

International Military Witnesses

Major General Vasily Alexeyev

As a rule, [places where UFOs appear] are objects of strategic significance... [The Air Force] came up with a table with pictures of all the shapes of UFOs that had ever been recorded-about fifty-ranging from ellipses and spheres to something resembling spaceships...The study of UFOs may reveal some new forms of energy to us, or at least bring us closer to a solution.

Major General Alexeyev was attached to the Russian Space Communications Center

Commander Juan Barrera

"That it could be an aircraft constructed on this earth, I do not believe possible."

Statement while in command of Aquirre Cerda Airbase, commenting on a UFO he allegedly witnessed. [President Pedro Aguirre Cerda Station was a Chilean Antarctic base, located at Pendulum Cove in Deception Island in the South Shetland Islands, inaugurated in 1955. — Wikipedia]

General Carlos Castro Caverio

"Everything is in a process of investigation both in the United States and in Spain, as well as in the rest of the world... Look, as a General, as a military man, I have the same position as the one officially held by the Ministry [of Defense]. Now, from a personal position, as Carlos Castro Caverio, I believe that UFOs are spaceships or extraterrestrial craft... The nations of the world are currently working together in the investigation of the UFO phenomenon. There is an international exchange of data. Maybe when this group of nations acquire more precise and definite information, it will be possible to release the news to the world."

"I myself have observed one [UFO] for more than an hour... It was an extremely bright object, which remained stationary there for that length of time and then shot off towards Egea de los Caballeros, covering the distance of twenty kilometers in less than two seconds. No human device is capable of such a speed."

He added that the Spanish Air Ministry investigated UFO cases, including instances in which pilots had flown alongside UFOs, but when they tried to get closer, the UFOs moved away at fantastic speeds. The investigations were kept confidential at the time. From a 1976 interview with journalist J.J. Benítez, he acknowledged that UFOs were taken quite seriously by the Spanish military. Caverio, General in the Spanish Air Force. In 1992 the Spanish Air Force finally began to declassify its UFO files systematically.

General Lionel M. Chassin

"The number of thoughtful, intelligent, educated people in full possession of their faculties who have 'seen something' and described it, grows every day... We can... say categorically that mysterious objects have indeed appeared and continue to appear in the sky that surrounds us."

He observed that some UFO sightings by different persons over a 24-hour period, when plotted on a map, revealed that the UFO appeared to travel in either a straight line or a large circle. Concerning these patterns, he concluded:

"Webs and networks... unmistakably suggest a systematic aerial exploration and cannot be the result of chance. It indicates purposive and intelligent action."

General Chassin was Commanding General of the French Air Forces, and General Air Defense Coordinator, Allied Air Forces, Central Europe (NATO). From 1964 until his death in 1970, he was president of the French private UFO research group GEPAN.

Air Marshal Azim Daudpota

"This was no ordinary UFO. Scores of people saw it. It was no illusion, no deception, no imagination." (The Times, London, August 3)

On July 22, 1985, in western Zimbabwe, a UFO was witnessed by dozens of persons on the ground and in the control tower at Bulawayo Airport, as well as by the pilots of two Hawk jets that were scrambled to pursue it. The UFO was also tracked on radar. The UFO was very bright and rounded, with a short cone above it, and evaded the Hawk jets.

Major General Wilfred De Brouwer

"In any case, the Air Force has arrived to the conclusion that a certain number of anomalous phenomena has been produced within Belgian airspace. The numerous testimonies of ground observations were reinforced by the reports of the night of March 30-31 [1990], have led us to face the hypothesis that a certain number of unauthorized aerial activities have taken place. Until now, not a single trace of aggressiveness has been signaled; military or civilian air traffic has not been perturbed or threatened. We can therefore advance that the presumed activities do not constitute a concrete menace."

"The day will come undoubtedly when the phenomenon will be observed with technological means of detection and collection that won't leave a single doubt about its origin. This should lift a part of the veil that has covered the [UFO] mystery for a long time. A mystery that continues to the present. But it exists, it is real, and that in itself is an important conclusion."

De Brouwer was Deputy Chief, Royal Belgian Air Force.

Air Chief Marshall Lord Hugh Dowding

"Of course UFOs are real--and they are interplanetary.....The cumulative evidence for the existence of UFOs is quite overwhelming and I accept the fact of their existence."

Dowding, commanding officer of the Royal Air Force during WWII, and during the Battle of Britain made this statement in August of 1954.

"More than 10,000 sightings have been reported, the majority of which cannot be accounted for by any "scientific" explanation... I am convinced that these objects do exist and that they are not manufactured by any nation on Earth." "I can therefore see no alternative to accepting the theory that they come from some extraterrestrial source."

Printed in Sunday Dispatch, London, July 11, 1954.

Colonel João Glaser

"From 1969 to 1972, the ufological activities of this organization, were most varied, including the elaboration of information bulletins, a draft of SIOANI regulations, contacts with interested parties, panels, catalogs of contacts and others, always attempting to contribute in this field of research that was already well known in Brazil."

Colonel Glasera was with a specialized UFO bureau called System of Investigation of Unidentified Aerial Objects

Lt. Col. Peter Grunnet

"We had many adventures flying under primitive conditions in the frozen north, but none compared with this." "I looked back and saw something that didn't make sense," "It was nothing like flying machines of that period," "It was hexagonal, flat, and seemingly made of aluminum or some other metal, with no breaks in the surface and no rivets." "At the time, I had a spooky feeling. I can't explain it. It was as if I 'felt' the presence of whoever was inside that craft--and the feeling was hostile. In the years since, I've realized that the craft was 'saucer' shaped, and I believe it really was a flying saucer."

Lt. Col. Peter Grunnet, Royal Danish Air force in 1932 while flying a H. E. 8 seaplane dispatched to the east coast of Greenland conducting a photogrammetric survey. The Saga UFO Report for October 1977 "UFO Crisis over Greenland"

Colonel Fuijo Hayashi

"UFOs are impossible to deny....It is very strange that we have never been able to find out the source for over two decades."

Colonel Hayashi, Commander of the Air Transport Wing of Japan's Air Self-Defense Force, made this statement sometime in the 1960s.

Paul Hellyer

"UFOs are as real as the airplanes that fly over your head. . . . I'm so concerned about what the consequences might be of starting an intergalactic war, that I just think I had to say something. . . . The secrecy involved in all matters pertaining to the Roswell incident was unparalleled. The classification was, from the outset, above top secret, so the vast majority of U.S. officials and politicians, let alone a mere allied minister of defense, were never in-the-loop."

Paul Hellyer, Canada's Defense Minister from 1963-67, from a speech at the University of Toronto, September 25, 2005.

Lieutenant General Akira Hirano

"We frequently see unidentified objects in the sky. We are quietly investigating them." Lieutenant- *General Hirano was Chief of Staff of Japan's Air Self-Defense Force, September, 1977.*

General Kanshi Ishikawa

"Much evidence tells us UFOs have been tracked by radar; so, UFOs are real and they may come from outer space....photographs and various materials show scientifically that

there are more advanced people piloting the saucers and motherships."

Ishikawa, Chief of Air Staff of Japan's Air Self-Defense Force and Commander of the 2nd Air Wing, Chitose Air Base, made this statement in 1967.

George Keleti

"I believe that we are not alone in the universe and other galaxies are also carrying life on the planets. I never saw any alien green men here on the Earth. Yes, I was a columnist [in Budapest's Ufomagazin] and I published UFO cases that were observed and registered within the Hungarian armed forces. I never stated that we are preparing any kind of action against UFO forces, I only pointed out to the public that, as a civilization, we would be unable to defend ourselves here on the Earth... Around Szolnok many UFO reports have been received from the Ministry of Defense, which obviously and logically means that they [UFOs] know very well where they have to land and what they have to do. It is remarkable indeed that the Hungarian newspapers, in general newspapers everywhere, reject the reports of the authorities." (Lenart, Attila, "Ask a Question to the Minister of Defense, George Keleti, are you afraid of a UFO invasion?,"

Nepszava, Budapest, August 18, 1994. George Keleti was the Hungarian Minister of Defense.

Major Shiro Kubuta

"It was made and flown by intelligent beings."

Major Shiro Kubuta, of Japan's Air Self-Defense Force (I think). Kubuta and his pilot, Lt. Colonel Toshio Nakamura, were scrambled in an F-4EJ to intercept what they were told was a Soviet Bomber. Once Airborne they were informed that their target was actually a UFO which had been sighted by ground and was being tracked on radar. When they closed upon the red, disk-like UFO, it began to maneuver around the plane, causing Nakamura to take evasive action. A dogfight of twists, turns and dives ensued, which after several minutes resulted in a collision, which caused the jet to crash. Both men ejected. Tragically, Nakamura's parachute caught fire and he fell to his death.

Captain Sánchez Moreno

"Between 1950 and 1965, personnel of Argentina's Navy alone made 22 sightings of unidentified flying objects that were not airplanes, satellites, weather balloons or any type of known (aerial) vehicles. These 22 cases served as precedents for intensifying that investigation of the subject by the Navy. In the past two years, nine incidents have been recorded that are being studied by Captain Pagani and a team of military and civilian scientists and collaborators. Likewise, a meticulous questionnaire was drafted, printed and distributed to different bases. In a short time, the Service of Naval Intelligence was in possession of a stack of highly significant reports of testimonies. On the basis of this important documentation, it was possible to obtain a coherent overview of the problem."

From a document titled "Official UFO Report" prepared by Captain Sánchez Moreno Naval Air Station Commandant and witnessed by Commandant Espora in Bahía Blanca,

Argentina.

Air Marshall Roesmin Nurjadin

"UFOs sighted in Indonesia are identical with those sighted in other countries. Sometimes they pose a problem for our air defense and once we were obliged to open fire on them."

Nurjadina as Commander-in-Chief of the Indonesian Air Force.

Brigadier General João Adil Oliveira

"I wish to give you a summary of what is known in the world about 'flying discs,' of what is known about the opinion of qualified experts who have dealt with this matter. The problem of 'flying discs' has polarized the attention of the whole world, but it's serious and it deserves to be treated seriously. Almost all the governments of the great powers are interested in it, dealing with it in a serious and confidential manner, due to its military interest."

In a briefing to the Army War College in Rio de Janeiro on November 2, 1954 Col. Oliveira's briefing included short summaries of several UFO incidents in the USA and Brazil.

Later promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, he was interviewed by the Brazilian press on February 28, 1958.

"It is impossible to deny any more the existence of flying saucers at the present time... The flying saucer is not a ghost from another dimension or a mysterious dragon. It is a fact confirmed by material evidence. There are thousands of documents, photos, and sighting reports demonstrating its existence. For instance, when I went to the Air Force High command to discuss the flying saucers I called for ten witnesses - military (AF officers) and civilians - to report their evidence about the presence of flying saucers in the skies of Rio Grande do Sul, and over Gravataí AFB [Air Force Base]; some of them had seen UFOs with the naked eye, others with high powered optical instruments. For more than two hours the phenomenon was present in the sky, impressing the selected audience: officers, engineers, technicians, etc."

Brazilian press interview on February 28, 1958 Brigadier General João Adil Oliveira, Chief of the Air Force General Staff Information Service (with the rank of Colonel), led the first official military UFO inquiry in Brazil in the mid-50s.

Captain Engineer Omar R. Pagani

"The unidentified flying objects do exist. Their presence and intelligent displacement in the Argentine airspace has been proven. Their nature and origin is unknown and no judgment is made about them."

Pagani was Director of the Argentine Navy UFO investigation team in the 1960s He disclosed this at a press conference, as a result of a series of observations at Argentine and Chilean meteorological stations on Deception Island, Antarctica, in June and July 1965.

Captain D.A.Perissé

"From the Navy post at the South Orkney Islands comes a message of extreme importance: during the passage of the strange object over the base [earlier the same day], two magnetometers in perfect working condition registered sudden and strong disturbances of the magnetic field (at 17:03 hrs.), which were recorded on their tapes."

From the Argentine Navy Bulletin #172 of July 7, 1965.

Air Commander J. Salutun

"I am convinced that we must study the UFO problem seriously for reasons of sociology, technology and security... "

Letter published in UFO News, Vol. 6, No. 1, 1974, CBA International, Yokohama, Japan.

Air Commodore J. Salutun

"The most spectacular UFO incident in Indonesia occurred when during the height of President Sukarno's confrontation against Malaysia, UFOs penetrated a well-defended area in Java for two weeks at a stretch, and each time were welcomed with perhaps the heaviest anti-aircraft barrage in history."

"The study of UFOs is a necessity for the sake of world security in the event we have to prepare for the worst in the space age, irrespective of whether we become Columbus or the Indians."

Salutun was on the National Aerospace Council of Indonesia, and Indonesian Parliament Member. Salutun as Member of Parliament and Secretary of the National Aerospace Council of the Republic of Indonesia.

Colonel Sergio Candiota da Silva

"His Excellency recognizes the importance of the [UFO] matter, to the extent that within the Ministry of Aeronautics there exists a Bureau in charge of studying the matter, receiving, analyzing and archiving chronologically the phenomena observed in Brazilian airspace that comes to the attention of this Ministry."

From a letter to the Minister of Aeronautics, to Brazilian UFO researcher Irene Granchi, dated December 19, 1988.

Air Commodore David Thorne

"Although not speaking officially, as far as my Air Staff is concerned, we believe implicitly that the unexplained UFOs are from some civilization beyond our planet."

Thorne who was Director General of Operations in an October 1985 letter to [UFO researcher] Timothy Good.