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I Chased a Gigantic UFO

An enormous glowing UFO — described by a startled airline pilot as “large enough to be a jet hangar” — danced across the sky off Africa’s east coast for more than six hours while hundreds of shocked people watched, say eyewitnesses.

Huge Glowing Object Hovered Over City For 6½ Hours as Hundreds Watched

A government meteorologist in the African nation of Mozambique says she tracked the huge object on radar while the pilot, Capt. Simplicio Pinto, chased it in the air.



COPILOT
Joao
Abreau

“Until then I didn’t believe in UFOs — but this was a guided flying machine and I don’t believe it was of this world,” declared Capt. Pinto, who works for Mozambique’s national airline LAM.

He told *The ENQUIRER* he first saw the object while preparing to land. After landing, he got permission to take off quickly so he could investigate the strange object.

“It was hovering at 11,000 feet at that time, and I climbed toward it,” he said. “When I got about three miles away from the UFO, I could see that it had three rectangular lights, arranged in a triangle with two on the bottom and one on top.

“It was circular and large enough to be a jet hangar. It definitely was not a helicopter or airplane.”

Capt. Pinto said that he switched his Boeing 737’s landing lights on and off — and despite the UFO’s huge size, it suddenly shot straight up into the sky at tremendous speed.

The pilot gave chase. But at 24,000 feet the UFO suddenly stopped and the airplane shot past it!

Next the UFO began another vertical climb, soaring to about 45,000 feet. Capt. Pinto says he then lost track of it because of a rainstorm, and couldn’t look further because he was getting low on fuel.

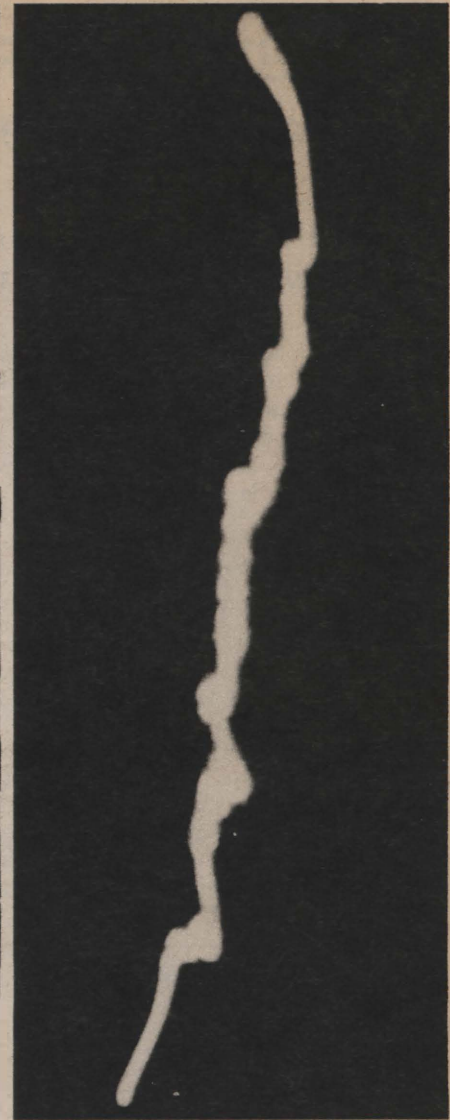
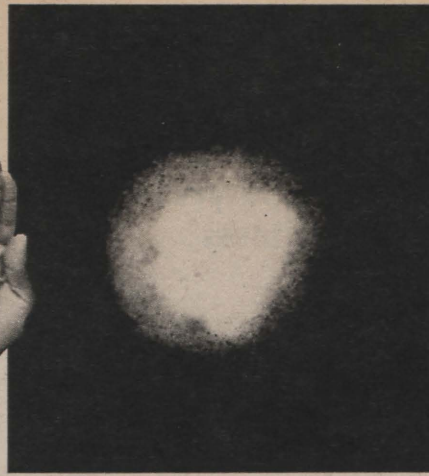
Said Pinto’s copilot, Joao Abreau:

“In a way I was relieved we had to give up the chase because who knows if we would have survived the encounter.

“The object was some-



ACTUAL PHOTOS OF UFO: Residents of Beira watch a glowing object above their city. Top photo shows the UFO hovering. Photo at right shows the object racing through the sky.



thing that didn’t come from this Earth!”

Meanwhile, on the ground, a meteorologist was tracking the object on radar at Mozam-

bique Meteorological Services station in the coastal city of Beira.

The meteorologist, Mrs. Alberto Agosta, said she’d first

seen the object as she was walking home from work, and hurried back to the radar station to check it out on radar.

“The object showed up

clearly. It was stationary over the sea about 78 miles south of Beira,” she said.

“It was like nothing I’d ever seen before. I checked and there were no aircraft activities scheduled for that area, apart from the one civilian flight (piloted by Capt. Pinto). It was a UFO.”

Hundreds of people in Beira say they saw the UFO, which was still streaking around the sky after dusk — and some were terrified.

Said local resident Joao Ferreira, 36:

“I saw people crossing themselves. Others kneeled in the street to pray. I think some thought we were going to be invaded by space creatures.”

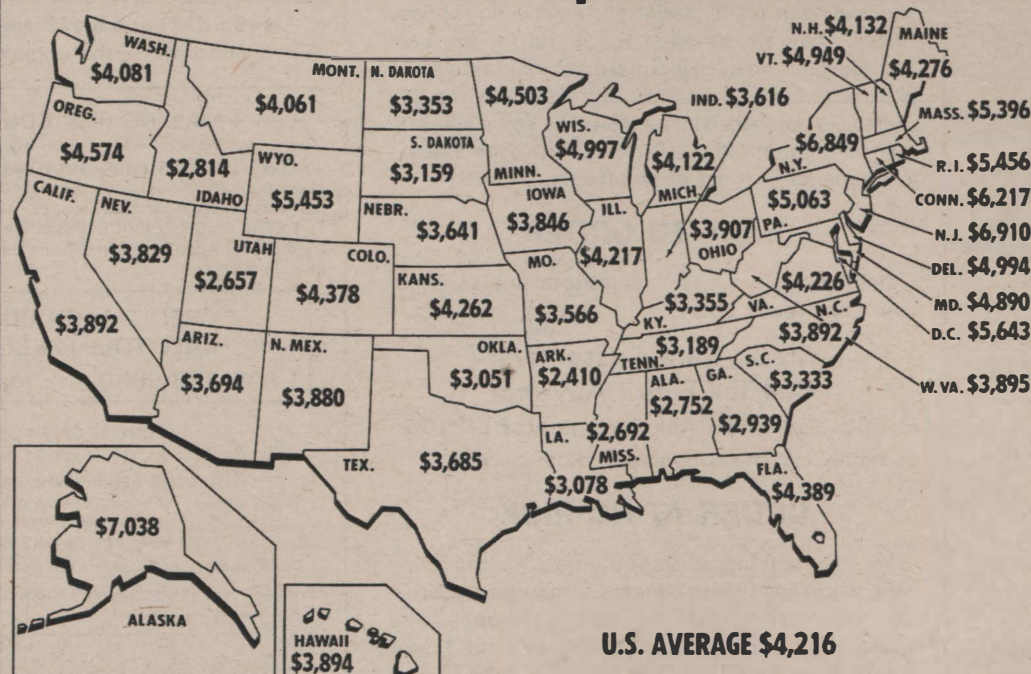
Capt. Pinto made a report of the sighting, which took place this past February 11, to the Mozambique government. Five reporters were assigned by the government newspaper *Noticias* to investigate.

“Many people reported seeing the object that Capt. Pinto saw,” said reporter Ismael Juma, one of the team.

“The UFO hovered over Mozambique for more than 6½ hours.”

— DAVID BARRITT

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