This bizarre object halted over a field about one metre above the ground and 20 metres from M. Doleki.

The witness got out of his car and saw three "beings" emerge from a "door" at the top of the 12-metre high craft, to parade around, oblivious to his presence, and wielding devices like "telescopic fishing rods." After twelve minutes they re-entered and the UFO took off at high speed. The incident was reported to the gendarmerie.

## Brazil UFO harasses bus

According to the front-page banner headline story in the Rio de Janeiro paper O Dia, of February 18, 1976, the passengers in a Brazilian bus experienced anxious moments while a UFO pursued them, and then observed it "fall in flames into a swamp."

According to the story as given to the paper by a lady named Elvira Ferreira dos Santos, she was a passenger, on Sunday, February 15, 1976, in the bus, which was travelling from Itapemirim to Rio de Janeiro. The time was about 7.30 p.m., when the UFO, emitting light beams of various colours, made its appearance and seemed to be going to hit the bus. It took evasive action however, and then followed the bus for ten minutes,

still emitting the flashes of coloured light. Then flames began, so it seemed, to be coming from its belly, and gradually they enveloped it, until finally its underpart was an incandescent ball, which "separated from the ring which held it."

Then the ball began to fall, its flames increasing more and more. At that moment it began to rain, and the witness said this seemed to "extinguish" the flaming ball in mid-air.

After arriving home in Rio de Janeiro, the witness preferred not to tell anyone of what they had seen, until she noticed a reference in the press to a "flying saucer which fell in flames at Cubatão," and was at once positive that this was identical with what she and her fellow-passengers had observed. In the meantime two other people had told the authorities that they had seen the flying saucer fall into the swamp not far from their house. Their names were Sr. João Batista da Silva, and his wife Isaura Pinho da Silva.

Just before hitting the swamp, they said, the object began shooting out small tongues of fire and much smoke. These two witnesses' account of how the incandescent ball "separated from the ring" and crashed rapidly to the ground, fully corroborated the version given by the bus passenger, Senhora dos Santos.

(Credit to Dr. W. Buhler, Rio de Janeiro. Translation from the Portuguese by Gordon Creighton.

## Venezuela UFO over Caracas

Reader Mike da Silva of Caracas, Venezuela writes as follows:

"At around 0130-0200 hours in the early morning of Tuesday, October 7, 1975, a number of residents of the urban district of Santa Eduvigis, Caracas, were awakened by a penetrating humming or buzzing sound, and found the area around about brightly lit up. One of the witnesses, a Television actress, has given a detailéd account to her fiance who is a personal friend of mine. She states that what she observed was a disc which was hovering overhead at a height which she estimated at about 500 m. The object was close enough for her to be able to discern that the disc had markings on the under-part of the hull.

"After hovering there briefly, the UFO flew off towards the Avila Mountains.

'No further details have come to light so far. The newspapers carried no comment and so far as is known the sighting was not reported to any

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