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Police and Soldiers 'Half Paralyzed' By Eerie UFO in Brazil

Four Brazilian military policemen watched in stunned disbelief as a mysterious force from a hovering UFO shook their car, knocked out the radio, stalled the engine — and “half-paralyzed” them.

“We were terrified,” said Sgt. Dione Martins de Souza. “We felt so helpless.”

The frightening encounter occurred about 2:20 a.m. last October 18 as Souza, 29, and three soldiers were parked in a nearly deserted section of Belo Horizonte, a city of 2 million people in Brazil, 220 miles north of Rio de Janeiro.

“Suddenly I noticed an object over the car. It had two very strong lights about four to six yards across,” Souza told *The ENQUIRER* at police headquarters.

“The lights made the object look like an electric arc light and when it came down over us it was only about 100 yards away.

“I tried to get out of the car, but I felt a kind of half-paralyzed sensation. Then the car trembled, shook and started to rock a little, back and forth. We tried to drive away but the engine would not start and the radio went completely out, too. We couldn't understand what was happening to us.”

Only when the UFO moved on did the car's engine and radio work again.

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rienced those paralyzing sensations again.”

Moments later, the UFO began to move away. As it did, it blinked — and at that exact moment, the lights of the entire city blinked and then a whole district blacked out.

“We later learned that the power company had no explanation for the power failure,” said Souza.

Souza and his men weren't the only military police to see the object. Cpl. Nairo de Assis Barbosa, 34, was in a car with two other soldiers about a half mile away when they spotted the eerie UFO.

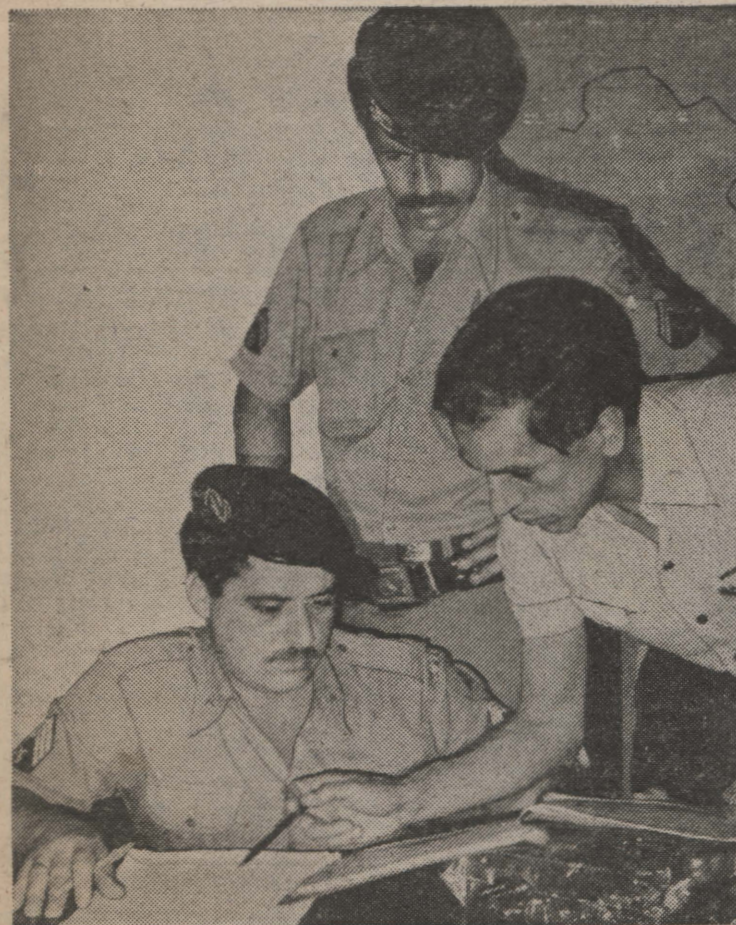
“We saw an object that looked like an electric arc light passing by about 200 yards up in the air,” said Barbosa. “We didn't know what it was and we were all frightened. I've never seen anything like it before in my life.

“As the object went by, part of the city's lights went off. I was startled.”

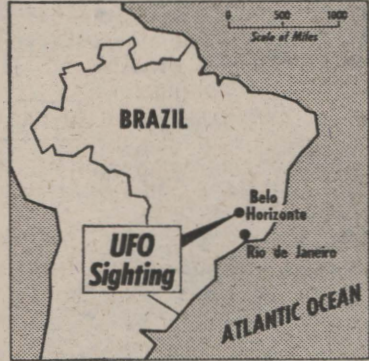
The close encounter was just one of many that occurred over the city last September and October, said one of Brazil's top UFO investigators.

“We've had a mini-flap with about 25 cases of close encounters such as this,” said Hulvio Aleixo, professor of psychology at the Catholic University of Belo Horizonte and president of Cicoani, the center for civilian investigations of UFOs.

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SKETCHES of what they saw are discussed by Sgt. Souza (seated) and Cpl. Barbosa with Hulvio Aleixo, a professor and UFO investigator.



MAP shows city in Brazil where UFO was sighted.

tion had left Souza and the other three soldiers, Manoel Braza, Geraldo Correa and Joao Florentino.

Souza immediately called headquarters and was ordered to follow the object. They caught up with the UFO about one mile away — and once again they were seized by the mysterious force.

“The four of us felt we were really in trouble,” said Souza. “We felt we were under the control of the UFO.”

“The car shook and stalled, the radio went out and we expe-

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