

BALEIA ENTITIES SEEN AGAIN?

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THERE are substantial indications that the Brazilian Air Force and other Brazilian authorities have lowered the customary curtain of silence over quite a number of further landings that have taken place in the region of Baurú and Lins (in the State of São Paulo) during the course of 1968. Investigation is difficult and may become much more so, and it is necessary to proceed with great caution.

In the meantime I am able to give below a preliminary outline of a remarkable case in which, as it seems, the tall type of men seen at Baleia¹ have again been encountered.

The single-known witness, whom I have interviewed personally and questioned in great detail, is a young Brazilian woman aged about 21 or 22. A tall, well-built country girl, she comes from a town in the State of São Paulo. I have given FLYING SAUCER REVIEW full details as to her name and address, but for obvious reasons it is most necessary that these remain confidential at present, and I am requesting that they be kept out of this account.

The young lady states that she happened to read a report in a newspaper about the "Symposium of Flying Saucers" recently held in São Paulo. This prompted her to go to the offices of the *Brazil Herald*² to tell her own story, which she felt must surely be of great importance. She was just relating it to Mr. Willi Wirz, the managing director of the newspaper, when, by chance, I too appeared at his office and so was able to take part in the interrogation.

We found the witness's manner direct and simple, and she created an excellent impression. She made it clear that she desired no publicity and that she had only come forward with this information because she felt that it was her duty to do so and that the affair must be important. She appeared throughout our interview to know exactly what she had seen and she would not be swayed in any way from her story when we tried to suggest that what she had seen was perhaps something else of a more conventional nature.

Her story

She states that, on the evening of

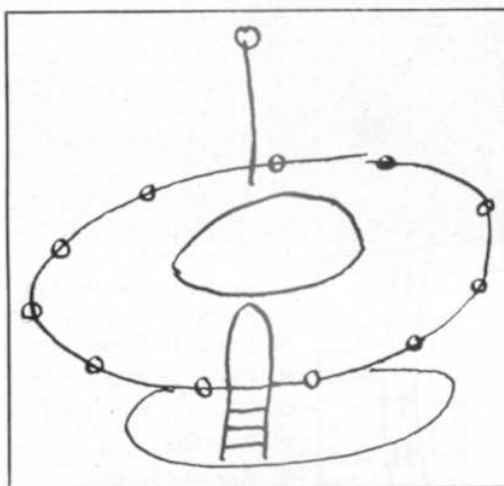


Fig. 1. Witness's own sketch.

November 21, 1968, she was a passenger on a rural bus travelling along the Via Dutra, on the "Circular Guarulhos" Line, between the towns of Guarulhos³ and Vila Barros (both places in the State of São Paulo).

At 9.30 p.m. the bus halted at a rural stop near Macédo, where it is customary for the driver to "take a break" and wait a while—especially if, as on this occasion, he was perhaps a little ahead of his timetable.

There was no street lighting at the spot, but, as it was summer time, it was still quite light. To the left of the road lay a piece of waste ground and upon it, at a distance which she estimated to be about 40 metres from the bus, there was, either standing, or hovering close to the ground, "a shining metallic object of the size of an Aero Willys car" (i.e. approximately the size of a British Jaguar four-door saloon).

Fig. 1 shows the witness's own first sketch of the object, drawn in our presence.

We then showed her pictures of various alleged types of saucer for comparison, and she immediately selected, as the most similar to what she had seen, the Botucatu⁴ UFO—although with certain definite modifications. For example, she was adamant that the thing she had seen possessed no tripod landing-gear, but a set of three steps.

Since she had now selected the Botucatu type as the nearest in general shape, I drew the outline shown in Fig. 2 and got her to fill in all the vari-

ous details such as the antenna, the dome, the number of segments (four she thought) forming the dome, the "skirt", and so on.

The witness felt very emphatically that the "skirt" with its row of circular changing lights was spinning clockwise. And yet she said that she could see the open door the whole time, and the three steps down to the ground, and that the door itself was not moving.

My personal impression is that a possible explanation for this might be that the constantly changing row of circular lights induced in her the erroneous idea that there was a spinning movement. Or, alternatively, I wonder whether the shape of the craft might not have been thus:

In such a case the lights could have been on a lower band below the level of the door, and the lights and this

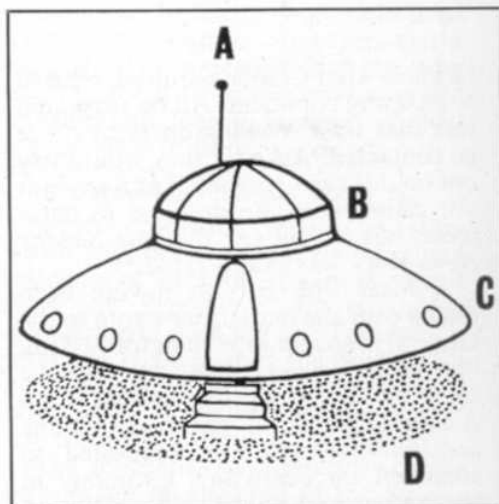


Fig. 2. A. Antenna with red light. B. Dome, in segments. C. Skirt, seemed to be spinning clockwise. D. Patch of violet light beneath.

lower band of the "skirt" might have indeed been spinning while the upper portion of the "skirt" containing the door remained motionless. I hope that she will perhaps be able to confirm this to me later without any prompting.

The entities

We come now to the most astonishing part of the lady's story. For she claims that, standing in front of the landed UFO, there were three men about 2 metres in height. "They were

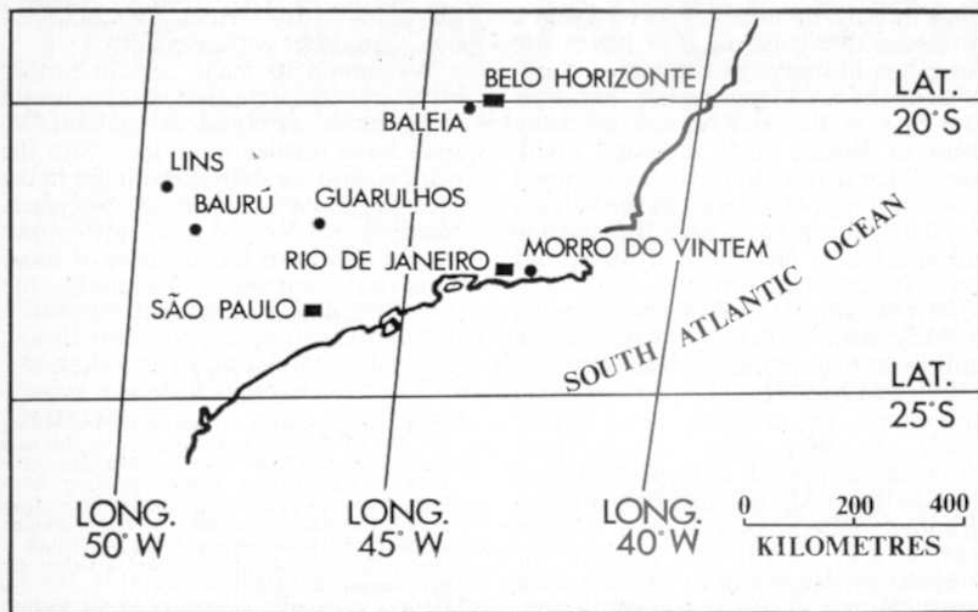


Fig. 3

wearing skin-tight shining black clothes, and black boots that were also shiny. Their suits also covered their heads, leaving only the faces bare." (See Fig. 4.)



Fig. 4

One of the entities "was holding a sort of tube under one arm." This tube, she estimated, was about 60 centimetres long and about 7 centimetres in diameter. Around the main barrel of this (weapon?) there was another tube, spiral in form, and of what looked like shining aluminium. The witness was moreover quite positive that, as shown in Fig. 5, there were two thin projections at the rear end of the tube.

Between her and the entities, at a distance of some 20 metres or so from her bus, and consequently with their backs towards her, she said there was moreover a crowd of possibly 20 people grouped behind three Brazilian policemen, all of them confronting the entities. And on the road, just ahead of the bus, and behind the policemen and the Brazilian crowd, there were

two stationary police radio-patrol cars numbered RP 1 and RP 2. (RP = "radio-patrolha": radio-patrol) (see Fig. 6). The policemen had guns in their hands.

For a time, the witness continued, the two parties stood there facing each

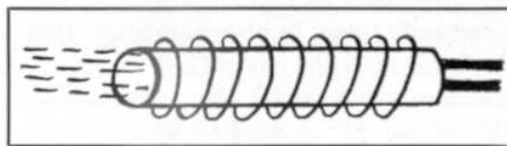


Fig. 5. Estimated length 60 cm; Diameter 7 cm.

other. Then, suddenly, from the tube held under the arm of one of the UFO entities, there shot forth a brilliant concentrated beam of silver-coloured light, like a flame. The beam was directed at the party of Brazilian police and bystanders, the front ranks of whom (including the policemen) immediately ceased all movement and were "paralysed". She noticed however that a number of the others who were not in the forefront were also affected, and she saw several fall as though in a faint. She also particularly noticed that the entity did not swing the tube itself, but swung his whole body round, still holding the tube in position under his arm.

The three UFO entities had, as she put it, "seemed very calm throughout", and they now walked slowly back to their machine and entered it via the door. The craft then took off and rapidly climbed away until it was lost in the overcast.

The witness estimated that these events had lasted about 15 minutes.

Such, then, is our preliminary report on what would appear to have been a prodigious episode. If it lasted as long as the witness says, and there were

other passengers with her on the bus, then there must be a considerable number of witnesses in addition to the large crowd of bystanders and the three radio patrol car policemen, and it is immensely frustrating that, so far, we have not managed to hear anything from any of them. On the other hand it is important for us to note at this juncture that the young woman's story is not entirely without corroboration. For there was in fact a brief mention of the case in the newspapers of November 22, which are being forwarded to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

Comparison with the Baleia case

When shown (in FSR Vol. 4, No. 6, which had just arrived) the account of the landing at Baleia and the sketches of the entities and their tube seen at that place, she immediately recognised them, claiming that they were identical with the men and the "weapon" that she had seen. (It is, I hope, needless to emphasise that she was only shown the report of the Baleia case *after* the whole of her own account and description had already been given.)

On two points she was adamant. Firstly, she said that none of the three beings seen by her had an antenna on the top of his head as is shown in the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW's illustration. But here it must be pointed out that the witness at Baleia, Fábio José Diniz, stated quite clearly that *only one man*—not the one holding the tubular device—bore the antenna on top of his helmet, and this point was emphasised in Gordon Creighton's translation of Dr. Húlvio Brant Aleixo's article. Since one of the entities seen at Baleia also had no antenna on his head, it cannot be said that our lady witness's story is at variance with what was said about Baleia.

Secondly, she maintained very emphatically that the UFO seen by her

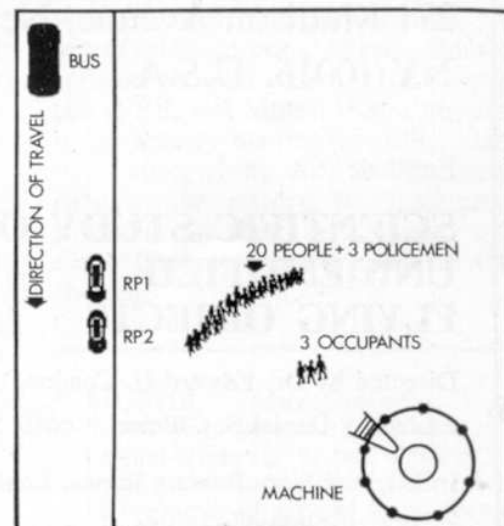


Fig. 6

was "quite different" from the drawing of what was allegedly seen at Baleia. On the other hand—apart from the matter of the three steps instead of the tripod landing-gear—she was strongly inclined to identify the machine seen by her with the one allegedly seen by the boys at Botucatu and reported by me.

Provisional conclusions

Our young lady seemed to be an entirely sincere and truthful person. At no point did she waver in her story, although as already stated she did admit to puzzlement on the one point of whether or not the "skirt" of the saucer and its row of changing coloured lights was spinning. (At any rate, I think I can say that we certainly had not unconsciously "fed" to her the idea that it was spinning in a clockwise direction. Such was certainly not what we "wanted to hear", as our own pet theory had tended towards the idea that such "spin" on UFOs was always *anti-clockwise*.)

Some sceptical readers in a small country like Britain may find it strange that a bus should halt for 15 minutes at an isolated rural spot [Why should we be surprised? Our public transport, particularly Southern Region trains, often halts *inexplicably* for long periods

even in built-up areas!—EDITOR], but I am sure that anyone who has made long bus journeys in the larger countries of the world will realize that, as is the case in the U.S.A. and certainly here in Brazil, such regular "break stops" for drivers and passengers are a normal thing. Moreover, as the witness explains, the place where the episode occurred is in fact the half-way point on that particular run.

If it be claimed that our witness had already seen drawings of the Baleia entities and device, and of the Botucatu UFO, and had then decided to concoct this story, we can only ask: *Where could she have seen them?* These drawings appeared only in Professor Húlvio Brant Aleixo's privately mimeographed bulletin and FLYING SAUCER REVIEW and not, to the best of our knowledge, anywhere in the Brazilian press. Moreover, if she *had* seen them, and was basing her concocted story on them, why did she not insist that the three entities had antennae on their heads (the only sketch in FSR showed the man with the antenna) and that the machine had three legs, as shown in FSR's reproduction of the sketches accompanying my article on the landing at Botucatu?

Our conclusion so far is that this case certainly seems to be genuine, and that

the military authorities have clamped down on other witnesses of it.

We intend to make certain further investigations, details of which it would be wiser to withhold at present. We shall have further interviews with the witness, and we shall go with her to the spot where she claims it all took place. Needless to say we shall also make careful efforts to locate some of those numerous witnesses—including the three Brazilian policemen.

NOTES

by Gordon Creighton

¹ By an all-too-easy oversight, when translating Dr. Húlvio Brant Aleixo's report on this case for inclusion in FSR for November/December 1968, I forgot that I was working from Portuguese and not from Spanish, and so called the place *La* Baleia. The feminine singular article in Portuguese is not *la* but *a*. Hence the place should be called *A* Baleia. Or perhaps simply Baleia.

² Brazil's only daily newspaper in the English language, with offices at Avenida São Luiz 153, Lj.13—Térreo, São Paulo. Mr. Willi Wirz, its managing director is a reader of FSR and took part with Mr. Nigel Rimes in the investigation of the Botucatu case. He is a member of Dr. Buhler's SBEDV, and has also recently founded in São Paulo a new UFO investigation group known as ABECE. (In English: The Brazilian Association for the Study of Extraterrestrial Civilizations.)

³ Guarulhos lies approximately due north of the city of São Paulo, at 23° 28' S. Latitude, 46° 32' W. Longitude.

⁴ See *The Landing at Botucatu* by Nigel Rimes. In FSR for November/December 1968, p. 21

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