

ARGENTINE JET AIR-LINER IN UFO NEAR-MISS (JULY 1995)

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Give below my translation of the fullest account seen in the press of Argentina regarding a recent extraordinary episode over the city of San Carlos de Bariloche in Rio Negro Province of Argentina when a UFO almost collided with an airliner of Aerolineas Argentinas and seemingly produced an electrical blackout in an entire city.

City and country of incident: San Carlos de Bariloche, Rio Negro Province, Argentina.

Date of Incident: July 31, 1995, 08.10pm.

Name and Date of Newspaper: *La Nación*, Buenos Aires, August 2, 1995.

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A REPORTER FROM LA NACIÓN WAS IN THE PLANE WHEN A UFO WAS SEEN OVER BARILOCHE

By Mariano de Vedia

(On board Aerolineas Argentinas Flight No. 734)

IN FLIGHT

When everything seemed normal the plane made a sudden manoeuvre and all the electricity was cut off in the airport; all the passengers were confused; some of them began to pray.

SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE

Everything seemed normal in Aerolineas Argentinas flight 734 before it was due to land in this city. But at 08.10 pm the estimated landing-time, a sudden manoeuvre was clearly felt by the passengers. Up until then the flight routine had only been altered by the efforts that the on-board crew had to make to put a young passenger, who had both legs in a cast, in a reclining seat in the sixth row. The flight had been normal, with the exception of the infrequent slice of pizza served on board, together with lemon mousse. After the sudden manoeuvre to gain altitude many passengers were concerned by the delay in landing which the pilot had promised would be in 20 minutes. Quite a few passengers were scared and started to pray. At 08.25pm, the time when we were expecting to be re-united with our luggage, the plane kept on "building castles in the air." That was when we

had the first information about the delay. The Captain explained that a blackout that affected the supply of electricity at the airport was the reason why he had to keep on circling until the lights returned and the landing would be authorised. At that time all of us — including myself — took instinctive refuge by looking out the windows. Only blackness surrounded the plane and a "there's nothing out there" that came from the tenth row, broke the silence.

"NOTHING HERE, NOTHING THERE"

The announcement of the blackout also halted the crew members' trips along the aisles of the plane. With their safety belts buckled up, some passengers, among whom there were members from the National Commission on Atomic Energy and from the Balseiro Institute, recalled the previous week's flight, when a cold wind and snow storm had caused another Aerolineas Argentinas flight to turn back to Buenos Aires without getting to Bariloche. The official information was given a few minutes later, when Captain Polanco, in his second announcement to the passengers, promised an imminent landing as soon as the electricity was back at the Base, but that it would take a while. The plane finally landed at 09.10 pm, one hour later than its ETA, and the hurry the passengers were in to get to their destination made them forget their interest in learning the real reasons for the delay. The data included by Captain Polanco in his report was confirmed by Major Oviedo, the Airport Chief, in his statements to the press. He confirmed that the pilot could not land in his first attempt due to the sudden appearance of a strange object in his path, just when the airport was blacked out. Oviedo said that the mass of light was seen by personnel in the control tower and he thought it possible for the passengers not to have noticed the UFO because the cabin, in the fuselage sector, was lit up.

"In the pilot's cabin, instead, the lights are dimmed", said the Airport Chief. The truth is that, when the passengers got off the plane, they did not notice anything out of the ordinary. Not even the watchful eyes of this reporter noticed any unusual movements. The passengers only commented on the snow along the sides of the landing strip. Some of them were interested in the fate of the young man with the broken legs, and how he fared when he got off the plane. But most of them thought

only about their luggage. The plane had a long delay before it took off again with other passengers on its trip back to Buenos Aires. Those who arrived in Bariloche had only the snow under their feet in their minds. (Bariloche is an international skiing resort - Tr.) The mysterious shadow of the UFO, that only had had a close encounter with the pilot, caught their attention only when it was too late

WITNESS

The Chief of the Airport in San Carlos de Bariloche, Major Jorge Luis Oviedo, confirmed yesterday that a UFO was seen.

"The version is exactly as the captain of the plane stated it, close to 5,500 feet and with the object beside us, all the airport's radio support was suddenly cut off, and there was a blackout in the whole city", he said.

THE REPORT FROM THE PILOT

By Carolina Arenes

"We cannot go on believing that we are alone in all the immensity of the Universe" This thought by Jorge Polanco — the Captain of the Aerolineas Argentinas plane that encountered a UFO Monday night while landing at the Bariloche Airport, carries the strength of the words that are considered indisputable truths after witnessing a revelation. "What we saw was not a plane, it was nothing that responded to the physical laws as we know them."

A special report submitted to the authorities of the Bariloche Airport describes the phenomenon that, for the first time in the history of the Argentine aerial navigation, was seen from at least three different positions and by flight experts; the Aerolineas Argentinas pilots, the control tower personnel, and a Gendarmerie pilot flying over the area.

"We saw something similar to the image of an inverted flying saucer, as large as a *Boeing 727* and with a very powerful illumination that was blinding us", he claimed,

INEXPLICABLE BLACKOUT

When, a few minutes before 08.30 pm, and after a blackout that had lasted 10 minutes, the control tower authorised the descent, the four men in the cabin of the *Boeing 727* - the pilot, Captain Polanco, the co-pilot, Carlos Dortona, flight engineer Jorge Allende and another pilot from the same company - noticed the object arriving. "At first we were worried, because it was coming straight at us at full speed, but it stopped some 100 metres from us. When we called the control tower to learn if there was another plane in the area, they confirmed that the only other plane was a Gendarmerie machine which was flying 600 metres above us", said Polanco.

It was precisely Rubén Cipazuk, pilot of the Gendarmerie's turboprop *PA 315/GN*, who filled them in

about the whereabouts of the UFO: "I'm seeing it and I don't know what it is, but it is following you", he stated. When the plane began its approach before landing the object placed itself some 100 metres to the right of the plane and accompanied it in its descent.

INSTRUMENTS WENT WILD

In the tower, the instruments "went crazy" and inexplicably the night once again swallowed up the lights of Bariloche and the landing strip disappeared in the darkness. Said Polanco: "I then made a so-called escape-manoeuve and went back up to 3,000 metres, but the UFO with aerial motions that are impossible for our planes and at a speed that is unknown by human technology remained hovering at 3,000 metres."

When the Aerolineas plane began its second descent, the strange craft disappeared at high speed behind Mount Otto. Jorge Allende, flight engineer in this "Space Odyssey" said: "in my 15 years experience I never saw anything like it; I never believed we were the only beings in the Universe, but all the same I'm very excited; nobody is ready to see such a dazzling confirmation."

ON THE GROUND AND IN THE SKY

Jorge Polanco is a man used to making unexpected manoeuvres at very high speeds, and not only because of his work as a pilot of commercial jets, for when he has his feet on the ground he also drives racing cars.

Up until last year he used to participate in road-racing, and his sports license is still valid. As if this were not enough to exercise his passion for risk-taking, he owns a racing car in the United States where he was able to compete in the Stock Cars and Indy Light categories. However, his love for speed is not only confined to mechanics; according to the sports reporters, he is also well known for his mental speed and his innovative ideas. Those in the motoring field who have talked to him also say that he is fascinated by everything related to Space, and that this experience with the UFO may not have taken him by surprise.

TAIL-PIECE BY EDITOR, FSR

Assuredly no British national newspaper has striven more zealously than the Daily Telegraph, over the past 48 years, to pour ridicule on UFO reports and on UFO investigators, so it was curious indeed for us to read the following brief *Agence France-Presse* snippet on page 18 (Foreign News) of the D.T.'s issue of August 3, 1995.

(One finds oneself beginning to wonder whether someone on the D.T.'s scientific staff has become unhinged?)

ARGENTINE JET IN "UFO" NEAR MISS

An Aerolineas Argentinas jet narrowly missed a UFO that darted into its path and then flew beside it on Monday night, according to its pilot, Jorge Polanco.

Air Force Major Jorge Oviedo said that he and several other people saw the UFO and that there was a simultaneous power failure throughout the city of San Carlos de Bariloche, forcing the pilot to abort his landing. - AFP.

LORD HILL-NORTON SPEAKS AGAIN

Just when many folk in Britain were no doubt hoping that the bogus piece of "Roswell" film footage (maybe made in Brazil — "where the nuts come from"?) had put paid to our subject or at least knocked it right out of the news for a while — lo, the pesky UFOs have bounced back again onto the front page, with reports (*Sunday Telegraph and Guardian*, both of September 3) that there is talk again in the European Community about that hoary old scheme ⁽¹⁾ to set up a "European UFO Observation Station", which would probe such matters as the big "Belgian triangle" of March 31, 1990⁽²⁾ and that, once again, the importance of this famous Belgian case is vouched for by Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, GCB, Chief of Britain's Defence Staff in 1971-73 (and a man who, in his time, has occupied pretty well all of Britain's top Defence and Naval posts!)

The *Guardian's* initial report of September 3rd about the Admiral's views on the "Belgian triangle" was couched in entirely civilized language, but later when interviewing the Admiral by telephone, somebody at the *Guardian* got angry because Hill-Norton had complained at his stupid questioning and had "hung up" on him. The result, in the *Guardian* of September 5th, was a fine piece of coarse, guttersnipe abuse, which evidently shows the *Guardian* in a truer light:—

"Lord Hill-Norton needn't worry. No words that I could put into his mouth would be half as embarrassing as the drivel he spews forth himself. Still, he can't be blamed. After a few years in the House of Lords even I might begin to believe that the Martians have landed".

The accompanying gross and vulgar ⁽³⁾ cartoon shows two "spacemen", with the obligatory TV aerials atop their helmets, watching Lord Hill-Norton on a TV screen and one of them is saying:-

"Amazing. It appears that they talk out of their backsides."

Truly, this is evidently "*Guardian culture*" in its purest and highest form. How comforting it is for the rest of us to know that the Monarchy and aristocracy and upper classes, who for centuries past ran this country so successfully and made it great, are now superseded and replaced by a new ruling class possessed of true breeding and culture — the Super-Whizboys and Girls of the Media, our new dictators and the arbiters of our lives and our morality, and just about every other darned thing too. They will know how to deal with pipsqueaks like Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton who — unlike them — as we are all so well aware — has never done a thing for Britain.

Britain's fine heritage is safe in their hands. Monarchy, Parliament, the Courts, all can now be closed down, and we can go back to sleep under the ever-watchful and

baneful eyes of these "benevolent" scumbags, our new Rulers, the British Press.

FOOTNOTES

- (1) See FSR 39/1, Editorial
- (2) See FSR 35/2 and 35/4 on the "Belgian Triangle."
- (3) Has anyone noticed that words like *coarse*, *vulgar*, *base*, *low*, *degenerate*, *decadent*, *dissolute*, and many many others, have already vanished from the English language? This is clearly because, in line with the prevailing "political correctness" nobody any longer perceives to what depths our civilization has descended. Another example is of course "gay" - a decent word now ruined. And, instead of (a) *marriage*, or (b) its alternative, *fornication*, we now are obliged to talk of "relationships"! God have mercy on us ■

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The appearance of such an item in a sober leading British newspaper immediately after some weeks of thunderous success, on the part of the entire British media, in debunking and ballyhooing the Roswell UFO crash of 1947 and in promoting the showing of a fake film (possibly made with U.S., Government backing?) was certainly something very, very peculiar.

On August 7th the AFP office in London issued the following fuller report. The only other account seen by us so far was a similar AFP text, in French, in the French language newspaper *Journal de Lausanne* (Switzerland) or August 3. (Both these reports received through courtesy of Tim Good).

ARGENTINA AGOG OVER UFO

SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE, Aug 1 (AFP) — Argentina was nervously watching the skies on Tuesday a day after an airliner narrowly missed hitting a UFO which darted in its path. Jorge Polanco was piloting an Aerolineas Argentinas jet headed for this southwest winter resort town at around midnight on Monday when he was forced to pull the plane up short to avoid what witnesses described as a "spaceship." "As I was making the final approach, I suddenly saw in front of the plane a white light which was bearing right down on us really fast before it halted about 100 metres (yards) away," he said. He also said that as he frantically manoeuvred his plane, which was carrying 103 passengers, the UFO took a bizarre turn so that it could follow the airliner and flew in tandem with it for about 100 metres.

Air Force Major Jorge Oviedo said that he and several others also witnessed the UFO and that there was a simultaneous power cut throughout the entire city. The pilot said he was forced to pull up when the runway lights went out and that the flying object about the size of a jetliner with two green lights and a flashing orange light, "changed colours," followed him for a little while longer and then took off at "an unnatural speed." Officials were investigating the sighting. (AFP, London, August 7, 1995).

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I felt it so odd that such a story should appear in the hallowed pages of the *Daily Telegraph* (in the opinion of many our very finest newspaper) that I sent the following letter to the paper's Editor. His reply is still awaited.

**The Editor
DAILY TELEGRAPH**

August 3, 1995
Sir — For almost half a century assuredly nobody in Britain has done more than the Daily

Telegraph to pour scorn and ridicule on all reports of "UFOs", so why on earth do you give publicity in your issue of today to so ridiculous a matter as a story that the pilot of an Aerolineas Argentinas aircraft had been accompanied by a flying saucer and that there was simultaneously a power failure throughout San Carlos de Bariloche?

If you print this sort of stuff aren't you afraid that you might begin to lose your readers?

Yours faithfully
Gordon Creighton

Editor, Flying Saucer Review ■

FORTY YEARS ON AND FSR KEEPS GOING!

We are sometimes asked why we do not carry reports of local sightings of lights in the sky and much of the trivia that fills other magazines.

The answer is that there is no room. The adverts are few and carefully chosen; there is very little personal chit-chat; no space is wasted with irrelevant padding. There is never any shortage of thought-provoking material for us to publish. We pursue the elusive truth.

But will we ever find it!

Watch this space! EVE

"EPPUR SI ESISTONO!" DR. JOHN MACK VISITS BRITAIN AGAIN

DR. JOHN MACK had expressed the wish to meet the entire FSR team of Directors, so when he was here again recently, this provided an opportunity, on August 28, for FSR to arrange a reception for him, and a grand discussion session, at Claridge's in London. All the Directors were present, with the sole exception of the Earl of Haddington, who most unfortunately was unable to be with us. An old friend of FSR, Linda Moulton Howe, also chanced to be in London again at the time and we therefore had the great pleasure of her company as well.

In discussions, over a period of some five hours and more, we were able to cover a lot of ground, and in particular of course, to hear some details of Dr. Mack's recent "brush with the Gentlemen of Akademe".

Of all the many interesting things that he told us the most interesting was that **what had got the Gentlemen of Harvard really worried was his suggestion that there might be more than one 'reality!'**

Said Dr. Mack: "*That was my heresy. If I had simply said that here are these cases that I can't explain, and one day a fellow psychiatrist will find a new diagnosis — that would have been fine! But it's when I said that we need to change our notions of reality to understand this ... they said that if I hadn't done that, there wouldn't have been an investigation*"

LIBEL

On June 3rd this year, Stanton Friedman delivered a lecture on UFOs at the Royal Geographical Society in London. The lecture was not being given at the invitation of the Royal Geographical Society, but it had been happy to hire out its auditorium so that a paying audience could attend the lecture, which had been arranged by an independent promoter.

On the morning of the lecture, The Daily Telegraph published an article by its Science Correspondent, Adrian Berry, which quoted extracts from his telephone interview with the Royal Geographical Society's Director, Dr. John Hemming, in which Dr. John Hemming was reported as saying that UFOs were "non-scientific rubbish" and that Mr. Friedman's lecture could do "serious damage" to the Royal Geographical Society's reputation. More importantly, Dr. Hemming then went on to challenge the intellectual respectability of Mr. Friedman.

Whilst Dr. Hemming and Adrian Berry are clearly entitled to their views about the UFO phe-

nomenon, the law of libel restrains them from attacking the professional integrity and reputation of ufologists in any way that cannot be justified. Stanton Friedman is, of course, a nuclear physicist with an impeccable scientific pedigree, and during his London visit, immediately gave instructions to lawyers to threaten legal proceedings unless the Daily Telegraph firstly published a withdrawal and full apology, and, secondly, undertook not to publish any similar defamatory statements about him in the future.

Within two months the newspapers agreed not to republish the offending words, to expunge the article from all computerised databases and to publish on its home news pages that Dr. Hemming had not "intended to denigrate personally Mr. Friedman whose stature as a scientist he recognised and respects"

A cautionary tale for editors? Libel ufology and aliens with impunity, but not those on Earth who honestly pursue the subject.

JONATHAN CAPLAN

THE EXTRAORDINARY “POLITICAL” ASPECTS OF FÁTIMA

By Gordon Creighton

All the really good material on Fátima - hardly any of it in English - was written long ago, and mostly in Portuguese, Spanish, or Italian. There was one curious feature about the affair, which few writers have dwelt on, and the principal reason for this was of course that the “prophecies” referred to events then said to be still far away in the future.

Let us visualize the situation: certain information is allegedly received by three Portuguese children, the eldest aged ten, and none of them able to read or write. Portugal was one of the poorest and most backward areas of Europe. **And it was the most distant from Russia, And yet a great deal of the important information related precisely to happenings in Russia! Could such children even have ever heard of Russia?**

Read the accounts, and decide for yourselves. You will find the whole thing uncanny.

The first (and more democratic, reasonable) Russian Revolution, led by Kerensky, was on February 26th 1917 under the “Old Russian Calendar” and on March 12th according to the Western calendar which the Russians then began to adopt. The second Russian Revolution, engineered by Lenin and his wilder, less civilized gang, was on October 25th 1917, or, under the “new style calendar”, November 7th.

There was thus a gap of precisely seven months between the two revolutions. And the Fátima apparitions, one per month (all except one, on the 13th of the month) occupied precisely six months of this interval!) The sole exception was August, when the “Lady” appeared on the 19th, because on the 13th the children had been in detention, undergoing a nasty grilling by the local trade union leader Arthur Santos, who threatened to boil them alive in oil if they did not confess that they were lying.

The two younger children died just a few years later, in the great ‘Flu Epidemic, as “the Lady” had said they would. Lucia, the eldest child became a nun in a Portuguese convent and lived on into ripe old age. In 1942, in the course of further revelations given by her about the events of 1917, Lucia wrote that the Lady had said, on July 13, 1917:-

“When you see a night illuminated by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign that God gives you that the punishment of the world is at hand

for its so great sins... To prevent this I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturday of the month. If my demands are listened to, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. Otherwise Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, arousing wars and persecutions of the Church. Many good people will be martyred: the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me; Russia will be converted and there will be some peace.”

Well - there it is. Just a little of it. The atheistic Marxist Russian Empire *has* collapsed. One can hardly say that Russia in 1995 is a very saintly or spiritual land, but at any rate her ancient Christian Church is free once more to resume its role, though admittedly not without plenty of “competition” from the Mafia and from the Chechen bandits who seem to have captured the financial field!

As I have indicated, it is a fascinating aspect, this “political” significance of Fátima.

Read about it for yourselves. Because it has an enormous bearing on what is coming TOMORROW.

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In the last few years I have been trying to learn all that I can regarding the latest Marian Apparitions (*still going on!*) since June 1981, at Medjugorje in Yugoslavia. As the lady had predicted, there has not so far been the slightest conflict in Medjugorje, but there has been plenty close by!

On May 2, 1982, her message was: