

material in those early years) the Russian allusions were always designed to make fun of the USA and describe the UFO reports as "signs of capitalistic hysteria", "capitalist warmongering attempts to justify increased armaments", or "tales created to take the minds of the American people off the bread-line".

It was years before we began to get the first actual UFO sighting reports from Russia itself. These included reports (around the years 1959/1960) of small beings seen emerging from landed UFOs in Soviet Central Asia.

In the light of what we had already noted about the apparent "progressive movement eastwards" of the UFO "flaps" or "waves" around the globe, it is now fully understandable why "the penny may not have dropped in Russia" until much later than it had already done in the West.

Nor were the Americans in the least bit unjustified in fearing that the UFO Phenomenon might be utilized as an Intelligence operation designed to weaken them, for, in the mid-1950s, here in London (I was serving as an Intelligence Officer myself at the time), I came across a blatant case in which the popular interest in UFOs was being exploited in order to disseminate anti-American and pro-Russian propaganda.

ABDUCTION AT MIRASSOL

Irene Granchi

A paper on this case was read by Senhora Granchi at the Second International Ufological Congress in the Brazilian Federal Capital, Brasilia (March 17-21, 1983).

THIS case is an ongoing one, and the subject, Antônio Carlos Ferreira, was continuing to experience close encounters and abductions as recently as March 1983, date of the Congress.

Mirassol lies near São José do Rio Preto, in the South Brazilian State of São Paulo, and the story began on June 18, 1979. An introductory account of it was published in the Brazilian UFO journal OVNI DOCUMENTO, No. 7 (1979).

In numerous respects the case closely resembles the famous experience of "A.V.B." (Antônio Villas Boas), which occurred — believe it or not — on October 15, 1957, at São Francisco de Sales, *which lies only 100 kilometres to the north of Mirassol*. (Another curious point is that both men are named Antônio, as are five or six other Brazilian men involved in UFO incidents lately, including the one described in FSR Vol. 29, No. 4, who claims to have had a similar experience with a mysterious woman at Chapecó, a place lying almost due south of Mirassol.)

In most, if not all, of these cases, *a genetic experiment* seems to be the purpose of the encounter.

In the Mirassol case, we have one new factor: the man abducted, Antônio Carlos Ferreira, *is black. And so were some of his abductors.*¹

In a future issue, if space and time permit, I will give more details of how I encountered two individuals (an American man and a British woman) who had come to Britain, so they said, to let us hear their marvellous tape-recordings of alleged "*messages from Spacemen*". I listened to all the tapes, which they were hawking around the UFO study groups and clubs in Britain, and it was very noticeable that these dear "Spacemen" of theirs were desperately anxious to see the United States disarmed, but they patently had not a single word to say about the Soviet Union — at that date by far the most powerful military capability in the world!

In the light of this experience, plus a number of other things that I may not mention, I can only say that the deep political suspicions of some of the top American Service Chiefs, during the early 1950s, of folk who reported UFO sightings, and of UFO study groups, do not seem at all unjustified!

(The ridicule and slander of the witnesses in later years, when the American authorities already knew perfectly well that the UFOs were *not* Soviet weapons, were something entirely different, and were callous and cruel.) — G.C.

The serious task of investigating this case has been assumed principally by Professor Ney Matiel Pirés of Mirassol. Dr W. Buhler of S.B.E.D.V., Rio de Janeiro, has also followed this case closely throughout and checked up on it personally. In charge of the work of examining Antônio Carlos Ferreira under hypnosis was parapsychologist Álvaro Fernandes of the Braid Institute in São José do Rio Preto.

The Story Begins

Antônio Carlos was employed as a guard on the night-shift in a furniture factory in Mirassol, and he had with him there, as usual, his dog, Hongue.

In due course he went off duty, checked out, and returned home.² He tied his dog outside the door of the bathroom, hung up his watch, and entered for a shower. The time was 3.00 a.m. Looking out of the shower-room window, he saw an object land on the recently levelled earth of the patio, just some sixty metres from where he was standing.

He stepped out of the bathroom, and found himself face-to-face with three beings, 1 m. 20 or so in height,

who promptly paralyzed him with red lights emitted from a small box on their chests. They wore shining white overalls which covered them entirely, including their heads. On their backs they had another, larger, box, which was directly connected to their helmets at the level of mouth and nose. The box on the chest, a cube measuring about 15 cms. each side, had two openings at the front, some 3cms. in diameter, through which the red light came.

On the left side of their breasts they wore a small *insignia* representing a cross in a circle.

Taken into a smaller machine first

They took Antônio Carlos, whose height is 1 m. 75, into the craft, and he was obliged to stoop in order to get in through the rectangular doorway. He now had the sensation of *floating*. (Subsequent investigations showed that his footprints led out from the shower-room only a short distance, and then they ended.)

When close to the UFO, he was able to observe that it had an oval shape. It was approximately two metres wide at the bottom, and 2½ m. high. It was metallic, grey, with no luminosity of its own, and it stood on three legs.

The inside of the craft was brightly lit with a diffused red light, and on one side there was a panel with many control-buttons. The cabin contained three grey-coloured, round stools, also standing on three legs.

Antônio Carlos felt something strange, as the craft apparently took off, and he shivered. There was a buzzing sound, like that of a transformer. At that point he seems to have lost consciousness, but vaguely recalls having been transferred into the body of a "mother-ship".

Inside the Larger Craft

On recovering consciousness, he found himself in a large room. There were ten or twelve members of the alien crew there, *some of them green, and some of them chocolate-coloured, like himself.*

Under hypnosis he subsequently gave the following details about his captors: the green ones were leaf-coloured, had black, smooth hair, thin lips, large, pointed ears, a half-pointed chin, big, green eyes, without eyelashes or eyebrows. Their uniforms were of a brilliant white, and they wore gloves.

The chocolate-coloured entities had some of the same characteristics, but their hair was reddish-coloured, crinkly, and braided into coils. Their lips were thick, and their eyes black.

Both types had long, thin noses.³

In a higher pitch of voice than ours, they spoke together in an agreeable sounding language that was incomprehensible for him. The green ones did more talking than the chocolate ones.

Inside the room where Antônio Carlos now found himself standing, which was illuminated by red and green lights, he noticed a piece of equipment similar to our own television sets. Behind a kind of counter was one of the green beings, who seemed to be the leader. When Antônio Carlos approached a window which seemed to contain a glass pane, he noticed, on the outside, a circular band which was rapidly rotating around the craft and emitting a red light.

They made him sit down. Consciously, he recalled nothing more after that, until he found himself back in his bathroom at 5.00 a.m. He had been away for two hours.

Physical Consequences

When he came to in the bathroom, Antônio Carlos was dazed and he experienced a prickly feeling that was to last for months. One curious thing that he now noticed was that he no longer liked the taste of coffee!⁴

Twenty days later, on July 18, 1979, his eyes began to smart badly.

During the course of his abduction, his shorts (of the Brazil-brand known as "*Zorba*"), had been badly torn into strips, and they now disappeared. His mother, Dona Guaraçaí, says that she had thrown them away with a heap of other rags, but, *under hypnosis*, Antônio Carlos maintained that such was not the case, and that the entities themselves had taken away his shorts. At any rate, the shorts were gone.

On his left arm there were burn marks, while on his right arm there was another mark that looks as though he had been given an injection into the vein there. Over his body, and especially on his back, some darker patches were found.

When he had arrived home that morning, instead of chatting with his mother, as he always did, he simply took a shower and then went to bed, without saying a word. When his mother came into his room with a cup of milk, he refused it, but said: "*I am so happy today, I am really so happy!*" He then told her what had happened. She was greatly alarmed, and went to call a neighbour named Alonso.

At this point it should be mentioned that, during that same night, his mother had been awakened by a buzzing sound that had put her into a panic. She had tried to awaken her husband, who sleepily replied that the noise "must be from the water-tank".

That very next morning, she decided to call the Police and, fearing that maybe there might have been a robbery at the factory, she went there, followed by a Police Detective. Near their house they found a strange circular area that looked as though it had been swept clear of all dust — of which there was plenty all round, because of recent operations of cleaning up and levelling. Later, some burnt grass was also found close to the bathroom.

Some other physical traces were found when Dr W. Buhler arrived on August 18, 1979. He contributed to the investigation of this case by bringing with him a magnetometer, which he left with Professor Ney before returning to Rio. It was then discovered that, close to the bathroom where the encounter with the entities had occurred, a high degree of magnetism was found on the pillars of a nearby shed. Inside the shed there was a pile of metal joists or girders which showed a degree of magnetism reckoned to be as high as 7.00 Gauss. (It could not be measured more accurately, since the maximum measuring potential of the magnetometer was only 5.00 Gauss.)

During the month of October following, the pillars of the shed and the joists and girders were tested again, and this time they all showed a lower rating. During that same month, October, Gary Richman visited the place. Some new joists and girders had meanwhile been stowed in the shed, and these were also tested, and showed no magnetisation at all.

Among the other physical effects and results to be recorded in the Mirassol case, are those which the affair had on the dog Hongue. His behaviour changed; he went off his food; seemed indifferent to everything, and no longer obeyed orders, which was particularly strange, since he was a Police-trained Alsatian! Indifferent now to everything . . . or almost. For one thing was notable. Whenever Hongue found himself near the spot where the abduction had taken place, he always displayed great fear.⁵

The Hypnosis Sessions

As it was by now obvious that Antônio Carlos had undergone a memory-lapse, Professor Ney decided to take him over to the Braid Institute in São José do Rio Preto, where, on August 8, 1979, the parapsychologist Álvaro Fernandes made a first attempt with him via *indirect hypnosis*, that is to say, using a medium or sensitive under hypnosis.

The second session of hypnosis took place on August 19, being initiated by Álvaro Fernandes and then conducted by Dr Buhler.

Both hypnotic sessions were found to yield like results, and both were found to support what Antônio Carlos had been unable to recall in the conscious state. The hypnosis also yielded some interesting additional details. For example, that, when the entities had appeared, Hongue had bravely tried to confront them, but had been overpowered by them, falling back as though dead when the powerful red light was put on to him. After which the light was directed on to Antônio Carlos too, and he was paralyzed in the same fashion.

Describing how the entities had taken him to their machine Antônio Carlos had said that he *floated*. Under hypnosis this was confirmed, and the craft itself was described as floating a little above the ground.

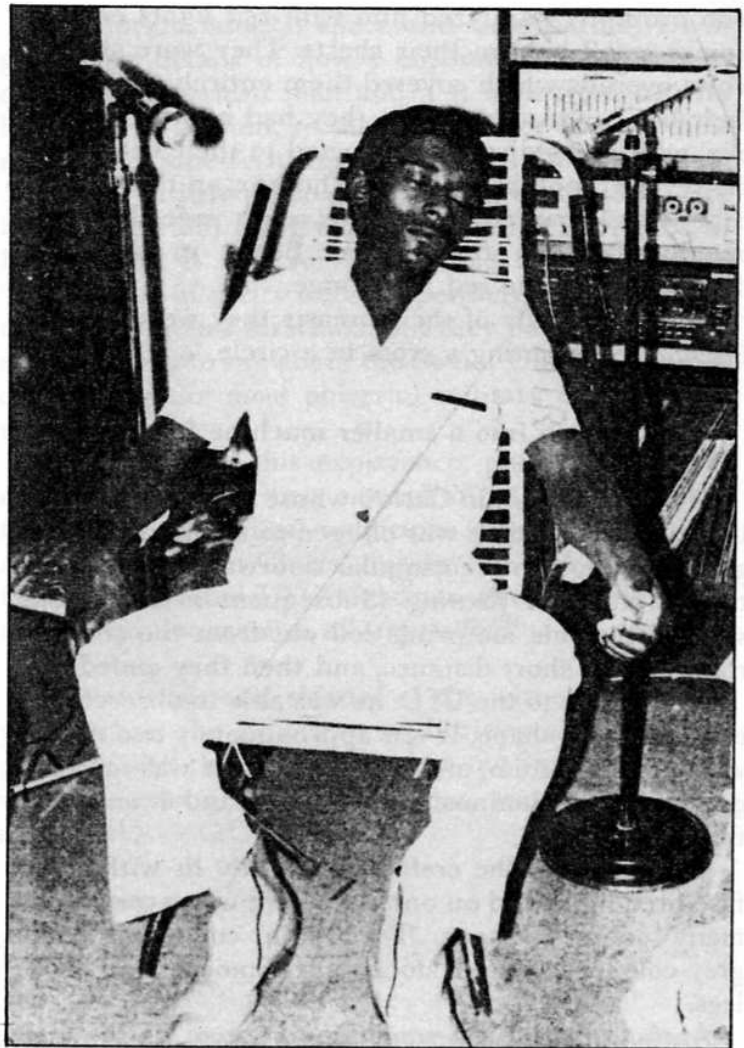


Fig. 1. Antônio Carlos Ferreira under hypnosis.

Describing again the lighting inside the craft, Antônio Carlos described it as “yellowish verging on a fiery red, but of a clear, transparent shade”. He spoke again of the panel, covered with innumerable buttons and other sorts of devices, which was being controlled by one of the entities.

He estimated the height of the chamber as about 2 metres, and he noticed no windows.

After his removal to a “mother-ship” (and even under hypnosis he was quite unable to describe how this was done) Antônio Carlos said he had found himself in a dark room with blue, brown, and fiery-red lights. One feature he did manage to note, however, while he was being transferred was that both of the craft were “floating”, and separate, not touching one another.

Inside the larger room, in the bigger craft, he noticed a panel along the wall. And in another compartment he saw a small, round window with a red pane and, looking out through it, he was astonished to perceive what was evidently the Earth, looking quite small, so far away was it.

He also observed that there was a red light spinning around on the top of the larger UFO.

On the wall facing him inside the compartment, there was a large frame with brilliantly shining drawings in it, and he guessed that it might be a map. The floor of the chamber was dark and the colour of the remaining walls was a brilliant metallic white. Among the various items of equipment he recalled seeing a rectangular box bearing five green buttons, topped with a kind of "television set" but without a screen.

His captors placed him in a position facing this box, presumably so as to register on it information about his reactions and about the working of his mind.

The Woman Appears

In the same chamber there was a large rectangular table surrounded by several stools, and, near by, a couch. They laid him upon this couch. Then the woman appeared. She was naked and was taller than he, being about 1 m. 50 to 1 m. 55.⁶ She took hold of his hands. She was chocolate-coloured too, her head very large in proportion to her body, and her hair red and crinkly. She had black, slanting eyes, a long, narrow nose, a large mouth, thin lips, and white teeth resembling ours. Her breath smelt bad.

Her breasts were small, and her hair in the pubic area was red.

This account of the woman is very similar in some respects to the one given by A.V.B. in 1957, except for the difference in the colour of the skin of the two women, and the marked halitosis observed on this occasion.⁷ This woman was also much taller than A.V.B.'s. The woman never spoke to him. He found her very ugly and her skin felt cold.

The male entities now were trying to remove his garments, but he struggled with them. They thereupon made him smell something that was very sharp and disagreeable. He weakened and gave in, so they pressed their advantage, and removed his clothes, in their haste tearing his under-pants to slivers.⁸

The girl now approached him again, but he rejected her forcefully.

Then he was given an intravenous injection in his right arm, rendering the limb numb. On his left arm they then fastened an apparatus, but he was unable to make out what it was.

They spread oil⁹ all over his body, including his genitals.

At this point he was obliged to have intercourse with the woman. (This probably means that by now the oil had acted on him as an aphrodisiac, for he was

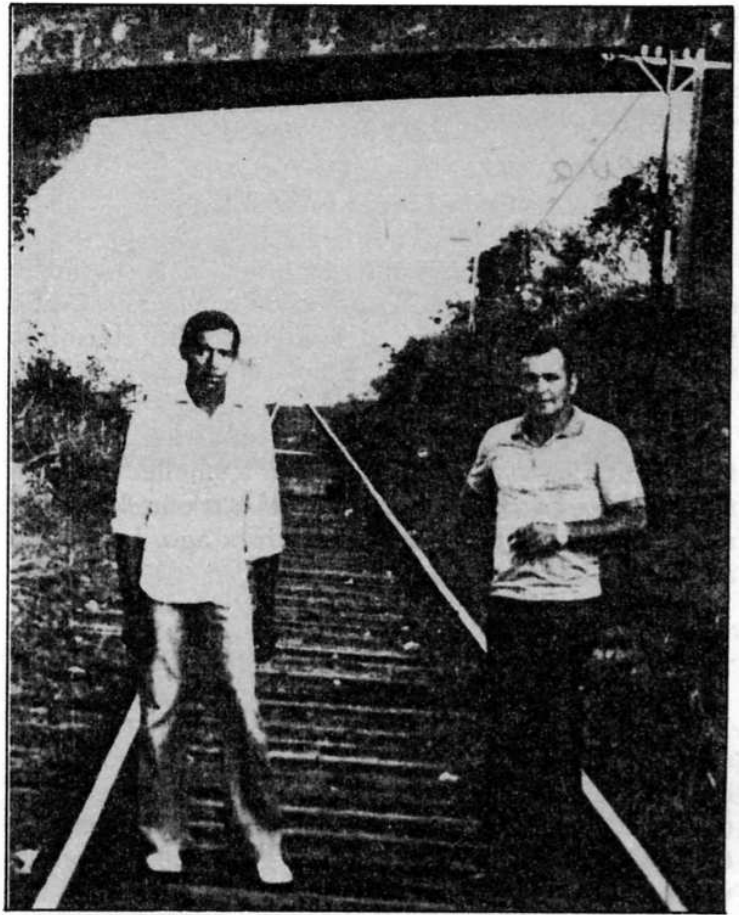


Fig. 2. On the railway line. Left: Antônio Carlos Ferreira. Right: Professor Ney Matiela Pirés.

almost unconscious of what he was doing.) His position in relation to her was the normal one.

After some time, they spread some more oil over his legs, removed the yellow apparatus from his left arm, and dressed him.

Their Communications Understood Telepathically¹⁰

All the time that this was going on, the crew continued to talk together in their own incomprehensible tongue, but he noticed that, whenever they desired to address *him* and turned towards *him*, his mind was able to grasp their meaning perfectly well. They were telling him not to be afraid, that nothing harmful would happen to him, and that they would return him to Earth. They told him that they were from another planet, but did not say from which.

They said they were conducting experiments with him in order to obtain a child from him, and that it would be a male child. They said they would use this child for future experiments. They added that they

would return in the future, to show him his child, but before this happened, they would give him three signs, though they did not indicate what these signs would be.

Given Liquid to Drink

He felt hungry. They offered him a dark liquid to drink, with an odd and disagreeable taste. (This liquid resembles the drink offered to Bianca and Hermínio who were abducted in the State of Minas Gerais in 1978.)¹¹

Finally they took him into another, darker chamber, from which he was transferred into a smaller disc and returned to Earth, finding himself back in his bathroom, where he had been two hours ago, before his adventure began.

Due to Marry

Antônio Carlos was at this time preparing to get married. On September 9, 1979, he was on a visit to his fiancée, and was discussing with her the details of the wedding, which was to take place that week. As they talked, he observed a small green sphere which was flying about in the room and finally stopped and hovered behind his fiancée, who promptly fell asleep. (Does this interesting little feature not "ring a bell", and remind us of the fairy-tale of "*Sleeping Beauty*"? The study and comparison of fairy-tales and fairy lore with present-day UFO experiences is always useful, though the conclusions at which we arrive may differ strongly. Suppose that the fairy-tales were the only means by which the alien intelligences could induce us to accept their higher technology and their greater understanding?)¹²

Antônio Carlos started to feel "pins and needles" all over his body, and at the same time he perceived that he was now able to understand what the little green sphere was "broadcasting" to him. It was telling him not to be afraid, and telling him that with their help the conditions of his livelihood would be caused to improve. The little green sphere criticized him, however, for having consented to be hypnotized, and it mentioned that his mother had spread around the news of his abduction.

The little green sphere advised him to smoke less. It made no criticism of his proposed marriage, except to say that the ceremony should not be performed in Church.¹³ Then the green sphere vanished, his fiancée awoke, and all was normal again.

Next morning he told Professor Ney all about this fresh incident.

Other Eyewitnesses

There were several other eyewitnesses. Antônio Nascimento, also employed as a night-watchman at the factory, saw a luminous red ball descending towards the factory at the same time as Antônio Carlos had started his experience, namely at 3.00 a.m. in the morning of June 18, 1979. Another eyewitness, Sra. Neiva F. de Oliveira, heard the same noise that troubled Dona Guaraçaí, Antônio's mother. At 2.30 a.m. that same morning, the TV set of Sra. Neiva F. de Oliveira showed interference, and finally ceased to work.

Antônio Carlos since the Abduction

The night of August 6/7, 1982, was notable in Brazil for UFO sightings. Sr. A. J. Gevaerd¹⁴ has compiled a complete survey of the events of that particular night in various regions of Brazil. At 9.00 p.m. that night the well-known Brazilian TV entertainer and producer Daniel Azulay and his family had an extraordinary sighting, which we shall report upon separately. There were sightings during that same night at Mirassol and nearby Catanduva, as was reported in the local press next day.

These sightings were at 11.00 pm. on August 6, at which hour Antônio Carlos was fast asleep. However, next morning, August 7, he got up *an hour earlier than usual* and went to work an hour earlier than usual, without perceiving his mistake.

Antônio Carlos is today a happily married man, and there has been an improvement in his work status, because he is now an assistant bricklayer at another furniture factory, the Monte Carlo Plant.

Early on the morning in question, August 7, 1982, he was walking along beside the local railway line on his way to work. It was a clear, cloudless, warm day. On reaching the point where the road meets the railway and there is a level-crossing, he saw a light appear in the sky. At first he thought it must be a train approaching, but somehow the nature of this light was different, for it was a vivid, brilliant red.

Antônio Carlos felt dazed and dizzy, and was obliged to lie down beside the line for a while. Then, feeling better, he managed to stand up again and proceed on his way. Six hundred metres further on, between two overhead bridges, the red light re-appeared, coming straight at him, and stopping at a distance of ten metres from him. The light was eight metres across and lit up the whole area around most vividly. It was a sharp red light, resembling neon.

Again Antônio Carlos felt dazed, and he must have swooned. On coming-to again, he once more felt a general tingling sensation and also felt decidedly ill,

so he resolved to return home, arriving there at about 6.20 a.m. He lay down, still feeling ill and dazed, and his left arm felt itchy. After a time, all these feelings seemed to pass, and he slept.

During the days following, he had recurring tingling sensations and pain in his left arm.

On August 18, 1982, Professor Ney called at his home to see him, and noticed that on his left arm he seemed to have an injection puncture in a vein, from which blood was oozing, as the Professor twice noticed.

Professor Ney measured the time elapsed and the distance covered between Antônio Carlos' home and his experience on the railway-track that morning, and it was established that he had suffered a memory-lapse lasting for 1½ hours.

Another Close Encounter

Between December 30 and 31, 1982, Antônio Carlos was looking after the home of his parents, during their temporary absence, and once more he had an experience.

He awoke with a start at 2.00 a.m., and found that an intense green light overhead was shining through into the house. (Like many simple houses in the interior of Brazil, his parents' home had no ceilings. See FSR's description of the same state of affairs in A.V.B.'s home.)¹⁵

He got up and went into the living room, and found the door of the kitchen open, though he knew very well that he had left it closed. Back in the living room again, he heard a noise from the bedroom, from which three beings now emerged.

He recognized them as the same ones who had abducted him in June 1979. Two of them were in white overalls and helmets. The third had no helmet, and his skin was dark and his hair red. He was carrying in his hand a shining cylindrical object about 1½ inches wide.

They asked him whether he was afraid. He said he was not, but turned away from them as if to leave the room. Instantly the red-haired dark being levelled the device at him and a green light was emitted which struck Antônio Carlos in the back, burning his shirt.

He turned around to face them, and a second discharge struck the left side of his chest, also burning his shirt, but he felt no pain from it. Then the being fired a third shot, which burned his left sleeve and the calendar hanging on the wall behind him.¹⁶

Instinctively, Antônio Carlos tore off his shirt and threw it far from him, but by now he was feeling faint and dizzy and fell to the floor. As he fell, he noticed that one of them held a small case from which he was withdrawing something that he, Antônio, could not see in detail.

When Antônio Carlos came to again, he found that the beings had departed. However, on his chest and

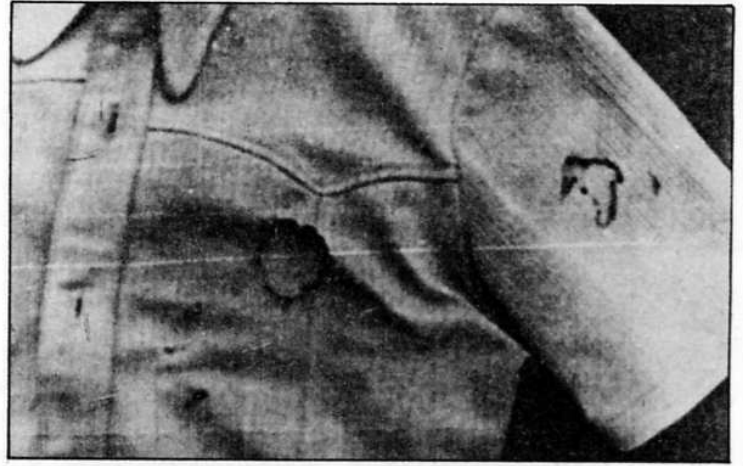


Fig. 3. Antônio's shirt, with burns caused by ray.

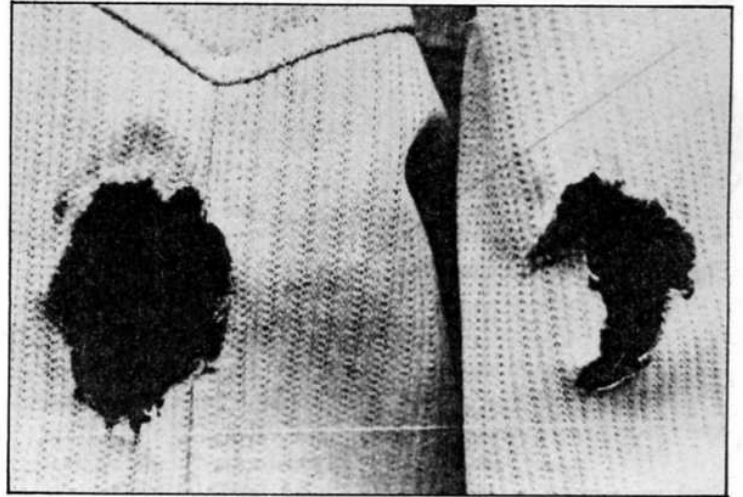


Fig. 4. Close-up of Antônio's burnt shirt.

on his left arm there were many small scratches, looking just as though they had been made with a very fine, pointed instrument. They had only scratched the surface of the skin, and measured from 2.5 cms. to 3 cms. each. And, once more, there was the prick-mark from an injection to be seen on his left arm.

He went to see Professor Ney that same day. In his subsequent investigations, the Professor was able to establish that the calendar was very firmly affixed to the wall and could never have been taken down and put back. Moreover he established that the part of Antônio Carlos' left arm, where the shirt was burnt, and the burnt calendar, were in an exact line. Antônio Carlos gave him the shirt as evidence (it was his best shirt), and the Professor concluded that the story as given seemed to be completely true.



Fig. 5. The burnt calendar.

Hypnotic Regressions

Through the regressive hypnosis of Antônio Carlos, induced by the parapsychologist Álvaro Fernandes on January 11, 1983, it was discovered that instead of having had three contacts, as they believed, he *had already been contacted five times*. Under hypnosis, he described all five occasions in detail.

On the second of the occasions, Antônio Carlos had not entered the aliens' craft, but it had approached him and halted near by, a door had opened, and two beings had emerged, one of them holding a child. The door had then closed again and the UFO had vanished at high speed. Consciously, Antônio recalls that, about a month prior to August 7, 1982, he had seen a UFO fly over, and at the same time had felt the tingling sensation in his left arm.

As regards his third encounter, the date of which he does not recall and has not yet been established, Antônio Carlos gave the following account under hypnosis.

He said he had suddenly been taken up into the UFO by a beam of green light. Inside the craft, the entities had tied him down to a sort of bed, and had placed some kind of apparatus on his left arm and in-

jected some kind of yellow liquid into him through it.

(He said that on another bed near by he saw one of the beings, also tied down, and being subjected to needle-pricks by the others in his arms and body. Antônio Carlos felt anger and shock on seeing this. But the entities told him that the one tied down on the bed had deserved it for not complying with orders, and was being given the treatment as punishment.)¹⁷

Finally, they had untied Antônio Carlos and then they took him across into another compartment where he was shown his child.¹⁸ The infant was already trying to walk, and his mother was there with him. The child was a physical replica of the mother and of the other entities, and even had the same pointed ears as they.

After being shown the child, Antônio Carlos had been "brought back to Earth again".

His next (fourth) encounter took place, as has been mentioned, at the railway-crossing, on August 7, 1982, when he felt dizzy after seeing the UFO again. On this occasion, they explained to him how two of the various instruments in the compartment functioned, and even allowed him to try one of them. This was the instrument that propelled, and stopped, the UFO. On this occasion he was informed that the square apparatus was "made to show how the others were functioning, or for making long-distance observations". (On this fourth encounter he did not see either the child or its mother.)

His fifth encounter was the one in his parents' home on December 31, 1982, when he was struck by the ray that burned his shirt. Under hypnosis he again explained how they had scratched his chest, and this time he added details. He said they had employed a needle, and had started to draw on him their own emblem or insignia. Again they injected some liquid into his left arm, saying that it would help in opening up a means of communication. However, they had not been able to complete the scratching of the emblem on him since, according to them, "the time was up".¹⁹

But that encounter has not been his last. During a hypnosis session on Easter Day, 1983, the investigators discovered that Antônio Carlos had been carried off for two further experiences on either the preceding Monday (March 28, 1983) or preceding Wednesday (March 30, 1983).

The night of March 28th had been a night of full moon.

This was all that Professor Ney was able to tell me when I telephoned him briefly the following week, but he sounded as though deeply impressed by the case.

In the Federal Capital Brasilia, during the course of the Second International UFO Congress, I spoke to Luis Fernando Mendes, a friend and fellow-investigator of Professor Ney's. He told me that Antônio Carlos had revealed to them the name of his child — *and that it was a girl — Azélia*. He had also shown the investigators and Dr Buhler (who was there again on a

visit) the scar on his chest depicting their insignia, namely a circle surrounding a cross.

During the last hypnosis session, on Easter Day 1983, he talked of his encounter (his seventh) on March 30 of that year. During the break-period in the factory where he works, he had strolled over to a plantation of coffee trees near by. Suddenly he heard a voice telling him to turn around, and when he did so, he beheld one of his abductors standing there. This was the one with the red crinkly hair. (It was on this occasion that he was given the name of his daughter, after they had once more urged him not to be afraid.) He was then told to turn his back to them again and when, after a while, he eventually looked round, all that he beheld where the entity had stood *was a puff of smoke*.²⁰

Dazed, he only went back into the factory at 3.00 p.m., and his work-mates are said to have found that he "looked queer".

His penultimate encounter with the entities had been on March 20, 1983, when, on going out into the woods, he had come upon some of them engaged in burying something in the ground. He asked them what it was, and they replied that it was some sort of apparatus for research, but did not specify for what.²¹

A Study of the Various Aspects of the Case

Professor Ney, who is a meticulous researcher, decided to measure Antônio Carlos' bio-rhythms on two different occasions — namely after the original abduction in 1979, and after the last known abduction, namely in August 1982, but the results seemed too contradictory to give any sort of indications.

Some of the locations described by Antônio Carlos, such as a large kind of hangar containing UFOs of medium size (two or three metres wide) and other very large craft, as large as a train, would lead one to think either that he had been aboard a space-platform, or that what he was saying was the result of induced "fabulation", possibly induced whenever the liquid was injected into his arm. The UFO drawings that he made are all extremely simple, especially if compared with those made by Antônio Alves Ferreira (another case investigated by the author, I. Granchi).²² Incidentally, one notes again the extraordinary fact of their apparent predilection for men named Antônio! (In addition to those mentioned above, there are Antônio La Rubia, whose case I have also investigated though not yet discussed in FSR, and the soldier in the famous Bebedouro case, who was also named Antônio!)

At one point in the course of the hypnosis regressions, Antônio Carlos was asked by the investigators why HE precisely, and not somebody else, had been selected by the entities, and he replied: "They told me I was capable." To what sort of "capability" were they referring? We do not know.²³

An interesting observation made by Dr Ney is that these beings were able to breathe our air without wearing any sort of special helmet, and Antônio Carlos was able to breathe theirs, in spite of finding it unpleasant. But what about the other entities, who were wearing helmets? According to Professor Ney these might all have been robots.²⁴ In fact at the most recent hypnosis session, this question was put to Antônio Carlos, and his answer was in the affirmative.

So it looks as though, in this case of Antônio Carlos Ferreira, we have one more example of possible miscegenation to add to our files. One more proof that an inter-relationship, both physical and mental, is being carried on. And also one more proof that our connection with these intelligences coming from outside the Earth, which manipulate humans according to pre-established plans, is becoming more and more evident, and is becoming an intelligible means of communication, a road along which we may all travel together towards a mystery-filled Infinity.²⁵

Notes and references

1. Barney Hill was also a Negro, but it is not indicated that any of the entities who captured him and his wife Betty were black, other than as regards their clothing, which looked like black leather. Their leader had red hair and blue eyes.
2. We are not told how far the night-watchman's home was from the factory, but everything seems to indicate that it was either somewhere on the actual premises of the plant, or just outside it.
3. It is not difficult to guess what these creatures are and where they hail from.
4. All who know Brazil know that *coffee = Brazil!* Anything that can put a Brasileiro off his *cafezinho* must be pretty serious.
5. We are assembling quite an interesting dossier on UFOs, entities, and *dogs*.
6. Sra. Granchi points out many resemblances to the A.V.B. case. But this woman is a great deal bigger and a great deal less attractive than A.V.B.'s trim little white-skinned lady with a freckled nose, peroxidized hair (head), red pubic and armpit hair, and blue, slit "Chinese" eyes.
7. A.V.B.'s lady also never "spoke" to him.
8. Though wearing gloves, A.V.B.'s captors showed greater dexterity, it seems, in disrobing him.
9. A.V.B. was also swabbed down with a liquid, possibly an oil.
10. A.V.B. seems to have had no such telepathic link with his captors.
11. We have no record at FSR of this case. As regards the drink proffered to the victim, one may call to mind several interesting cases, especially that of the dwarfs who captured the Brazilian soldier José Antônio da Silva (YES! ANOTHER ANTÔNIO!) on May 4, 1969, at Bebedouro. *Bebedouro, by the way, is just 100 kilometres to the east of Mirassol.* The proffering of these drinks by the entities is probably an important part of their

mind-blocking techniques, and it turns up in the fairy stories repeatedly.

12. The *vital importance* of the fairy stories of all the different human civilizations in the world has been recognized by FSR since a very early date. It is more than 25 years since I led the way by pointing out the significance of the "enchantment" or "glamour" and of the "fairy's wand" (i.e. the paralyzing tube or rod).
13. The aversion of the entities for "Church weddings" should be another good pointer for those who can see a little more deeply into these matters.
14. Sr. A. J. Gevaerd, Co-ordinator of the Centre for UFO Research at Campo Grande in South-Western Brazil, is the CUFOs representative in that part of Brazil. We shall shortly be publishing another very detailed account of a similar Brazilian case which Sr. Gevaerd has investigated most closely. This is the so-called Jardim Alvorada case, and it also has sexual overtones.
15. See *The Amazing Case of Antônio Villas Boas* (p. 205 of Futura Paperback edition of *The Humanoids*).
16. Isn't this rather curious behaviour for allegedly Higher Beings who have voyaged for immensely great distances through Space in order to grant us the benefits of their ineffable wisdom?
17. It almost sounds like the Soviet Union, which has recently been expelled from membership of the World Psychiatric Conference because of its persistent use of mind-destroying drugs and poisons given or injected, as a punitive weapon against perfectly sane and non-psychiatric *political* prisoners who happen to have their own opinions about police states and tyrannies.
18. Henry Gris recently sent back from the USSR an extraordinary report (which we have not used) that a UFO recently came to grief or was brought down there, and that, among the debris, the Russians found an alien child with webbed fingers and pur-

ple eyes, which they managed to keep alive only briefly. What are we to make of these UFO reports, ever more strange and weird, brought back from the USSR by a professional journalist who was born in Latvia and who speaks Russian fluently?

19. Again — isn't this funny behaviour for "Higher Beings from the Cosmos"?
20. According to the *Most Noble Qur'an*, this sounds to us mighty like plain old common or garden *Jinns*. (See FSR 29/1.)
21. There are other accounts of entities caught in the act of "burying something". For example, at Diamantina, in the Brazilian State of Minas Geraes (N.E. of Mirassol), on August 20, 1962, the diamond-pro prospector Rivalino Mafra da Silva was mysteriously abducted or disintegrated by two small black and white spheres lurking outside his front door. Some days previously, in the woods, he had come across some "small men" who were surreptitiously "burying something", and he had also been having UFO sightings and "poltergeistic phenomena" in and around his house. (See *The Humanoids in Latin America*, Case No. 29, in *The Humanoids*.)
22. The story of Antônio Alves Ferreira seems to be another Brazilian one of which FSR has no record.
23. Surely the meaning must clearly be "*capable of fathering a child*".
24. Surely the nature of the surrounding atmosphere — or even its total absence — would be the very last and least thing that a *robot* would have to worry about!
25. Others may prefer to hope that Beautiful Cosmic Brethren are dropping in on us all the time to pay us gracious visits and impart the quintessence of Wisdom. Sad to say, all *we* catch a whiff of is — JINNS.

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ABDUCTION AT BOTUCATÚ

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Those who were reading FSR 15 or 20 years ago will recall how frequently the name of Botucatú, in the southwestern Brazilian State of São Paulo, cropped up in the UFO reports we were receiving in those days from our erstwhile correspondent Nigel Rimes, himself a resident of that part of Brazil. The result was that we published quite a lot of striking contact and encounter and landing cases from such places as Botucatú and Lins, and we remember particularly that several of the cases occurred near hospitals or involved hospital personnel. The subject of the present extraordinary story, João Valério da Silva, is, be it noted, also a hospital employee, as he is the doorman at the local hospital. — EDITOR.

FOR the details of this interesting new case I am much indebted to Dr. Luciano Stancka e Silva, who has lived and worked in the Botucatú area for the past ten years. As soon as I heard of the affair, I wrote and asked Dr. Luciano to investigate and let me have a report. This was fortunate, as it turned out, for he had been one of the first people to see João Valério after the episode. What follows is his summing-up of the true events, the details of which had been particularly badly distorted, it seems, in all the accounts in the press.

João Valério da Silva, aged 38, is a married man, and he and his wife have three children, aged respectively 20, 15, and 7. (The presence of these children in the home should be noted, in the light of certain other phenomena which we shall report in due course.)

The Abduction

At about 1.50 a.m. on November 29, 1982, João Valério da Silva suddenly began to feel stomach-pains — attributable to no cause that he could think of, such as an indigestible evening-meal, etc. So he got out of bed to take some medicine and went to the kitchen for water, but finding that the water-supply was off, he opened the back-door and stepped out to get some from a sink that stands there.

And, as he stood at the sink, he suddenly began to hear a noise behind him which he describes as "like the sound of a *Volkswagen* ticking over." He turned round, and was instantly blinded by a very bright, dazzling light, down which there came something like