

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE December 1954	2. LOCATION Porto Alegre, Brazil		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT UNICOWN	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Foreign Military		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION UNK	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE Hovered	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A F4D major, investigating UFO's for Brazil recently stated he believed in them. Obj hovered at 30,000 to 45,000 ft. The object suddenly sped across approx 80 deg of arc and resumed its hovering. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; opacity: 0.5;">SMAC</div>			11. COMMENTS Insufficient Data Second hand report. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> Director Aerospace Studies Inst AFTR: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">RETURN TO:</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> KAH 20-1018-1 Dec 1954 </div>

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FROM: AIRA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Source, a FAB major who has been close to FAB's investigation of flying saucer sightings, stated that he has for a long time believed in the existence of these objects. (He is reputed to have 7,000 flying hours and is considered by the reported to be highly intelligent, keenly observant, and quite normal.) He personally pursued one in a Glouster Meteor last fall in Porto Alegre (he did not find it after he became airborne, although he had seen it from the ground prior to takeoff and ground observers stated he passed near it when driving from 45,000' through a hole in a cloud formation). He also was in charge at Gravatai Air Base (Porto Alegre) several days later when 150 FAB personnel were reported to have seen two of these objects.

During this latter sighting, he placed a group of FAB airmen on one side of a hangar, another group on the opposite side, out of each others' sight and hearing. He then travelled between the two groups, asking them what they saw. All reports were similar. He then placed observers in a triangular arrangement around the field, about a mile on each side of the triangle. These observers wrote down what they had seen, as it occurred, and their reports jibed. All observers reported an object hovering at estimated altitudes varying from 10,000 to 45,000 feet. After remaining fairly stationary in one spot (although appearing to be undulating), it suddenly sped across approximately 80° of arc and resumed its hovering in that location. When it again sped across a similar arc, the major clocked it by chronograph as covering the 87° in ten seconds. He later estimated the object's speed at roughly 8,000 mph (assuming an altitude of 45,000'). The object was then joined by a similar one, they hovered a few minutes, then disappeared at a great rate of speed.

Source reported that the object appeared to be surrounded by a white glow, which increased in size when it moved (i.e. this halo-like ring was small when hovering, larger when traveling).

Source stated that FAB records show sightings as far back as the early 1800's. One, written by a farmer in Mato Grosso in 1876, describes a landing by one of these objects. He described it as being about 90 feet in diameter, of metal construction, and containing a turret that rose out of the top of the disk and which was retracted for high speed travel.

FAB records are also reported to contain numerous sightings by Brazilian airline pilots, some of whom claim to have been very close to these objects (within several hundred feet in some cases). These reports confirm the Mato Grosso farmer's description as to size and construction.

Two FAB lieutenants were reported to have sighted one, on the ground in the interior of Brazil. They reportedly flew down to take a look at it, whereupon it took off, crossed a river and landed again. The two officers are said to have continued their approach but the object again took off and disappeared at the usual high rate of speed.

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Source, as well as the FAB officer in charge of flying saucer "investigations", is convinced that sightings reported by reliable observers are thoroughly credible. He is also certain that there have been sufficient sightings over a sufficient period of time to corroborate the description of the object given above. What neither he nor FAB official investigators know is what to do with the information. At this writing it is merely being read and filed. Evaluation of the information is not possible both because of the relative vagueness of it and because it is not within the capabilities of FAB technicians.

Source also stated that FAB has on file various photographs of these objects. An effort will be made to obtain examples for forwarding.

COMMENTS OF THE REPORTING OFFICER:

This reporter has maintained a skeptical attitude toward "flying saucers" up to this time. Despite the fact that an overwhelming majority of the reported sightings in Brazil are from unqualified observers and crackpots and are therefore completely unreliable, there is an underlying base of sound reports from qualified observers which makes it difficult to doubt the existence of these objects. This reporter is no longer skeptical. But an evaluation of what they are and where they come from is beyond his capabilities.

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