

# MORE TELEPORTATIONS AND LEVITATIONS

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Bulletin 81/84 of the SBDEV (Brazilian Society for the study of Flying Saucers), edited by our contributor in Rio de Janeiro, contains three further reports in which activities of this kind are alleged to have occurred. Translated from the Portuguese by Gordon Creighton who discerns, in the accounts, hints as to certain culinary tastes, namely a taste for beef suet and a taste for veal.

THE details of our first case<sup>1</sup> came to SBEDV from the GPECE (Paraná Group for the study of Extraterrestrial Civilizations).

The "victim" was a certain Sr. João Batista Marcelino, a farmer, who is the president of the syndicate of rural workers of the Municipality of Canelinha in the South Brazilian State of Santa Catarina.

## 1. The Levitated Cyclist

On the night of July 16, 1970, Sr. Marcelino arrived in Canelinha by bus from Florianópolis, and set out by bicycle to do the rest of the journey to his home at a place called Papagaios, about eight kilometres distant. The night was dark and the road, of the third class, little frequented. On a particularly deserted section of it he was astonished to encounter a sort of "headlight" shining down out of the sky from an unknown object that was making a deafening noise. He felt that he was suddenly suspended in the air, and made desperate attempts to jump off the bicycle. But he was quite unable to do so, and thus remained in this immobilized state for several minutes. He could not call out for help as, try as he might, no sound would come from his throat.

Finally he felt his bicycle being set down again gently on the ground. Assuming that he was at last free, he started pedalling madly again, but was lifted up once more, this time in total silence, the episode being otherwise a repetition in all respects of the first levitation.

By the time he had got home to his brother's house, he had recovered his voice and was able to describe what had happened. Only then did he discover that a packet of *beef-suet* which had been on his baggage-carrier was now missing, presumably, as he concluded, "sucked up" by the beam of light that had held him prisoner.

## 2. The Abduction from the Corral

The following case was reported to SBEDV by the GIPOVNI Group of Independent UFO investigators in Gravataí, in the South Brazilian State of Rio Grande do Sul, after they had carried out a meticulous investigation.

The date was between October 25 and 31 of 1970, and the scene of the unusual occurrence was the Palma Velha ranch, owned by Sr. Ildefonso Coutinho and lying about 18 km. from the town of Alegrete, in the First District of Rio Grande do Sul.

There were two witnesses, father and son, who were employed as *posteiros* on the ranch, i.e. as duty-men whose job it is to watch after the herds of cattle. The father, 66-year-old widower Pedro Trajano Machado, is

very slightly literate. His son, 23-year-old Eurípedes de Jesus Trindade<sup>2</sup> Machado is a bachelor, and totally illiterate. Their modest dwelling is only some 150-200 metres from the spot where the event occurred, and one of Sr. Pedro's daughters was inside the house at the time, but she saw and heard nothing. A married couple and other older sons and daughters who also live there were away from the house at the time.

It was at about 4.00 p.m., and the two Machados, father and son, were engaged in carrying out veterinary treatment on eighteen head of cattle that they had rounded up in the paddock. They had just picked out one Jersey cow, which had with her a calf about one month old and weighing some 20 kilogrammes.

They had tied the cow up, away from the paddock where the rest of the herd were, and the calf was loose, about five metres away from the mother. Suddenly, as they were working on her and treating her, they noticed that the cattle were beginning to get disturbed. Since these were animals that had been out on the range and so were not used to being corraled, their being disturbed did not at first seem surprising. But now the unrest spread to the tethered cow that they were treating. She began to low persistently, turning constantly to look at her calf which was close by.

Old Sr. Pedro Machado turned round too to look at the calf, which by now was also bellowing, and found that the animal was hanging in the air, at about one metre above the ground, and otherwise in the normal posture (i.e. with its feet pointing downwards). He at once shouted to his son to look, and both were now able to watch as, in so strange a fashion, the calf began to move away parallel to the ground, still at a height of about one metre, in the same position as before, and bellowing as it headed off towards the open fields. Stupefied, the two Machados just stood there, rooted to the ground, inactive and passive, observing the extraordinary unfoldment of these events.

While the rest of the cattle were bellowing and lowing and churning about in evident fear, the calf was now moving towards the barred gate in the fence, which was open. Then it passed beneath the branches of some trees, towards the North-East, until it was now about twenty metres from its mother. It was still at about one metre above the ground. But now it began to move slowly upwards, still with its feet pointing down. It had stopped bellowing now. According to the two witnesses, this slow vertical ascent lasted for about three or four minutes until, while still far below the cloud-ceiling, the calf became invisible. (Note: We do not know what type of

clouds these were and so cannot make even an approximate estimate of their height.)

No other phenomena (noise, wind, temperature changes) were noted by the eyewitnesses, who went back to the job of treating the mother cow, now bereft of her child.

In due course the affair was reported to the owner of the cattle, who paid not the least attention to it.

On October 28, still badly shaken by the experience, Sr. Pedro Machado sought out an old friend of his, Sr. Miguel Carvalho, and unburdened his heart to him, confessing that he was at his wits' end to know what to think about what he had seen.

### Details of the Investigation

This affair took place in October 1970, but it was not until the close of January 1971 that it came to the knowledge of the investigator Victor Soares (President of GIPOVNI) through some friends and relatives.

The investigation was done in two stages. The first stage was on March 28, 1971, the investigators present at the scene being Sres. Victor Soares, Adão Bastos and Luiz Carlos dos Santos Lopes. The second investigation, on March 30, was by the same gentlemen together with their colleague Sr. Adalberto Alves da Rosa, also of GIPOVNI. (All these investigators are resident in Alegrete.)

The honesty of the two eyewitnesses, who have been living at the Palma Velha Ranch for about six years, was confirmed by other people who have known them for a long period. Both are men in a humble walk of life, persons of limited background, not the sort of folk who would launch such a story in order to advertise themselves. They are quiet men, of few words, expressing themselves soberly, without exaggerations or enthusiasms. It was indeed very difficult to extract the story from them, they were reluctant, and loth to engage in explanations.

However, when the investigators urged them to tell them of any other flying or luminous phenomena that they might have observed, Sr. Pedro Machado and his son both said that on a number of occasions—including the day on which this affair of the calf took place—they had seen, at night, "red lights, coming on and going out"; "stars" in the sky, now moving about and now stopping; "even doing somersaults in the sky, either separately or in groups of three."

Sr. Victor Soares reports that there is a high tension powerline (69,000 volts) at about 120 metres from the scene of the calf-napping. This line connects with the Oswaldo Aranha Thermo-electric Plant, and runs from the town of São Francisco de Assis to the town of Alegrete. The course taken by the calf as it travelled along above the ground was in fact parallel to this power-line, and ran in the direction from Alegrete to São Francisco de Assis.

At the Palma Velha Ranch, the investigators were informed that no trace of the calf had been found.

In a letter dated April 3, 1971, Sr. Victor Soares reported to the GIPOVNI Group that there had been other cases of cattle-snatching in the adjacent areas of Uruguay, in the North of Argentina, and in the Brazilian State of Rio Grande do Sul. It is to be regretted however that none of these other cases have yet come

to the knowledge of SBEDV in Rio de Janeiro.

### 3. Another Levitation at Canelinha

According to a report received from the GPECE UFO Investigation Group in Curitiba (in the South Brazilian State of Paraná) this case, like No. 1, also occurred at Canelinha, in the State of Santa Catarina. The area has timber forests and also plantations of banana and sugar. There are also deposits of sulphur, graphite, and bituminous schist, all still unworked.

The occurrence took place at the end of January 1971. The man involved, Egídio Silva, aged 29 (employed in fact by the same Sr. João Batista Marcelino who figures in Case No. 1) had gone out of his house at about 8.00 p.m. to find out why his dog was barking so furiously. He thought the dog might be after a *gambá*<sup>3</sup> in a copse of banana trees quite close to the hut where he was sleeping.

When he had gone about ten metres from the hut, his lantern went out. He then became aware of a powerful light shining down on him from above, and his whole body felt as though paralyzed. Then he felt himself being gently lifted up off the ground by some unusual force. In vain he tried to shout for help. He was unable to utter a sound. He remembers hearing a noise "as though his body was bursting," and then he fainted.

He only came to his senses again at about 8.00 a.m. next morning, awakened by his dog. He found that his shirt was torn, and all the buttons were missing from it. His lantern was damaged, as also was his belt, in the area around the buckle.

He kept quiet about the affair for three days. Then his employer, Sr. João Batista Marcelino, happened to tell him what had happened to *him* and his bicycle in July 1970 (see Case No. 1), and this gave Egídio Silva the courage to speak up about his own experience. The employer then reported the matter to the GPECE UFO Investigation Group.

On April 6, 1971, members of GPECE went to Canelinha, hoping to interview three people. Unfortunately they found that both Sr. João Batista Marcelino and Egídio Silva happened to be away on that day. They learned that the latter had gone to the Hospital at Tijucas in Santa Catarina "about an accident." They also discovered that Egídio Silva was not considered locally to be quite so honest a person as his employer, the general view being that he was given to the telling of "tall stories" and was fond of the bottle.

In order to get at the truth about this case it is absolutely essential to see Egídio Silva himself, and also to get information about him from the doctors and nurses who attended him at the hospital. It *is*, after all, quite possible that a person who is untruthful *may well tell the truth about something that has really happened to him*. And it seems to us scarcely likely that Egídio Silva would have made up the story about the behaviour of his dog *vis-à-vis* what may well have been a genuine UFO.

### Translator's Notes

<sup>1</sup> Sources quoted by GPECE are the newspapers *Jornal de Joinville* for July 18, 1970, and *Diário do Povo* for July 23, 1970.

<sup>2</sup> With reference to my footnote 8 to *Follow-up on the Morro do Vintém* (FSR, July/August 1971), I must confess that

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