

MORE EARLY BRAZILIAN REPORTS

From Dr. W. Buhler's *SBEDV Bulletin* No. 5 (September 1958). (Translation from Portuguese.)

1. Huge UFO seen between Santos & São Paulo

According to a detailed report in the São Paulo paper *O Jornal* of August 12, 1958, a man named Arlindo Alves was driving in his car along the Via Anchieta Highway, from São Paulo to Santos, one of the closing days of June 1958. He had with him his wife and small daughter. The child suddenly cried out and drew their attention to a huge shining thing "like a big steel house there beside the road!" He pulled up and they all got out to take a look, and found that it was an enormous UFO, floating just a few feet above the ground.

He hailed various other passing motorists, and soon there was a tremendous traffic hold-up on this great

Brazilian highway. Large numbers of people observed the UFO, but it was impossible to approach it closely owing to the great heat emitted by it. It was no more than 2 ft. or so from the ground, and remained there for several hours.

The Traffic Police on duty on the Highway called the Highway Engineers Department in São Paulo who at once dispatched a team of engineers and technicians to the spot, which was only just outside the City (at kilometre 8 on the Highway).

One of the engineers calculated the width of the hovering UFO at 143 metres. Another engineer took an impressive photograph of the craft. This photograph, needless to say, remained in the possession of the authorities and was not published.

The great machine had windows, and beings were seen moving about behind the windows, but nobody was seen to emerge.

Suddenly, without warning, after having been there for several hours, the great craft began to rise rapidly and vanished behind the hills. Almost immediately after that a jet aircraft of the Brazilian Air Force appeared, flying at a low altitude of only 1,500 or 2,000 metres. Eyewitnesses concluded that the UFO had detected the approaching aircraft.

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2. Brazilian farmer's house visited by UFO crew

According to a report in the São Paulo paper *O Jornal* of August 10, 1958, a farmer living near Ubatuba had reported that his home had been visited many times by extremely friendly, young blond men of medium height, always cheerful, always smiling, and never showing signs of fatigue or vexation. He said they often played and joked with his children, and he assumed that the young men were members of the Brazilian Air Force!

3. Huge UFO seen over South Brazilian State of Paraná

According to a report in the newspaper *Diário de Pernambuco* for August 16, 1958, travellers driving

along the Curitiba-Paranagua Highway had seen a huge, egg-shaped craft stationary in the sky. Windows were visible, some of which seemed to be opening or closing from time to time. On the lower side of the craft there seemed to be enormous balls, while on the top of what seemed to be the front of the craft there was something shaped like a pointed hat.

What seemed to be something fiery was seen falling from near the huge globes. It came down very near to the ground and eyewitnesses said they thought that "photographs were being taken."

Finally the craft climbed away and vanished rapidly in space. G.C.

RUSSIA: NAUGHTY HENRY GRIS SAYS IT AGAIN! "SOVIET SPACE-CENTRE KNOCKED OUT BY UFOs"

WHEN I was a very small boy we had a neighbour, a lady who had apparently once been certified as insane but who, to all outward appearances, was now perfectly normal provided you kept off the subject of *plums*. For she adamantly maintained that those fine great fruit on the big tree in her garden were *gooseberries*. If, however, you called them plums she would whip herself up into quite a lather. So long as you laid off the plums, all was sweetness and light.

I often think a somewhat similar situation seems to prevail in the USA with CSICOP (*The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal*). To CSICOP, whose members include Mr. Philip Klass and Mr. James Oberg, any talk of UFOs works like the proverbial red rag on the proverbial bull. Evidently they possess an enormous vested interest in the non-prevalence of UFOs. London radio listeners who heard the LBC *Nightline* programme on July 13, 1982, in which Lord Clancarty and I discussed our subject with Mr. Oberg and with science-writer Ian Ridpath, will recall that Mr. Oberg seems to claim to have investigated and exploded all known and recorded cases of UFO landings or close encounters. (He is evidently an extremely busy man.) He is also the author of the book *UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries*. This work was recently reviewed by the admirably objective Janet and Colin Bord in their *Bookshelf 17* (See FSR 28/5) and they opined:—

"James Oberg calls himself a sympathetic sceptic but it's a moot point whether he really is sympathetic."

A moot point indeed.

In Parts II and III of the articles on *Dr. Feliks Zigel'*

and the Development of Ufology in Russia (FSR Vol. 27, Nos. 4 and 5) I reported remarkable accounts of a huge UFO, and of landings, brought back from Russia by the Latvian-born (and therefore fluent Russian-speaking) American journalist Henry Gris, who claims that he got the material direct from Soviet astronomer Feliks Zigel', geophysicist Alexei Zolotov, and astrophysicist Sergei Bozhich.

The predictable CSICOP response to these accounts of Soviet UFO sightings and landings (particularly of the '*Glavnyy Objekt*' that reportedly hung around over Moscow for five minutes during the night of June 14, 1980, and over the USSR itself for a total of 40 minutes) was painful in the extreme, and was discussed in our Editorial in FSR 28/2.

Meanwhile Mr. Henry Gris, who is in correspondence with me and does not appear much perturbed by all the excitement, *has done it again...* For in a syndicated new report published on March 13, 1983 (I also have the full text as given in the Hongkong English paper *South China Morning Post*: credit and thanks to reader D. Lester of Leeds) he now makes the outrageous claim, which will upset CSICOP even more gravely, that, in a fresh visit to Moscow early this year, he again saw geophysicist Dr. Alexei Zolotov and astrophysicist Dr. Vladimir Azhazha, who informed him that, *at 2.00 a.m. on June 1, 1982, two huge orange 'jellyfish-shaped' UFOs (remember the Petrozavodsk 'jellyfish?') raided the chief Soviet Space Centre at Baikonur in Central Asia. One UFO hovered for 14 seconds above Launching Pad No. 1 and enveloped it in what looked like 'a silver-coloured shower.' Next day, large numbers of bolts and rivets were found lying be-*