

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 December 1957		2. LOCATION Porto Alegre, Brazil		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1300 GMT 05/1600Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Brazilian Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one or two		9. COURSE not reported	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Newspaper article forwarded with IR. Reported that Brazilian military were observing object resembling star or planet and that it separated. Apparently newsmen were called to witness the obj.				11. COMMENTS Insufficient data for analysis.	

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ARTICLE I

Strange Objects in the Sky Above Salvador

(Folha da Tarde, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Dec 7, 1957)

Salvador, [Dec] 6. In this city, too, strange phenomena were observed in the sky and they are increasing since the launching of the Sputniks. Yesterday a sighting was made by both officers and men at the regional headquarters. At 13 o'clock, while the men were practicing, it was found that a planet, perhaps Mars or Venus, was quite near to the earth. The discussion attracted the attention of Major [redacted], chief of the Communications Service who decided to study the object through binoculars. He concluded that it was not one of the known planets, not only because of its shape, which reminded him of two superimposed bells, but also because the distance from the earth was relatively small.

Major [redacted] suddenly cried out and had other officers, including Col [redacted], Majors [redacted] and [redacted], Captains [redacted] and [redacted] and the men look at the sky. He exclaimed that the object was divided into two parts and that the lower one first seemed to move towards the earth and then moved towards the south. For some time, the remaining part of the object stayed in the same position, unchanged, and then followed the other one.

The newspaperman [redacted] who came to the site, was present during the last phase of the observations and heard the explanation that the metal body looked like aluminum. Today, however, the military men refused to make any statement to the press.

**OBJETOS ESTRANHOS
NO CÉU DE SALVADOR**

SALVADOR, 6 (F. T.) — Também nesta capital foram observados estranhos fenômenos no espaço, os quais recrudescem desde o lançamento dos "Sputniks". Ontem culminou com a observação coletiva de oficiais e praças do Quartel Regional. Às 13 horas, quando a tropa se exercitava, verificou-se estar um planeta, talvez Marte ou Venus, bem próximo à terra. A discussão atraiu o major Firmino, chefe do Serviço de Comunicações, que resolveu observá-lo, empregando para isso um binóculo. Logo concluiu não se tratar de planeta conhecido, não só por causa do formato, que lembrava dois sinos superpostos, como também porque a distância da terra era relativamente pequena.

tou uma exclamação levando outros oficiais, inclusive o coronel Ovídio e majores Luiz Artur e Alonso, os capitães Joalbo e Ramos e também os soldados a olharem os céus exclamando: "O objeto partirá-se em duas partes e a inferior projetará-se inicialmente como que contra a terra e depois deslocará-se rumo ao Sul. Durante algum tempo, a parte restante do corpo estranho permaneceu inalterada em sua posição, seguindo logo depois o destino da outra".

O jornalista Newton Calmon, que chegara ao local, acompanhou a fase final das observações, ouvindo as explicações, de que o corpo metálico lembrava o alumínio. Hoje, porém, os militares não quiseram prestar declarações à imprensa.

Why the correlation with Sputniks

Not sure, apparently, and (definitely) some sort of technical action

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