pyramid with its top cut off. The fourth was like a Boeing (jetliner). The fifth was triangular or like an arrowhead. They flew very high in the sky and very fast. They were also seen leaving the water. The sixth was domed. The seventh was pointed on the top and bottom and was black on top and white on the bottom. The eighth was like a ball with three sticks coming out the back, with lights on the sticks."

A mother ship

In Cabo Frio, Hollanda said they had actually seen a ninth shape-a huge mother ship. "It was maybe a hundred meters long with windows in it. This was near Baía do Sol. And little ones (flying saucers) would come out of it and later go back in, three, four, five, six sometimes. We photographed this several nights."

Hollanda said some people reported seeing occupants in the flying saucers. Usually most of them were short, about 1.50 meters. However, in two cases the beings were taller and looked more or less like normal people. "One man in Baía do Sol said he was sleeping after lunch when he awoke to see a red light blinking outside his house. He thought that was strange and went to the window, and what he saw was much stranger.

It was a huge shape like a helicopter, but without rotors. A red light was blinking on top. There were three men inside. They were tall, about one meter eighty, with blond hair and blue eyes and were wearing white suits with blue capes. They looked like they were working with instruments, like a computer. When the man appeared at the window, he heard one of the three say to the others: 'Look at that.' And immediately the UFO took off, disappearing beyond the trees."

Tall blond man

In another case, a pilot friend of Hollanda's was driving near Colares one night when he saw a light in the sky coming toward him. "He stopped the car and he saw this disc land behind the trees. He was alone on the road, it was completely dark, and he became frightened. Then he saw a man walking toward him. The stranger was tall and had blond hair. He walked close to the car, looked at the driver, and looked into his eyes. The driver started to cry and the tall man shook his head, glanced at the license plate, turned, and walked back into the forest. Then the disc took off into the sky."

Hollanda related a story about a young man named Luis who was hunting in the forest. Luis climbed a tree and slung a hammock to wait for small animals to come near. A bright light approached and stopped above him. Frightened, he jumped to the ground and tried to hide. He saw a door open on the bottom of the UFO and a little humanoid floated down a beam of light with his arms and legs spread out, and shined a red light over the hammock, then returned to the UFO in the same way.

"Luis began to run, but the forest was muddy," Hollanda said. "He ran and ran and the disc chased him with the beam of light. It took him an hour to get to the place where two friends were waiting for him in a boat. They saw a big ball of light searching for them, and all three jumped into the water to hide in the weeds. Then the UFO stopped over the boat and again the little man came floating down like before and passed a red light over their boat, searching for something. Then the man went back to the flying saucer and it went away."

(In the official report that was sent to the Brazilian Air Force Headquarters in Brasilia, the incident occurred on the evening of Nov. 11, 1977, and the humanoid was described as short but muscular and wearing a dark, seamless uniform, and that as Luis fled from the first encounter, he looked back and saw the humanoid examining his fishing net.)

Back to the site

Hollanda persuaded a reluctant Luis to take him and four sergeants back to where this happened. "About eleven thirty, we saw a big ball of fire, dark yellow, about two kilometers down the Rio Guajará," Hollanda said. "We took some photographs of it. Then, about eleven forty five, we saw the same ball of fire again, but this time it was smaller and going at a slower speed. Now it was only a thousand meters from us over on the right side of the river and maybe two hundred meters high.

"At midnight, a big ball of fire passed directly over us, going across the river. When it got to the other side, it turned its light out and we saw a disc-shaped object about twice as big as a Boeing 737, very, very big. It was amber colored with many bright white windows. When it passed over us, we heard a small noise like a turbine, but low. It crossed the river and disappeared. We photographed this object also.

"Then, about two in the morning, we saw it again. This time it was coming down the right side of the river. It looped out and swung back toward us and stopped for a minute above the opposite shore. It looked like the sun had stopped about seventy meters away and six to eight meters high. It was a very, very big ball of bluish light.

Photos show shape

"We were taking pictures all the time. Then the object went into the sky very fast and shut its light off. When it did that, we couldn't see the shape, but there was one green light on top and a red light on the bottom. We couldn't see the shape, but when the pictures were developed, we could see a large disc-shaped object standing vertically, rather than horizontally."

Whenever possible, usually at the end of each week or two in the field, Hollanda turned in reports of