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The Acting Air Attache was informed that copies of all five pictures would be furnished after publication.

Comments of Reporting Officers

It is felt that there is a strong possibility that the photos were faked and it is doubted that copies will be made available. The fact that the object was first seen looking almost directly into the sun seems unlikely. That there were no other observers and the photographer evidently did not look for spheres seems peculiar. That no satisfactory reported reason for the photographer to have been at this particular place further causes doubt. And, finally, \$25,000 is being asked for the world-wide rights, which indicates that profit is more desired than verifying the identity of the object.

The following is a translation of the reporter's story published in "O Cruzeiro" on 13 May. This story varies slightly from that told the Acting Air Attache on the night of 8 May. The reason for other observers was not indicated and the flight path description then did not include the variation in speed or the vertical gradient as indicated in the magazine.

"O Cruzeiro"

13 May 1952

STRANGE SIGHTS IN BRAZIL

It was the 7th, Wednesday, four o'clock in the afternoon. We had originally arrived at 1200 P.M. in the so-called "Isle of Love", in Ilheus de Ituberaba. The purpose of our visit was to take some pictures of romantic couples and write up an article about them. It was bound to be an interesting, picturesque, happy, slightly poetic experience. And here we were, looking at our destination. We tried to look like tourists so that we wouldn't scare our "game". The weather in the last few days had been rainy and cold. But that Wednesday morning the sun was shining and it turned out to be a beautiful day.

We arrived more or less at 1100 P.M. We crossed the little lake on a row boat called "Piranga" and upon landing we went straight to the "Bar do Compadre" in order to have something to eat. It did not seem to be a very busy day for us. Nobody was around. We started a conversation with the bar owner, Antonio Teixeira, and got some information that could be valuable for us, although he did not have any idea of what we were going to do. Every 5 minutes, more or less, we heard the noise of an airplane passing over our heads, as this was the route of all planes coming or going to Sao Paulo, also planes going off coming from the airports situated in the south regions of Brazil. While we were enjoying a delicious dish of shrimp, we got up many times to watch the landing maneuvers of a squadron of the Brazilian Air Force. This was around 7:30 P.M. If things do not improve, we thought, we will be wasting our time up here. But as we did not have any other choice, and also because patience is one of the virtues of a good reporter, we decided to hang around to see if anything would happen.

And something did happen. Something that we could never imagine. Between four and four thirty we were sitting on the sand, exactly in the beginning of the interview channel. Closing at the moment, we saw an object flying in the air, on the side of the sea. At that distance, the object was similar to an airplane seen from the front. But the extraordinary thing about this "airplane" whose front seemed to be facing us was the fact that it was moving sideways in great velocity. It was moving directly from the ocean in the direction of the earth, perpendicular to the route of the ocean.

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