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### **An Important Precursor Case in Itaperuna**

The reader will soon come across some very disturbing flaps in Brazil, they were located mainly in the Northeast traveling towards the North, this case that we are about to analyze is a precursor with many aspects of the case being repeated over time, there may be some more of these cases, I just couldn't find yet.

It took place in Itaperuna, a small town in the northern part of the Rio de Janeiro state. It probably took place in September 1971 and the narrative was published by the Newspaper “O Dia”, a very well-known daily publication active even today. They were covering this flap, and their articles were written in a very matter-of-fact style. The man afflicted with the experience didn't reveal his name, by the description he was probably a farmer, and the omission of the name is very understandable as the experience was bizarre enough.

Late one night, the subject in case was walking along a deserted country road towards his farm—suggesting he was a farmer. Under the full moon's light, which made everything as bright as midday, he heard a strange sound, both deep and piercing, from above. Looking up, he shuddered at the sight of a great flying object poised above him, with beams of flashing lights of various colors rotating around it.

His first thought was to run, but his legs wouldn't obey his brain. He stood rooted to the spot, unable to move. After a few moments, the object rose higher, its light beams growing brighter and broader. Then it moved down again with the same noise, the beams becoming thinner and fewer.

The object halted, and from an orifice in the center of its base, which had been dark until then, emerged a beam of yellow light. As this beam slowly grew thicker, it enveloped him. Though speechless and immobile, his brain had remained lucid, noting everything precisely. But now the yellow beam was sapping his willpower, and he began losing consciousness—forgetting who he was, where he was, his name, his friends, everything.

He was being drawn upwards by the terrible yellow light, fighting for breath. He lost consciousness completely for some time. When he came to, he was still floating between the ground and the object, at what he estimates was about 30 metres.[78]

The subject believed he would be taken away by the UFO and never come back, but it wasn't to be and he was eventually returned to the ground. After he returned he perceived that his voice was back, but he was still very weak, he was helped and recovered slowly. There were no cases as radical as this, but there were other cases that the victims felt that their vital force was taken away.

Thus to the ones that believed that what happened in North Brazil was the test of American technology and Psy-op deployment, better think again, as to now we haven't even seen this “fantastic” technology being deployed even once. For those who don't believe in this case,

one has to ask how come so many different researchers and authors that didn't know of each other kept registering the same kind of case, Isn't that a bit strange?

Another interesting “geographical” connection, is that Itaperuna is much further south than the Northeast and North where the main events took place. At that time Gordon Creighton took the trouble to find many correlations with the cases that were happening there in Espirito Santo, south of Minas Gerais and North of Rio de Janeiro. These oddities were going northward, like a traveling circus. Although it seems bizarre, that may be the idea the Other Intelligence seems to convey.

We shall now continue with the main thread of this narrative.

### **Cases Collected by Bob Pratt**

Bob was a journalist who began as a skeptic but quickly changed his mind after investigating his first UFO case in the US. He had expected to encounter gullible and impressionable individuals, but the people he met were quite the opposite; they were puzzled and genuinely questioned the incidents they experienced.

Bob encountered ex-pilots and military personnel, specialists in assessing airplane behavior, and other responsible professionals—reasoned individuals who were great observers and deeply troubled by what they had seen and interacted with at times.

Employed by a newspaper that was actively investigating UFOs, he had the opportunity to travel extensively, particularly to Brazil, where he confronted some of the strangest cases (second only to Puerto Rico) in their most hazardous variety. From 1976 to 1998, Bob visited Brazil multiple times, collecting first and second-hand reports, evaluating the stories, examining the physical effects on witnesses, and assessing changes in the terrain. He developed strong relationships with many local researchers, focusing his efforts in certain areas, specifically north of Belo Horizonte in Minas Gerais, particularly in the Vale das Velhas (Valley of the Old Ladies). He also collaborated with researcher Hulvio Aleixo and traveled extensively throughout the Northeast. His work included significant investigations in the Amazonas, especially Colares located near Belém, where the Chupa Chupa flap occurred.

As we progress further in our chronology, the reader will soon understand that the types of cases being discussed have occurred intermittently across diverse regions, particularly in slightly remote areas.

In May 1991, farmer Moyses Campelo, in his thirties, was on top of a hill heading home when he noticed a flash followed by a distant light, which he initially thought was a car. Suddenly, the light was directly above him. It was large, bright, and silent—bigger than a house and spinning. He soon found himself paralyzed. “It lit up everything around me, and it was very hot. And then I felt I was sucked upwards. (...) I was raised one and a half meters; I couldn't speak or cry for help, and I couldn't move. The light was very hot.”[79] He believed he remained in this position for about five minutes, expecting the worst when the UFO gently set him down.

The UFO was still nearby, visible to Moyses as he crawled, dizzy and slow, toward his house. He was attacked again, lifted up at least a meter this time, but instead of heat, he felt cold. His landing was rough, and he crawled as quickly as possible into the house. A similar case had occurred in the Sertão of Rio Grande do Norte. As a side effect of his experience, Moyses suffered numbness on his left side for four months, and his left eye remained swollen for an extended period. He no longer ventures out alone at night. The

area is known for high UFO activity; some neighbors informed Bob that a young couple had experienced a fate similar to Moyses's, being approached and lifted by the UFO, but they managed to take refuge.

Januncio de Souza lived on a farm near Santa Cruz in Rio Grande do Norte, where he owned a large property. He experienced an unpleasant encounter in January 1978, triggered by a cigarette he lit. Januncio had barely walked a few steps when a black flying device positioned itself three meters above him, silent. "It was like a big silo; it was at least 25 feet tall and had a round bottom of 15 feet in diameter. A door opened on the bottom, and I could see a man and a woman sitting in seats like a car. They were sitting still and stiff. (...) The woman looked like she was wearing a dress." [80] When the bottom of the craft opened, a very strong and hot light emanated from it, pulling Januncio toward it as if affected by a powerful magnet. He wrapped himself around a tree to resist.

Januncio was pulled up several times, fearing for his life. The crew of the ship poured a sort of hot oil on him; he felt the oil burning his skin but refused to budge. When the crew realized Januncio wasn't coming up, they left the scene quickly, almost instantaneously. He was sick for two days, unable to eat, and had burns on his body resembling cigarette burns. For a long time, he refrained from venturing out of the house at night, as everyone in the region had seen the lights and feared them. Though Januncio had enjoyed incredible vitality, his health and vitality declined considerably after the incident, but he lived to the age of 91.

A few months later, a very similar attack occurred in the neighborhood, a common occurrence in UFO encounters that often befalls a family member of a previous experiencer. This time, it happened to one of Januncio's sons, Beato, who was 39 at the time. Beato couldn't recall the exact date, but it happened between August and November 1979. Around 8 PM, he was returning home and lit a cigarette, which triggered the event. He didn't see it coming; the UFO was suddenly there, hovering 8 meters above him. The bottom of the UFO opened like a fishing net, bright as daylight, and Beato was pulled upwards. He squatted and grabbed onto a bush to resist the pull. The light was intense, but he could see three people inside the ship—two men and a woman. Although he noticed nothing peculiar inside, he sensed an air of disdain from one of the men. Beato exhibited the same type of burns as Januncio, but his vitality remained largely unaffected. [81]

Thirty-five miles away from Januncio's village, in 1979, Francisca was returning home at night with her daughter when they saw a UFO approaching. Francisca was pulled upward, but her daughter, who was holding her, was not. As the pull grew stronger, Francisca urged her daughter to run for her life, which she did. Francisca was lifted about 65 feet (approximately 20 meters) high but was fortunately set down gently; otherwise, she might have faced terrible consequences. Though she felt numb and in shock for a while, she recovered well. Her daughter witnessed the entire event. [82]

Indeed, Rio Grande do Norte had its fair share of such cases. In the town of Bom Jesus, Bob sought to arrange an interview with an individual who claimed to have been taken into a UFO for 15 days. However, as this person had moved to another town and no one knew exactly where, a police officer informed him that a neighbor of the alleged abductee, Maria das Dores, had also experienced something unusual. In September 1983, Maria was out with her two daughters and a large dog named Doggie when, during the evening, they observed something beautiful in the sky—a phenomenon resembling a rainbow. Whatever it was, it descended rapidly toward them. One of the daughters managed to escape, but the

dog and the two women did not. “I felt this cold wind all around me, pulling all three of us up,” Maria recounted. “I couldn't touch the ground. I was off the ground. When I tried to lift my leg, I felt a cold wind like when someone opens a refrigerator. We were about a meter off the ground. I was wearing a very large skirt, and the wind filled it with air, blowing it up around me. (...) I was running into the air; my feet were not touching anything.”[83] The event ended abruptly as the lights moved away.

At Vale das Velhas in Minas Gerais, near Belo Horizonte, phenomena were also common, particularly before the electricity grid was established in the area. After its arrival, the frequency of encounters diminished. The correlation between isolated areas, in terms of communication with other regions and the UFO phenomenon, has been noted for some time. As communication improved, roads were developed, electricity was installed, and camera technology advanced, the phenomenon continued to appear, albeit less overtly. Many interesting cases have been reported, including a few involving retro contraptions.

In the early morning of September 1976, Hermelindo was returning home with his dog when the entire scene lit up. A ship, ten meters in diameter and adorned with many colors, hovered just above him. The dog ran off in terror, but Hermelindo remained. The light turned off, and he initially thought the ship had vanished. Then, it lit up again, blinding him, and switched off once more. Suddenly, he felt something hit his shoulder, and Hermelindo, now terrified, ran as the ship ascended. “They dropped four steel cables down with hooks on them and tried to catch me with them. I was dodging the hooks, and then a little creature came sliding down one of the cables. He hit me on the shoulder and tried to grab me, but I hit him and fought with him.”[84]

This amazing scene mesmerised me, but there was more. The creature appeared to be a small man, though Hermelindo could not see its facial features; it wore a type of grey suit and had four feet. Standing at 6 feet tall and strong, Hermelindo managed to bear-hug the being. “He felt like metal. I tried to throw him to the ground, but when I did, he shuddered. It scared me so much that I let go of him, and he fell to the ground.”[85] As Hermelindo hesitated, the being slipped a hook around his left ankle, which was tied to one of the cables connected to the UFO. He was pulled toward the bottom of the ship, which was very hot and purple. The ship began to move, carrying Hermelindo upside down in a distressing scene. Hermelindo screamed so loudly that his brother-in-law, who was in the house, woke up and witnessed the absurdity through the window of their home.

As his legs struggled against the chains, Hermelindo ultimately managed to disconnect himself from the cable, falling from a height of 20 feet onto a yucca plant, which saved his life but also pierced him. His body was covered in thorns, lacerating his flesh, but he survived to tell the story. Unfortunately, his dog died three months later. This near-comical behavior of the extraterrestrial recalls a type of goblin encountered in a case discussed in Chapter 4, which will return in Part III; we shall explore this aspect further.

Now, looking back at this experience, we can understand its context. This case occurred eight years after encounters involving pugilism and hand-to-hand combat. Considering the size of the man and the use of a mask, we can connect this case with the bizarre and bellicose bearded dwarves reported in São Paulo and Minas Gerais in previous years.

Pinheiro in Maranhão is a significant part of this story, having been the site of a major UFO flap. These objects were seen every night for four months. Bogeia, a man in his thirties, had one of the odd encounters. He described it as a “wonderful experience” in July

1977. It happened in the early hours while he was waiting for a bus when he saw a V-shaped object moving in the sky. He flashed his torch at it, and in response, the ship directed a beam of light toward him, inducing a terrible shock. Bogeia passed out. When he awoke seven hours later, he found himself in a different city, São Luiz, about 100 km away, with intense pain on the right side of his body. Before the incident, he had been nearly blind, but after the shock, he discovered he could see quite well; he hadn't realized he was no longer wearing his glasses.[86]

This is another case of teleportation during a period when such occurrences were still quite common, though we only heard of them many years later. During those missing hours, he dreamt he was in a city from another world, inhabited by humans who drove a type of Volkswagen without an engine, equipped with antennas and push buttons for driving. The city was filled with single-story houses and an airport featuring twenty disc-shaped UFOs. Notably, there was no sun in the sky, only an empty space. The city felt cool, as if refrigerated by air conditioning. "They looked very much alike, all about thirty years old, five feet tall and slender. All were dressed in gray and brown clothes, a few in light blue. The women wore long gowns, the men tunics, and trousers." [87]

The dream sequence and the case are rich with details that were not published due to their extensive nature. The dream likely represented an abduction scenario, creating an impression of reality. It is also noteworthy that the UFO Bogeia saw was a triangular craft, a type that is quite rare in Brazil but became more prevalent later in the U.S. and Europe.

A quick note on this case: unfortunately, a few years later, Bogeia suffered a serious car accident and remained in a coma for 40 hours, after which his poor eyesight and deafness returned. Thus, the gift he briefly experienced was not long-lived.[88]

There are cases with very serious consequences, and Leonel dos Santos is one such example. In July 1979, he owned a beautiful farm near Lajes in Rio Grande do Norte and worked hard every day. One day, while collecting wood with two friends, he experienced a disturbing encounter. "Suddenly a big, black shadow covered the ground around me. I felt cold and numb, and I looked at the ground in surprise. I turned to look up and see what it was, but I seemed kind of paralyzed. I could feel my eyes rolling back in my head, and my feet went up in front of me, like a backward somersault. Then I passed out. I didn't see what was above me." [89] His friends searched for him everywhere, but Leonel turned up four hours later, disoriented and unaware of his surroundings. Although he was a young man, he essentially became an invalid. He gradually had to sell all his cattle and animals, eventually parting with his farm and moving to town with his wife. There, he took small jobs offered to him out of charity to support his family. He suffered from terrible headaches and lacked the energy to work.

Now, let us examine the UFO scene in Pinheiro and further explain the flap. For four months, UFOs were frequently present. On one occasion, a UFO was observed by the entire region. These objects appeared as balls of fire, crossing the sky at high speeds before coming to a sudden stop. After a while, they would ascend and camouflage themselves to mimic the brightness of a star, only to descend at full speed whenever they saw fit.

The mayor of the town, Mr. Paiva, remarked that if this device belonged to us, then we were technically developed beyond imagination. He also mentioned that people were afraid to leave their homes at night, as some townsfolk had been chased and burned by these "things." Simply lighting a cigarette or using a flashlight would attract the attention of the UFOs, resulting in several similar incidents. The UFOs primarily targeted fishermen at



night, passersby wandering in the dark, and even individuals visiting outdoor toilets. Although the burnings were not severe, the fear they instilled in the community was significant, causing many to avoid going out at night altogether.

At times, UFOs were even filmed around Pinheiros. It is important to note that sightings and encounters were reported throughout the entire region of Pinheiros, encompassing many surrounding villages and neighboring municipalities like São Bento. All these locations were relatively accessible, yet they were quite distant from the more developed areas of Brazil. For instance, São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro are several thousand kilometers away from these regions.[90]

After July 1977, the UFO phenomenon became more sporadic; however, it migrated further north to towns near Belém do Pará, located at the mouth of the Amazonas River. There, the phenomenon became especially hazardous, particularly in Colares, which is situated close to Belém.

### **The Crab Island Incident**

Before we delve into the Colares flap, there was a very unfortunate event that occurred at the onset of the flap in Pinheiros: the death of a fisherman at Ilha dos Caranguejos (Crab Island), located near São Luis and in the direction of Pinheiros.

In May 1977, three brothers and a friend set out from São Luis to Crab Island to collect wood. They planned to work, sleep on the boat, wait for the tide to rise, and then return to São Luis. The brothers had followed this routine countless times; it was nothing out of the ordinary. At the specific time of the occurrence, no one woke up until morning, when they discovered that the tide was low again. Two of the men were badly burned, while one was found dead, supposedly from a heart attack. Strangely, the man who had been at the front of the boat was found at the back, and the one who had been at the back was found at the front, suggesting that someone had changed their positions.

There were reports of UFO activity nearby, but no one had seen the UFOs interacting with this particular boat. A thorough investigation was conducted, but no conclusions were reached. Investigators considered every possible hypothesis, including the suggestion that a bolt of lightning could explain the burns; however, the sky was clear at the time, and the burns were inconsistent with such an event. Furthermore, the boat itself showed no signs of damage, and the unusual position changes and the fact that the men hadn't awakened as usual remained unexplained.[91]

Bob Pratt conducted extensive interviews with the individuals involved, and even hypnotized them, but no further discoveries were made. Nonetheless, a few interesting details emerged. The two men who had been severely burned completely recovered 15 years after the incident, while the less affected man continued to suffer from loss of vitality and severe headaches. Although we lack definitive proof that this event was caused by a UFO, many signs align with the cases we have been examining.[92]

The situation did not end there; a similar incident occurred in 1986, resulting in one death and three injuries. In this case, the men suddenly began to pass out, one after the other. One was found dead, and another had a swollen and burned side of the head. They were unconscious for nearly 24 hours and reported feeling sick and nauseated. The only unusual detail noted by the men before they felt dizzy was a loud noise coming from the woods, akin to something striking the trees and bushes. This event was also thoroughly investigated, yet no conclusions were reached. Two of the individuals displayed similar

symptoms to most victims: occasional headaches and numbness in parts of their bodies. [93]

Can we be certain that these incidents are UFO-related? One cannot be 100% sure, but I am inclined to say yes, as they exhibit many characteristics typical of such unfortunate encounters. In both cases, a UFO seems to be the main culprit; in the first incident, it is likely that an artificial element was involved, as the position changes of the men would not have occurred otherwise. The police detectives conducted a thorough examination of the cases; the injuries were highly abnormal, and the cause of death was not the result of violence. In most death cases we have encountered, the cause of death has not been easily established.

### **Operação Prato**

One of the most significant flaps in UFO history occurred in North Brazil, and this episode is among the most underrated UFO phenomena ever, though perceptions are beginning to change. Until recently, this flap was scarcely mentioned in any reputable UFO literature outside of Brazil. While Bob Pratt did write about it, much of the data collected by Brazilian ufologists did not receive the attention it deserved. Jacques Vallée also acknowledged it. Daniel Rebisso Geise's book on the events was a commendable first effort, with part of his work published by *FSR*.

Later, Gevaerd and Mauro Petit from *Revista UFO* conducted several interesting interviews and follow-ups on the case. They pressed the government for the release of official materials, which eventually materialized. While it is unlikely that all the materials were released, portions of them indeed were. What follows is a compilation of the most relevant findings and an attempt at interpreting the extensive series of events, providing perspective on the truly astounding developments that unfolded in that region.

It is believed that the acute phase of the phenomenon began in April 1977 in Maranhão, then migrated north toward the state of Pará. Initially, it affected towns along the Gurupi River before moving further north to its most intense and concentrated form around the small town of Colares, located about 100 km from Belém do Pará, which at the time had nearly a million inhabitants. We have already touched on part of this flap through the events in the Pinheiros region.

Now, a bit of geographic context is relevant here. Colares is situated almost at the entrance to the Amazon River, where one can take a boat to navigate to the Atlantic Ocean. In the opposite direction lies the city of Belém; however, to reach it via the Amazon River, one must pass through Baía do Sol, which is akin to a sound, followed by the island of Mosqueira, a popular tourist destination and getaway for the residents of Belém. While Colares was indeed the epicenter of the entire flap, significant activity was also observed from Mosqueira. Many high-ranking officials were present there, as it was safer for them to observe the ongoing events. In Mosqueira, the encounters were not as aggressive, yet UFOs could be observed in their full glory.

The first phase was known as the Gurupi River flap. Fishermen would return after work complaining of a ball of light that approached silently, casting a beam of light on them. The consequences included feelings of fatigue and low energy, as if they were being drained. Sometimes, burn marks would appear on their bodies. However, those with more formal education dismissed the reports, attributing them to the wild imaginations of simple

townsfolk who believed in fantasies. The fishermen began to refer to it as “Vampire Light” due to the symptoms described above.

To illustrate the claims, we have the report of Benedito Goncalves dos Anjos Siqueira and his son, Simão. Here is Simão's account: “About ten days ago we were fishing near Ilha Nova. Suddenly we saw a star moving. Its brightness was very strong, stronger than the rest of the stars. and it seemed to be flashing and it came straight towards us.

We remembered what we'd heard about the ‘Chupa-Chupa’(Suck-Suck) so we paddled for the river bank and hid in the bushes and we just managed to escape being touched by the light. It was hanging a few meters above our boat and sweeping the whole area with a sort of searchlight as though probing, seeking. The shape of the object was like a metal cylinder-drum. We couldn't see any windows or openings.”[94]

Daniel Rebisso found a report even stranger, reinforcing the report made by Benedito, Anastasio was the experiencer, he saw his friend João fall victim to the beam of light launched by the strange cylinders. It was 11.00 p.m. and he was sitting in a hide among thick bushes awaiting game. When an animal appeared, something flying in the sky cast a beam of light onto it, causing it to flee. João found himself unable to escape. He felt the light bearing down on his body, draining his strength, and was certain he would die. The flying object was cylinder-shaped, and he heard voices in an unknown language coming from it. Though the object departed, it left him completely powerless, resulting in his hospitalization. These cylindrical UFOs (called “camburões” by locals) were also reported over the Bay of Marajó.[95]

The voices in the witnesses' heads point again to the high strangeness and possible psychotronic means implied to invade their minds, as there are several reports of such experiences.

As days passed and more educated individuals had similar experiences, the reports began to be taken seriously, leading people to avoid going out at night. Groups of locals resorted to bonfires and group prayers to ward off the aerial menace. The villagers became aware that the “things” making their lives miserable were attuned to any light being switched on; even the lighting of a cigarette would capture their attention, prompting a prohibition against carrying torches or similar items.

Several observations were made by the locals, who believed the devices originated from the sea, as they always approached from the coast. They speculated that a strange animal was responsible, noting areas where the soil had been crushed and vegetation burned—signs typically associated with UFO landings.

Before delving further, a brief introduction is warranted. This flap consisted of several recurring elements, which were quite obvious. However, it is important to note that less overt elements may have also been present but went unnoticed or uninvestigated at the time. Recently, at least one case of abduction has been acknowledged, suggesting that more subtle abductions and poltergeist activity may have been common but went unreported because such topics were often considered taboo.[96]

The population was on edge, as experiences of aggression were well-known among the community, creating an atmosphere of panic. In such circumstances, mistakes in judgment tend to occur; one such situation arose in the case of the “Fisherwoman.” Here, we may be dealing with two different phenomena, as there are various cases attributed to this event.

Many encounters were occurring simultaneously, one of which the locals informed Geise about was the presence of a “Fisherwoman”—a foreign woman who lived alone on a small



island and occasionally purchased copious amounts of fish from local merchants. This small island had several sightings of strange lights, although the lights were reported to be visible everywhere. Additionally, many men with fair skin were seen on the island. The humans observed in the UFOs also had blonde hair and fair skin, leading to a natural association.

Years later, UFO researchers uncovered the story of this woman. She had an obscure background but was indeed real. Born in Switzerland with the maiden name of Elizabeth Quimine Berger, she moved to London, married there, and later relocated to Brazil. A clothes designer, she was known for her unique style, which explained her distinctive clothing. She was also considered a hippie, a common label at the time. However, that is not the whole story. The secret police were well aware of her dealings and held many suspicions about her activities. It was speculated that she was involved in smuggling operations, possibly to supply groups engaged in intelligence gathering or drug transport, although these details remain unclear, as the police investigation was not open to the public. What is certain is that she was not an extraterrestrial.[97] Her activities coincided with the UFO sightings, making it only natural for some people to connect the dots, albeit incorrectly.

However, there was at least one encounter that could have involved a being often linked to UFO appearances. Margarida, the daughter of the manager of Bragança's airport, once spoke of an encounter: "Walking one day along a lonely road, she suddenly came face to face with a pretty woman, dressed entirely in black, whom she recognized as the "Fisherwoman". The latter was wearing a blouse with tight-fitting sleeves right down to the wrists, and her hands were encased in gloves. Enhanced by her long blonde hair, her face seemed to probe into Margarida's very soul. The woman asked Margarida what she did, and how many children she had, and also asked: was she not afraid to walk alone in that place? And then, suddenly, she vanished from sight as though by magic! Shaken and perplexed, Margarida went home, with a severe headache. Several of the main newspapers in Belém carried short reports about the "Fish Woman". In particular, *O Liberal* (July 10, 1977) and *A Província Do Pará* (July 11, 1977)."[98] Here, there is a clear connection with the actions of the WIBs (see Part III). However, given that the townspeople were already highly impressionable, one might wonder whether Margarida was accurately reporting what happened or if she was influenced by fear, with her imagination overwhelming her. At least in this case, the witness is identified. Thus, the Fisherwoman remains an unresolved part of the mystery, a subplot within a larger event. Nonetheless, having said all that, Margarida's description basically describes a Woman in Black encounter to the details, it would be quite condescending not to give her credit for that, and assign it as a most probable legitimate encounter.

Another very interesting characteristic that appeared in other flaps emerged here: the slow flight of a UFO using strong searchlights against the ground or sea. "Colonel Oswaldo Pinto de Jesus, aged 45, from the small settlement of Coração de Jesus in the municipal area of Vigia, made the following statement: "A Colonel Oswaldo Pinto de Jesus, aged 45, from the small settlement of Coração de Jesus, in the municipal area of Vigia, made the following statement: "There was a lot of talk at that time about the "Chupa" in Santo Antonio de Umbituba, and later also in Coração de Jesus. One day, in the early morning, my mother, Maria Assunção, saw the thing and called us to see it. It was flying slowly and quite silently, not very high, and seen from below it looked a bit like a helicopter. It had lots of colored

lights along the sides of its tail, and a powerful searchlight at its tip. It suddenly seemed to be aware of our presence, and all its lights went out and it disappeared in the murky early morning sky.”[99]

To the relief of these populations, the flap diminished dramatically after July 1977. Authorities in these regions had contacted the military several times to no avail, but fortunately, they were spared from further incidents. Unfortunately for the towns located around Marajó Bay, various types of UFOs began to appear there and fiercely attack the locals. Due to the isolation of the communities from one another, no one had a real understanding of the situation's extent. It wasn't until October that they gained a clearer assessment of the overall scenario, thanks to a religious procession held in Belém, where people from nearby towns shared their ordeals with relatives, friends, acquaintances, and parishioners.

The descriptions were not straightforward; experiencers spoke of vampires descending from the heavens to suck on women's breasts, which added to the confusion. Previously, the news regarding the Chupa-Chupas had been largely grounded, but when the reports were solely conveyed by locals, sensational descriptions emerged. However, when proper interviews were conducted, the cases revealed similarities to those that had occurred in southern Pará. Low-flying cylinders were reported, but lights were also very common: “The barber Carlos Cardoso de Paula (aged 49), living at Travessa Deodoro da Fonseca No. 231, had a still closer encounter with the “lights” as he himself relates, some of them were small and penetrated the houses of the villagers: ‘Everybody else was asleep. I was just still having my last smoke when suddenly a ball of fire entered our house up near the ridge pole of the gable. It started shooting round and round the room and then finally came right close to my hammock. It ran up my right leg as far as the knee (without touching my skin). I watched with much curiosity as it then moved across to the other leg. Then I started to feel feeble and sleepy. My cigarette fell from my hand and I came to and let out a yell. The fireball quickly vanished and everybody woke up. I think it had been searching for a vein in my body but didn't manage to do so. As its brightness grew I felt a sort of heat coming from it.”[100]

Dra. Wellaide, who was the doctor responsible for the small emergency unit at Colares—the center of the new UFO cases—reported that hundreds of people were attacked by the lights. The cases were very similar, and the most serious cases were sent to Belém, where more resources were available. Dra. Wellaide reported two deaths among patients sent to Belém: a 45-year-old lady and a fisherman who presented burn marks on his chest. The fisherman died in Colares hours after being attended by Dra. Wellaide.

There were other tragic cases, such as that of Silvia Maria Trindade, a 17-year-old who was pregnant at the time, in her fifth month. She was at home when a UFO sent a beam of light that reached her arm; she screamed and became very upset. Her husband took her by boat to Mosqueiro, where she could be attended by the local emergency unit. While her husband was rowing to take Silvia to Mosqueiro, the UFO appeared again and began sending beams of light onto the river. Silvia was hospitalized for two months and lost the baby.

The dog belonging to a neighbor reacted to the UFO by barking violently until it was struck by a beam itself. The dog stopped barking and became a reserved animal, very different from its usual behavior, and then died four weeks later.[101]

Claudiomira Paixão woke up to an intense light illuminating her house at Baía do Sol. “The

light was green at first, it touched my head and crossed my face. I woke up completely as the light became red. I could see a creature on the ship, like a man wearing a type of diving suit, the man had a pistol and pointed towards me, the pistol brighten three times and a beam hit my breast on three successive times, almost at the same place, it was hot, it injured me, and it seemed as they were inserting needles in these points. I believed they extracted blood, I was horrified, and could move my legs. I was shocked.”[102] After the contact, Claudiomira experienced headaches and weakness, and this state of affairs persisted for a few days. She went to the emergency unit in Colares.

Another emblematic case occurred at Rio Guajara, near Belém, where three fishermen had an astonishing encounter. Two of them were in a boat while the third ventured into the forest to prepare a trap for small mammals. As night fell, the hunter saw the bright object hovering above the treetops near where he was sheltering. He then observed the evolution of the object while hiding as best he could. A small porthole opened on the body of the craft, and a small humanoid being descended from the craft in a beam of light. The hunter panicked and ran towards his friends in the boat. The object pursued him for a while, but he eventually found his friends. Soon after, the whole area was illuminated by the craft, prompting the three men to hide among the aquatic foliage, where they could see the small humanoid for themselves. After a while, the craft moved away. There are a few variations on this story, but they are minimal.[103]

Another case researched by Daniel Rebisso Giese involved Manuel Noronha, who lived 30 km from Colares. He saw a cylindrical craft flying over his house and observed two fair-haired humans inside the craft. Armed with a gun, he contemplated shooting at the object when he was struck by a beam of light that rendered his body numb. He screamed for help, and the craft left the scene. This case further suggests the telepathic abilities of the UFO crews.[104]

### **The Military Arrive**

By September, the situation had become so serious that most residents with relatives in Belém or those who had the means left Colares and its surrounding areas for Belém or other locations far from Colares. The population was terrified, resorting to prayer and bonfires to “scare the things.” Amid this extreme anxiety, the military dispatched a detachment from the intelligence corps to investigate the incidents in Colares and the surrounding region. The group installed an anti-aircraft gun and a radar station in Colares, and they began interviewing local residents. The military also examined the wounds and skin burns reported by the populace, engaging in vigils to film or observe the UFOs. Additionally, they held public talks to reassure the community, insisting that there was nothing extraterrestrial about the experiences; rather, they suggested it was American or Soviet forces experimenting with secret new weapons on the Brazilian population and that soon everything would return to normal. However, few found this argument convincing.

Their detachment also began witnessing UFOs, but initially, the sightings were mostly intriguing lights flying in formation at a considerable distance. The flight patterns did not correspond to any known aircraft, and they were aware that the Air Force had no planes in the area. Moreover, they understood that there were no Soviet or American planes operating in the region or invading Brazilian airspace, which would have been nearly unthinkable.

The townsfolk felt a bit safer when the detachment returned to base to report to their

superiors. A few weeks later, they returned to Colares, this time accompanied by Captain Hollanda, who was skeptical about the reality of UFOs. By this point, however, most of the detachment had already been convinced of the phenomenon's reality. In fact, Hollanda became a catalyst for significant sightings that were to follow. After observing the usual distant UFOs, they began to establish closer encounters.

The first sighting mentioned by Hollanda was a massive light hovering directly above the detachment's barracks—this sighting could not be ignored. From then on, various types of UFOs appeared in the following days and nights. Numerous photos and sketches were produced; unfortunately, the photographs were unclear, but the reports and sketches held value as they came from an official source.[105]

Here, a chronology is important. Although gathering a rigorous timeline of events proved difficult due to the lack of proper dating on the reports, a rough outline of the happenings is as follows: a significant crisis unfolded in Colares, with UFOs overtly attacking the area multiple times. The military's initial arrival made the UFOs somewhat shy, leading to more activity in the neighborhoods. However, upon the military's return for a second time, the UFOs regained their boldness, though soon after, the phenomenon diminished in intensity.

### **Dra Wellaide Cecim**

One of the most crucial figures during this flap was Dra. Wellaide Cecim de Carvalho, the young doctor responsible for the Colares emergency unit. This position was her first job following her graduation from university.

The first case she attended involved an attack in the outskirts of Colares, leaving her baffled as the necrotic process occurred almost immediately—far sooner than the 96 hours typically required for skin to begin healing. She also observed two marks resembling needle spots; these appeared as holes but vanished after some time. Soon, she received similar cases from localities such as Airi and Candeúba, which are 100 km apart and occurred simultaneously. The descriptions, injuries, and symptoms were consistent, and there was nothing in psychiatric literature that could explain such signs and experiences. The only plausible conclusion was that the townsfolk were confronting something real and not imaginary, something that could indeed harm and frighten them.[106]

In the following weeks, the emergency unit became a refuge for a significant portion of the townspeople. Dra. Wellaide estimated that she attended to at least 80 individuals who had been attacked by the Chupa Chupa. Initially, the devices were observed wandering about the region in the early evening and only attacked late at night. However, this behavior changed, and the devices were occasionally seen even during the day.

Dra. Wellaide was believed by some locals to be “one of them,” as they claimed to have seen figures inside the devices that appeared white with fair hair, resembling her. Despite the pain inflicted on the population, Dra. Wellaide did not share the ominous feelings about the UFOs. Instead, she felt a sense of being different from the ordinary. Initially skeptical, one day she witnessed a UFO in broad daylight, flying above her in the center of Colares. While most people around her took cover, she remained fully exposed, feeling no fear. The device emanated a vast array of colors, and she felt a profound sense of peace. It measured four meters in diameter and hovered at the height of a ten-story building, taking on a cylindrical shape that resembled highly polished stainless steel. A porthole allowed her to see two humanoid figures inside, both blond, just like her.[107]

According to Dra. Wellaide, the military pressured her to administer tranquilizers to the population, intending to sedate them into compliance (the medications included Psicosedin, Diazepam, and Benzodiazepam). She was also instructed to convince the community that they were witnessing Soviet or American ships or that they were victims of collective hysteria. She refused to comply with any of these suggestions, despite being coerced with threats of severe consequences for her career. It's important to note that Brazil was under a military dictatorship at that time, and the military could be quite ruthless under such circumstances.[108]

The most astounding contact occurred near Dra. Wellaide's house, close to the football field where a small garrison and a radar unit were stationed. The craft shared characteristics with the first one but was much larger. As it approached to land, widespread panic and terror ensued among the people; they began throwing stones and banging metallic pans to create noise, believing that the UFO would be frightened by such sounds like a simple animal would.[109]

Dra. Wellaide had her own theory about the apparitions. She believed that the UFOs were somehow stranded in the area and conducting research on biological materials in an effort to leave. She understood the UFO crews to be somewhat desperate, which would explain their actions; otherwise, such behavior would be inexcusable. Dra. Wellaide speculated that the vitality and blood they extracted from humans could serve as a form of fuel for their strange devices, unknowingly echoing some of Wilhelm Reich's theories regarding UFOs.

Upon examining the medical records of the people attacked by the Chupa Chupa, Dra. Wellaide discovered that 80% had become anemic, a condition that had not been present prior to their attacks. The victims shared certain physical characteristics; they were neither too young nor too elderly, primarily male, and in good working health, suggesting they were relatively privileged individuals and none were obese. Animals were also targeted, leading to a significantly high number of deaths. Dra. Wellaide lamented the lack of autopsies conducted on those who died from these attacks, despite families requesting them. She knew of at least two fatalities: one elderly woman and a middle-aged man. There was also a reported abortion attributed to the shock of the experience. It was possible that more victims existed but went unrecorded or unnoticed, especially in adjacent villages and islands, due to their isolation. Many isolated homes had only tenuous connections to the wider community.

## **Hollanda**

Capitão Uyrangê Hollanda was the ground commander of Operação Prato. He retired from service in 1992 and became an official “whistleblower” in 1997, sharing details about the cases and experiences during the operation in Colares. However, being a “whistleblower” does not imply that he disclosed everything known about the subject; he likely withheld much information. He refrained from discussing the deep secrets of the Brazilian Air Force, focusing instead on his and his team's experiences while revealing little about the military's general perspective on the phenomenon. His insights are highly valued, and the cases he described are fascinating. He shared most of this information with J. Gevared and Mario Petit from *Revista UFO*.

At the beginning of the intervention, Hollanda observed traditional UFOs flying at a distance, which did not impress him, until one day a light resembling a blinking satellite



turned toward him. This event made it clear that they were not of known technology. Tensions heightened as another UFO exhibited similar behavior in the following days, this time in daylight, allowing for better observation and confirming it did not correspond to any known technology.[110]

The most impressive sighting occurred at Baia do Sol, directed toward Colares. A huge circular craft hovered 150 meters above them, black in color and 30 meters in diameter, with a central light that shifted from yellow to amber every two seconds. Hollanda observed something even more significant: the UFOs appeared to be actively searching for them, as they already seemed to know where the military was located. This sense of being followed and observed became increasingly prominent.[111]

Hollanda was also struck by some of the interviews they conducted. One case that particularly caught his attention involved a woman sitting on a hammock. She felt the environment growing warmer, and then the tiles of the roof first became red before turning transparent. (!!!) She saw a bright light in the sky and, to her dismay, a beam of light struck her, burning her skin.[112]

Numerous photos and sketches documented the contacts, detailing the behavior and flight patterns of the UFOs. Hollanda classified nine different types of UFOs: cylinders, probes resembling balls of fire, regular UFOs, triangular UFOs, and other variations. While many photos did not develop, some did, yet the shapes of the “crafts” were often not easily distinguishable in the photographs. This may relate to the UFOs' technological capabilities and a possible ionization effect surrounding the craft. We cannot blame ourselves, as it seems we lack the technology to fully understand these incidents. Some of the best photos were taken by a photographer named José Ribamar dos Prazeres from *O Estado do Pará* newspaper.

There were a few disturbing aspects to consider, which are not new as they continually resurface. One involves the disparity between the conclusions drawn by the Air Force and those of Hollanda. For the Air Force, the evidence collected was insufficient to convince them, whereas Hollanda believed the reality of UFOs was beyond doubt, having observed the crafts and taken photographs and films that he found highly convincing. He witnessed the town's interactions with the UFOs, the physical marks on the bodies, and all the other phenomena.[113]

It was questioned why Hollanda and his group did not provide medical reports, given the highly anomalous symptoms and conditions of the injuries. Some suggested that Hollanda expressed regret and wished he could return to strengthen his case. One can draw their own conclusions; I see parallels with General Hoyt Vandenberg's rejection of Project Sign. Today, there is a consensus among researchers that Vandenberg was aware of the phenomenon's reality due to the Roswell incident and other factors. Here, we are likely facing a similar situation. The military could have retrieved the medical evidence anytime they wanted. This lack of reporting seems like a weak excuse; they probably have numerous medical assessments. Thus, the claim of “no compelling data” appears to be just that—a simple excuse to placate the public.

Regarding conclusions, Hollanda believed that the UFO presence was likely part of a plan to acquire immunological defense and inoculation from humans. Others noted that the UFOs were conducting an extensive survey of the region, starting from Maranhão and extending north toward Belém. Some claim that this flap also appeared in northern regions, including Venezuela, the Guianas, and the Caribbean. If such crafts were

surveying, would they require such a significant amount of time and attract this level of attention, making a spectacle of themselves? Or would they act more discreetly?

Years after these events, Hollanda experienced several paranormal incidents. One day, multiple books fell off his bookshelf, and cutlery flew down to the kitchen where his wife was. On another occasion, two alien beings dressed in tight-fitting suits appeared in his bedroom. One hugged Hollanda from behind and reassured him in Portuguese, saying that everything was okay in a metallic voice, asserting they meant him no harm before vanishing. These experiences left Hollanda quite confused.[114]

Shortly after revealing the full details of his participation in Operação Prato to the *Revista UFO* team, he committed suicide. Speculation surrounds this incident due to its timing. According to J. Gevaerd, Hollanda was rather depressed and had made previous attempts before ultimately succeeding. Some of Hollanda's interviews were recorded on video, where he appeared somewhat disturbed and at times not particularly sharp while speaking. But what do we truly know? It is said that many of his colleagues from Operação Prato died under strange circumstances. I cannot confirm or deny this; such statements often gain a semblance of truth but warrant verification, as no comprehensive list has been provided for comparison.

### **Carlos Mendes**

An important dimension of the Colares issue and Operação Prato was the testimony of Carlos Mendes, who worked for *O Estado do Pará* newspaper. Mendes collaborated with photographer Ribamar, who witnessed the flaps in full. He conducted the first interview with Dra. Wellaide Cecim and added depth to the complex personalities of Captain Hollanda and Brigadeiro Protázio Lopes de Oliveira, providing a different appraisal of Operação Prato.

Mendes broadly confirmed the accuracy of Dra. Wellaide and Hollanda's accounts, asserting that it was clear to him the objects were controlled by a superior intelligence.[115] He also highlighted Captain Hollanda's role as an agent of military intelligence and a member of SISA (a type of Brazilian AFOSI). Hollanda interrogated political prisoners, some of whom were tortured, and he consistently observed and photographed participants in political protests against the government. Mendes recalled an encounter where Hollanda approached him, intimidating him by asking if he was a communist, which Mendes promptly denied.

What Mendes reported about Brigadeiro Protázio Lopes de Oliveira, allegedly the person responsible for the operation, is particularly interesting and relevant. Mendes outright dismisses the theory that the high command rejected Hollanda's report. He had information from local sources indicating that the high command went to investigate the UFO activity themselves at Baia do Sol. The orders to cease research came directly from Brasília; the information was likely deemed conclusive enough, eliminating the need for further data gathering. Mendes also noted that most individuals involved with the operation had died under various circumstances, with some suffering from psychological issues, although he did not provide specific examples.[116]

### **Comments on Harassment and Human Levitations**

In certain regions, specific types of encounters or creatures are prevalent. Bizarrely, in Brazil, numerous reports involve rays being directed at experiencers. A wealth of such

cases exists in Brazil, though we have included only a small sample.

These cases vary significantly. The most notable variation is “lifting,” where the experiencer is elevated toward the UFO, sometimes many meters off the ground. If the cases did not result in serious consequences for the experiencer, they could be perceived as almost comical; however, all too often, there are severe aftereffects.

It's challenging to pinpoint statistics on these encounters, as they are definitely under-reported, especially in remote areas where people are often reticent to speak. Estimating the number of cases during certain flaps is largely guesswork. Perhaps there were around a hundred cases during the most acute phase, with another hundred scattered over the years. Most cases are mild, but a few are quite serious.

In the Colares region, Dra. Wellaide mentioned 80 cases serious enough to require some form of medical care. However, parts of the region were affected and remain under-reported. Many high-strangeness events were not overly aggressive, merely frightening or intriguing.

The Colares flap holds particular significance in UFO lore; ufologists, in general, seem either unaware of or uninterested in addressing such realities. A small town and its vicinity lived under siege, with an intelligence that effectively bullied the population into submission. Most residents fled in panic, leaving behind only those with few resources.

Can we truly claim that such phenomena are merely “in the mind” of the beholder? Are the injuries purely fantasy? Can we dismiss this as an “American PsyOp”? Yet, if this “PsyOp” has been in operation for how long? Where is it located? What technology does it utilize? By now, one would expect some of this technology to be accessible to us, or at least credible information from insiders, but none of this has emerged.

As we have seen, incidents like Colares continue to occur in Brazil, particularly in the more remote areas of the northern part of the country, though the intensity is not as fierce as during the Colares period.

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