

Face to face with a space being

In one of the strangest UFO encounters on record, three children spent terrifying minutes in the presence of a man-like creature beamed to Earth from outer space.

The incredible close encounter has baffled psychologists and paranormal investigators who could find no cause to discredit their bizarre story.

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"Unbelievable as their story may sound, there is no doubt in my mind it is true," investigator Rafael Baraga told *The NEWS*. "It is true the encounter could be a fairy tale or the figment of overblown imaginations.

"But the sheer terror that filled their eyes as they recalled the events of that night could not have been faked. There were times when I feared the children would collapse as they told their story.

"I am convinced that these children did witness a visitation to Earth by some super-being from another world."

Professor Vittorio Corradi, director of Argentina's famed Institute of Extra-Human Phenomena Studies, who headed the investigation into the encounter said he was certain the

children's amazing story of the encounter was true.

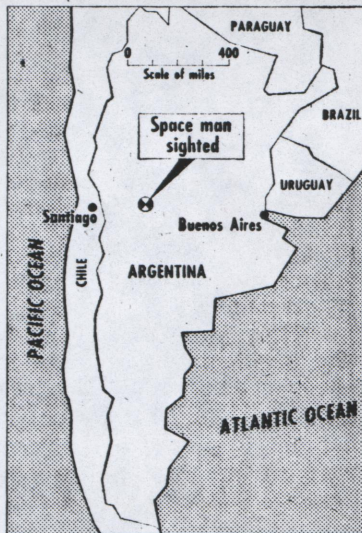
"The children," he said, "have observed a process of materialization of a being they prefer not to call human."

The encounter was experienced one night by 9-year-old Daniel Nunez and his 11-year-old sister, Susan, as they returned from a doctor's office where Daniel was treated for a sore throat.

Unknown to Daniel and Susan at the time, a third child, 11-year-old Maria Montenegro, also saw the space being materialize.

The three children live in the small village of Euginio Bustos, which is located in the northern Argentinian province of Mendoza.

It was an ideal setting for a bizarre experience and Daniel



recalled the encounter in chilling detail.

"We were walking home and just passing a vacant house," he said. "There is a large open area near the house and, in the sky, we could see a very bright light.

"It was very high and it appeared to be round — like a ball. We stopped to watch it and suddenly we realized that the

ball of light was coming down toward us.

"It kept getting nearer and nearer. Then we saw an airplane flying by and we thought the object was going to crash into it. But it didn't and it kept descending."

Daniel and Susan — and Maria a few yards away — stood transfixed, their hearts pounding.

"As it approached us, we could see that it was shaped like a globe that gave off sparks," Susan added. "It was about 9 p.m., and very dark out. But the sparks turned the night into day.

"Then the object stopped and just hovered in the sky near us. It was only yards off the ground. I wasn't very scared until I saw the ball start to change.

"Very slowly, the ball began to take the shape of a body — something like a man, but only from the waist up. That really terrified me and I ran away screaming for my daddy and mommy."

But little Daniel says he was

too afraid to flee. "My fear wouldn't let me move," Daniel explained. "It was as if I had been paralyzed. Even though I willed my legs to move, they wouldn't. But I think it was because I also wanted to see more of the creature.

"As I stood there, the shape became an entire man. He was about 7 feet tall and had been formed between two lights that just came out of the sky.

"He had eyes that seemed to be revolving and he had little antennas of some kind that gave off a shower of sparks. I could see him very clearly.

"Suddenly, everything just vanished — the man, the lights and the sparks. It was like waking up from a nightmare."

Their parents, Francisco and Martha Nunez confirmed that the children came home in a state of shock.

"Daniel's heart was beating so fast that it frightened us," the 28-year-old mother said. "And he has a vision problem that he still hasn't recovered from. Susan was also very upset."