

# World round-up

of news and comment  
about recent sightings

## Brazil

### UFO about the house

In a letter dated November 25, 1974, reader Richard Heiden sent in a list of *errata* (see our *Mail Bag* columns) together with the following item,—

"In his comments on the Logrono case (FSR for March-April 1973, page 10) Mr. Creighton mentions that he has a Brazilian indoor sighting case still awaiting translation. The following might well be the case to which he referred: my translation of it is taken from Antonio Ribera's book *Platillos Volantes en Iberoamerica y Espana* (Editorial Pomare, Barcelona, Spain 1968) p.p. 310-311."

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"One of the last days of May of this year (1965—R.H.), between 12.00 noon and 1.00 p.m. a very unusual event took place almost in downtown Rio de Janeiro. A small object, of curious appearance, and which was without a doubt an unknown craft, entered through the window of an apartment on the first floor (i.e., the first floor above the ground floor—R.H.) of a building on a street which ends at the Largo do Machado, one of Rio's downtown plazas. The witnesses were a boy of 8 and his grandmother, age 74. The boy's mother, a pharmacist, was taking a shower when this singular event occurred.

"The elderly lady, seated next to the open window, saw a light enter, and called it to the attention of the boy, who was sitting on the floor below the window, playing.

"The boy, Jose Dias, declared to SBEDV investigators that the object which had just entered was reddish, luminous, oblong, and seemed to be about 40 cm. long. It remained suspended at about a metre and a half from the floor. It stopped, or slowed down, and then Jose could make out some details. Then its first noise — which the elderly lady compared to the crackle of an old-fashioned light bulb — was heard, and the object continued its flight at a height of about 2 metres, rather rapidly, heading towards a point on the opposite wall, 8 metres away, while the light which it emitted changed from red to blue, releasing a type of smoke cloud from the rear, and "throwing fire" on the floor from the pointed front part. The object exhibited a *strange design* on the upper part, and from the bottom there was something hanging.

"Once reaching the wall, it turned around and headed straight for the window, by which it left, while its colour changed to yellow and again made the same crackling sound as before. Jose then ran to the window to try to catch it, but the object had already disappeared.

"Upon hearing this second crackling and the shouts of the witnesses the lady who was in the shower, concerned that something had happened to her elderly mother, covered herself with a bath towel and ran out, but it was too late to see anything.

"Was it a craft for making observations from a distance tele-guided by someone? This seems to be the most 'reasonable' explanation of the strange event, which had already had a precedent related in the SBEDV Bulletin no. 26-27 of June 1961 — concerning a luminous cigar-shaped object 50 cm. long, which gained access to the apartment of an aged governess, when she was on the telephone. This case, which had also two other witnesses, is very similar; not even the curious reported crackling sound, heard by everyone who was in the room, is missing."

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"Comment by R.H.: The third paragraph ('which had just entered') implies that the investigators arrived on the scene almost immediately. However, the fact that the exact date is apparently not known would indicate that this is not the case."

Credit: Richard W. Heiden of Milwaukee.

*[These details remind us of details we have carried in our pages from time to time, in past issues, of the mysterious fireball, or ball lightning phenomenon. Ball lightning has often been reported to have entered a house through open doors or windows, or even through ventilators or key-holes, and it has also been reported to have "crackled,"—EDITOR]*

## Canada

### "Roaring" UFO near Calgary

The following item, a CP agency report, is taken from the *Edmonton Journal* for Monday, October 21, 1974,— "A blazing, white unidentified flying object roaring like a jet aircraft has been reported hovering around a farmhouse near Priddis, 10 miles west of Calgary, RCMP said Sunday.

"An officer of the RCMP—[Royal Canadian Mounted Police] Turner Valley detachment, which covers the Priddis district, said when he went to the scene Saturday morning he saw three mysterious objects flit about above the Rocky Mountains.

"RCMP Turner Valley said in a statement phoned to Calgary Sunday that 'the object is described as being 60 feet in diameter and 25 feet high, giving off a very white light as it hovered about 100 feet from the ground.'

"Constable Dave Grundy said the UFO was first reported at 2.30 a.m. October 13 by a woman living on a farm near Priddis. He said the woman did not want her name released.

"Constable Grundy said he went to the scene when the object was again reported last Saturday at 2.50 a.m. but he did not get a close look at the object himself.

"'It was oblong with a crown and windows on the crown giving off a clear light,' he quoted the woman as saying.

"'It was close enough they (the woman and her children) could compare it in size to their house. Inside was a white light. It sounded like a jet engine without the whine. After about two minutes it took off to the north and then west very fast, they said.'

"The officer said by the time he arrived at the scene, the object had flown off to the west watched by the woman and her children through a telescope. Looking through the telescope the officer said he saw 'three objects jumping around all over the place in the west above the Rockies.'

"'They appeared to be diamond-shaped,' the constable said. 'That was quite an experience...I saw what I saw.'"

Credit: B.L. Crawford of Edmonton, Alberta.

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### David Knutsen's photo

This account is taken from the *Vancouver Sun* of October 26, 1974,—

"For the past 10 days, 11-year-old David Knutsen of Surrey has kept the biggest secret of his life locked inside his Kodak Instamatic camera.

"On October 15, the freckle-faced Grade 6 student snapped a picture of what he is convinced was an Unidentified Flying Object, a round silver-coloured craft that made a soft buzzing sound outside his 10326—127A Street apartment.