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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE DEAD MEN IN FLYING SAUCER ALLEY?

Flying Saucer Alley is a 100,000 square mile area of Brazil where unidentified flying objects have been spotted almost daily since 1947. Some people believe it is a base for alien space craft.

Mysteries abound in the area, but none has left as deep an impression on the locals as the two men whose bodies were discovered there in August 1966.

Titbits tells the amazing tale of one of the World's Greatest Mysteries.

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THE file on the deaths of Miguel Viana and Manuel Cruz has been closed for 12 years, but the cause of their deaths remains a mystery.

The two Brazilian TV engineers, known to have dabbled in space experiments, left their homes in Campos one morning in August 1966 to travel to Rio de Janeiro.

Masks

Ostensibly, the reason for their journey was to buy a car, and Manuel set off with £1000 worth of Brazilian cruzeiros with which to purchase it.

They never got to Rio. Instead,

they left the bus at Niteroi, a small town outside Rio.

There, on a sweltering hot afternoon, they made two purchases—raincoats. The shopkeeper, Jaime Alves, remembered them because of this, particularly.

Manuel and Miguel then began to climb the 1000ft Vintem Hill, in the heart of Flying Saucer Alley.

That night there was another UFO sighting. A stockbroker's wife, Mrs Gracinda Souza, reported seeing a green and yellow circular object, reddish at the rim, flash through the sky. It rose and fell slowly like a balloon as it glided towards Vintem Hill.

The next morning two small boys

found the bodies of Manuel and Miguel. Crudely made lead masks lay within inches of their faces. Also found near the dead men were cellophane bags and two notes.

Cause

One note read: "Sunday, one pill after meal. Monday, one pill after breakfast. Tuesday, one pill after meal, Wednesday, one pill lying down."

The other read: "4.30pm be at appointed place. 6.30pm swallow pill. Then protect face with metal and wait for signal to show itself."

Scattered around them were pieces of blue and green paper, one

of which contained a formula no expert could decipher.

They were wearing their raincoats and the clothing underneath was undisturbed. The men had died within seconds of one another.

A post-mortem examination by two doctors revealed: "All organs had been functioning normally. After detailed investigation, it is impossible to find the cause of death."

When Inspector Jose Bittencourt of the Homicide Squad was called in he thought the motive was robbery.

Out of the £1000 the men left with the previous morning, only £30 was found. No car had been bought and no bank deposit made.