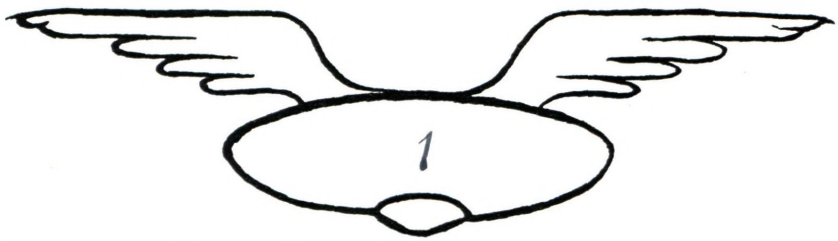
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BRAZILIAN SIGHTINGS.

November was a month of great saucer activity over Brazil. The information contained in this Bulletin is condensed from reports in "Diario da Noite" and "Correio da Manha". We are greatly endebted to Mr. C.G. Harris, H.M. Consul in Rio de Janeiro for his prompt response to our appeal for information and sending us press cuttings; and also to Mr. E.A. Fonseca for his assistance in translating them and in preparing the precis which follows.

November 1st.

First Official Announcement of "Unidentified Strange Bodies" in the sky above large Brazilian City: Seen by large number of people. Jet fighters prepared to give chase.

"O Cruziero" reports interview at Monte Ralomar with people who state they have been "in contact with objects in the form of discs."

Lt. Col. Aldo Visira da Rosa, Director of "Centro de Perquisas da Aeronautica (Paraiba)" says the object was described by officials at Air Base Gravatai as "A non-luminous shining object, moving at great speed. Appeared stationary at great height. After a time a second object appeared near it. When Meteor aircraft prepared to take off in persuit, the objects disappeared. Neither velocity nor height are known. The 'angular velocity' was very great." This happened in Porto Alegre.

Ozorio:- Members of a local gliding club reported that they had cancelled flights for the day owing to the presence of a "strange object" in the sky. Major Magalhaes Mota took off in a Meteor, but as soon as he reached a good height, the disc or object disappeared. The Base Commander

at Porto Alegre issued an official report on "strange bodies" seen by experienced airmen."

November 4th.

"Correio do Poro" states that on 31st October at 8 p.m. at Lages in Sta. Catarina, Sr. Liberio Shamadech saw a "flying disc which remained stationary for a few seconds, and then disappeared at "great velocity" towards the South." His whole family also saw it.

November 8th.

Sao Paulo: At sunset, people in the Proca Don Pedro II and vicinity saw an oval grey metallic object flying through the air. Reported by Civil Guards Terezio Ribeiro de Campos and Ricardo Romeiro Lopes, who were witnesses of the occurrence.

Eduardo Trevisan (photographer and designer) at 8.45 p.m. on October 31st, 1954 saw a red globe over Santa Maria (Rio Grande do Sul). Seen by a number of other people (unnamed) in the same city. When seen at 8.45 p.m. it was red, but after making a slight movement it turned silvery-white. Mr. Trevisan says "Also admiring the object were Sr. Osvaldo Medeiros, Prof. Lourdes, Dias and her sister Diva and my friend Orlando Santos; also four journalists, Robinson Flores, Felipe Monair, Antonio Abelin, and Gilberto Dornelles." Other witnesses were Srs. Dalton Couto, Vernard Bueno, Paulo Alves Pinto, Manoel Machado, Darcy Penha, and Davi Macchioni. Sr. Frederico Reich (of the Unias newspaper) reports that at Joao Pessoa, he saw a huge red ball in the sky, which left an incandescent trail when it moved. A few seconds later the electric current of the city suddenly went down and a strong glare showed in the sky.

November 11th.

Passengers of aircraft PPP-MH which landed at the Santos Dumont Airport, Paraiba do Sul, declared that they saw a "flight of flying discs". They were 300 metres above the aircraft, which was piloted by Commander Ferreira of the

"Empresa Nacional de Transportes Aereos".

November 12th

Further reports from Major Magalhaes and Lt. Moreira Penna, both of the Air Base at Porto Alegre. (See report dated 1st. Nov. The latter made sketches showing one object with a large central body (like a medicinal capsule) with a cupola above and three small compartments below.

During the next few days four discs were seen flying in formation: always seen between midday and 4 p.m. and again after midnight.

November 17th.

Further report by Major Magalhaes Motta (of the Air Base, Porto Alegre):- "On October 24th. Lt. Ernani Ferraz called me to look at a strange object in the sky. It was circular silvery in colour, and surrounded by a halo. Height estimated at 40,000 ft. Half an hour later I saw it moving at high velocity much faster than anything I have seen before. It covered 60° arc in the sky in 7 to 10 seconds. It started and stopped movement very quickly. Seen through binoculars at 16.00 hrs. it appeared rounded. There was no chance of confusing it with any known celestial body. Also witness to the phenomenon were;- Lt. Brito and Capt. Carlos Guimaraes, also Third Sgt. Paulo Goncalves. All this was observed at the same time from different parts of the Base by independent groups of personnel.

A report by Capt. Pedro Richard Neto: "On the night of October 24th at 20.40 hrs., near the river Guaiba, I saw a luminous object much bigger than any star, but smaller than a full moon. I observed it for about 15 minutes and ascertained certainty that it was not a star, the moon, meteorological balloon, aircraft, or particularly the planet Venus. After 15 minutes it began rapidly to diminish in size, ending up as a tiny point, at which moment a considerable glare appeared, after which it all disappeared."

A report by Capt. Antonio Tyrrho: "On October 26th at 1320 hrs., a strange circular object, grey in colour, travelling from West to East at high velocity was seen. On the same day at 21.30 hrs. an orange-coloured ball was seen travelling from East to West.

November 18th.

On November 15th, 1954, Sr. Pedro Melo dos Santos, (address: Rua Sao Francisco da Trainha, No. 33), a warm cloudy day with drizzle and a feeling of thunder, at 21.00 hrs a strange luminous object appeared suddenly from behind a cloud. It remained stationary in space for some hours, altering its intensity of light from time to time. Half an hour after it appeared, another approached it and began manoeuvering around it. The second one also varied in light intensity and at times emitted green lights from its edge, appearing to be signals of some sort. This continued until 23.30 hrs. when they disappeared.

November 20th.

Sao Paulo. On November 21st, 1954, the crew of the air-craft PT/ANK (or PT/ANG) of the "Nacional" saw a flight (or fleet) of flying discs. The crew consisted of the pilot, Paulo Luiz Pereira, co-pilot Armando Braulio, radio operator Jese E. Caldeira Brant and Vicent Benedito Martelet.

Aircraft took off from Pampulha at 10.30 hrs. At a height of 2,400 metres, between Juiz de Fora, and Pico do Couto the co-pilot called attention to a row of discs, emitting light. They appeared to be aluminium. Seen for about 30 seconds, they made off at a terrific speed about 1,000 metres below the aircraft and disappeared into a cloud. The estimated height of the discs was 1,400 metres. They always remained the same distance apart, and appeared to be about 5 metres in diameter. The pilot said he had seen similar objects in the sky on other occasions.

Sao Paulo. 21st November, 1954. Commander Giovani Ercoli, of the "VASP", (with 1,200 hrs. flying experience as

a VASP instructor) was flying his 'Scandis' PP/SQD and saw a luminous golden-coloured flying disc over Congonhas. He and the co-pilot saw it above the control tower. At first it appeared to be stationary, then it began performing rapid evolutions in front of the aircraft, sometimes very close. They reported to the Control Tower. The object moved from North to South, making frequent circuits. The aircraft was kept on a steady course by the auto-pilot, so that movements observed in the "disc" could not have been due to the movement of the aircraft. The whole crew confirm this report, also several passengers who were invited to the cockpit to see the disc.

November 30th.

Santa Maria (Rio Grande do Sul). Large numbers of people in Canobi saw a flying disc over the Air Base at Santa Maria. A strange luminous object, first seen by radio telegraphist Arquimedes Fernandes at 21.45 hrs. on November 22nd. He saw, above a small wood of eucalyptus, what appeared to be a thin black cloud. On looking more fixedly, he observed that the 'cloud' was an enormous black object, like a saucepan lid, about 50 metres across. It appeared to be resting on top of the trees. From the station he watched the object from a window until it started to move off slowly, finally disappearing. On the upper part was what one might call a "black-out light".

He telephoned Porto Alegre to report. This report is confirmed by Ruben Machado who saw from his hotel window at midnight a luminous object larger than the moon, disappearing towards the North.

Jurandir Ferreira, radio-telegraphist at Varig, saw a disc over the air Base, at a height which made it appear the size of a football. He called Mr. Eloy Martins, who confirms the presence of the object. It was very high up, shiny colour, and phosphorescent. After making a series of movements, it disappeared towards the North.

Sr. Jorio Holanda Chacom, living in Olinda (Recife) saw a "flying disc" oval object which came down and remained about 30 minutes. It swung about like a pendulum, finally disappearing at high speed.

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from "CORREIO DA MANHA" December 29th.

The Superintendent of Congenhas Airport, Jorge Marques Azevendo, took statements fromMiguel Jabour, O/C Control Tower; and his two assistants Jose de Souza Lima and Jose Cardose de Miranda. They stated that the "object" appeared over Congonhas for a few minutes. It was described by Jose de Souze Lima as "an enormous, intensely luminous object which suddenly appeared about three o'clock on Sunday, going South West. They estimated it distance as 800 to 1000 metres, and its diameter as about 25 metres. It was quite opaque. It emitted jets of light before finally disappearing.

BRITISH OPINION IN BRAZIL.

Responsible British opinion in Brazil is sceptical of much that has been printed in the Brazilian Newspapers. We are told that the sightings have caused a good deal of near-hysteria and exaggeration. As these views are held by people with a wide experience of Brazil and its people we feel that full weight should be given to them when assessing the foregoing reports. The following extract from the "Brazil Herald" is representative of this point of view.

BRAZIL HERALD.

Flying Saucers Haunting Southern States of Brazil. Parana Police chief beholds flying saucer on looking out of his window and a Rio Grande do Sul farmer received flying saucer men at his home.

Last week the people of Sao Paulo saw a flying saucer. They saw the Air Force chasing it, but they didn't see the kill since the saucer was a bit beyond the range of the Meteor jet plane - it was the planet Venus!

Now from Curitiba the chief of that stolid and traditionally unimaginative body, the police force, Col. Carlos Assuncao has stated: "Yesterday (Tuesday) while I was standing by the window in my house with my wife and son I saw an object of reddish colour and at the same time a bit bluish. It rushed across the sky at incredible speed but I was able to see that it was circular in shape."

A few days earlier an even stranger happening occurred. Farmer Olviro Costa Rosa practically had the crew of a flying saucer to tea. Fifty year old Farmer Costa lives about two miles outside Venancio Aires in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. On Thursday about five o'clock in the evening he noticed a strange object in his fields and he decided to investigate. Indeed it was a strange object - a glistening yellow metal apparatus about 50 feet in diameter with three openings on top. Without seeing exactly how they managed it, farmer Costa suddenly perceived two beings, - a third stayed on board - descend from the apparatus. They had long hair and "faces of dead people" and wore overalls. The two crew men examined some barbed wire, then grabbed some maize and beans and headed back to their ship. This took about three minutes and Farmer Costa noticed that the apparatus remained suspended stationary about two feet above the ground. As soon as the two crewmen had returned on board with their unpaid food the apparatus shot up vertically and then disappeared to the West. While it was rising it made a noise "like a sewing machine" and gave off a strong smell of coal.

Farmer Costa was unable to find any trace of his strange visitors as evidence.

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