

SOAKING WET "SPACE FLIGHT"

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ACCORDING to a report in the Brazilian newspaper *O Dia* of Rio de Janeiro (April 22, 1976) a man named Mário Restier in that country has claimed that he was seized by a UFO and remained absent from his home for three months of our time, whereas to him it seemed to be only a matter of two or three days.

He said that he had been walking along a road (the press report does not quote the date or place of the occurrence) when he caught sight of a disc, some eight metres or so in diameter, flying along at a height of three metres from the ground. It stopped, a porthole opened, and he watched three very tall men descend nimbly from it. They invited him telepathically to go for a trip with them. He refused, but resistance was useless, for he felt himself so dominated by something that he lacked the strength even to formulate his negative reply. Then he felt himself hoisted up by a force, which he thought magnetic, and put through the opening into the craft, where there was a third man.

He was aware of a flash which lit up the cabin and received the telepathic impression that the beings were thanking him for having accepted their invitation, whereas he had done nothing of the sort but had simply been hoisted aboard the craft.

The beings ordered him to get into a "glass box" filled with a liquid, which, as he explained in his statement, is the only method by which the human organism can be protected against the problems of such travel. Once again he felt himself obliged to obey their orders. And he found himself suddenly inside the "glass box." There he fell asleep, and awakened to hear one of the men telling him that they were "about to arrive." He got up out of the "glass box," and instantly his clothing dried.

Through a porthole he glimpsed large numbers of discs standing upon the soil of some unknown place. The men handed him fresh clothing. The machine was now approaching the ground for a landing. *When it had landed, the strange beings lowered their heads and at once became motionless. He now perceived that they were in fact robots.*

Outside the machine, six men received him. They were all very tall. They took him into a building which seemed to be the organizational and functional centre of this strange place. He saw men standing in line there receiving food.

He was informed that these were young men undergoing training for Space-Travel. He was told that, in the view of these other beings, we Earthlings are extremely overweening and aggressive — unlike themselves, who are "simple and well organized."

In one of the rooms into which he was taken, Mario Restier claims to have seen a terrestrial globe similar to those used in schools, and many maps,

with places marked on them. He says they did not tell him why these places were so marked, but told him that they would return to Earth.

He was "brought back here," in a journey similar to the "outward trip," and was put down at a spot less than one kilometre from the point where they had seized him.

Finally, Mario Restier made the surprising statement that, should the beings return and want to take him away again, he is quite prepared to go with them, "...as there is so much to learn with them and about them."

This looks therefore like an interesting example of extended control of a human mind.

Dr. W. Buhler of Rio de Janeiro, to whom we are indebted for the press-clipping, informs me that this is an old case which has already been reported — no doubt in his usual very thorough and detailed fashion — in his *Bulletin*, organ of the SBEDV, the Brazilian Society for the Study of Flying Saucers.

Since however he has not mentioned to me the date of either the case or of his report on it in the *SBEDV Bulletin*, it might take some time for me to trace it, and time is a commodity of which I have all too little. I thought it best therefore to give this brief account now, because this is in fact not the first occasion on which "Space-Travel inside a liquid" has been claimed. The previous case which I call to mind (and which I have not yet had time to translate for FSR as it is a whole book) is that of another Brazilian, Arturo Berlet, a man of German origin from one of the southern states of Brazil, whose alleged experiences have been very well ventilated in the Brazilian press as well as in the form of a whole full-length book issued in Portuguese by Dr. W. Buhler a few years ago. There is also a German edition of the book, and Arturo Berlet has even been to Germany and lectured about his alleged experiences.

Berlet describes in extraordinary detail an alien planet — which he said he thought was Mars — and a species of extremely unprepossessing people inhabiting it, who, he said, were about to launch an invasion of the Earth.

While I do not believe for a moment that either Arturo Berlet or Mario Restier have been away from this planet, or have visited another planet, I do think that both of them have undergone a sinister and unpleasant experience which is seemingly real to them. I think that when time and space permit we shall have to print as much as we can about both these episodes in the hope that they may throw some light on the massive attack — or whatever it is — that is being staged against the human mind from one or more sources whose true nature is totally unknown to us.

ASTRONOMER'S SURPRISE IN PERSEUS

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HERE are some unusual photographs taken by an unsuspecting amateur astronomer, who states he did not see the object he photographed.

The witness, Charles Baker of Norman, Oklahoma (but not a witness, since he didn't perceive the bright light source — a paradox?) was taking a series of photographs of the constellation Perseus, which was in the NNW quadrant of the sky. All in all a most reliable type of person, with considerable observing experience, and I suspect there was no "fluke" here, but a 100% legitimate observation of an unknown object.

The date was February 18, 1975, and the time was 8.00 to 8.05 p.m. CST. The weather was clear. Other details:

Transparency: 4-5 (on a "0" worst to "6" perfect clarity scale);

Camera: Edixamat 35mm, 450 mm, F 2.8 + 1A Skylite filter;

Film: High Speed Ektachrome (Kodak) ASA 160 pushed to ASA 400.

Exposure time: 18-22 seconds, tripod mounted, undriven.

Bright objects in the sky at the time of exposure were i) the Moon — 6 days — SSW, and ii) Venus — SSW (R.A. $23^{\text{h}}30^{\text{m}}$, Dec. — $4^{\circ}42'$, magnitude -3.4).

1: Positional Analysis (observer)

Venus and the Moon were low in the SSW behind the observer. Observer was on a patio, behind the house which blocked out the light reflection from the Moon, while Venus was not visible to the observer from the position where the camera was mounted.

The observer did not see the object that appeared on the negative (transparency) while he was photographing Perseus. Such an apparently brilliant light source could hardly go un-noticed unless

During my recent visit to the United States I had the great pleasure of taking part in an excellent hour-long discussion on UFOs on Pittsburgh radio with Bob Schmidt, the author of this article. Bob is well-known for excellent studies which have appeared in FSR, notably two weird humanoid cases described in *Humanoids seen at Butler* (FSR Vol.14, No.5, September-October 1968) and *Callery UFO and Occupants* (FSR Vol.17, No.4 July-August 1971).

I apologise for the fact that publication of this contribution, like many another, has been held back by the pressure of scores of other contributions — a situation for which, nevertheless, we are extremely thankful!

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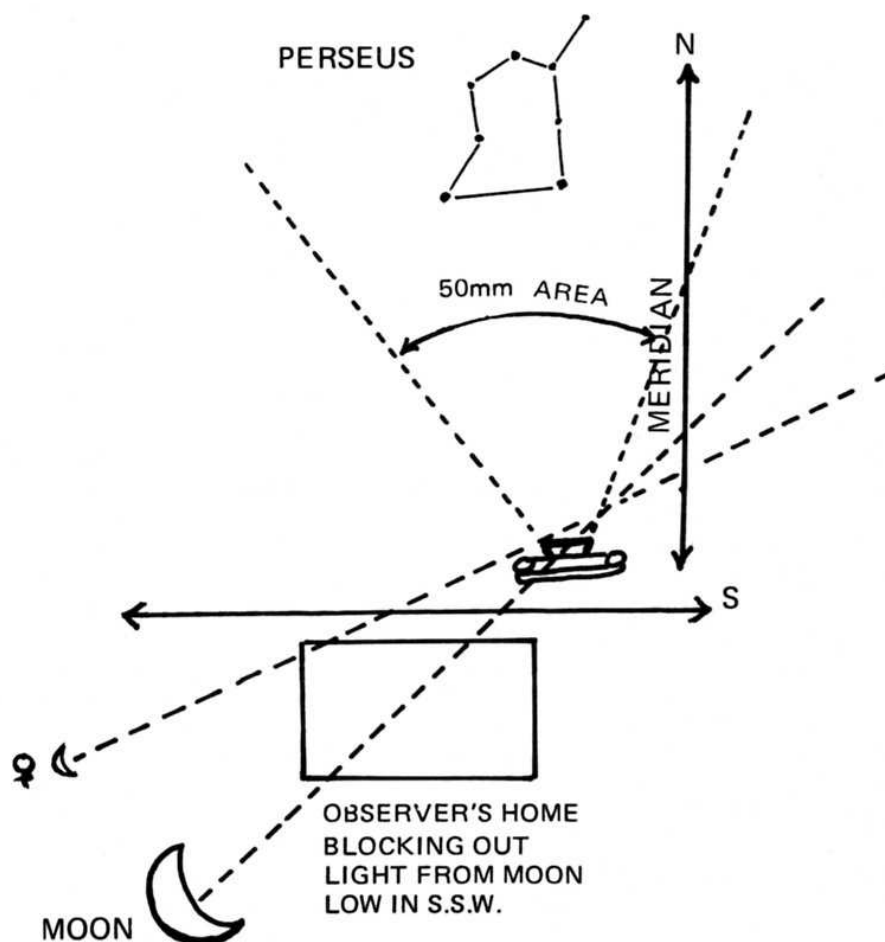


Figure 1: Schematic of observer's set-up