

object was emitting the multi-coloured little lights. He asserts that he does not know the exact shape of the object. At that moment, he heard a strange sound, like one made by a jet turbine, and he became almost deaf. Having made up his mind to confront what seemed to him an imminent danger, he took out his service revolver and fired several times. Almiro barely recalls that between the 2nd and 3rd shots, there came from the mound (where he allegedly saw the line of small lights) a violent flash in his direction, blinding him at once. He remembers that his body was paralyzed by an uncommon heat, calculated at above 40°, which inhibited his movements. On the other hand, he is certain that the 3rd shot he made was at random, for by then he hardly knew what

was happening around him.

"A motorist and another Security Watchman, the first to help Almiro, state that he was standing, with his revolver in his hand, still turned towards the mound, and saying: 'Don't look, beware of the flash, I'm blind.' These witnesses also state that, when they reached Almiro, he was standing upright, as though unable to move, and seemingly paralyzed. Only when he was taken into the car, did he seem to recover his ability to move. It had rained a lot; but at the place where Almiro states he saw the row of multicoloured lights, the gently sloping mound was becoming solidified [shades of Valensole—ED.]. A part of it had suddenly dried, and a small circle displayed not a vestige of the downpour that had fallen.

"The first ophthalmological tests indicate that Almiro's blindness is temporary, and is psychological, possibly brought on by shock. The matter is being handled cautiously, and the investigations are beginning to assume a character of secrecy. When Almiro speaks of the incident, he becomes noticeably disturbed; but he displays stability and perfect mental balance. He was immediately taken from Itatiaia and is now in a hospital in the Guanabara (state). The matter was brought to the attention of the Security authorities, especially the department which is studying the UFOs."

We will look into the other accounts. Any further information, either from the newspapers or from Dr. Buhler, will be carried in a future issue of FSR.

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