

# Men in lead masks 'tried to contact Mars'

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## HANDS OFF OUR FLYING SAUCERS!

AMERICAN SCIENTIST Philip J. Klass suggests that sightings of UFO (unidentified flying objects) could be caused by ball lightning, produced on high-tension power cables under certain transmission and atmospheric conditions (Ronald Bedford, September 6).

But how large an UFO can

THE strange case of the Men in the Lead Masks took another bizarre turn yesterday.

For the men—they were found dead in Brazil ten days ago with the masks still on their faces—had been trying to communicate with the planet Mars, it was claimed.

Police were told this by Elcio Gomes, who is being

held for questioning about the deaths.

Gomes was said by relatives of the two dead men, Manuel Da Cruz and Miguel Viana, to have exercised a powerful influence over them.

He had conducted a series of Spiritualist seances at his home, it was said.

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According to Gomes, during one attempt to communicate with Mars there was a violent explosion which put an end to that particular experiment.

He was also said to have told police that he threw about £40—part of a sum he owed Viana—into a river "as a gift to the Sirens to protect both of us from death."

### Cause

Experts are still trying to discover what killed the two men, who were found in a wood near Niteroi, Brazil.

And to add to the mystery, there have been several reports of flying saucers being seen above the spot where the bodies were found.