

EARLY BRAZILIAN REPORTS

WE have on file the complete set of Bulletins of the SBEDV (Brazilian Society for the Study of UFOs) covering the period since Dr. Buhler began to issue them in November 1957. Many remarkable SBEDV cases have already appeared in FSR in translation, but many more still remain, untranslated and unknown to the outside world. It is our intention to skim through these early bulletins — as well as other bulletins in other languages — as and when opportunity offers. Here are three reports from SBEDV Bulletin No. 1 (November/December 1957.)

1. UFO Visits Statue of Christ the Redeemer

On the summit of Corcovado, the highest peak overlooking Rio de Janeiro and the Bay, there towers a 100-ft. statue of Christ, with arms outstretched in blessing and protection over the city. From far out at sea, the statue appears as a great white cross.

At about 8.30 p.m. one evening in November 1957, a number of eyewitnesses watched a UFO as it paid a visit of inspection to the Statue. Professor Sérgio Raul de Barros Bragina and his wife, and a student named Inocêncio Lopes, reported that they watched the UFO move towards the Statue, and then halt when it had reached the approximate height of the right arm. Then the UFO split into two parts. One part moved downwards to the foot of the Corcovado, and it did this three times. The sighting had lasted fifteen minutes, after which the UFO moved off over the centre of the city, where it was seen by many and was filmed by Hilton Ronha and one of his colleagues of the local TV Station (T.V.Tupí.)

2. A Fantastic Happening and an official Cover-Up

Ceres is a small town near Goiânia, Capital of the State of Goiaz in the centre of Brazil.

SBEDV reported that, in a letter received from Dr. Gabriel Barbosa of the Secretariat of Justice of the State Legislature of Goiaz, they had learnt that a man named Miguel Espanhol and his driver were travelling by truck near Quebracôco in the Ceres area, when their engine died, halted by a huge disc, *140 metres wide*, which landed close by. From it emerged seven men who stood and watched the truck for a while before returning into the disc, which then departed. The two witnesses were left in a state of profound shock. The Goias State Police issued an official denial of the affair, and SBEDV received information that instructions for this denial came from a very high level. And

SBEDV's report on it from Dr. Barbosa of the State Secretariat of Justice was written later than the date of the official cover-up. (FSR Vol. 4, No. 3, contained a report on the case from another Brazilian investigator, whose slightly fuller version said that the entities were *all small and long-haired*. This is the version given as *Case. 21 of The Humanoids in Latin America* — a Section of *The Humanoids*. What is new in this second report, now translated for the first time, is the evidence for the official cover-up. G.C.)

3. Another Cover-Up and a Ridiculous "Explanation"

One night in 1956 a luminous body was observed from the Brazilian Air Force Base at Recife in North-Eastern Brazil hanging stationary for twenty minutes above the Barracks of the 14th. Infantry Regiment in that city. Many officers and men of the Army observed it.

After a lengthy secret enquiry, the authorities announced in December 1957 that it had simply been an air-liner which was attempting to land at Recife International Airport.

(This sort of "air-liner" has been seen over London's Airport too. G.C.)

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Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

That BBC Television Programme — The Case of the UFOs

Dear Sir, — Despite the recent intensification in the attempts by 'select' scientific experts to 'debunk' the UFOs in such mass media programmes as the recent showing by NOVA, here in the USA, of the BBC Horizon production *The Case of the UFOs*, my interest in your publication has not diminished one bit. *If anything, that slick TV production, which amounted to a brilliant obfuscation of the truth, has only increased my interest.*

A careful analysis of the techniques employed by the producers of the TV programme leads me to conclude that the very same techniques could be used to prove the non-existence of both James Oberg and Philip Klass! I am left with the question: "*Why did they go to such lengths?*"*

I am thankful that we live in 'free' societies. Let us hope that freedom of speech remains stronger than the will of the rich and powerful to manipulate the beliefs and opinions of the masses through control of information. Their intentions may very well be good, but their methods are abominable.

Thank you for the continuing excellence of your publication.

Sincerely,
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**Why they did it is patent to all. On a very famous occasion in the British House of Commons about fifty years ago, a brilliant member named F. E. Smith (later Lord Birkenhead), striving to preserve the proper degree of parliamentary decorum while plainly branding his opponent as a liar, compromised neatly by dubbing him a "terminological inexactitudinarian." (Some claim, though probably wrongly, that the wit was the first Winston Churchill.)*

At any rate, our own views about "terminological inexactitudinarians" and the Boys of the Mendacious Brigade were conveyed in Dr. Hynek's excellent Guest-Editorial in our last issue.

As to whether we truly enjoy the benefits of 'living in free societies', maybe there are by now enough little straws in the wind to indicate that reader Denaro is a trifle optimistic? (It is not that we do not still enjoy a vast degree of freedom of speech, plus the basic liberties, and thanks be to God for that. But there is a lot of 'listening' going on. Mail is being examined, and a great deal of it never arrives. And telephones are being tapped.) — EDITOR

UFOs in the sea

Dear Sir, — I enjoy your magazine, and think it is the best one concerning the UFO Phenomenon. In particular, I have enjoyed your articles on the "Connection" theories — i.e. *Spruce Budworms*, etc. There are too many people in this country who are anxious to explain the UFO events away as natural phenomena. I also believe that the U.S. Government is keeping facts on this subject away from the public.

Only 20 miles from my home on Shaw Island, Wash., lies Victoria, B.C. The article by Dr. P. M. H. Edwards (FSR 27/4) concerning MIBs therefore relates to very close to home, even though not in the same country.

I believe that there are many, many people who have seen something unusual in the sky and are afraid to tell anyone about it. There is, for example, a radio-talk programme in the U.S. called the Larry King Show, broadcast from Washington, D.C. About two weeks ago, Mr King had as his guest a Mr. Bud Hopkins, who wrote the book *Missing Time*. It was a very good programme, having a call-in show for the U.S. public to respond to. One of those who phoned in and told his story was a man who had been a sailor in the

U.S. Navy in World War II. He said that, while on duty in the Pacific, he had seen a UFO that came up out of the sea and flew away at fantastic speed. This event was witnessed by 900 sailors. The officers on the ship told the crew not to relate the story to anyone, and it was not until he took part in this radio-talk programme that this man decided to tell about it. I suggest that there must be many others who were sailors on that ship and who would know of this incident but are afraid to tell anyone of it.

Yours sincerely,

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July 26, 1982

The Falcon Lake Incident

Dear Sir, — Many thanks for publishing my rather unconventional study on the Falcon Lake case (Volume 28, No. 1.) I had feared that you might not dare to publish such 'heretical' ideas, but fortunately you are as open-minded as ever.

Thus I was also very pleased to read the article by Derek J. Rolls, in FSR Vol. 28, No. 2 (p. 15). With regard to the 'call for papers' expressed in his closing paragraph, may I suggest that you might care to reprint my first piece on "UFOs and Fourth Dimension", which was issued by the late Waveney Girvan, then Editor, in FSR Vol. 9, No. 2 (March/April 1963)?

Such a reprint could conveniently be placed in one of the FSR issues to be published around March or April of 1983, and would thus mark a twenty-year anniversary, so to say. We were quite progressive twenty years ago, weren't we!

My article of yesteryear could also serve as an encouragement for others, and there are certainly many readers