

Bolivia: Spheres Found August 1979: Crónica Article #2

Description of Contents

This file reproduces a newspaper articles on the metal spheres that fell in Bolivia on August 10, 1979. It was written by France Presse, datelined Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, August 22, 1979, and published the same day in the evening edition of Crónica, based in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The following page contains a scan of the original article, shared by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos, from his personal archive. They are from the records of Centro De Estudios Interplanetarios (CEI), which no longer exists.

For ease of reference, the remaining pages reproduce the original Spanish text, side-by-side with an English translation provided by Allen and Zaida Thomson.

Background

Public knowledge of the spheres appears to have been confined to South America until the last half of the 1980s, when two Moon Dust reports telexed by the Defense Attaché of the U.S. Embassy in La Paz came to light, as a result of FOIA requests filed by UFO researchers. Included were English translations of two early news reports on the spheres. Moon Dust was the unclassified name of a cold war USAF program to obtain Soviet space hardware that survived re-entry.

The July 2014 report, Re-entry Sightings and Debris Recovery of 1979-072B, found that the spheres probably were part of the second stage of a Delta rocket launched by the U.S.:

<http://satobs.org/reentry/1979-072B/1979-072B.html>

This file is one of four containing reproductions of newspaper articles discovered subsequent to the release of the report. They were first presented on 2014 Sep 18 in an addendum to the above report, which was merged into the body on 2014 Oct 26.

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A MYSTERY

New UFO falls in Bolivia

SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA, Bolivia, 22 (France Presse)
- A third unidentified metallic object fell on Santa Cruz and, it was reported, gave rise to a variety of interpretations. The fall of this third object from the sky led to further discussions between its potential owners because the ownership of the land where it fell is disputed.

Local authorities are still waiting for NASA to send technical experts to determine the nature of these three objects that have fallen on the city in a "strange metal rain." Santa Cruz de la Sierra is located 1000 kilometers east of La Paz.