

Teen left paralyzed after UFO abduction

A teenager who was left screaming and paralyzed after a terrifying encounter with a UFO told of being abducted by the ship's tiny crew members.

And baffled experts are convinced he is telling the truth.

Luis Carlos Serra, 17, was in a state of shock, his gums were bleeding where four teeth had been yanked out and the hair had been burned off his head — all of which happened on the day when residents reported sighting a bright, glowing UFO.

"There is no way he could have faked those symptoms," concluded neurologist Dr. Antonio Saldanho.

"Something had shocked the boy."

And Dr. Bacelar Viana, a psychiatrist, told The NEWS: There is no doubt the boy believes the story he is telling is true.

Luis was picking fruit in the jungle outside the rural town of Penalva, Brazil, when "I heard a whistling sound and got very scared. I looked up and saw a light — a very big strong light, brighter than the sun. It hurt my eyes."

Luis fell to the ground, suddenly unable to move his arms or legs.

Almost immediately, "Some force pulled me up to the object. It took only a few seconds. The object had four round balls on the bottom. One was lighted."

Luis said he entered through a window and found three crewmen inside, each about three feet tall. "They were covered with a metal that looked like aluminum. Their faces were covered with glass."

Still paralyzed, Luis said he was placed on a kind of examining table.

"Then they put a tube in my nose. It didn't hurt. They put a liquid ball in my mouth and it just went down my throat very quickly. Then I fell asleep."

Luis was found three days lat-



Fisherman Jose Dos Santos, left, points to where he found Luis Serra, right, lying paralyzed and screaming.

er lying at the spot where he said he first saw the UFO. He was screaming.

A fisherman who heard his cries for help took him to a small hospital nearby, where the teenager sank into a deep catatonic state. "He was unable to speak and had muscle contraction, like he was paralyzed," recalled Dr. Lindalva Macieira, who found, as well, Luis had four teeth missing.

"They had been pulled out," the doctor noted. His gums were bleeding where the teeth had been.

Doctors were also startled to

see that Luis' hair had all been burned off — right down to the roots.

"He was immobile for several days," Dr. Macieira told The NEWS. "I tried to move his arms and legs but couldn't. He showed no reaction, no pain, over his whole body — he had no feeling at all."

Luis was flown to a larger hospital about 100 miles north where he was placed under the care of a neurologist, Dr. Saldanho, and some other physicians.

"He was awake — his eyes were open, fixed. But he wasn't able to talk and didn't respond to verbal commands. He had no reaction to painful stimulation. He was in a state as if he had been badly scared," said Dr. Saldanho.

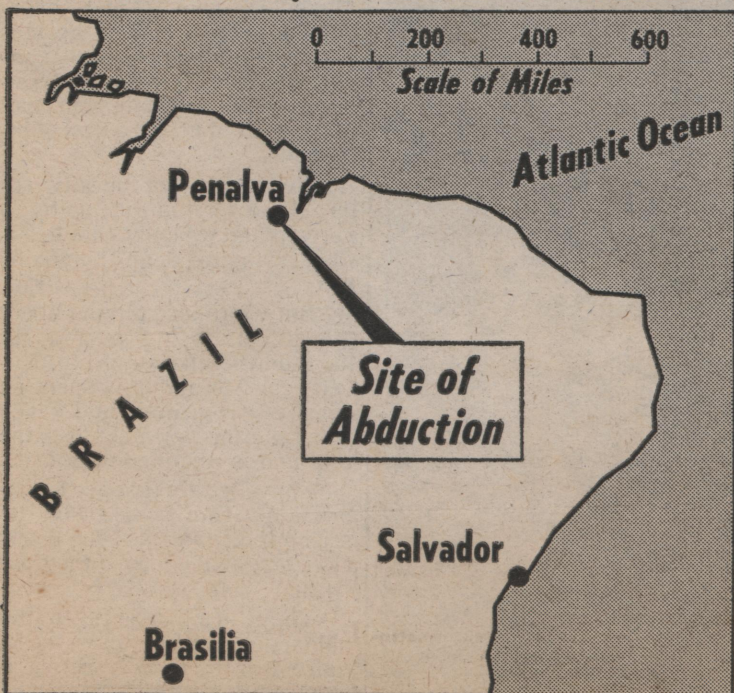
After 10 days in limbo, the stricken youngster regained his senses and was able to speak again. But the story he told was so incredible that a psychiatrist, Dr. Bacelar Viana, was called into the case.

"I tried to break his story a number of times but did not succeed," said Dr. Bacelar.

Luis was released from the hospital and returned home to Penalva, where Mayor Joao Francisco Mendes said:

"Luis is not the type of boy to make up a story like that. He is honest and has never been in any kind of trouble with the authorities and has never used any drug.

"Many people in Penalva saw the object the same day Luis disappeared. It was yellowish . . . like a fire."



Map shows area of northern Brazil where heavy UFO activity has been reported. The teenager was abducted near Penalva.