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Lots of teenage boys dream about sex. But for eighteen-year-old Jose Inacio Alvaro of Brazil, there were two major differences. First, his dream partner was a female UFO pilot. Second, he met up with some UFOlogists who assured him that this interplanetary liaison had actually occurred.

Alvaro's story began on the evening of March 2, 1978, right after a power failure immersed his home in darkness. Stepping outside to investigate, he was amazed to see a giant UFO. The moving object, hundreds of witnesses later reported, resembled a "gray-colored ball with luminosity around the periphery." Said Alvaro, "It was huge and bright like the sun; I couldn't focus my eyes."

Soon after the UFO vanished, says Alvaro, the electrical power came back on. Too excited to go home, he decided to take a bus to his father's house. And, he claims, after he arrived he looked out the window only to see the UFO again. "I felt dazed," the young man says. "The light seemed to be telling me that I must walk, and I accompanied it to the field."

The next thing Alvaro remembered was waking up in a field about a half mile from his father's house. Already a UFO buff, he'd heard dozens of stories about UFO occupants abducting Earthlings for study, wiping out their memories, then returning them unharmed. To find out whether that had happened to him, he looked up Brazilian UFOlogist Luiz di Rosario Real, who suggested hypnotic regression.

The first session took place less than two weeks later, at the Federal Technical College in Pelotas, Brazil. Under hypnosis Alvaro recalled a sexual encounter with an alien. The



naked seductress, he recalled, had been tall and plump, with light, almond-shaped eyes and long, silvery hair. "Her breasts," he said, "were fuller than the breasts of a female from Earth. Her skin was very light." Alvaro literally quivered with pleasure as he told the story. When he then repeated the tale for a second hypnotist soon after Real and other local UFOlogists were convinced.

Alvaro insists that though he was emotionally confused after the sighting, the hypnotic regression sessions put his mind to rest. But what actually went on inside his head that evening re-

UFO UPDATE

mains a question for psychologists—investigators have already explained what occurred in the skies.

By some quirk of geography, Brazil is half a world away from Plesetsk, a Soviet spaceport routinely used to launch satellites. After coasting halfway around the earth, Soviet rockets generally fire, pushing the satellites into distinctive, highly elliptic twelve-hour orbits. Moments later, as the exhausted rocket is coasting across the continent, it vents its remaining propellant to prevent any explosions. When these flights occur at twilight, the propellant cloud is backlit by the sun, which has already set for ground observers. Those on the ground see a rapidly moving sphere, its edges brighter than its center because it is really only an expanding shell of gas. At 10:00 p.m. on March 2, 1978, the communications satellite *Molniya 1-39* blasted off from Plesetsk. A little more than an hour later it (and its venting booster) crossed the skies of Brazil. On the ground thousands of observers began freaking out, one worse than most.—JAMES OBERG