and a photographer, both of the staff of the newspaper *El Gráfico*, testified that on the morning of August 24, they went to the spot indicated by the students and there saw the scorched grass and the marks left by the tripod. Large numbers of curiosity-seekers also visited the site and inspected the evidence.

Sources: 92; 93; 94.

#### 53. **Mar del Plata, Argentina.**

Eduardo Luján Yacobi, aged 25, and his wife, Teresa Ernestina Acuña de Yacobi, were returning at 11.00 p.m. on August 20, 1965, to their home at 206 calle San Luis in this city on the Atlantic coast (which has had a remarkable number of UFO sightings) when, at the spot where the calle 9 de julio crosses 216th street, right inside the city, they heard a loud humming and saw a luminous oval revolving object, emitting flashes, pass overhead at a height of no more than 40 metres or so, brushing the tops of the trees. The machine landed at a distance of some 200 metres from them, and they saw figures moving around it as though attending to some defect. These were shining violet-coloured or reddish-coloured figures.

Yacobi wanted to go nearer, but his frightened wife dissuaded him. They remained and watched until the figures re-entered the machine, which took

off and was out of sight in a few seconds.

There were other witnesses, so it was later established, who saw either the reddish object fly over or heard the hum.

Source: 95.

#### **54. Mexico City, Mexico.**

One of the most extraordinary stories yet told came on August 23, 1965, from Mexico City, where it was claimed that a party of three students of the La Salle University and another party of boys from a local secondary school had—quite separately and quite unknown to each other—had identical meetings with strange visitors.

The substance of their accounts to the press is as follows. They had encountered, somewhere not far from the city, a huge landed disc 50 metres wide, of a shining metal resembling stainless steel, and emitting a most intense white light.

The crew of this craft were beings entirely like Earth men, but 2 metres 10 cms. in height, with fair hair and blue eyes, and clad in seamless one-piece garments having a metallic appearance and of some unknown fibre.

Both parties of students claimed that they had been invited into this craft and taken out on a three-hour journey to a huge Space Station as large as the grounds of the University.

During the flights, both parties noticed that the most profound silence prevailed in the disc, and they were told that their hosts communicated with each other entirely by telepathy and that the many instruments to be seen in the craft were not manually operated at all, but operated by thought-power.

Arriving at the gigantic Space-station, they found it occupied by many other extraterrestrial beings who differed greatly among themselves as to size and appearance and were from various sources in our solar system. They also met there a whole Brazilian family who, it seems, had got lost in the jungles of their own country and had been picked up by the visitors. Everywhere aboard the Space-station the same silence prevailed.

The visitors claimed to be from Ganymede (as large as Mercury, it is the third moon of Jupiter). They said that they were a thousand years ahead of us and that, in addition to Spanish, they knew a great many of our Earth languages. One of the accounts says that they said they knew over 700.

They said that they would make a mass-landing on the Earth in October, 1965, for the purpose of effecting a "peaceful conquest", and of teaching Earth man how to use the power of thought properly and constructively, and not destructively, as we do at present.

(Note: Compare with Case 3. Kraspedon's book will of course be known in Mexico, and this case may be fraudulent and based on it. However, everything pertinent must be placed on record, and it is important to note that there has been a great deal of material in Latin America pertaining to highly advanced beings said to inhabit Ganymede. These stories and rumours about Ganymede go back at least to 1950, and may all have had their origins

in certain alleged psychic contacts made with Space entities through mediums in Buenos Aires. There may be nothing in it all; all these tales may spring from this original psychic report, but it is essential that every claim be placed on record.)

Sources: 96; 97; 98; 99; 100.

#### **55. Cuzco, Peru.**

Shortly before noon on August 20, 1965, numerous people, including an engineer, Señor Alberto Ugarte, and his wife, and a Señor Elwin Voter, saw a tiny disc land on a terrace of the ancient Inca stone fortress of Sacsahuaman, just outside Cuzco. The disc was about 1½ metres wide, of a vivid silvery colour, and from it there emerged two small beings of strange shape and dazzling brightness.

Discovering that there were so many people about, the little creatures at once went back into the disc, which took off rapidly and vanished westwards.

Sources: 101; 102; 103.

#### **56. Near Arequipa, Peru.**

According to the Lima newspaper *La Prensa* of August 31, 1965, two people had recently been driving along the Pan-American Highway when, at a place some 20 km. from Arequipa, they saw "a strange being, a Martian", who "resembled a shrub, was only 80 cms. high, and had only one eye."

The creature was of a blackish colour. In addition to its single golden coloured eye in the head, it also had "other smaller eyes located up and down the body."

A few seconds later, they saw a flying saucer pass overhead.

Source: 104.

#### **57. Huánuco, Peru.**

At 5 a.m. on September 1, 1965, a foreigner who was unwilling to give his name for publication, saw a UFO of oval shape land, at very close range, on an air-strip belonging to a big estate. An entity emerged, some 85 cms. high, and with a head twice the size of ours. Seeing the man, the creature began to gesticulate and make signs as though trying to communicate. Failing to make himself understood, the being re-entered the machine, which became luminous and then vanished straight up into the sky.

The interesting point is that, beforehand, the man had experienced a strange sensation which seemed to impel him to go to the spot where the craft landed. Source: 105; 106 (Mr. Donald Hanlon's correspondent in Peru, who sent him an account of this case, knows the witness).

#### **58. Puno, S.E. Peru.**

Late at night on September 8, 1965, in the patio of a house on the calle Acora in this town near Lake Titicaca, a seven-year-old boy saw seven beings 80 cms. high each with only one eye. He ran to get help and when his family arrived all they saw was an immensely bright light rising rapidly into the sky. At almost the same time, a well-known sports writer, Jorge Chaves, was driving with his family in the adjacent suburbs of Juli and Pomata, when they saw a strange object settle gently on the road ahead. Chaves tried to approach it, but it rose and vanished at great speed.



During much of August and September there were scores of UFO sightings in Peru. This particular report was confirmed to be correct by the editor of *El Comercio* (Lima), Peru's most serious paper. Source: 106.

**59. Sao Joao, State of Pernambuco, N.E. Brazil.**

At 8.30 a.m. on September 10, 1965, Antônio Pau Ferro, a 45-year-old peasant farmer of Negro race, was working in his field of maize, when he heard "a strange rushing and whistling noise" and, turning round, he saw two luminous discs about 1½ metres wide and 60 cms. thick (one newspaper says 3 metres wide and one metre deep) landing slowly a little further down the hill from him. When they were about 30 cms. from the ground they stopped and shot up again to about 5 metres, leaving below them two small beings of 70 or 80 cms. who had apparently emerged from them.

The little creatures were man-like, well-built and proportioned, with beardless faces and amazingly smooth reddish-brown complexions, "just like wax", and normal eyes. They wore tight-fitting one-piece garments, but he was too disconcerted to take in more details.

In terror he stood clutching his mattock in one hand and hanging on to a tree with the other. The creatures approached but apparently perceived his fear, and turned away. He heard them talking in an unintelligible language. Just as he was thinking to himself: "can these be the flying saucer people of whom we have been hearing?", they both suddenly turned round, smiled, and began edging back towards him, examining a tomato plant on the way and picking one of its fruits. But they soon turned away again, the hovering discs descended over them, and apparently took them aboard, for when the discs shot vertically into the air with a high-pitched whistle, the little men were gone.

The terrified witness told a neighbouring farmer, Oligario Guilherme da Rocha, what he had seen. During his investigations on the spot in August, 1966, Dr. W. Buhler saw Senhor da Rocha, who said that when the Negro was telling him about the little men, he was trembling so much that he could not remain on his feet and had to sit down, and his face, instead of being the dark colour normal to his race, was positively yellow.

Dr. Buhler discovered that although nobody else had seen the discs or entities, two people in the village had heard the strange loud hum.

Sources: 107; 108; 109; 116.

**60. Huancavelica, Andean Region, Peru.**

Another Reuter report, dated September 13, 1965, from Lima to the Argentine and Brazilian press (it did not reach the British papers!) stated that, on September 12, two small "Martians" were seen near Huancavelica, south-east of Lima, and that shortly afterwards a squadron of one large leading disc and four smaller discs flew around over the district for three or four minutes and were seen by hundreds of Peruvian peasants and also by many officials.

Meanwhile, a week previously, at 5 a.m. on Sun-

day, September 12, Lt. Sebastián Mancha, the military officer administering the small nearby Andean town of Santa Bárbara, had watched, for the space of two minutes, two "Martians", 80 cms. in height, walking about on the snow near Lake Ceulacocha. When they got into their saucer and flew away, there was a noise like thunder, and marks were left in the snow by the machine. During the same night many residents of Huancavelica watched two UFOs flying about above the town for two hours.

Sources: 110; 111; 112; 106.

**61. Pichaca, District of Puno, South-East Peru.**

At 4.30 p.m. on September 20, 1965, in the small town of Pichaca, a shepherdess saw six entities between 80 and 90 cms. in height emerge from a landed UFO. They were talking in an incomprehensible language which sounded to her "like the cackling of geese". She fled and hid. The creatures left some marks on the ground, consisting of a liquid resembling oil. The clothing of the entities was white and emitted intermittent flashes of light.

Source: 106.

**62. Arequipa, Southern Peru.**

On September 29, 1965, two men named Julio López de Romaña and Antonio Chaves Bedoya were travelling by car when they narrowly missed running down a strange being that was on the road. It was about 80 cms. in height and had only one eye. It had silver and golden stripes around its body. Shortly afterwards, a UFO appeared and flew along above the car for some time. A few minutes later, at a place 20 km. from there, a UFO was seen by various people, flying very low.

(This report was checked by the chief editor of the Lima newspaper *La Prensa*, a very serious paper, and the Arequipa police have a file on the case.) Source: 106.

**63. Santiago del Estero, N.W. Argentina.**

According to a report dated October 4, 1965, from Santiago del Estero, a schoolboy, Luís Ramírez, and the schoolgirls María Adela Cabaña and Rosa Carbajal, pupils of the Argentine National School No. 982 at Puesto Beltrán, in the Loreto district, were going to get some water from a reservoir not far from their school when they encountered a gigantic being which rolled on the ground and then vanished mysteriously in a cloud of dust.

Source: 113.

**64. Salta, Northern Argentina.**

On or about October 4, 1965, a schoolboy, Santos Vallejos, and two schoolgirls, Antonia Aparti and Adela Sánchez, were on their way to school (the Libertador General San Martín School) when, at a place where the road runs through wooded hills, they noticed "several creatures of short stature, greenish skin, and only remotely resembling human beings".

The creatures tried to catch the children, who fled in terror to the school, where they told their story to the headmaster. The latter commented that a similar case took place two years ago.

Source: 113.

**65. Alto dos Cruzeiros, Municipality of Canhotinho, State of Pernambuco, N.E. Brazil.**

This case caused a sensation in the Brazilian press and set the whole State of Pernambuco in an uproar.

On October 26, 1965, a saucer was seen flying over the area, and at about noon a 56-year-old mechanic named José Camilho Filho, a man of some education and of excellent repute, ran into two entities who may have belonged to its crew.

Passing along a road through a belt of scrubland containing many banana trees, he suddenly rounded a bend and beheld two young people sitting on the stump of a fallen banana tree. This in itself at once struck him as odd, for even small children know better than to sit on such things, as they leave ineradicable stains on clothing. But when the two people jumped to their feet, he saw that they were only 80 or 90 cms. in height and certainly not normal folk.

Their complexions were brown, and their faces "shrivelled" and furrowed like those of old people. (Note this complete contrast with Case 59.) Their hair was white, their heads rather large in proportion to their bodies and very round, and their eyes were "slit" like those of Orientals but, he thought, proportionately larger than in human beings. One of the little men had a sparse beard and wore a dark peaked cap. The other was bare-headed. Both appeared to have white hands (possibly white gloves?).

One was carrying under his arm a rod-shaped object about 50 cms. long and about as thick as an electric torch. When he saw the Brazilian and jumped up, he "looked so astonished that it seemed his eyes would leap from their sockets", and he made a gesture with the other hand towards this apparatus under his arm as though thinking of using it against him. The other little man, who seemed much less alarmed, wore a blue shirt-like garment, olive-green trousers, and "shoes which looked like tennis shoes". The material of his clothing looked "tropical" and "shiny". But the most remarkable feature was his "luminous belt" (described in some accounts as a "luminous shield"). This covered the upper part of his chest, from shoulder to shoulder, and from it there flashed out vivid lights, bluish-red, yellow, and green, "like the flashes from an electric welding kit, so bright that you could not look at it".

Between the entities stood a cylinder about 1 metre 20 cms. high and 15 cms. in diameter. The man with the flashing lights, who was the nearer, now jumped to his feet also and grabbed this cylinder by a handle in the middle of it, and began running off, staggering as he did so, and he collided with his companion so that both nearly fell to the ground. The Brazilian meanwhile had also taken to his heels, but looked back in time to see them vanish among the trees.

Two local people said later that at just about the time in question they saw a light or a luminous body flying overhead. Dr. Walter Buhler visited Canho-

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# The Landing at Socorro

New Light on a Classic Case

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The well-known sighting of a landing and take-off of a UFO on April 24, 1964, by Officer Zamora of the Socorro, New Mexico, Police Department, has been discussed previously, but there remains some information that has not yet been published. In this paper are presented a transcript of Zamora's initial report, written as he talked to several investigators. The initial portion of the report, written by the principal investigator, is somewhat edited, because one of the persons present happened to be a member of a government agency and did not wish any implication that this agency was officially investigating the incident—he was there purely by accident, acting as a private citizen. The agency is therefore not identified.

Also presented here are some interesting deductions from the information gathered by the officers who turned up on the scene immediately after departure of the object.

## UFO Report, 24 April 1964

"I, Richard T. Holder, Captain, USA, 095042, Up-Range Commander, was notified by 1/Lt. Hicks, Executive Officer, Co C, USAG, that he had just been notified by Mr. B. of a reported UFO in the area. Lt. Hicks said that Mr. B. would like for me to contact him at the State Police Office, Socorro, if possible. I tried to call, unsuccessfully, then started dressing. While dressing, approximately three minutes later, Mr. B. called me, informed me of the UFO report. I stated that I would be at the office (State Police) in about five minutes. When I arrived Mr. B. introduced himself; we each examined the other's credentials and found them satisfactory. Officer Lonnie Zamora, Socorro Police Department, was present, and was introduced by Mr. B. as the witness (only witness initially) to the UFO. We both then interviewed Officer Zamora, and this is substantially represented in entirety by the enclosed statements. We then departed for the scene of the reported landing of the UFO. En route (Mr. B. and I went by the same vehicle) we stopped by the residence of Sgt. Castle, NCOIC SRC M.P., who then accompanied us to the site and assisted in taking the enclosed measurements and observations. Present when we arrived were Officer Zamora, Officers Melvin Ratzlaff, Bill Pyland, all of the Socorro Police Department, who assisted in making the measurements. When we had completed examination of the area, Mr. B., Officer Zamora and I returned to the State Police Office in Socorro, then completed these reports. Upon arrival at the office location in the Socorro County Building, we were

informed by Nep Lopez, Sheriff's Office radio operator, that approximately three reports had been called in by telephone of a blue flame of light in the area. Initial sighting was made by Officer Zamora at approximately 1750—I was notified by Lt. Hicks at approximately 1910. These reports were not entered on the dispatcher's log so no time on these reports is available—the dispatcher indicated that the times were roughly similar. Reports were completed at approximately 0100, April 25. I requested that I be notified in the event of a similar occurrence or report.

(Signed) Richard T. Holder  
Captain Ord/C

"NOTE: By request of ——— please do not refer to ——— as participating in any fashion—use of local law enforcement authorities is acceptable."

## Zamora's interview

"Socorro, New Mexico; April 24, 1964. Lonnie Zamora, 606 Reservoir Street, Socorro, New Mexico, 835-1134, Officer at Socorro Police Department above five years, office phone 835-6941, now on 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. shift.

"About 5:45 p.m., April 24, 1964, while in Socorro 2 Police Car ('64 Pontiac, white) started to chase a car due south from west side of Court House. Car was apparently speeding and was about three blocks in front. At point on Old Rodeo Street (extension of Park Street, south) near George Morillo residence (about one-half mile south of Spring Street) the chased car was going straight ahead toward rodeo grounds. Car chased was a new black Chevrolet (it might have been [boy's name] who is about 17). Chased car still about three blocks ahead. Lonnie Zamora alone.

"At this time, I heard a roar and saw a flame in the sky to the southwest some distance away—possibly one-half mile or a mile. Came to mind that a dynamite shack in that area had blown up, decided to leave chased car go.

"Flame was bluish and sort of orange too. Could not tell size of flame. Sort of motionless flame, slowly descending. Was still driving car and could not pay too much attention to the flame. It was a narrow type of flame. It was like a 'stream down'—a funnel type—narrower at top than at bottom. Flame possibly three degrees or so in width—not wide.

"Flame about twice as wide at bottom as top, and about four times as high as top was wide. Did not notice any object at top, did not note if top of flame was level. Sun was to west and did not help