

# PRELIMINARY CATALOGUE OF TYPE I CASES IN ARGENTINA—PART 5

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FOR the purpose of this catalogue, sub-classifications have been made in Dr. Jacques Vallee's sub-divisions of Type I UFO reports.

Parts 1 to 4 of this catalogue have covered 77 cases which fall into Sub-classes A-1 and A-2. Listed hereunder is part of Sub-class A-3 comprising 13 cases. The remaining six cases will appear in our next issue.

The initial figure given for each case refers to the serial order of the event within the class to which it belongs, and the figure in parenthesis indicates the chronological position of the case within the total context of all classes.

**Sub-class A3: Visibly abnormal body or phenomenon, flying at not more than ten metres from the ground**

1. (8). 1957, August 5; Tolar Grande (Salta). 10.00 hrs. For six hours various strange machines shaped like spinning-tops were performing evolutions in the sky over Las Salinas de Arizaro (salt marshes) near Taípe. They flew at varying speeds and heights, performing a series of acrobatic manoeuvres and leaving behind them trails of white smoke. They were seen by a team of employees of the Vialidad Nacional (Public Highways Administration) and by a Gendarmerie patrol. The latter succeeded in taking photographs of the strange objects. On several occasions the UFOs performed sweeps at ground-level as though interested in learning the geological configuration.

Quoted from *La Razón*, in CODOVNI Bulletin, 1957.

2. (9). 1958, April 12; Tabladitas, 14 km. from Abra Pampa (Jujuy). Night.

Sr. Armando Avila Garrón, a well-known university professor, was strolling with his wife when they heard a sound similar to that of a motorbicycle and, shortly afterwards, saw a strange aerial vehicle, intensely brightly illuminated, the precise shape of which they were unable to determine. It passed in front of them, at a distance of some 20 or 30 metres, and almost touching the ground. It was surrounded by a large white aureola. Then it veered towards the east and vanished at high speed.

Riatti, C., and Vogt, C.: *El Enigma de los Platos Voladores*, in Patoruzito, Buenos Aires, 1959.

3. (10). 1958, August 8; Unsué-Bolívar Highway (Buenos Aires). 01.27 hrs.

As a Senate official was driving in his car, the engine suddenly stopped, and also his dashboard clock. At the same moment he caught sight of an unwonted type of machine, at a distance of some 300 metres, with a cupola from which a vivid blue light was being emitted. It was also giving off a soft whistle, like the noise of a ventilator, and advancing quite slowly and at very little distance above the ground. When the UFO suddenly climbed rapidly and made off towards the south the engine of the car began to function normally again.

Vallee, Dr. J.: *Challenge to Science*, H. Regnery Co., Chicago, 1966, p.52. [Also Neville Spearman Ltd., London.]

4. (13). 1959, Summer (approx.); Pan de Azúcar (Córdoba). Night.

Senora Stutz and Senora Rossi and the husband of the latter (he being a pilot with a civilian air line) were on a camping trip and had set up their tent in a valley bordering on the Pan de Azúcar (Sugar-Loaf Mountain). At midnight it began to rain heavily, so the two ladies tried to recover some things they had left out in the open. Sr. Rossi was asleep. Both ladies observed a strange opaque mass coming straight towards them. When only some 15 m. or so from them, it changed course rapidly and vanished into the night. In size and appearance it resembled the fuselage of an ordinary passenger air-liner, but without wings. A number of small rectangles could be seen along its body. It bore no lights and emitted no perceptible sound. It was flying at a height of not more than eight to ten metres.

Communication to CADIU from Señora Stutz and Señora Rossi.

5. (16). 1960, July 3; Yacanto-Córdoba Highway (Córdoba). 16.30 hrs.

At a spot some 70 km. from the city of Córdoba, Captain Francisco Luis Niotti of the Argentine Air Force observed an object stationary in the air at a distance of about 100 metres from him, on the right-hand side of the road, and at a height of between 10 and 15 metres from the ground. He stopped the car and took photographs of the UFO. It was of a conical shape, opaque, and he estimated its size at 8 metres vertically by 4 metres diameter. It was travelling along slowly and in complete silence. Then it accelerated and vanished at considerable speed.

*Revista Nacional de Aeronáutica* (National Aeronautical Review), November 1960, p.30.

6. (22). 1962, May 12; near Bahía Blanca (?) (Buenos Aires). 04.30 hrs.

Four trustworthy persons who were travelling by car saw three luminous objects at a short distance from them. Over a section of the route the objects were travelling in the same direction as the car, irradiating a dazzling light that damaged the retina of one of the eyewitnesses. One of the three objects performed rising and falling manoeuvres and then flew at ground level and must have flattened trees.

*La Nación*, Buenos Aires, May 24, 1962.

7. (26). 1962, May 13; Monte de las Palomas, Río Primero (Córdoba). 04.30 hrs.

Sr. Eduardo Ovejero and three well-known professional men from Córdoba were out hunting when they saw a small ball of violet light come down and vanish among the trees. They thought it might possibly have been a meteorite, but a few moments later the whole area around them began to be flooded with a whitish mist which grew denser from minute to minute, rendering all vision impossible. The mist felt dry, and had an indeterminate smell. Despite its density however they were able to observe a light coming from the west, moving along at treetop height. They ruled out the possibility that it might be the headlight of a locomotive, as the railway line was quite far away from them. The light passed over silently at a distance of a few metres from them, and they were able to establish that it consisted in fact of two lights of discoidal appearance. The mist vanished as though it had been absorbed by the phenomenon.

Communication to CADIU from Sr. E. Ovejero.

8. (59). 1964, June 6; Río Choromoro (Tucumán). 21.30 hrs.

As they were driving home from Salta in a van, Sr. Vicente R. Pellicer, Dr. Juan Medrano, and the engineer José Luis Cervino twice observed the passage, at low altitude, of a rectangular-shaped, reddish-orange object with an appendage below resembling something pentagonal. The upper part of it had black stripes across it, from the extremities of which smoke or vapour seemed to be coming. Two large vanes were rotating around it in clockwise direction. It was some 6 metres wide and its vertical thickness was 5 metres, and it was moving along at a distance of a few metres from the road. At one point it crossed the road and, as it passed over a small, reddish, rectangular light stationary on the road (and which the eyewitnesses had imagined was a warning light placed there by some truck-driver), it seemed to absorb the latter, for it suddenly vanished.

*La Gaceta*, San Miguel de Tucumán, June 14, 1964, and Creighton: Argentina 1963/64—Part IV, in FSR, May/June 1966.

9. (85). 1965, December 13; near Estación Palavecino (Entre Ríos). Night.

Many people, including Police Commissioner Regino Jaime, saw a big, dazzling luminous, spherical object, the colour of which kept varying between blue and orange. Travelling at enormous speed, the UFO passed over so low that it almost touched the ground. The Commissioner's son was for a while blind and unable to speak as a result of the effect it had upon him.

*La Razón* and *La Crónica*, both of Buenos Aires, for December 14, 1965.

10. (87). 1966, January 9; Chascomús (Buenos Aires). Night.

Mario Alvarez and two sisters named Delia and Amanda Clemenzoni were driving home from Mar del Plata when their engine failed and the lights went out. At the same moment they saw what seemed to be an object with strange

characteristics flying slowly away. It was emitting a dazzling beam of bluish light and climbing. It finally vanished from sight, whereupon the engine of their car began to function normally again.

*La Razón*, Buenos Aires, January 10, 1966.

11. (89). 1966, May 3; Frontera, near Reconquista (Santa Fe). 22.00 hrs.

Various inhabitants of this region, including Abel Portugal, a police employee, observed an object travelling through the sky and emitting green, yellow and red flashes of light. At one moment it seemed to be landing, and they rushed to the presumed site, but were unable to find anything there.

*La Crónica*, Buenos Aires, May 5, 1966.

12. (100). 1967, November 12; Centeno (Santa Fe). 09.00 hrs.

A youth on his way to Centeno saw an egg-shaped object coming down fairly slowly into a field of maize with its major axis disposed vertically. Its edges were clearly outlined and it shone with a metallic reflection. It gave out two orange bursts of flame, without smoke and without any audible noise, and disappeared behind trees. No marks were found on the ground.

Communication from the Centre for Physical Studies (Centro de Estudios Físicos), Santa Fe. [See also Roberto A. Ferrari's *Possible Landings At Centeno, Argentina* in: *FSR Case Histories*, Supplement Six, August 1971.]

13. (106). 1968, January; Río Segundo (Córdoba). 01.30 hrs.

Señoritas Clara and Delicia González observed a light yellow luminous sphere moving along above one of the banks of the Río Segundo. Its apparent diameter was about 0.60 metre and it was silent. It came to a distance of some 8 metres from the witnesses and then halted below a clearing. They shut the door of the house until it moved off, still very low.

Communication to CADIU from Señoritas Clara and Delicia González.

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