

# THE ENCOUNTER AT TURIS

A new humanoid report from Spain

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THE Spanish UFO journal *Stendek* has, as usual, some interesting material in its issue No. 45 (September 1981). The article in question, *Aproximación a la Casuística OVNI en el País Valenciano*, by José A. Fernández, Roberto Jorge, and Luis Manuel, is an account of some recent sightings in the region around Valencia, which lies on the Mediterranean coast of Spain, across the water from Mallorca (Majorca.) I have selected from it for translation this one case which involves alien entities seen at close quarters by a witness.

The episode occurred on July 25, 1979, at Turis, a small place lying some 35 kilometres to the southwest of Valencia, and was in due course reported in the local newspaper, *Las Provincias*, of August 8, 1979.

The three authors of the article made a joint investigation on the site and interviewed the witness at length, and their account is as follows:-

"Sr. Federico Ibáñez, a 54-year-old farmer, was driving in his *Renault-6* to visit some vineyards which he owns in the district known as Partida de l'Albaïna in the local Valencian dialect. As he approached his property, he noticed something white and shining which was standing near a plantation of carob-bean trees owned by his friend and neighbour to whom the adjoining property belonged. He concluded at first that it must be his neighbour's car, a *600*.

"Owing to a bend in the road he lost sight of the shining object for a while, until it came into sight again and he found that it was now only some 50 metres or so ahead of him, and blocking the road. Thinking to stop and chat for a few minutes with his friend and neighbour, he drew up close behind the shining object, which he still took to be his neighbour's car.

"The time was 11.30a.m., and of course he had not given more than a cursory glance at the object — understandably enough, since he had been assuming that it was a motor car.

"But, just as he was on the point of switching off his engine and stepping out, he suddenly perceived to his amazement that this object was in fact no car at all, for it had no wheels, but was standing on two legs, and it was now only four metres from him!

"In shape the object resembled an egg standing on end, or rather, as the sketch shows, like half an egg. Its smooth white surface was shining intensely brightly under the bright morning sunlight. It was about 2½ metres high and 2½ metres wide.

"Suddenly he noticed two small beings about

90cms in height running rapidly towards the shining object from a carob tree standing about ten metres to his left. The two beings disappeared from his view beside the object, and the object instantly took off, throwing up a cloud of dust from the dirt-road. As the object rose he was able to catch a view of its base, where there now seemed to be no sign of any legs.

"Sr. Ibáñez was by now out of his car, and stood watching the object as, like a shining 'pearl,' it vanished rapidly in the sky. The sighting had lasted no more than ten seconds or so.

"The two strange beings had been very fast over the ground, and this he found surprising in view of their strange garb, which was white and shining and reached right down to their knees and also covered the backs of their heads. At its widest part, the base, the garment seemed to him to be about 40 cms. wide. As the creatures ran, he could see their little black legs, terminating in little feet that "resembled boxing-gloves," as he put it. On their faces they wore what looked like strange black, protruding 'spectacles.'

"Astounded, the witness drove on to inspect his vines, but then came back to the spot and made a very careful inspection of the site before returning to his home. When his wife, his daughter, and his son-in-law had listened to his account of his extraordinary experience, they all at once set out for the spot to inspect it for themselves, together with the manager of the Turis branch of the Banco de Valencia.

"When they got to the spot where the UFO had stood, they were surprised to see that another man, owner of another adjoining vineyard, had already arrived, and had parked his car precisely where the UFO had stood. Out of fear of ridicule, they did not dare to ask this other man to move his car. They felt that they could not ask him to do this without telling him of the extraordinary experience. The result was of course that they had to confine their inspection to the area immediately around the other man's car. However they were able to establish that the UFO had produced a 'sweeping effect' upon the soil around about as it took off. Behind the carob-bean tree from which the two humanoids had run they found two strange fissures in the ground. Sr. Ibáñez, who is himself a keen amateur hunter, was unable to identify these marks as comparable in any way to marks such as are normally made by any game bird or animal known to him."

When the three authors, members of the Valencia

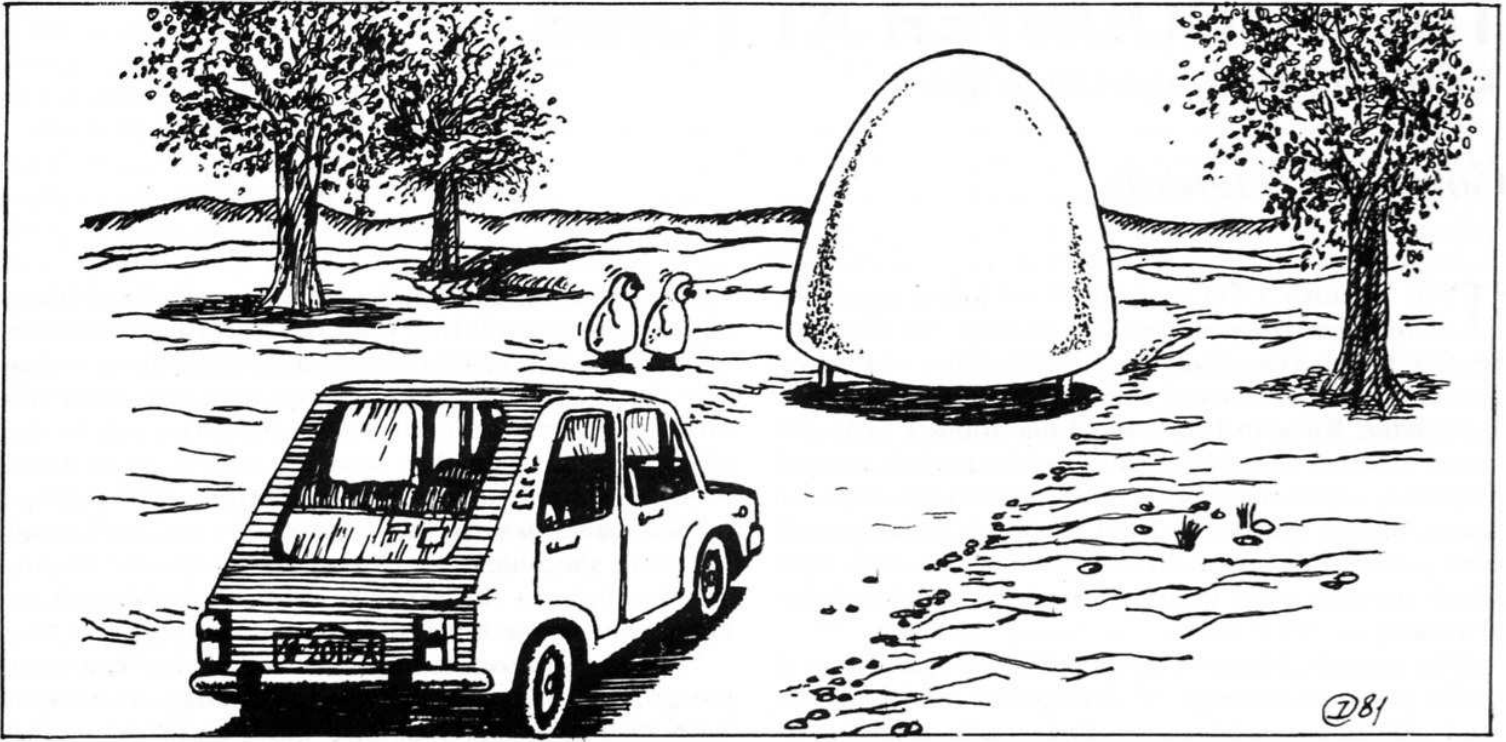


Figure 1: Reconstruction of the Turis incident by Spanish artist in *Stendek* No. 45 of September 1981.



Figure 2: *Stendek* illustration of one of the entities.

UFO Investigation Group (AVIU), carried out their inspection of the spot three weeks later, they found something that Sr. Ibáñez and his family had not seen. This was a set of four circular marks on the road, forming a precise rectangle, 176 cms  $\times$  130 cms. Sr. Ibáñez and his family had not seen these marks of course because the neighbour's car had been standing right on top of them. But none of the many other peo-

ple who had passed that way in the meantime seem to have seen the marks either, for, the dirt-road being a simple track and very dry, and much used by agricultural vehicles, the four circular marks had got covered over by loose earth. Another reason why nobody had found the four circular marks earlier was that the local press report had described the landing site as lying in the field of carob-bean trees, and consequently everyone had been examining the field and nobody had thought to look at the dirt-road.

Soil samples were collected, and moulds were taken of the four circular marks, and samples and moulds were passed to the biologist José Luis Caso, who is a member of *Stendek's* Committee of Consultants. Sr. Caso seems to have found nothing notable about the soil samples or the moulds, for they appeared to show no signs of radioactivity or of having been subjected to intense heat.

The sole eyewitness in this extraordinary case, Sr. Ibáñez, is held in high regard in Turis. He is a typical Spanish farmer, of no great education, his main preoccupation in life being his vineyards, where he labours most days from sunrise to sunset. He knew nothing about UFOs. Even the letters O.V.N.I. (the Spanish equivalent of U.F.O) meant nothing whatever to him.

Altogether, the three investigators interviewed Sr. Ibáñez three times, and shortly afterwards a further interrogation of the witness and an examination of the case was carried out by the two prominent Spanish Ufologists Vicente Juan Ballester Olmos and Miguel Guasp (also members of the Valencia UFO Investigation Group.) Their findings are in entire agreement with the present account.

# A 1949 BRAZILIAN CONTACTEE

## — PART 2

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Continuing the detailed version of the remarkable claims by a Brazilian student, which had been touched upon by Gordon Creighton in his item "Soaking wet 'space flight'" in FSR Vol. 22, No. 4.

READERS learned, in Part 1 of this article in the last issue of FSR (Volume 27, No. 5) that Senhor Mário Restier, aged 23, of Barra Mansa in the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, had claimed that on December 4, 1949, he was taken aboard a landed craft by two apparently friendly crew members. When he agreed to be taken for a "trip" he was immersed in a tub full of liquid which, he says he was told, would eliminate the discomfort of large accelerations, and so on . . .

After what seemed like six or eight hours, Mário felt homesick and wanted to return to Earth and, as if they could read his mind, his six guides told him, "We know that you are desirous of returning to your planet." They took him to a ship just like the one that had brought him, and each one said good-bye to him in a musical voice.

Mário was impressed by the fact that throughout the experience none of the guides gave any indication of pretense to show which one (if any) was the leader.

The process on the return trip was just the reverse of before — the crew asked him to go into the tub, he slept there, he woke up, his space-clothes dried, they dressed him in his original clothing, and they landed. Mário was let out near the place where he had been picked up, though not at the exact same spot.

When he got to his father's place ten minutes later, the latter scolded him for having disappeared for so long without telling anyone, worrying his family. It was only then that Mário Restier established that it was April 14, 1950. He was away from Earth four months, but, by his estimate, it was only three days at the most!

In one of the factories Mário had picked up a sample of opaque material measuring 10 cm × 20 cm × 2 mm thick. He brought it home, and found that it did not melt in flame, and he could not break it. This helped convince his father that he was not just making up a story about the four missing months, or had had an hallucination. Nevertheless, the elder Restier advised his son not to tell anyone about his experience, in view of its fantastic nature.

After his return, Mário was suddenly impelled to acquire and systematically study books on general physics, electronics, optics, and nuclear physics. His formal education had consisted of high school and a course for television technicians.

Mário Restier's experience was first published in

the *Diário de Notícias* February 6, 1968, in an article by Carlos Neto.<sup>3</sup> The case was then investigated by Dr. Walter Buhler of the Sociedade Brasileira de Estudos sobre Discos Voadores (SBEDV).<sup>4</sup>

The witness's father had died in November of 1962, but an aunt of Mário's told Dr. Buhler that she remembered that many years ago, she had heard about the strange experience from a brother (Mário's uncle), in whom Mário's father had confided. Dr. Buhler also checked with a pharmacist who had been a close friend of the witness's father, but he did not remember hearing anything about the UFO experience.

Dr. Buhler was naturally surprised that Mário Restier should finally decide to "come out with the matter" after 18 years. Mário even made contact with a "Miss Sharp, of a foreign embassy," who gave him "facilities and recompense" so that, with his help, a propelled craft might be built, similar to the one whose operation was explained to him in the saucer and in the factories of the planet. Through Miss Sharp, Mário was offered a trip to her country, all expenses paid, so that there "the subject can be examined by experts . . ."

Mário hesitantly confided in Dr. Buhler that he had, in fact, had a second UFO contact, in September of 1956, about four years after he went to work in the iron and steel industry. This one occurred at about 8.00 p.m. on the way to another place his father had, in Bocainha, near Barra Mansa. When he saw the craft in the air, he had the feeling that someone wanted to talk with him. After he had walked some 100 metres more, it came down and landed 2 metres from the road. The man who got out was dressed just like the men on the planet he had visited, and his height was the same, though Mário did not recognise his features. He greeted Mário something like this: "Mário, you are again in union with us with respect to your project to build an engine . . . You can go ahead with it . . . We will be watching . . . It will never be used for the bad of the people of Earth . . ."

Mário asked him about the time difference, as the first contact had seemed like only three days. He replied that this fact was explained by the "Space-Time Contraction" and by the "Synchronism of Time."

This contact did not last more than ten minutes, and Mário did not enter the craft. He explained to Dr. Buhler that he did not tell this to the press or to other people because it would seem like "he wanted to pull