

Brazilian cases in 1968 and 1969—4

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OUR catalogue of Brazilian events now moves on into 1969, and the incidence of reports "peaks" in February, a month remarkable for the number of landings and occupant cases which were recorded.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1969

69. Beginning of January, 1969. Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais.

At just before 5.00 a.m., Sr. José Penido and his wife observed, for a space of 20 minutes, two luminous balls with slightly flattened poles. Their colour varied between an intense blue, through silver to orange. They were flying together, at high speed. They then separated, following "V"-shaped trajectories which also comprised lateral and vertical movements and brief stops.

O Jornal, Rio de Janeiro, January 4, 1969.

70. January 5, 1969. Pôrto Alegre, State of Rio Grande do Sul (R.G.S.).

At 9.00 p.m. soldiers of the Military Brigade observed, for 1½ hours, near the "Dique" (dyke) Vila Floresta, a "ball of fire" in the sky. It emitted an enormous "fiery tongue", but only when in movement. When it passed through a cloud, the ball of fire lost its intense brilliance and then looked merely like a light.

Zero Hora, Pôrto Alegre, January 7, 1969; *O Globo*, Rio de Janeiro, January 8, 1969.

71. January 7, 1969. Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais. At 11.00 p.m. a student of physics, Eustáquio Teodomiro, saw an object which emitted a beam of light every 37 seconds, and he was able to check it with his chronometer for 45 minutes. A lawyer named Joaquim de Freitas also saw the object, and watched it for half an hour from his home on the Avenida J. Pinheiro.

Jornal do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, January 9, 1969.

72. January 15, 1969. Rodovia Pres. Dutra (President Dutra Motorway).

There are rumours that two persons who were travelling in their car along the President Dutra Motorway were transported by a flying saucer from there to a town in the USA near to the Mexican frontier. The car bore marks made by the hooks of the transporting vehicle. Another Brazilian couple (named Azambuja) are also said to have been transported to Mexico in their car in similar circumstances.

Diário de Notícias, Rio de Janeiro, March 18, 1969.

73. January 25, 1969. Campinas, State of São Paulo.

At 5.30 p.m. Professor Olney Diniz successfully took three photographs (Rolleiflex) of an object of the size of an umbrella. This object, its under part dark and its upper portion shining like aluminium, was spinning on its axis and emitting a humming noise and a blast of air such as occur with a jet aircraft.

Diário do Povo, Campinas, January 26, 1969, and also a letter dated 27/1/69 from Senhor Cataldo Bove to SBEDV.

74. January 27, 1969. Lins, State of São Paulo.

Early in the morning, some musicians returning home from a party caught sight of an egg-shaped object standing on a piece of waste ground behind the stadium of the Lins Athletic Club. The object, of the size of a large car or truck, had around it a halo of coral-coloured light, which turned to pale blue and then to white. When the witnesses were perceived, the object took off and flew towards the town centre.

Diário de Notícias, Rio de Janeiro, January 29, 1969.

75. January 31, 1969. Lins, State of São Paulo.

More than 100 people saw an object flying over the countryside outside Lins.

Diário de Notícias, Rio de Janeiro, February 6, 1969.

76. February 6, 1969. Pirassununga, State of São Paulo.

At 7.00 a.m. residents of the suburb of Pinheiro observed an object which, at low altitude, was moving up and down in the air. Tiago Machado, going to investigate, encountered a saucer and two of its crew, one of whom directed an immobilising ray at him as they were taking off.

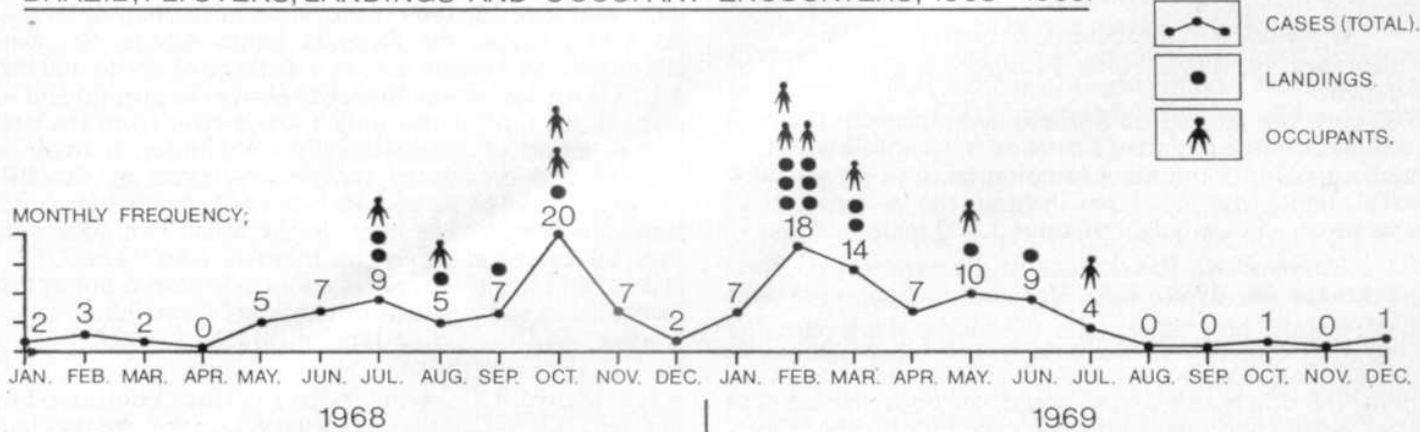
O Movimento, Pirassununga, February 9, 1969, and also SBEDV Bulletin No. 66/68, January/June 1969, p. 78, article entitled "Crew member accepts cigarettes."

[A detailed account of this case, entitled *The Pirassununga Landing*, by Nigel Rimes, FSR's representative in Brazil, appears in FSR Special Issue No. 3, UFO PERCIPIENTS, issued in September 1969.]

77. First week of February, 1969. Lins, State of São Paulo.

At the Santa Terezinha Fazenda (ranch), ten kilometres from Lins and owned by Senhor Lindomar Genesini, a red ball "shaped like an automatic wheel" was observed from a distance of about 200 metres as it manoeuvred and flew

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around. It would change colour, its red fading and then lighting up again, until finally it vanished behind a house. Sr. Lindomar forthwith set out towards the spot and, with a shock, came upon the object, "its light extinct, white and without orifices" at a distance of only 8 metres from him and one metre off the ground. He yelled with astonishment and then the object shot up vertically at a staggering speed and radiating a most powerful light.

O Jornal, Rio de Janeiro, February 7, 1969; *Diário de Notícias*, Rio de Janeiro, February 6, 1969.

78. February 7, 1969. Itaperuna, State of Rio de Janeiro. Sr. Nelos Leite and Sr. Manoel C. Leite observed, at 8.00 p.m., and at a distance of some 400 metres or so, a ball of light, flattened on its under part, hovering at about 3 metres above the ground. As they attempted to approach it, they were halted, at about 100 metres from the object, as though by an "invisible wall". They saw rows of little windows or hatches, where the light was slightly less intense. When the object shot up vertically like a flash of light, its brightness became dazzling, and the soil at the spot was scorched. The two witnesses were sweating copiously.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, February 21, 1969; *O Cruzeiro*, Rio de Janeiro, May 5, 22, 29, and June 5 and June 19, 1969.

79. February 9, 1969. Ubatuba, State of São Paulo. The writer Lígia Fagundes Teles, and other witnesses, observed for a period of ten minutes a stationary object which from time to time emitted a beam of light. It revolved on its axis at a staggering speed and then rose up rapidly.

A Notícia, Rio de Janeiro, February 10, 1969.

80. February 12, 1969. Pirassununga, State of São Paulo. Shortly after 5.40 a.m., the farm worker Luiz Flozino de Oliveira was on his way to work when he was approached and attacked by two strange beings, 1.5 metres in height, with darkish skins and with beards down to their waists. Flozino's dog rolled up in a ball on the ground without having been touched. (More about this case will be carried in a future number of the SBEDV Bulletin.) [And in one of our FSR publications—EDITOR.]

Última Hora, São Paulo, March 2, 1969.

81. February 14, 1969. Caconde, State of São Paulo. At 8.30 p.m. the agricultural engineer Percival Santos and his wife saw, near the Rosa Branca ranch, a round UFO with white and coloured lights and a row of windows giving out intensely bright light. The object was going up and down in the air, in rapid movement.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, February 21, 1969.

82. First part of February, 1969. Salvador, State of Bahia. At 7.00 a.m. a round object, silvery, very bright, and which seemed to have a propeller that was spinning rapidly, was observed for a considerable time from the rua Newton Prado. It vanished, and then another similar object—or perhaps the same object again—appeared, disappearing finally in the direction of the sea.

O Jornal, Rio de Janeiro, February 15, 1969.

83. February 19, 1969. Nova Friburgo, State of Rio de Janeiro.

At 9.02 p.m. two ladies (rua Soriano de Souza No. 162/404) saw an object of the apparent size of an automobile wheel, of metallic appearance, aluminium coloured, and giving off a powerful light, rise up from behind the mountains at impressive speed to a height of some 1,000 metres or so.

Última Hora, Rio de Janeiro, February 21, 1969.

84. February 20, 1969. Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais.

The boy Hélder Souza Lima, living at rua Jundiá No. 205, heard the dog barking as though frightened, and saw, touching the outer wall of the house, an object which was flattened on top and oval below. He called his brother Egler, and then the two boys watched the object for two minutes or so. The object's upper portion was intensely bright and

had balls of various colours attached to it.

Correio da Manhã, Rio de Janeiro, February 22, 1969.

85. On or about February 20, 1969. Pirassununga, State of São Paulo.

A fortnight after the encounter between Tiago Machado and crewmen from a saucer (on February 6, 1969), the manager of the "Bela Aliança" Fazenda (ranch), located at about 8 km. from the centre of Pirassununga, heard his pigs grunting in their sty during the night. Going out to the sty, he arrived in time to observe the landing of a saucer approximately 5 metres high and 4 metres wide, which was supported on a wide-footed tripod about 1½ metres high. He remained standing there, at a distance of about 20 metres from the machine, and saw three crew members who emerged through a door and stationed themselves on a cat-walk (balastrada). For a total period of from two to three minutes each crew member remained there on watch and operating a machine (different for each crew member).

O Globo, Rio de Janeiro, April 5, 1969.

86. First part of February, 1969. Itaperuna, State of Rio de Janeiro.

Sr. Alfredo Ferreira was driving his car carefully, accompanied by his family, at night at a spot known as "Fonte". They were not alone, for above the road and above the car, keeping pace with it, there was an object which continued to accompany them, over a lonely stretch of road, however much Sr. Alfredo Ferreira accelerated. He left his family at the Ranch and returned to the road, where he saw the object on the ground in the pasture. When he tried to get near it, it shot up vertically into the air at high speed.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, February 21, 1969.

87. February 22, 1969. São José dos Pinheiros, Curitiba, State of Paraná.

The working baker and bakery-owner Ignacio Grossman was awakened by "a noise like the noise of a truck," but found himself looking, at a distance of 50 metres or so, at a round orange object which was rising straight up, silently, and ejecting white smoke from its under portion. It vanished in a few seconds. Searching the waste ground, he found depressions four centimetres deep and 40 cms. apart in the hard depressions which looked as though they had been produced by a small ladder pushed into the ground at an angle. A strong smell, like the smell of mustard, was also detected at the spot.

A Notícia, Rio de Janeiro, February 22, 1969.

88. February 23, 1969. Mogi-Guaçu, State of São Paulo. Returning by bus from an evening football match at Casa Branca, the Campinas team were followed for some time along the road from Aguai to Mogi-Guaçu by a luminous sphere. When they stopped near the Fazenda Boã Esperança, the object vanished.

Jornal do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, February 25, 1969.

89. February 23, 1969. Lins, State of São Paulo.

At 8.30 p.m., at the Fazenda Santa Adélia, Sr. Antônio Raimundo de Moraes saw, at a distance of about 300 metres, a UFO that was about 50 metres above the ground and which came down until it was only a few metres from the surface. For a period of approximately 15 minutes, it made small upward and downward movements, close by the BR-153 motorway, and lit up with its beam of light an area extending some 200 metres. The lights in the ranch had gone out, but they all came on again ten minutes later. The UFO was yellow, and its diameter was about 1.5 metres, but at times it increased in size while at others it grew smaller.

O Dia, Rio de Janeiro, March 1, 1969.

90. February 23, 1969.

A lad, named R.C., living in the rua Cap. Edmundo Soares, reported that on Sunday, February 23, 1969, he was bathing in a waterfall in the mountains, along with a friend, when they

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Personal Observation

While motor cycling in California

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IT was Sunday, February 28, 1971. My wife, an accomplished scuba diver, was away at Santa Barbara diving for lobster. My son was busy with his newspaper route, and my daughter was playing with her friends. I had been caught up temporarily with my mail and some home projects, so I decided to take a motorcycle ride to Bodega, and the Bodega Bay location for the Alfred Hitchcock movie "The Birds".

The weather was clear and sunny, with some cloud, but the temperature was in the low forties Fahrenheit, for the wind was blowing from the west at between 25 and 40 km. per hour, with gusts as high as 65! I dressed warmly.

The route I planned to take was as follows: south down Highway 101 to Highway 237, then east to join Highway 17 where I would turn north. At the town of

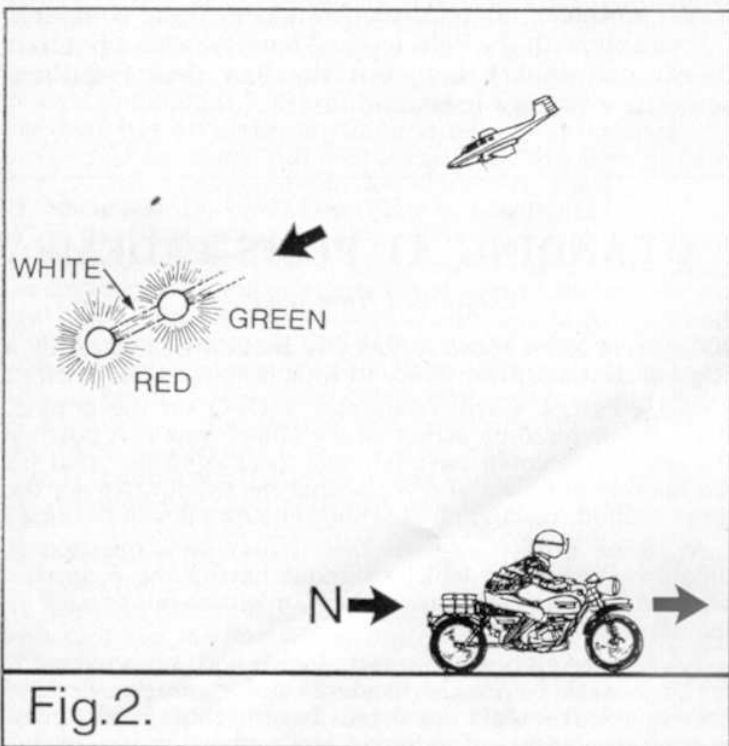


Fig.2.



Fig.1.

San Raphael it would meet Highway 101, and I would travel 101 to 116 going west, which would take me to the two Bodegas.

Taking my time getting ready, I packed my binoculars in my tank bag; my camera was out of film, so I decided to leave it behind. I finally left home at about 11.00 a.m.

From my home to the junction of Highways 237 and 17, the traffic was light and I made good time. On Highway 17, however, I found the going very heavy. Campers, Sunday drivers and tourists filled the two-lane highway, and because of all this I was reduced to touring at about 100 km. per hour.

As I passed through Fremont I looked up casually, and was surprised to see two sailplanes being towed to their altitudes. Because of the wind condition, I had not expected soaring that day. All four aircraft were well in front of me so I was able to glance at them occasionally.

The Highway widens to three lanes at the General Motors assembly plant. The traffic was still heavy, and the wind strong, so I chose the centre lane and continued at about 100 km.p.h. and approached the small town of Hayward. About two or three kilometres before reaching the small Hayward airport, I was taking brief glances at the private aircraft around the area. Suddenly, to my left, I saw a small twin-engined aircraft diving sharply, while in front of it, perhaps 100 metres or so, there was a most unusual object. The aircraft was smaller than a C-25, probably a six to eight passenger type, and it was no more than 150 metres above the highway. The strange object was maintaining distance in front of the plane and was also diving.

Because of the heavy traffic and the wind, I was able to keep my eyes on this scene for no more than about four seconds. The object *appeared* to be two brilliant spheres, each about 30 cms. wide and about 30 cms. apart, but with a hazy connection, or "link", which was also trailing behind the spheres (see Fig. 2). The leading sphere was a brilliant red, while the following one was a brilliant blue. I should mention that at the time of the observation I was wearing a yellow-tinted face shield,