

1966: Near Latacunga, Ecuador

September 3, late afternoon, on sunset

Source: Robert Tralins from Children of the Supernatural



*Mountain of Chugchilán, not far from Latacunga,
presumed site of the incident*

Manuel Pereira, 15, and Jose Sotuyo, 14, were walking along a path, high on the mountains, when they saw strange lights maneuvering in the sky. Manuel frantically sent signs to the presumed craft with his flashlight, using the International Morse Code.

He sent the following message: "Friend, please land."

He repeated this message several times. A few seconds later, the boys heard a faint whirring sound and the craft descended within a few feet from where they were standing. The craft settled just above the ground and landed on three long tripod-like supports. The glowing of the object dimmed until it was a dull white light, and then a staircase was released and lowered to the ground. Then three tiny man-like figures emerged from the craft and began to walk stiffly down the staircase. The frightened boys were tempted to run but remained there. Just then they heard a loud voice that sounded strangely metallic saying: "Do not fear. Stay and talk."

Manuel and Jose, speechless, nodded. They stared in utter astonishment as the three little men in their suits of shiny brass-like material came toward them. A voice that seemed to come from all directions at once, asked them: "What are you?" The boys asked the little men where they were from, but the question was ignored. For nearly an hour the questioning continued. The boys answered to everything the voice asked, but they had no reply to their questions.

Finally the voice inquired: "Would you like to come aboard our spacecraft?" Both boys agreed to go inside. The little men in their gleaming brass-colored uniforms and pear shaped helmets walked toward the staircase, turning around maybe to see if the boys were following them. Their faces covered by the helmets were obscured by a cloudy vapor, which they seemed to be breathing, so the boys had no idea what they really looked like. When they entered the craft, they were surprised at the largeness of the interior. All around the craft were hexagon shaped sections like small cells. Tiny lights and buttons were to be seen on a console panel in the exact center. They saw no other little beings, although they had a strong feeling that other occupants were observing them.

The little men asked the boys if they would like to go with them, adding that they would not be injured. But the boys replied that their parents would be worried. After several more questions of the little men, the craft began to make a loud humming sound and the voice announced that it was time to leave and that, perhaps, they would have been visited again. Manuel asked for a souvenir from them, to prove their encounter. There was a peculiar high pitched humming noise and one of the little men came forward and held a small cylinder in his hand. They were told to take it as a symbol, that it was a small hand held light, explaining that whenever they wished for the light to come on, they merely had to squeeze it. The little men showed the boys a demonstration. There was a

brilliant light coming from the optical device. Manuel took his flashlight and gave it to the little men, as an exchange.

Several minutes later, once the boys went out of the craft, they watched the saucer-shaped object rise up noiselessly and vanish in an instant. Just as the boys began to run home, several helicopters flew down from the skies hovering over the area and switching searchlights on. At the same time three army jeeps came down the path at high speed. The boys were questioned several times by the military personnel and the strange flashlight device given by the occupants was examined and then taken away.

Manuel Pereira and Jose Sotuyo vanished from their house about a week before Christmas 1966, and were never seen nor heard again.

Reliability evaluation:

- very low or prank -

**no original sources revealed; seems like a fairy tale;
inconsistent; no investigation and no credibility;
insufficient information**

