

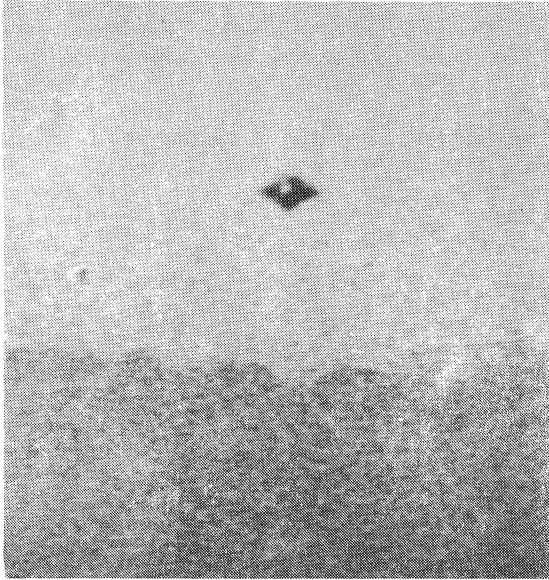
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## TWO PHOTOS FROM BRAZIL



*The Janusas Photo*  
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### Follow-up

The June, 1978 issue of the *Bulletin* carried a page one article concerning the sighting of a huge object described by witnesses as consisting of five huge, bright red lights which made no sound as it moved slowly in the area of Scandia, Minnesota. Since the initial investigation, which began a few days after the sighting which took place on the evening of March 22nd, (Wednesday), more information has surfaced.

The sighting was tentatively identified as a flight of Army Reserve helicopters by Brad Ayers of CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies) but this was denied by the Army. Although they admitted they had helicopters in the air, an Army spokesman said it would have been impossible for the 'copters to have accounted for the UFO reports which were all of a low-level silent set of red lights. The helicopters stayed *above* 2,500 feet, partly because of noise problems until they landed at 9:30 P.M.

Mrs. Stuart (Margaret) Davis, one of our more industrious and capable Field Investigators, turned up some interesting reports in Western Wisconsin which shed considerable light on the events of March 22nd:

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The following report was forwarded to Headquarters by Sal Giamusso of New York, who interviewed the principal. The photo taken by Mr. Janusas is identical to one taken by Joshua da Silva near Passo Fundo, Brazil two years earlier, the details of which follow the Janusas case.

Mr. Saul Janusas (Electrical Engineer) of Sea Cliff, New York, was in Brazil on business at the time of the incident. After completing work at the International Airport of Rio DeJaneiro that day of June 20 or 21, 1978, Mr. Janusas caught the 5 P.M. bus (Paranapan Bus Company) to Copacabana for home. About a mile out from the airport Mr. Janusas observed an object through the bus window at approximately 10° to 15° toward his front (from an imaginary line perpendicular to the broadside of the bus). Not believing what he saw, Mr. Janusas grabbed for his camera and snapped a picture, Mr. Janusas estimates that the time to change frames and reorient the camera on the object took about 20 seconds before the second picture was taken. Almost right after the second frame was taken, the bus made a right turn which caused the object to be obscured from Mr. Janusas' vision. A sketch of the sequence of pictures taken is included to help clarify any questions. Whether anyone else saw the object is not known at this time. The few other people on the bus at the time of Mr. Janusas' sighting were Portugese. This caused Mr. Janusas to refrain from alerting anyone else of the object. (note: Mr. Janusas suspects that the second picture taken might have been of a second object. He *did* take his eyes off the object while he was changing frames - just a thought.)

And now, the earlier report and photo:

On the 12th of May, 1976 Mr. Joshua da Silva and Mr. Gesareo Goncalves were driving in Goncalves' car from Iteri to Passo Fundo, Brazil. At ten A.M. when they were less than fifty kilometers (thirty-one miles) from Passo Fundo, near the Jacui River, da Silva spotted a silver metallic spherical object resembling the planet Saturn, replete with ring.

Gesareo drove slowly toward it until they were abreast and it was approximately twenty meters (one hundred and thirty feet) distant. They estimated the object which had a "brushed metal" surface to be six to eight meters (twenty to twenty six feet) in diameter.

When abreast of the object, Goncalves stopped the car while da Silva turned and fumbled in a bag

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## Brazil

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*The Passo Fundo Photo*

in the back seat for his Kodak Rio Camera which was loaded with color film.

When the car stopped, the object began to descend. Da Silva snapped one photo, rolled the film and snapped another, whereupon the object began moving into the Northeast, increasing its speed as it went, until it was out of sight. It was gone in just seconds.

Technicians at El Globo, one of Rio's newspapers, examined the negative and said they could find no evidence of a hoax.

It is interesting to note how closely the Janusas and da Silva photos resemble the Trindade photos of 1957.

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## Follow-up

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Five helicopters sat down at a shopping center south of Spooner, Wisconsin at 7:30 p.m. The crew of 12 had sandwiches and coffee and left — we assume at about 8:15-8:30 p.m. They made a racket when they arrived and when they left and were heard for some time thereafter.

There had been a wake for Mr. Jim Nystrom's sister at the Catone funeral home in Cumberland, Wisconsin which is 21 miles south of Spooner. At around 9 or 9:15 p.m. Mr. Nystrom and his wife Jean were driving home from the wake and when on highway 48, 5 or 6 miles west of Cumberland, Mr. Nystrom commented on a red "reflection" in

the window on the passenger side.

The Nystroms were on their way home where Mrs. Nystrom was to prepare coffee and lunch for friends who were following in cars behind them. Mrs. Nystrom was preoccupied with the plans for the lunch and paid no attention.

Following the Nystroms was Jack Pepourski, a Vietnam veteran who is familiar with helicopters. He was a mile or two behind the Nystroms and at about 9:20 p.m. saw three to five red lights to his right (north) at the tree line. If moving, they were moving very slowly.

Dick and Norma Holmbeck were last to leave the funeral parlor and were at least 10 minutes behind the others as they stopped to help a woman who had locked her keys in the car. When they were nearly at the entrance to the Nystrom farm sometime after 9:20 p.m. they saw 5 large red, steady lights to the right (North). The 5 lights covered an area comparable to that of a football field and appeared to be moving but slowly. When they arrived at the Nystroms it was heading toward the Southwest.

The last in the series of reports investigated by Mrs. Davis and which shed so much light on these alleged helicopters took place at 9:20 p.m. at Osceola, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Johnson, who live 4 miles south of Osceola had just returned home from choir practice at church. They had entered the house and were sitting in the living room on the sofa, looking out the picture window toward the St. Croix river to the west. Mrs. Johnson spotted a large bright white light Southwest of them over or beyond the river about three miles away. The time was 9:20 p.m. They watched the light for about five minutes at which time it appeared to turn, move further South and become smaller.

At this point, looking out the window on the North, they both spotted five large, red, silent lights arranged in a semi-circle approaching at between 10 and 20 miles per hour and at an altitude of about 200 feet. Johnson at first thought they were helicopters but their slow flight, lack of noise and perfect "formation" changed his mind.

The Johnsons saw no outline behind the lights, but felt the brilliance of the lights could have obliterated any outline. Conversely, because the moon was out and bright and the size of the lights indicated they were close, Johnson felt they should have seen some other lights and outlines had they been helicopters.

Johnson called his brother's home and notified him and that family viewed the spectacle also. After he hung up, (it took a few minutes to get his brother to the phone) he went back to the window and he and his wife watched the objects continue into the southwest where they appeared to "dock" with the white light whereupon the 6 lights put on a burst of speed and were out of sight in seconds.

The total duration of the sightings was 20

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