

# 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.

## Canada

### 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.

Brief round-up of 1974 reports

Mr. Fawcett, to whom we are indebted for the following review of a few of the scores of UFO reports which go to make up the big new wave of 1974, has complained that we never publish material he sends us. The long and short of the matter is that sources are never quoted. Researchers do want to know where they can chase up the full report if necessary.

Which brings us to another point: we have known that these events have been taking place, but our readers only rarely send us a report (news cutting or personal investigation).

**January 2—Lamar, Missouri:** Vernon County farmers reported a glowing large UFO that manoeuvred at low altitude and had "portholes" on its edges.

**February 19—Rochester, Minnesota:** At 11.25 p.m. a policeman and service station operator chased a UFO "bigger than a wrecker truck." The UFO had a "kind of white dome shell on top" and appeared to be powered by several after-burners flaming from its bottom. It "flew" at about 100 feet.

**March 1—Vesta, Virginia:** At 8.00 p.m. six witnesses (two of them independent observers) reported seeing a reddish oval UFO "bigger than a Volkswagen" which rose from the ground to approximately 300 feet, and hovered before leaving the area. The UFO made a "shrill penetrating sound" that frightened the farm animals and nearby witnesses. A "big, tall heavy-set creature" was seen on the ground and witnesses fled in a truck to get their shotguns. When returning the UFO and creature had left the area, and patches of charred ground extended several hundred yards across the hillside and down into a wooded area. Broken tree limbs, fence posts, bushes, twigs and other vegetation were found charred and blackened in a somewhat random manner. Case investigated by *Stuart Enterprise* newsmen and George Fawcett.

**March 20—Boshkung Lake, Ontario, Canada:** Fifty witnesses lined the shore of the frozen lake to watch six snowmobiles approach a landed oval UFO at ten p.m. One of the pursuers at close range "fired shots" at the UFO and witnesses heard "distinct clunks" as the bullets struck its metal surface. The UFO responded to the "hot reception committee" by lifting straight up and then moving from the area at rapid speed.

**April 1—Mount Olive, North Carolina:** Newspaperman of *Mount Olive Tribune* reported that a domed-top



David Knutsen's through-the window UFO photo. Thanks to Mrs. O. Beaton for obtaining this print.

"David was talking to a friend in the St. Helen's Apartment complex when he said he noticed two RCMP officers standing in the building's parking lot, pointing in the sky towards the east.

"It just went round and round in a circle, up and down, and then took off super fast in the sky," David said in an interview today.

"The UFO shot he took was the first picture on a 20-picture roll and David's father, Harold, a construction worker, wouldn't let him develop it until the other 19 pictures were taken.

"David finished the roll last weekend and received his negatives Friday.

"I wasn't that excited honestly," said his father. "You know how kids are. I really didn't believe it, but then I saw the picture and it was so good."

"The colour snapshot, taken at 4 p.m., after David returned home from Old Yale Rd. elementary school, depicts a circular, almost-black object with a sharp but narrow blue glow around its exterior. There were no other distinguishable markings on the craft which he estimated was about 400 feet away at its closest point.

"The whole episode lasted only three seconds, according to David.

"RCMP Sgt. Arnold McPherson said today he didn't know the names of the officers David claimed to have seen watching the object.

"No UFO reports were filed by anyone in the police station and no one had made any mention of sightings, he said.

"An air traffic control spokesman at Vancouver airport said his log book showed no unaccounted-for objects on ATC radar screens on October 15.

"The Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria also said it had no reports of unidentified flying objects that day.

"Knutsen described his son as a boy with 'an interest in UFOs.'

"David said he had been reading library material on the mysterious craft but swears the October 15 sighting from his kitchen window was authentic.

"It wasn't no round airplane, I know that," he said.

"A blazing white unidentified Flying Object which was described as roaring like a jet aircraft was reported by an RCMP officer in Turner Valley, Alta., two days before David claims his UFO appeared in Surrey...

"David was unclear about the UFO's size. He said it was roughly 50 feet in diameter but that its 'super speed' prevented him from being sure. The only light he saw was the sun gleaming off the craft, he said."

Credit: Mrs. O. Beaton of Vancouver and B. L. Crawford of Edmonton, Alberta.



UFO approached his car to within 300 feet, and about 75 feet above the ground. He was able to take three photographs of the UFO, at which time the UFO "beamed a light directly on the witness and his car" and then took off into the distant sky.

**April 8—Olympia, Washington State:** Two girls reported a "cone-shaped UFO" that emitted a "high pitched whine" and a series of coloured lights. The UFO hovered above their car for several minutes and then took off at tremendous speed. It was about the "size of a small airplane."

**May 7—Coatesville, Pennsylvania.** A Veteran's Hospital nurses' aide heard at 9.00 p.m. a swishing sound overhead and saw nearby tree limbs sway violently as a circular UFO with "four silver coloured landing gears" landed on the hospital roof slowly 150 feet away. The nurse saw three creatures with "large heads, greyish skin, long arms with claw like hands" emerge, who made "squeaky sounds," examined landing gears and took off again.

**May 12—Maxton, North Carolina:** A police officer and a farmer followed a UFO "covered with over 30 orange and white lights as bright as a welder's torch" for 20 minutes. It was first seen as it hovered above trees of a mobile-home park shortly after midnight. Later it appeared to land on a nearby farm. The UFO was silent and left no "ground markings" in this case.

**May 28—Albuquerque, New Mexico:** Two housewives reported to police a UFO "about 50 to 75 feet in diameter" that landed on a nearby hill. It remained on the ground for about one hour, but eyewitnesses were too afraid to approach it. It then lifted up off the ground, rotated on its central axis, and moved rapidly away until it disappeared in the distant sky. Greyish material was found at the landing site by investigators.

**June 1—Astronaut Ed Mitchell** stated, in a press statement regarding UFOs: "We all know UFOs are real. The question is, where do they come from?"

**June 12—Grantham, North Carolina:** Four witnesses report four UFOs, some large and some small moving with "bouncing movements, or a bobbing up and down." One of the UFOs stopped over some low pines, about 300 feet away from their home. The witness could hear a "whirring noise" and detect what seemed to be "windows" on the UFO. The "rows of lights" appeared to be about 15 feet wide. The sightings lasted 20 minutes.

**June 29—Washington, North Carolina:**

A businessman reported that on Bogue Inlet, while fishing at 9.30 p.m., he saw an object shaped like a three-quarter moon, green in colour. The cone-shaped UFO hovered for ten minutes in one spot, until a plane flew near it, at which time the UFO ascended at high speed with an orange-coloured jet-like flame. Other reports came the same night from Cherry Point. The Marine facility was not conducting any sort or type of activity at the lake, so it was reported at the time.

**July 22—Lexington, Missouri:** Nine persons reported a circular UFO at 12.15 a.m. It had something "like a church steeple on its top," flashed blue lights, and gave off something like white vapour trails when it manoeuvred.

**August 1—Albermarle, North Carolina:** A housewife and several other witnesses reported a round orange UFO "bigger and brighter than the full Moon" that hovered for 15 minutes above the tree-tops and then sped away.

**August 2—Calvert, Texas:** Newspaper editor and his wife heard some "strange metallic noises" and saw a deep red UFO that finally "roared" and "pulsated" and chased their car for several miles down Route 979. When it came near their car it started "shaking all over", like it was about to fall apart.

**August 12—Laurel, Mississippi:** Air Force officer and wife were chased in their car by an oval UFO that bathed their car with a "blue light."

**August 12—Sanborton, New Hampshire:** Police officers in four communities saw a UFO that came "within 300 feet of their cars" on the 1-93. The elliptical UFO had a "dome on top," and was about 30-50 feet in diameter.

**August 14—Laconia, New Hampshire:** Three UFOs were photographed by a policeman. They appeared to be about 60 feet above the ground.

**August 15—Wolfeboro, New Hampshire:** WBZ TV-Radio newscaster saw a hovering large bluish-green cigar-shaped UFO for 15 to 20 minutes as it hovered before leaving the area. It was the only object in an otherwise cool, clear sky. Other witnesses reported their UFO encounters and used similar descriptions.

Our thanks to George Fawcett of 607 North Main Street, Mount Airy, North Carolina 27030, USA [phone (919) 786-5410] for his summary of these 18 reports—a tip of the iceberg, no doubt.

## United States of America

### South Hampton low-level UFO

This report, entitled *Another UFO Experience? Mystery in rural New Hampshire* under the signature of Staff writer Stephen Webbe, was published in the *Christian Science Monitor* of August 2, 1974. We here reproduce the account in its entirety,—

"The UFO mystery has surfaced again in southeastern New Hampshire. This time with the reported sighting on June 6 of an 'unidentified flying object' by a family in South Hampton.

"The 'large, red, dome-shaped object' described by the witnesses to an investigator for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) — a private, nonprofit, investigatory body based in Kensington, Md. — is similar to UFOs reportedly sighted in the same area in past years.

"Four persons claim to have seen the UFO land and douse its lights, apparently to avoid detection by a pursuing aircraft.

"According to the report compiled by Raymond E. Fowler, chairman of NICAP's Massachusetts subcommittee, Mrs. Vivian Stevens of Locust Street, South Hampton, together with her son Richard, daughter Barbara, and Niece Helen Mispilikin were traveling along Route 150 at 9.30 p.m. when they spotted the UFO.

"'Beneath the dome, there was a bright white rectangular-shaped opening with something like blades spinning round inside,' Mr. Fowler states in his report. 'The blades seemed to protrude outside as well.'

"He says that a dark square, 'like a darkened window,' was centered in the rectangular opening and that white, blue and yellow sparks spewed out from the base of the dome and appeared to radiate from the rectangular opening as well.

"Mr. Fowler, a project supervisor on a Minuteman missile program near Boston and author of *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, recently published by the Exposition Press of New York, says that at first the group thought the object was some kind of helicopter.

"'However, then they realized it was noiseless and very unusual, they became frightened and sped off,' he explains.

"When the party reached Locust Street, Mr. Fowler says, the UFO hovered with a 'bobbing, fluttering motion' over a 90-foot elm tree in an adjoining field. At this point Helen Mispilikin stopped the car and got out.

"As she did so, says Mr. Fowler, a band of soft-glowing coloured lights, like 'a string of beads,' appeared on the object and began to flicker on and

off. Mrs. Stevens and her two children watched from the car.

"All four witnesses noted that the lights changed from greenish-yellow to deep red to pinkish red and then passed through dark green to deep blue. Mr. Fowler notes that the reflection from these lights revealed the shiny tan surface of a bowl-shaped section beneath the dome.

"He also observes that after flickering for a few seconds the lights all came on in a single bank — first red, then blue, and then green. Mrs. Stevens told him it was 'a beautiful sight to see.'

"The UFO then began to descend.

"This was too much for the witnesses,' Mr. Fowler declares. 'They thought it was going to land. Barbara was so frightened that she crouched on the floor . . . as Helen jumped back in the car and drove fast up Locust Street.'

"Later that evening Mrs. Stevens' eldest son, 17-year-old Todd, spotted the UFO hovering near the elm tree as he returned home from Amesbury, Mass.

"According to Mr. Fowler he alerted the rest of the family and, together with Helen Mispilikin, they all drove to the crest of a nearby hill to watch the 'silent, hovering, bobbing' object.

"After a few minutes they drove down the hill and Mrs. Stevens hurried off to tell a neighbour about the mysterious UFO.

"While she was away Mr. Fowler asserts that Helen and the children saw a 'low-flying aircraft come over the east side of Route 150 . . . seemingly heading directly for the hovering object.'

"As soon as the plane approached,' he reports, 'the object began to move about with jerky motions and descended in a . . . step-by-step motion into a swampy area where it seemed to settle on or near the ground.'

"He states that all its lights went out

## DEMONOLOGY AND UFOs

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There are several photographs of paranormal phenomena including the thorax X-ray of a Brazilian woman inside whose body hundreds of out-pointing needles 4 - 6 cms long have appeared for twenty years. Also a Portuguese woman, bearing the Stigmata, in whose hands wafers materialize. There is much UFO activity above her house and on one occasion 1,370 wafers floated down on the roof and trees and were collected and used by priests for Communion. Her large Crucifix is seen periodically to exude human blood.

American publishers are bringing out an English translation which one hopes will be free from the incredible number of typographical errors, far and above the list of errata acknowledged, and which rather detract from the appearance of the present volume.

except for 'a red glow which could be seen momentarily through the underbrush until it too faded away.' Mr. Fowler claims that the aircraft made half a dozen sweeps of the area before departing. When Mrs. Stevens returned the UFO had disappeared.

"Thinking that the aircraft might have come from Pease Air Force Base near Portsmouth, N.H., Mr. Fowler called the base but was informed that none of its aircraft had been involved in an attempt to pursue the object.

"Because of the UFO's reported appearance and maneuverability Mr. Fowler rules out the possibility that the witnesses, whom he finds honest and reliable, were observing a star or some form of balloon.

"Stressing that, as far as can be determined, there is no indication of a hoax, he concludes that the object cannot be explained in terms of conventional objects or natural phenomena."

Credit: K.F. Lazarus of West Lafayette, Indiana, — and others.

### U.S.A./Pacific Ocean—Kwajalein

#### Missile-tracking radar detects UFO

From the London *Evening Standard* (Edition 5, but not in evening editions) of July 9, 1974, we take the following Reuter report from Huntsville, Alabama, "Experts at an army missile base are puzzled about strange 'ghost ships' picked up by powerful radar scanners in the Pacific during a tracking exercise last summer.

"There has been little official comment on what the scientists found during the exercise. But Major Dallas Hoose, the army's base spokesman, confirmed recently that 'some unexplained aerial phenomena' were observed during the exercise last August.

"Scientists, many of whom are reluctant to be named in interview because of general public scepticism

over unidentified flying objects, say, privately they have been unable to find any explanation for the 'ghost ships.'

"We have never seen anything precisely like this before,' said one ballistic missile defence expert, who works for an army agency and is familiar with the advanced radar used to test missiles and warheads.

"Huntsville houses the army's ballistic missile defence systems command, which analyses results of missile tests in the Kwajalein Atoll region of the Marshall Island trust territory.

"Last August, the air force launched a Minuteman inter-continental ballistic missile (ICBM) from Vandenberg aimed for the Kwajalein missile range, which is used by the army, air force and navy.

"When the ICBM was screaming toward the Pacific test site, it began its descent on a normal ballistic trajectory, scientists say.

"The nose cone had separated from the third stage of the missile and was entering the atmosphere at 22,000 feet per second.

"Radar scanners were tracking the nose cone routinely. At about 400,000 feet, the radar experts in the Pacific found they were also tracking an unidentified flying object next to the ICBM's nose cone.

"Radar picked up an inverted saucer-shaped object to the right and above the descending nose cone and watched it cross the warhead's trajectory to a point which was below and to the left of it before the phantom ship disappeared.

"The ghost ship was described as being 10 feet (three metres) high and 40 feet (12 metres) long.

"So far, none of the experts here believe the ship was a natural phenomenon caused by freak weather conditions or echoes commonly seen on radar screens."

## ADVERTISEMENT

### UFO COURSE U.S.A.

A course entitled "UFOs: A Scientific Approach" will be taught May 12 through May 30, 1975 during the Interim Term at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Professor E. J. Planz, Associate Professor of Metallurgical Engineering and MUFON State Director for Alabama is conducting the course. Such topics as the history of ufology, classic UFO sightings, organizations and publications in ufology, collaborators and non-collaborators and the scientific approach will be presented. The presentations will be supported by slides, photos, tapes, films, and distinguished speakers. Anyone interested in enrolling in the course may obtain particulars by writing to:  
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