

BRAZIL

'Flying saucer' near bodies

RIO DE JANEIRO, Friday (AAP).—Police revealed yesterday that Brazil's mysterious "masked murder" case was uncovered after a woman reported seeing a "luminous flying saucer".

The bodies of Miguel Jose Viana, 34, and Manual Pereira Da Cruz, 32, were found 1,000ft up the side of a jungled hill in the Rio suburb of Niteroi last Saturday.

Police announced yesterday that a search of the hill was made after a woman told them she had seen a luminous flying saucer in the area.

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Several letters in code were found on the bodies. The code has not yet been deciphered.

An autopsy report released yesterday added more mystery to the case.

The autopsy placed the time of death as August 17, but the examination ruled out poison or asphyxiation as the causes of death and there was no sign of violence.

In reconstructing the matter, police said the two men, both electronics repairmen from the interior city of Campos, arrived in Niteroi eight days ago.

Police said blood was found on the ground near the bodies but it was not from either of the victims.

With the coded letters police found three electrical charts.

One of the charts carried this message: "At 4.30pm we are in the determined place. At 6.30 we will take the capsules with orange. After the effect, protect half the face with lead masks, wait for agreed signal".