

Preliminary Catalogue of Type 1 cases in Argentina

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THE documentary material in this Preliminary Catalogue has been arranged according to the four classic subdivisions of Type 1. But for reasons of systematization various sub-classifications have been made in each of Dr. Jacques Vallée's basic groups.

In this connection we feel that we should explain moreover that the initial figure given for each case refers to the serial order of the event within the class to which it belongs. On the other hand the figure in parentheses denotes the chronological position of the case within the total context of all the classes. This last-named arrangement is the one followed by Dr. Oscar A. Galíndez in Table V of his complementary work, to the terms of which we also refer in connection with the specification of methodology and the criteria of selectivity used for the present compilation.

The place-name given in brackets is the name of the Province.

SUB-CLASS A-1: Visibly abnormal body or phenomenon situated on the ground

1. (2). 1950, March; Las Catalinas farm (near Bahía Blanca, Prov. of Buenos Aires). 20.25 hrs.

Six people (including the owner of the farm, Señor Juan Girotti and his wife) observed the landing of a luminous object, shaped like a half-moon, which remained on the ground for 20 minutes.

Vogt, C: *El Misterio de los Platos Voladores*, Buenos Aires, 1956, p.77.

2. (7). 1957, January 18; Campo Quijano (Salta). Morning.

A flying body of metallic appearance and of oval shape, vividly reflecting the rays of the sun, descended slowly on to one of the slopes of the peak known as El Cerro Negro. Numerous people observed the phenomenon (some with binoculars) over a period of seven hours, until it became obscured by clouds.

Riitti, A. C. and Vogt, C: *El Enigma de los Platos Voladores*, Buenos Aires, 1959.

3. (14). 1959, April 17: Dawney (La Pampa).

Workers at the La Carlota farm stated emphatically that an aeroplane of a strange shape had landed in the vicinity, but that it had immediately taken off again and moved away at high speed.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, April 26, 1959.

4. (15). 1959, May 20; Tres Lomas (La Pampa). 17.30 hrs.

Two hunters observed a landed disc-shaped object. It appeared to be a machine of aluminium or silvery metal. It was 2.50 metres high and had a cupola 1 metre in diameter. The grass at the landing-site was left flattened.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, May 24, 1959.

5. (18). 1962, January 9; Cuesta del Totoral (Catamarca) 03.00 hrs.

Sr. José A. Filipín and Sr. J. Navarro, returning in a truck to Catamarca, perceived, just as they reached the crest of the Cuesta del Totoral, two powerful lights which were in the sky and were following the truck at almost identical speed. Surprised, they halted, but the lights at once vanished. The phenomenon recurred however at Amadores and this

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time the eyewitnesses were able to perceive a strange cupola-shaped device, similar to the upper half of a bus, which was standing on the slope of the mountain, at a distance of some 100 metres from the road. Beside the UFO there was a second and similar object. Both moved away in a zig-zag fashion and finally vanished behind a small hill. Subsequently, the members of a police commission sent there from Catamarca observed a luminous object which touched down gently on the high point known as Loma Brava.

La Nación, Buenos Aires, January 1, 1962; Review 2001, Buenos Aires, No. 17, December 17, 1969, p.28.

6. (19). 1962, January 22-25; Villa Dique Los Molinos (Córdoba) 21.00—24.00 hrs.

A "squadron" of 15 UFOs, flying above the vicinity of the Dyke, were seen by many local inhabitants. Some of the objects landed on the banks of the lake, while others even moved around on the surface of the water, at no more than 200 metres distance from the eye-witnesses. The diameters of the objects varied between 5 and 10 metres.

Córdoba, Córdoba, January 29, 1962; *Manual de Informaciones*, vol. 4, fol. 2/3, 1962, p.22, published by the Information Service of the Argentine Army).

7. (20). 1962, May 9; National Highway 35, near Bahía (Buenos Aires). 03.30.

José Carlos García, an employee of the Naval Base at Puerto Belgrano, was out on a hunting expedition with several friends. Before they had gone far they saw a glow which they took to be due to the lights of some nearby town; but it proved to be a luminous object, resembling the glow of mercury gas, which rose into the air and emitted two other similar objects. One of them flew along the road above the eyewitnesses' jeep; the other two objects rose vertically into the sky and disappeared. For eight minutes the hunters pursued the third UFO, until it increased speed and disappeared also.

* Our congratulations to Oscar Galíndez on the securing of his Doctorate.

Siete Dias Ilustrados, Buenos Aires, August 8, 1967.

8. (21). 1962, May 12; National Highway 35, Kilometre 72 (Buenos Aires). 04.10 hrs.

Travelling from Bahía Blanca towards Jacinto Aráuz, three truckmen, Valentino Tomassini, Gauro Tomassini, and Humberto Zenobi, observed, in a field, at a distance of some 40 metres from the wire fence, a light resembling a lantern, which kept brightening and dying down alternatively. As they slowed down their truck they saw a row of lights (from 20 to 30) come on, and they had the impression that they were looking at a brightly illuminated railway passenger coach. When they had reached a point 70 metres from the object, it rose up and crossed the road at a height of four metres; its lights went out, and from the lower part of it came a reddish flame and at the same time it made a soft humming noise. The UFO then divided into two parts, which flew off in different directions. At the landing site the grass was burnt over an area 60 metres in diameter, and there were damp leaden-coloured patches which, when analyzed subsequently at the Southern National University, turned out to consist of calcium carbonate and potassium carbonate.

La Nación, Buenos Aires, May 24, 1962;

Los Principios, Córdoba, May 25, 1962; Review 2001, Buenos Aires, No. 5, December 6, 1968, p.20.

9. (23). 1962, May 13; La Araña, 40 km. west of Santa Rosa (La Pampa) 04.00 hrs.

People attending a meeting saw a powerful light which was on the ground to begin with and then rose and moved away accompanied by various luminous objects of similar shape. They seemed to rotate as they flew along.

La Prensa, Buenos Aires, May 16, 1962.

10. (25) 1962, May 13; near Oncativo (Córdoba). 04.00 hrs. Two ladies, driving from Rosario, saw a long object flying at moderate altitude and irradiating a powerful luminosity of many colours. A few moments later the surroundings seemed to be covered with fog and they saw, through the trees, and standing on the ground, a sort of "little house" with green, red and yellow lights set in an arrow-shaped arrangement.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, May 15, 1962.

11. (27). May 1962. Jujuy. 04.00 hrs.

Four people whose car had run out of petrol were waiting during a rainstorm when a bright light—which they at first thought was from another car—approached them. It was a luminous object flying low, and it landed. It was round, with a flashing light. It remained there for about an hour, and then took off at high speed.

Vallée, J: *Passport To Magonia*, U.S. edition, p.271.

12. (33). 1962, August 5; Las Armas-Pirán Highway (Buenos Aires); 01.45 hrs.

The truck driver Pedro Atili was travelling towards Mar del Plata when suddenly his engine stopped for no visible reason. At the same moment he observed an object about 25 metres long standing on the ground, at a distance of 300 metres from him. Then the object took off, emitting a vivid orange light, and vanished at staggering speed.

Gordon Creighton: *Argentina 1962*, in FSR July/August, 1964, Antonio Ribera: *Platillos Volantes En Iberoamérica Y España*, 1968, p.98.

13. (34). 1962, August 12; near Catrilló (La Pampa). Night.

Five truck drivers travelling along National Highway No. 5, from Buenos Aires to Santa Rosa, saw something intensely bright rise from the ground and vanish in the sky at enormous speed.

Antonio Ribera: *op. cit.*, p.99.

14. (36). 1962, September 3; Angaco (San Juan). 22.30 hrs. As Francisco Sosa was riding homewards on his bicycle he saw, at a distance of some 300 metres from the road, an object taking off silently and leaving behind it a bluish luminous trail. At the spot the grass appeared to be burnt over an area 3 metres wide.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, September 4, 1962.

15. (40). 1962, October 10; Mar del Plata (Buenos Aires) 20.00 hrs.

A young man named Enrique Leonardo Bocher was engaged on farm work, using a tractor, in the Peralta Ramos forest, when he saw a great flash of bluish light among the trees. The phenomenon rose higher and moved towards him. He tried to escape, but the engine of his tractor stopped. The bright object passed over him and vanished towards the sea. There were two other witnesses. At the landing site a number of burn marks were found which seemed to have been caused by the UFO.

Antonio Ribera: *op. cit.*, p.102.

16. (41). 1962, beginning of November; Highway between Salta and San Miguel de Tucumán (Salta). Night.

As engineering student José Enrique Torramorell and his cousin Hernán Caverlotti were travelling along by motorcycle, at kilometre 17—after passing the Salta limits—they saw a glowing spherical object pass slowly over them and land on a hill some 500 metres distant. The object was about 20 metres in diameter. The engine of the motorcycle cut out, as did the engines of other vehicles in the vicinity. The two eyewitnesses were paralyzed. Then the object took off vertically, performed a number of movements in the air and landed again and switched off its light. Only then did the young men recover their ability to move. Then a phosphorescent red light came on at the centre of the UFO, while a second and similar light appeared on a neighbouring hillock. Then both lights rose and moved away at high speed. The wiring of the motorcycle was found to be burnt out and the two eyewitnesses had burns on their arms.

La Gaceta, San Miguel de Tucumán, November 9, 1962.

17. (44). 1962, November 26; Road from Abra Grande to Clodomira (Santiago del Estero). 01.00 hrs.

Two haulage men, Francisco Salas and N. Arnardy, were travelling on a tractor drawing a trailer loaded with coal when, shortly after leaving Abra Grande, they saw an object on the railway line which there runs parallel with the road. They thought it was a lighted railway wagon, but on drawing nearer they perceived that it was a sort of gigantic robot emitting phosphorescent flashes. Making no sound it rose up into the air to a height of some 50 metres and then landed again beside the road. Throughout the whole journey this continued to be repeated, in identical fashion. When the first lights of Clodomira came into sight the object broke off the pursuit and, climbing at staggering speed, vanished into the sky.

El Liberal, Santiago del Estero, November 28, 1962.

18. (45). 1962, December 11; near Chumbicha (Catamarca). 02.00 hrs.

Dr. Godofredo Lazcano Colodrero, director of the Sobremonte Museum at Córdoba, was travelling by car from Catamarca to Córdoba, accompanied by his wife, two sons, and a friend. Fifteen minutes after passing Chumbicha they saw seven brilliantly lit spherical objects standing on the slope of a mountain, and at a distance of some 60 metres. The squadron of objects rose straight up into the air and disappeared at great speed leaving behind them trails of intense luminosity.

Córdoba, Córdoba, December 27, 1962; Gordon Creighton, *Argentina 1962*, in FSR July/August 1964; Antonio Ribera, *op. cit.*, p.104; J. Vallée, *op. cit.*, p.289.

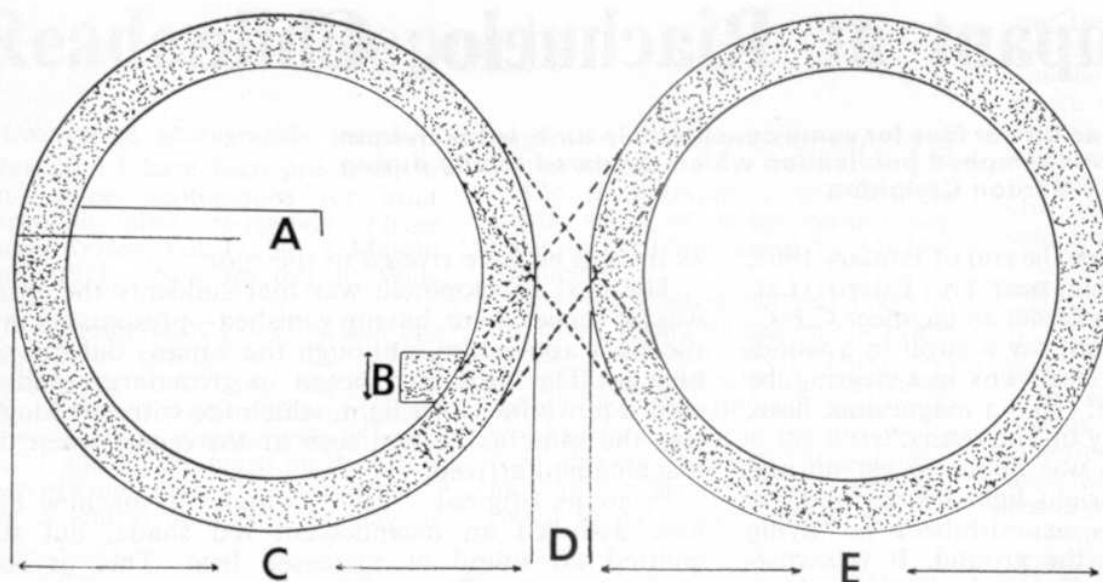


Figure 1: Sketch, to illustrate case 19, by Dr. O. A. Galíndez
Key to measurements:
 A : 0.30m
 B : 0.40m
 C : 3.30m
 D : 0.40m
 E : 3.30m

19. (48). 1963, January; Cañada de Alzogaray (Tucumán). Night.

In a field owned by them the brothers Rosauo Antonio, Ricardo, and Víctor Domingo López noticed that, at a spot approximately 2 km. from their house, the grass was burnt over an area in the shape of two rings (each ring 3.30 metres in overall diameter and 0.30 metres in respect of the ring itself (see sketch). On these rings the grass was burnt right down to its roots, to a depth of from 7 cms. to 10 cms. Carbonized residue and a whitish powder were found. It transpired that, some days previously, a neighbour named Juan Gerónimo Perea, overseer of the "El Trébol" property, and his wife and children had seen an extremely luminous oval-shaped object, flying silently, which landed in the field of the López brothers.

La Gaceta, Tucumán, February 5, 1963, and February 2, 1964; Gordon Creighton: *Argentina 1963-64*, in FSR November/December 1965; Oscar A Galíndez: *Les Empreintes Mystérieuses de Cañada de Alzogaray*, in *Phénomènes Spatiaux* No. 21, September 1969, pp.20-22.

20. (49). 1963, March 12; Colonia Yeruá (Entre Ríos). 05.30 hrs.

After a heavy fall of rain Pablo Michalowski and Roberto Jorge Martínez observed and photographed a luminous object which rose out of a forest reserve.

Clarín, Buenos Aires, August 30, 1963; J. Vallée, *op. cit.*, p.291.

21. (54). 1964, February 25; Saladillo (Buenos Aires). Night.

As Juan H. Botta was driving in his car, he observed two highly luminous objects which remained stationary for one hour and then descended, one of them landing in a field near the highway and the other one flying away towards the north.

CODOVNI Bulletin, Buenos Aires, 1964; Gordon Creighton; *Argentina 1963-64 (Part 3)*, in FSR March/April 1966.

22. (57). 1964, May 10; Patquía-La Rioja Highway (La Rioja). 21.30 hrs.

Businessman Máximo Dughetti was driving his van, accompanied by his son and his nephew, when, at a point almost 20 kms. from La Rioja, the engine stopped and the lights went out. From a coppice nearby came a beam of light, bluish white, and dazzlingly powerful. This light then went out, and they were then able to see an object shaped like an inverted dish, 15 metres in diameter and with a

cupola on the upper part. The object was slowly rising into the air and producing a soft hum. It crossed over the road diagonally at a height of no more than 10 metres, and 20 metres from the van, and moved off towards the Sierra de Mogote Colorado range. Then the engine of the van came on again and the lights came on. Next day, in a clearing in the coppice indicated by the witness, the vegetation appeared to have been burnt over a circular area 10 metres in diameter.

El Sureño, Bahía Blanca, July 12, 1965; review 2001, Buenos Aires, No. 18 of January 18, 1970, p.25.

23. (67). 1965, May 24; Paso de las Carretas (Mendoza). 18.40 hrs.

As Darwin Milo Miranda and three others were out hunting, they observed, with binoculars, a large luminous device shaped like an inverted dish land on a hill. On the upper part of the object there was a red light which was constantly changing from one shade of red to another. On landing, the UFO became opaque.

La Tribuna, San Juan, May 26, 1965.

24. (69). 1965, July 19; Villa Rosas (Near Bahía Blanca, Buenos Aires). 1930 hrs.

Various local residents (including a priest, the teacher Señora María Inés F. de Andrés, Señora Goicochea, and Sr. Gómez) saw an intensely bright aerial object discharge another smaller object, which came down and landed in a nearby field. It remained there for five minutes and then took off again and re-entered the larger object.

La Crónica Matutina, Buenos Aires, July 20, 1965; review *Así*, Buenos Aires, July 30, 1965.

25. (70). (1965, July 20; Gobernador Diotti (Santa Fe). 02.00 hrs.

The agricultural worker Gustavo Haiepek witnessed the landing of a small object shaped like a spinning-top and emitting flashes of various coloured lights. The object remained on the ground for four or five minutes, at a spot 500 metres from the home of the witness. Then it rose straight up and vanished towards the south. A police commission established that at the landing-site there were marks on the ground and the pasturage seemed as though petrified.

La Nación, Buenos Aires, July 25, 1965; *La Crónica*, Buenos Aires, July 23, 1965.

26. (73). 1965, August 1; Federal Capital (Buenos Aires). Night.

At the intersection of calle Tandil and calle Laguda in

UFO Occupant at Riachuelo, Chile

This item, which we have had on our files for some considerable time, is taken from *UFO Chile*, issue No. 1, a mimeographed publication which appeared briefly during 1967 and 1968. Translation by Gordon Creighton.

LATE one afternoon towards the end of January 1967, at a place named Riachuelo, near Tres Esteros (Lat. 40°50 S., Long. 73°16 W.) in Chile, an engineer C.F.C.—name not divulged—was out for a stroll in a wood. Suddenly, while sitting on a tree trunk in a clearing, he saw a blinding flash of light, “like a magnesium flare, which left a violet luminosity on the retina.”

Shortly afterwards, as he was about to get up and leave, he observed a very bright light nearby and, on approaching, found to his astonishment a “flying saucer” suspended close to the ground. It was rust-coloured, seemed to be made in one single piece, about 35 metres wide. He observed no openings or windows. It was totally silent, but he felt the sensation of a gentle warmth emanating from it.

Suddenly, as he stood watching, it shot about 1 metre towards the left, and as it did so a sort of projection emerged from it and was withdrawn again shortly after.

A “being” then suddenly appeared below the craft, as though materialising out of thin air. This “being’s” height was about 1 metre 50 cms., and his movements and gestures seemed quite human. He was wearing a one-piece transparent garment, from neck to foot. It was very tight-fitting and showed no folds or creases even when he bent down. He wore no helmet and no shoes. The skin of his face and hands was extremely white, and his hair very long. The jaw was rather prominent, but the nose flattish. The “being” was carrying nothing in his hands, and indeed the arms “seemed glued to the body.” The witness was too terrified to speak or approach, and his body “felt stiff”

as though he were riveted to the spot.

The next development was that suddenly the entity was no longer there, having vanished—presumably into the craft above him, although the witness did not see him go. The craft then began to grow larger and to emit a powerful violet light, which the witness thought was the same as he had seen at the outset when the machine had arrived.

From its original “rusty” colour the machine had now assumed an incandescent red shade, but still emitted no sound or increased heat. Then it rose straight up, very fast, and vanished.

By now the sun was just setting. The witness fled to the nearby house of the friends with whom he was staying, but was afraid to tell anybody of what he had seen. He returned next day to the spot, but could find no marks or traces of any kind upon the ground there.

As a result of the experience, the witness fell ill (unfortunately no details of the illness are given) and it was not until some six weeks later that he wrote a letter to the Santiago newspaper *La Tercera*, which published his story in its issue of February 24, 1967.

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Editor's Note

Lumières dans la Nuit (March/April 1968) carried a French translation of the story made from *La Crónica Matutina* of Buenos Aires. The latter paper's account follows what is given above in all respects, except that, instead of saying that the nose was *flattened*, it states that the entity “seemed to lack a nasal appendage.”

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Buenos Aires an object, shaped like a spinning-top and of the size of a wheel of a truck, landed on the road. It emitted a bluish light. It then took off again and vanished rapidly. The occurrence was witnessed by two young sisters, Marta Beatriz and Mirta Pionti, who had gone out on an errand.
La Razón, Buenos Aires, September 2, 1965.

27. (79). 1965, September 4; San Justo (Buenos Aires). 01.20 hrs.

José Fernández and his wife were awakened by a strange humming noise which seemed to come from the terraced roof of the house. Going up there, Fernández beheld an oval object, two metres in diameter, taking off vertically into the air. It was emitting a vivid light and was making the humming noise that had woken them. They found at the spot marks and signs of combustion.

La Crónica, Buenos Aires September 4, 1965.

This case also appears in *The Humanoids*, between No. 47 and No. 48 of my *The Humanoids In Latin America*. By an oversight I gave it no number, so it should be treated as

No. 47b., and I made the mistake of thinking that the place was the San Justo near Santa Fe.—G. Creighton.)

28. (84). 1965. Early December. La Invernada (Tucumán). Night.

Returning home in a jeep, the farmer Antonio Lozano saw a very vivid reddish light come down in a field of alfalfa near by. Thinking it must be a trespasser, Lozano shone his own light on it. The reddish light revolved once, moved about 100 metres and then, arriving at the wire-fence, took off and vanished towards the west. On the following day he was able to establish that there was a large curved, forked impression in the alfalfa, which was burnt. There was also a burnt circle 5 metres in diameter at the spot where the luminous object had been seen to come down.

La Gaceta, Tucumán, December 5, 1965.

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Cases 29-45, which will complete Sub-class A-1 will be included in Part 2 of this catalogue.

Readers' Reports

Unexpected photographic images

Dear Sir,—I have been prompted to send some photographs for your inspection after re-reading *Flying Saucer Review*, Vol. 17, No. 2, March-April 1971, "New mystery at Warminster."

My photographs (1—6), which are consecutive prints of the whole negative in each case, on ADOX KB 17, taken with a Canon *Demi-Frame* 35 mm. camera with 28 mm. lens. 1 and 2 were taken on the afternoon of Good Friday this year [1972—ED]; 3 and 4 on Easter Sunday at

lunch time; 5 and 6 on the morning of Easter Monday.

The photographs 1 and 4 have similar spots, of darker density than those in the photo taken by Michael Samuels.*

The first photograph was taken in the Imber Firing Range, on one of the public roads to Warminster, but the position from which it was taken should be identifiable from the wrecked tanks seen in the distance. I was driving towards Warminster, looking for places where UFOs are stated to have been sighted, when I

saw the wrecks. I stopped my car (left-hand-drive), wound down the window and took the photo quickly before driving on. I did not see an object, as I hardly looked over the landscape. The sky was overcast.

Photo No. 4 was taken on a quick visit to Stonehenge; the weather was cold and windy, and the sky overcast. I quickly walked round the stones and then took the two photographs, the second (No. 4) at right angles to the first (No. 3). I do not recollect looking into the sky at the time.

On neither occasion did I see the objects, which only came to my attention when I was examining the negatives. In the case of the Stonehenge photographs no one at the site was apparently looking at the sky, or noticed the object.

I do my own developing and printing, and have not retouched the negatives or prints in any way. I enlarged the negatives to the maximum of my enlarger, and made positives of the objects on *Kodak* 35 mm. positive film. From these I made negatives which have been further enlarged into the enclosed prints.

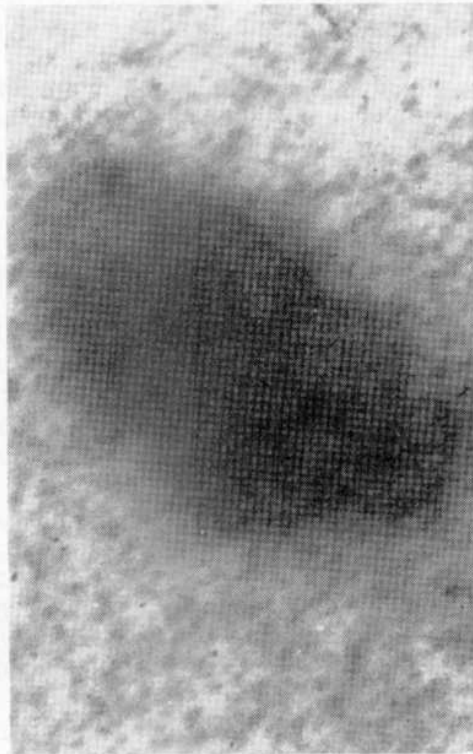
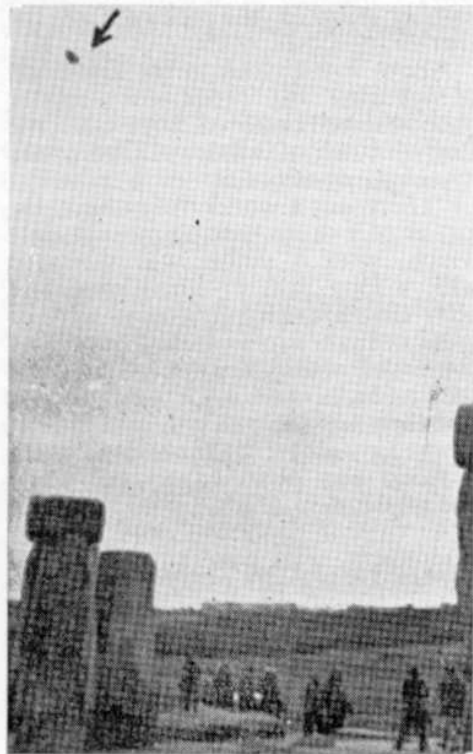
I regret I am unable to comment on the exposure, or the light readings, as I was relying on the coupled meter in the Canon, and didn't notice the aperture, or the speed.

I am sending you these photographs to examine on their own merits on account of the similarity to Mr. Samuel's photograph. Should you consider further tests are warranted I will gladly supply the original negatives, together with any further information you may require.

Yours truly,
A. D. Clapham,
Skidby, Cottingham, Yorkshire.
November 8, 1972.

* There appears to be a spot lower down to the left of the stones in photograph 3 as well. We have asked Mr. Clapham for a loan of the negatives, which we will send to Mr. Percy Hennell for examination and comment.—EDITOR.

The negative strip has been examined by Mr. Hennell, who says that he suspected immediately a non-UFO, or non-"light phenomenon" cause as the spot appeared on three different frames at two different sites. Indeed, if an object in the sky had produced the images on the Stonehenge photographs, it would have been enormous, and the many visitors to the site would have seen it. Mr. Hennell feels sure that in this case the "image" was caused by a loose speck of dust on, probably, the rear element of the lens.



1. The fourth of Mr. Clapham's strip of photographs. A similar spot appeared in different positions on the left of photos 1 and 3 (not reproduced)

2 and 3. Enlarged details from the fourth photograph

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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 aureole. 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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Preliminary Catalogue of Type 1 cases in Argentina—Part 3

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IN this catalogue we have made sub-classification in Dr. Jacques Vallée's sub-divisions of Type 1 UFO reports.

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

Parts I and II contained 45 cases which fell into the sub-class A-1 of Class A relating to visibly abnormal bodies or phenomena situated on the ground. We now come to sub-class A-2.

Sub-class A-2: Visibly abnormal body or phenomenon, hanging at not more than 10 metres from the ground

1. (12). 1958 (approx.); Bragado (Buenos Aires). Night.

The musician José Basso, the fifteen members of his orchestra, and the chauffeur of the minibus in which they were travelling, saw (40 km. before reaching Bragado), and at 200 metres from the highway, a large bright contraption. They thought it might possibly be an aircraft in flames, but when two of the eyewitnesses had got to a distance of some 150 metres or so from it, they were able to establish that it was disc-shaped, with a sort of searchlight on the upper part that was emitting a vivid white light. It was also emitting a loud noise of engines. It was not touching the ground. The eyewitnesses continued their journey, but on their way back they stopped their minibus near the spot where the phenomenon had been seen and noted that the grass there was totally calcined.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 4, 1968.

2. (24). 1962, May 13; Mercedes (San Luis). 04.15 hrs.

An Air Force sub-officer named Giashischa was driving his car, accompanied by his wife and family, when they saw, to one side, at a distance of some 100 metres from the road, a luminous mass of considerable size. They thought it was about 20 metres in diameter and 2 or 3 metres high. It seemed to be rotating on its axis, and emitted no sound. Giashischa wanted to get out and go over to the phenomenon, but his wife prevented him.

Communication from Sr. Giashischa to CADIU.

3. (32). 1962, August 2; Airport of Cambá Punta (Corrientes). 24.00 hrs.

At the appearance of what was presumed to be an aeroplane, whose pilot had not announced his arrival by radio, the director of the Airport, Sr. Luis Harvey, gave urgent instructions for the runway to be prepared. But great was the surprise of all the technical personnel who were present when they perceived that it was a spherical body, rotating on its axis and shooting out powerful beams of blue, green, and orange light. It halted and remained there for three minutes, without landing but just a few metres above the runway. Then it made off at high speed.

La Voz del Interior, Córdoba, August 3, 1962; *La Razón*, Buenos Aires, August 3, 1962; Gordon Creighton: *Argentina* 1962, in FSR, July/August 1964.

4. (42). 1962, beginning of November; Salta-Tucumán road (Tucumán). Night.

The truckdriver Pier Livio Quaia, coming from Salta, was forced to pull up abruptly on beholding an egg-shaped luminous object, some 12 metres in diameter and 4 metres high, suspended a few metres above the road. Green and red beams of light were coming from things like small windows set around the rim of it. The object then rose up vertically, passed at high speed over the truck, shaking the driving cab as it did so and emitting a powerful whistle. Two other truckdrivers also saw the object.

La Gaceta, San Miguel de Tucumán, November 6, 1962.

5. (46). 1962 (end); Rio Colorado-Choele Choele road (Rio Negro). Night.

Sr. Mario Borlandelli and a companion were travelling by car when they saw something bright just above the horizon ahead of them. When they came closer to it, it shot rapidly into the air and was soon out of sight. At the spot beneath where it had hung they found an elliptical area, 18 metres long, in which the grass on the dirt-track was burnt, the soil having a uniformly mineral appearance. They took samples of a residual substance found there and when it was analysed at the Museum of La Plata it turned out to be magnesium.

La Gaceta de la Tarde, La Plata, September 16, 1965.

UFO NEAR VITRY-EN-ARTOIS—(Continued from page 9)

line passes close by (at only 60 metres) and the witness said that, as the UFO passed overhead, he noticed that the rails seemed to undulate and gave off sparks.

In the nearby field there were some cattle (see Fig. 2) which were terrified and fled in all directions, and the witness's dogs kept up a constant barking throughout the sighting and for ten minutes afterwards. Astonished, but quite calm, he went into the house, and found that all three of his alarm-clocks had stopped. He set them going again, and they are functioning normally now.

Monsieur Laisne, a bachelor who lives with his mother, is a keen gardener, and is an earthy type who has not the slightest interest in mysterious flying objects.

He has excellent sight and hearing, his general health is to be envied, and he has never had a serious illness in his life. As proof of his extraordinary story (no other witnesses have been traced) he was left with a poplar branch, mysteriously amputated from the tree at a height of about 8 metres from the ground, without the intervention of any human agency.

The UFO vanished towards Notre-Dame-de-Lorette. The line Vitry-en-Artois to Notre-Dame-de-Lorette lies precisely on the Southend-Po di Gnocca orthotenic line (as also, incidentally, does Avesnes-les-Aubert, near Cambrai, where UFO sightings occurred in 1970 and 1971).

6. (47). 1962, December 22; Ezeiza Airport (Buenos Aires). 03.00 hrs.

A large luminous, fiery-coloured disc was seen by control-tower operators Horacio Alora and Mario Pezzutto, and by the pilots and co-pilots of two commercial aircraft. It remained for a few moments hanging at a height of about 10 metres above the start of one of the runways, and then made off at high speed emitting a faint sound like the sound of a car engine accelerating.

La Nación, Buenos Aires, December 23, 1962; *La Gaceta*, San Miguel de Tucumán, December 23, 1962; Gordon Creighton, *Argentina* 1962, in FSR, July/August 1964). (Erroneously reported by me as a full landing on the runway.)—G.C.

7. (50). 1963, June 22; Peak of Cristo Redentor (Mendoza). 20.10 hrs.

A scientific commission consisting of meteorologist Bernardo Razquin, engineer Angel Binaghi Pagés, and sergeant Pedro E. Zoni, had installed themselves in the General Lamadrid mountain camp, near the Peak of Christ The Redeemer, intending to take photographs of the Zodiacal Light. One night they heard a metallic noise coming from outside the hut. They ran out, fearing an avalanche, and saw a vivid blinking light descending, flush against the steep side of the nearby Santa Elena Peak, until it had reached a depth of 1,000 metres from the top, when it stopped. Then suddenly another light, stronger still, also appeared, likewise suspended above, or landed on, the side of Santa Elena. After that, both lights faded out. During the days following the members of the expedition were able to verify that the area was impassable* and uninhabited.

Clarín, Buenos Aires, August 30, 1963; CODOVNI Report for Year 1963; Gordon Creighton: *Argentina* 1963-64, Part I, in FSR for November/December 1965.

* Impassable owing to deep snow.—G.C.

8. (55). 1964, early May; near Colonia Castelli (Chaco). Night.

Alberto Kalbermatter told the press that when travelling in his truck through a very wooded area he had seen an enormous luminous object which seemed to be lodged among the branches of the trees.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, May 10, 1964; *La Gaceta*, San Miguel de Tucumán, May 11, 1964; Creighton: *Argentina* 1963-64, Part III, in FSR, March/April 1966.

9. (58). 1964, May 14; near Salta (Salta). Night.

The court official Tomás Victor Oliver and his wife and son were returning to Salta in a chauffeur-driven hired car when they saw a large greenish light beside the road. At first they thought it was a new illuminated advertisement, but on getting nearer to it they discovered that it was a flat dish-shaped object about 10 metres wide suspended at a height of 8 metres from the ground. Alarmed they put on speed, while the UFO rose rapidly into the air and was out of sight in a matter of seconds.

El Tribuno, Salta, May 25, 1964; Creighton: *Argentina* 1963-64, Part III, in FSR March/April 1966.

10. (68). 1965, July 15; Loretani Valley (25 km. from Alta Gracia, Córdoba). 20.00 hrs.

Sr. Rubén Busquets, his wife Diana Loretani Busquets, and their daughter Marcela saw, in the distance, above a hill on the rim of the valley, a large and very bright object of a mainly bluish colour that fluctuated momentarily to red and orange. From the top part of it a beam of light was directed upwards. The under part was convex. The diameter of it seemed to be between 10 metres and 15 metres. It then dropped down vertically and was hidden by the hill. They had the

impression that it had landed, as they could still see the glow for several minutes thereafter, until finally it was extinguished.

La Crónica, Buenos Aires, August 24, 1965; review *Así*, September 7, 1965, Buenos Aires; Creighton, *Further Reports of UFO Bases*, in FSR March/April 1969.

11. (74). 1965, August 2; 10 km. from Jesús María (Córdoba). 03.30 hrs.

Pedro Medrano and his father were driving towards Córdoba when they saw, some 400 metres ahead of them, a strange metallic thing blocking the road. When they had got to a point 20 metres from it, they perceived that it was a sort of ring or hoop, seemingly metallic, some 5 or 6 metres in diameter, and poised at a height of 1.50 metres from the ground. Suddenly a light cloudy mass appeared around the object, which disappeared. The mist persisted at the spot for some time. It had no particular colour.

Communication from Sr. P. Medrano to CADIU.

12. (86). 1966, January 4; Concepción del Uruguay (Entre Ríos). Night.

Three persons, namely the driver of a truck, and a woman and a child who were accompanying him, experienced a weird accident. In front of the truck a greenish light appeared, which emitted a sort of radiant cloudiness; its brightness blinded them, and the engine stopped. Simultaneously, the lorry overturned.

La Crónica, Buenos Aires, January 5, 1966.

13. (90). 1967, February 25; between Choele Choele and Luis Beltrán (Río Negro). 16.45 hrs.

Oscar Molina, a farm-hand, was in his home when he heard a humming noise, fairly loud and steady. He stepped outside to investigate and came upon a dish-shaped craft, of a silvery colour and some 12 metres in diameter, which seemed to be spinning rapidly on its axis. It was very close to the house. His five dogs would not go near it, but did not stop barking. An area 12 metres in diameter was found to be totally scorched.

El Sureño, Bahía Blanca, February 26, 1967.

14. (93). 1967, July 20; Guernica (Buenos Aires). Night.

Pedro Petrelli heard a loud noise like a burst of hurricane wind and saw a bright object pass over his house and stop above some trees 50 metres distant. It seemed to be about 7 metres in diameter and displayed a circular movement. The phenomenon was also seen by some twenty people in the vicinity. Next morning it was established that two trees showed cuts at a height of 5 metres, and a third tree at 3 metres. On the ground were fragments of what seemed to be burnt wood, the inside of which however looked like fused glass. Chemical analysis of the fragments established the presence of sulphur, copper, and silicon, in abundance, that had been subjected to a heat of more than 1,600° Centigrade.

Letter dated May 5, 1969, from Rev. P. Reyna, Buenos Aires, to Editor of *Phénomènes Spatiaux*, and published in issue No. 20 of latter, June 1969.

15. (96). 1967, September 11; Villa Constitución (Santa Fe). 21.30 hrs.

During the course of a violent storm, a mysterious luminous body emitting blinding flashes of light was seen at a distance of 300 metres from the house of Señora Catalina Salvarezza de Calamante. The object was 3 metres in diameter and 2 metres high, had 4 extensions like antennae, and was hanging at about 1 metre above the ground, rocking gently to and fro. It remained there for four hours and left behind a strong smell of sulphur, and left the grass totally burnt over an area 3 metres in diameter. Long marks on the ground were also found, and a dark-coloured substance with a disagreeable smell. Subsequent analyses showed that the soil was intensely charged with radioactivity, as also was the wire-netting fence of the farm. The UFO was observed by a total of 10 eyewitnesses.

G. Aldunati, *Aterrizaje en Villa Constitución*, in

16. (98). 1967, November 2; La Hoyada (Salta). 05.30 hrs. Señora Irma Antonia Fortuna de Colina (wife of the Intendente of the town of Villa San Lorenzo) and her son Ricardo Marcelo were returning by taxi from Córdoba during heavy rain. Suddenly the chauffeur was obliged to pull up on sighting, at a distance of some 25 metres from the highway, a circular body resembling a cardinal's hat and emitting a blinding orange light. It was about 5 metres in diameter and 1.50 metres high, and on its sides they could see

things that looked like star-shaped peepholes. It was suspended at a height of about 2 metres from the ground, in total silence. It remained visible there for 15 minutes, and vanished when a truck approached from the opposite direction to the taxi.

Antonio Ribera: *op. cit.*, p. 225.

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Cases 17-32, the next part of Sub-class A-2 will be included in Part IV of this catalogue.

Readers' Reports

Cartwheels in the sky

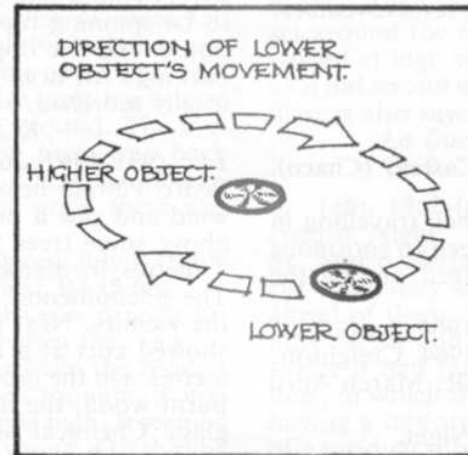
Dear Sir,—On January 2, 1973, at 2.25 p.m., I was sitting in the back seat of our car, travelling towards a new estate a short distance away. Two adult relations of mine occupied the front seats; Mrs. Hill was driving and was talking to her mother, Mrs. Brown.

I glanced out of the window and saw what I first thought to be two grey kites high in the sky above Sutton Hospital, near Hull, East Yorks. At a second glance I saw that they were not in fact kites but two disc-shaped objects standing out clearly against the overcast sky.

As a rough estimate I would say the objects were about 15-20 feet in diameter and about 500 feet above me. Both objects were translucent but with about six darker spoke-like areas leading to a black/dark outer rim. The lower and nearer object was floating lazily in a clockwise direction around its companion, the latter being unnaturally stationary. (There was a light wind blowing but the object seemed somehow locked tight in the air around it.)

For about half a minute I watched the objects disappearing into the distance as we travelled further and

further away from them. I am very interested in the subject of flying saucers and I am a relatively new reader of *Flying Saucer Review* and have often wondered what I would do if I saw a UFO. Unfortunately I did nothing of what I planned. In fact, for the first minute, the two discs did not seem very important to me and by the time I fully realised the importance of what I had seen, the objects were just two black lines in the distance. The two lines (the discs edge-on) were in the



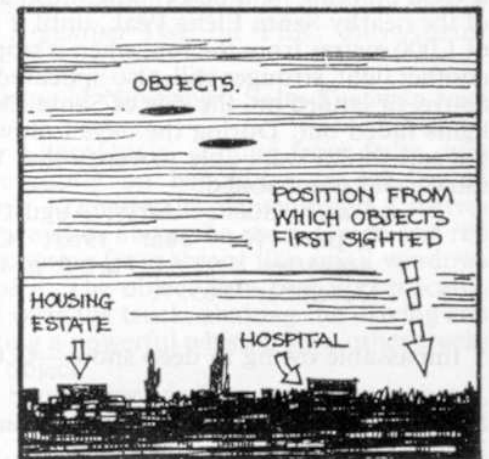
Motion of the objects

same place that I had first seen them and the lower one was still moving back and forth under the other one.

I must add that during the whole sighting, which was about 1½-2 minutes in duration, a jet aircraft flying at very high altitude was on a straight course overhead and easily visible due to a long, lingering vapour trail issuing from it.

I was just going to tell of what I had seen when I realised I would not be believed; after all, I had not pointed out the objects to anyone. I kept the sighting bottled up inside me until the following day when I told my father (who is a teacher) what I had seen. He is one of those people who claim to be open-minded but whose ears clog when

the subject of UFOs is mentioned. He did believe I had seen something, but he thought it more likely I had seen



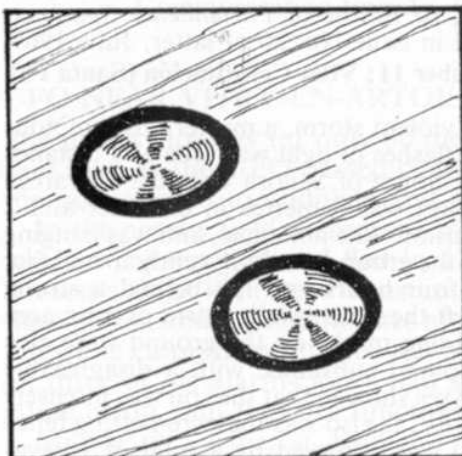
The objects as seen from a distance by witness (sketches based on originals by J. Hill)

two seagulls (!) or even a reflection in the car window.

So, braving the weakness of my story, and bearing in mind the Birch fiasco and the general mistrust of teenagers, I decided to report the sighting to you. Jonathan Hill (aged 14), Lime Tree Avenue, Tweendykes Road, Sutton, Nr. Hull, Yorkshire.

UFO seen over Baakline, Lebanon

Dear Sir,—On August 4, 1972, at lunchtime, my cousin Omar asked me if I believed in life beyond earth. I told him that if one believed in the concept of Infinity then one had to assume the definite possibility. Since I do believe in the concept of Infinity, I also believe that not only does life exist but it must exist in infinite forms, including human beings exactly like us. This conversation took place in Chemlan at my Uncle's summer place overlooking Beirut airport,



Impression of the objects

Preliminary Catalogue of Type 1 cases in Argentina—Part 4

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IN the preparation of this catalogue, sub-classifications have been made in Dr. Jacques Vallée's sub-divisions of Type 1 UFO reports.

Parts I and II contained 45 cases which fell into the sub-class A-1 of Class A, relating to visibly abnormal bodies or phenomena situated on the ground. Part III included the first 16 cases which fall into sub-class A-2 and now, in Part IV, we list a further 16 cases of the sub-class.

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 parentheses indicates the chronological position of the case within the total context of all classes.

Sub-class A2 (continued): Visibly abnormal body or phenomenon hanging at not more than 10 metres from the ground

17. (101). 1967, November 16; Lanús Este (Buenos Aires). 24.00 hrs.

A man named Poloni awoke suddenly feeling a sensation of great heat and an intense itching. Through one of the windows came a powerful light, the source of which seemed to be situated at the back of the house. Thinking it might be a fire, Sr. Poloni ran round there, and discovered a strange light suspended over the servants' sleeping quarters. He quickly called the rest of the occupants of the house (his wife, his three children, and his two brothers) and he went and got a rifle with the intention of firing at the object, but he was struck in the face by a sort of "tube of hard light" coming from the thing, which affected his muscles and paralysed his vocal cords. The object rose into the air and vanished at high speed.

L. Anglada Font: *La Realidad de los OVNIS a través de los Siglos*, pub. Kier, Buenos Aires, 1968, pp. 368-370.

18. (103). 1967, December 14; City of Córdoba. 2.20 hrs.

At a well-known plant producing food products, located at No. 1560, calle de 24 de Setiembre, three employees, Francisco Meuri, Miguel Angel Colazo, and Mario Ernesto Benegas were working. Suddenly the lights were blacked out. Then they saw a powerful luminosity from the direction of the street, which was lit up as though it were daytime. They ran out quickly to find the cause and saw a great ball irradiating an intensely bright white light. This light kept changing colour, passing through red and green and then back to white. It remained hanging there for five minutes at the height of the street-lights, then it rose slowly into the air and moved away.

La Voz del Interior, Córdoba, December 15, 1967; and on-the-spot investigation by CADIU.

19. (104). 1967, December 28; Andalgalá (Catamarca). 04.00 hrs.

As he was driving in his car, accompanied by his wife, Señor Clérico saw, ahead of the car, and almost touching the ground, a violet light which at moments turned green. This occurred at a place called Subida de la Chilca. Sr. Clérico ran the car up on the verge and turned off the engine and the lights. Then a spherical luminous object, some 2 metres in diameter, rose up and vanished towards the mountains.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, December 29, 1967.

20. (107). 1968, March 3; Castelar (Buenos Aires). 00.45 hrs.

The lawyer Eduardo Squirru and his wife were watching the television when suddenly the whole house was flooded with a pale blue light of extraordinary intensity; there was a drop in the electrical power and the TV screen went black. Then the whole place was shaken by a thunderous roar, like the noise of a jet aircraft, which awoke their two daughters and their manservant. A Sr. Armentano, who lives near the Squirru family, stated that he had seen a ball of light take off at dizzying speed.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, June 13, 1968; Review 2001, Buenos Aires, No. 19, 25.

21. (111). 1968, June 10; Los Cigarrales (Córdoba). 03.15 hrs.

Just as he was going to bed, Sr. Jorge Yarú saw, through a window of his house, an object of metallic appearance, some 5 metres in diameter, hanging above a tree and at a distance of about 10 metres from him. Around the bottom part of the object were yellow, red, and orange lights. It remained there stationary for almost 40 minutes and then did an abrupt "jump," became stationary once more, and then made off at high speed.

Los Principios, Córdoba, June 16, 1968; on-the-spot investigation by CADIU; World Round-Up, in FSR for September/October 1968.

22. (114). 1968, June 19; La Rioja-Catamarca Highway (Catamarca). Early morning.

Taxi-driver Julio Fedelli was conveying three passengers in his vehicle. When 60 km. from the town of Catamarca they saw a very large bright object which was stationary near the road and at a height of 5 metres from the ground. The engine failed. Then the UFO suddenly rose up and moved away rapidly, emitting intense flashes of light.

Clarín, Buenos Aires, June 21, 1968.

23. (115). 1968, June 21; Miramar (Buenos Aires). 01.30 hrs.

As Oscar Rodolfo Vivas was returning home on his bicycle, he suddenly saw a very bright light in the middle of the road. In the upper part of the light there was a diamond-shaped machine which, almost adhering to the ground, was rotating at high speed. He heard a very powerful hum, and the machine was shooting great bursts of fire down towards the ground. It remained there for almost two minutes and then climbed rapidly into the sky and vanished. The police subsequently found at the spot a whitish powder, like talcum powder but more viscous, forming a sort of ring on the road.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, and *Clarín*, Buenos Aires, both of June 22, 1968; review 2001 No. 19, Buenos Aires, p. 26.

24. (117). 1968, June 27; Saladillo (Buenos Aires). 06.45 hrs.

Srs. Luis Oscar Gicovich, Alfredo Dellasante, Juan Armand, Lauro Borbiconi and Geraldo Silvero observed, towards the south, a metallic disc with an intermittent red light in its centre. It was at a distance of some 600 metres, and 10 metres from the ground. It vanished slowly towards the south-east making a slight sound.

La Tribuna, Rosario, June 27, 1968.

25. (125). 1968, July 5; Villa Domínguez (Entre Ríos).

Omar Severino Rabin was in his house when he suddenly saw, through one of the windows, a machine that was emitting a powerful reddish light. Rabin went outside, with his arms raised in a defensive posture, and his hands remained stained with a black substance smelling strongly as of burnt wood. The object rose into the air and vanished.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 6, 1968.

26. (126). 1968, July 5; Las Cejas (Tucmán). 19.20 hrs.

Former Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock, agronomist César Ercilla, together with a landowner friend, observed a cone-shaped UFO 20 metres wide, and 10 metres from the ground, emitting flashes of purple and reddish light. The object had descended in a dive, at a distance of some 2 km. from them, and was stationary in the air. The eyewitnesses were travelling by car towards Santiago del Estero at the time.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 8, 1968.

27. (136). 1968, July 25; La Pastora (Buenos Aires). 02.00 hrs.

Sr. Juan Sívori and his wife and one of their daughters observed, over Highway No. 226 and at a distance of only 35 metres from them, an object shaped like a spinning-top, of the size of a motor truck, and silver-coloured. The engine of their car stopped. The UFO remained hanging there for about five minutes, at a height of 10 metres from the ground. Then it rose into the air and vanished. The engine of the car started up again.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 27, 1968.

28. (142). 1968, August 29; Capayán (Catamarca). 02.00 hrs.

Three La Rioja businessmen, Miguel García, Carlos García, and Aldo Lorente, were travelling in a motor-truck when they saw, beside the road, at a distance of about 12 metres from them, a strange silvery-red object shaped like two deep plates placed face to face. It was of the size of a truck. From its under-part emerged four converging prolongations towards the ground, and on the upper part there was what seemed to be some illuminated spy-holes. It was suspended at a height of about 2 metres from the ground.

Córdoba, Córdoba, September 1, 1968.

29. (143). 1968, August 31; Luján (Mendoza). Night.

As Señora María Di Tomaso de Cicchinelli stepped out into her patio to feed the dog, she saw a luminous object swaying to and fro above her. She felt as though she was paralysed. It was suspended at a height of about 4 metres above her head. It was spherical and was emitting reddish and pale blue flashes of light. When it moved away the witness recovered her power of movement.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, September 3, 1968.

30.(156). 1969, May 26; Azul (Buenos Aires). 17.30 hrs.

Señor Adolfo Corengia saw, through a window of his weekend house (near Balnearia) and at a distance of about 15 metres, a spherical object suspended at a height of 1 metre from the ground. It was of a reddish-orange colour, with a protuberance in the middle of the upper part, and about 3 metres in diameter. It started to rise up into the air slowly and then, gaining speed, headed off towards the south and disappeared from sight. Two days later, Sr. Corengia was just about to mow the grass when he noticed, at the spot below where the UFO had been hanging, an ellipse-shaped area on which the grass looked thin and blackened and there were a lot of mushrooms.

Review 2001, Buenos Aires, No. 13, p. 24; *Clarín*, Buenos Aires, June 5, 1969.

31. (160). 1969, December 18; La Reducción (Tucmán). Early morning.

Agriculturalist Manuel Rodolfo Rodríguez stated that he had seen a cigar-shaped UFO, 70 metres long, hanging horizontal and stationary for 20 minutes at the height of the cables of the electric power-line which runs parallel with Highway No. 38, near his farm. He called his father, Sr. Joaquín Rodríguez, who came to the spot and also saw it. Next day it was discovered that, at the place where the UFO had been, the leaves of the eucalyptus trees were scorched, and there was a smell in the air of sulphur or burnt gunpowder.

La Gaceta, San Miguel de Tucumán, December 21, 1969.

32. (161). 1970, February 7; Las Salinas (17 km. from Chapelc6, Buenos Aires). 23.50 hrs.

The Investigations of General Uchoa in Brazil — Part 3

Gordon Creighton

THIS is the continuation of my resumé of a series of articles which appeared in the newspaper *O Dia* of Rio de Janeiro, between October 26 and November 4, 1972.

The sudden intervention of plantation-owner Wilson da Silva, and the consequent failure to secure an encounter with the occupants of the UFO, had a somewhat dampening effect on the spirits of General Uchoa's team of investigators, and, to compound their gloom, the strange phenomena ceased entirely for some days.

But work continued, and the group kept to their posts and maintained watch, night after night, near the little hill over which the strange objects had performed their acrobatics, and displayed their mysterious lights.

Some time later their tenacity was rewarded by the reappearance of the craft at almost exactly the same spot and with no great variation in their performance. But one night, a very dark one, the group were able to observe an impressive spectacle.

Several flying objects began to project beams of greenish-yellow light simultaneously, and then, at a given moment, formed a figure in the sky like a mast, the flag being represented by stars. This phenomenon was all the more remarkable inasmuch as the brightness of the stars was much greater than is the case with the natural light of the stars.

Observation continued, the group re-assembling at the spot every night, frequently bringing with them unbelieving friends to view the spectacle. One of these

Preliminary Catalogue of Type 1 cases in Argentina—Part 2

Prof. Oscar A. Uriondo

As explained in the introductory note to Part 1 of this catalogue, sub-classifications have been made in Dr. Jacques Vallée's sub-divisions of Type 1 UFO reports.

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

Part 1 contained the first 28 cases of the sub-class A-1 of Class A ("Any visibly abnormal body or phenomenon observed at not more than ten metres from the ground").

Sub-class A-1 (continued): Visibly abnormal body or phenomenon situated on the ground

29. (92). 1967, July 10; Santa Clara del Mar (Buenos Aires). Night.

Two motorists driving to Mar del Plata observed a cigar-shaped object on the ground, at a distance of 400 metres from the road. It resembled a railway passenger coach, with window-like rectangles emitting a vivid light. Later it rose and vanished towards the Sierra de los Padres range.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 11, 1967.

30. (99). 1967, November 5; Centeno (Santa Fe). 03.40 hrs. A dairyfarm manager, Sr. Carlos Spini, and an employee, were dazzled by a bluish luminous object which landed at a distance of some 600 metres from them and, after remaining stationary there for a few minutes, took off again and disappeared at high speed. It left an oval mark measuring 4 metres \times 6 metres. The grass at the spot was dry, dehydrated, and flattened, chiefly so at the centre of the mark and less at the periphery. It seemed to have been caused by pressure from a convex surface.

Communicated by the Centro de Estudios Físicos, Santa Fe; *La Razón*, Buenos Aires, November 19, 1967; *La Nación*, Buenos Aires, November 20, 1967. Roberto A. Ferrari: "Possible Landings At Centeno, Argentina," in *FSR Case Histories* No. 6, August 1971.

31. (102). 1967, mid-November. Centeno (Santa Fe).

Stepping out of his country house, Señor Aranzadi found, 70 metres from the dwelling, an egg-shaped mark measuring 6 metres \times 4 metres, and another mark, circular and 1 metre in diameter, at a distance of some 70 cms. from the first. He declared that no such marks had been there the day before. He had not heard or seen anything strange during the night.

Communicated by the Centro de Estudios Físicos of Santa Fe.

32. (105). 1968, January 23; Termas de Copahue (Neuquén). 00.45 hrs.

A mysterious object that flew over the hot springs (termas) and then landed on a nearby crest was seen by a group of people (which included several Army men). The object remained there for three hours, and then flew off silently and at great speed. At the landing site it was found that the

shrubby was burnt over an area 180 metres in diameter.

La Voz del Interior, Córdoba, February 9 and 17, 1968; *La Razón*, Buenos Aires, February 8, 1968; *Lumières Dans La Nuit* No. 93, March-April 1968.

33. (108). 1968, March; Concepción del Uruguay (Entre Ríos).

Several people, including an Army officer, had set out from Colón by car, and after travelling for a few minutes they saw a luminous object beside the road. When they had got to a distance of some 700 metres from it, they established that it was a UFO with flashing lights. It at once took off, made a right-angle turn, and took up position above the car.

Boletín de OVNIS, Asociación Observadora de los Astros, Rosario, No. 4, 1968.

34. (112). 1968, June 11; El Trébol (Santa Fe). 19.30 hrs. Four electricians travelling in a van saw a powerful orange light above a railway track. Flying low it then moved away to a field nearby, made a 90° turn, and went down behind a dense mountain area.

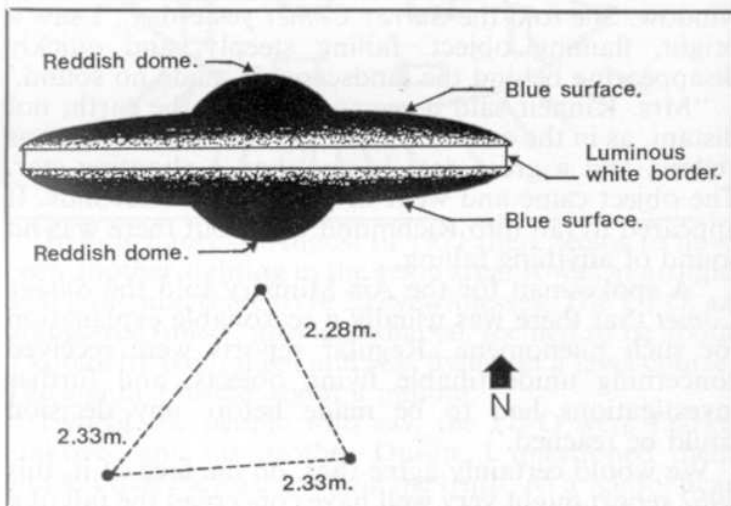
Los Principios, Córdoba, June 19, 1968; *Clarín* and *La Razón*, Buenos Aires, both of June 18, 1968.

35. (139). 1968, July 29; National Highway No. 2, near La Atalaya (Buenos Aires). 03.15 hrs.

Sr. Néstor Norberto Notario, journalist, was travelling by car with his wife, a female cousin of the wife, and a businessman. Soon after leaving La Atalaya, at around Kilometre 273 or 274, they saw, at a distance of some 500 metres, an enormous object—comparable in size to a railway wagon—shaped like a "washbasin upside down," from the under part of which came a brightness resembling the arc in electrical welding. It flew low across the road, slowly and completely silently, at which moment the engine and lights of the car failed. When the UFO landed, at a spot some 250 metres from them, the car lights came on again spontaneously. The mysterious object remained there for 45 minutes and several motorists stopped to observe the sight.

La Capital, Mar del Plata, July 30, 1968.

36. (140). 1968, August 10; La Criolla (Santa Fe). 20.00 hrs. Sr. Angel Peirotti was at home, resting, when he heard a



loud electrical explosion in his radio receiver, and the house was filled with light. When he went outside he observed, standing on the ground nearby, a disc-shaped object with two reddish cupolas, one above and one below. Around its edge was a luminous band of changing colours. It rose quickly into the air and disappeared. It left marks in the soil, seemingly from a tripod.

Espacio, AOA No. 2, 1st Fourth Months, 1969.

37. (141). 1968, August 24; Luis A. Sauce (Córdoba). 22.30 hrs.

Returning to Luis A. Sauce by motorcycle, Angel Mina and Ernesto Salomón observed, at a point some 16 km. from the town, a red light—"with prolongations like supports"—moving slowly through the sky. The strange light vanished among the trees, but 800 metres further on two cone-shaped objects appeared. These performed weird capers and even touched the ground several times. Each time they came together they produced an extremely vivid flash. The area over which they were manoeuvring became blanketed in mist, despite the fact that the atmosphere all round about was clear.

La Voz de San Justo, San Francisco, September 4, 1968.

38. (148). 1968, October. Correa (Santa Fe).

On the morning of October 14, Antonio Domingo Damiani, an agricultural worker, discovered a paralysed calf, 1,600 metres to the north of his house. Beside the animal there was a large circular mark. During the afternoon he and his brother Humberto found nine more perfect circles in the grass, their diameters ranging from 5 metres to 12 metres. Around the edge of each of them were growing gigantic mushrooms, of a kind unknown in that place. In other adjacent fields a total of over 25 further rings were also found. The father-in-law of Humberto claimed that two months previously he had seen strange lights in the area. A neighbour named Pertusatti said that, fifteen days previously, he had seen an intensely bright light in the same area. The son of a police officer also said that some weeks earlier he had seen a vivid glow in that area.

Review *Gente*, Buenos Aires, No. 171, October 31, 1968, p. 60; review *2001*, Buenos Aires, November 1968, pp. 4-9.

39. (151). 1968, November; Necochea (Buenos Aires).

On November 8, as a civilian pilot named Carlos Alberto Martínez was landing his light plane at the Necochea Aero Club, he noticed in the field, to the side of the runway, an enormous whitish-coloured circle. After getting out of his plane he went over to the spot and found that the circle consisted of eight gigantic mushrooms. The subsequent investigation by civilian and military experts resulted in the discovery that the soil at the spot was totally calcined to a depth of 60 cms. and over an area 6 metres wide.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, November 9, 1968; John Livingstone-Learmouth: *Mushrooms At Alleged UFO Landing Sites*, in *FSR*, May/June 1969.

40. (152). 1968, November 14; Coronel Vidal (Buenos Aires). Night.

Local residents found strange circles, eight metres in diameter, impressed into the grass, with enormous mushrooms around their edges. The grass had acquired a distinctly different colouring and the soil seemed calcined. Some hours previously flashes of light had been seen in the area.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, November 14, 1968.

41. (153). 1968, November; near Tandil (Buenos Aires).

On November 25, on a farm owned by Sra. Mabel de Berkovsky and situated 10 km. from Tandil, a burnt grass ring 8 metres wide was found, with 14 mushrooms around the periphery. In addition, a branch and a cattle bone found together with the mushrooms showed signs of having experienced radiations of intense heat.

El Eco de Tandil, Tandil (Buenos Aires).

42. (154). 1969, January 1; Villa Ernestina, Lomas de Zamora (Buenos Aires). 20.35 hrs.

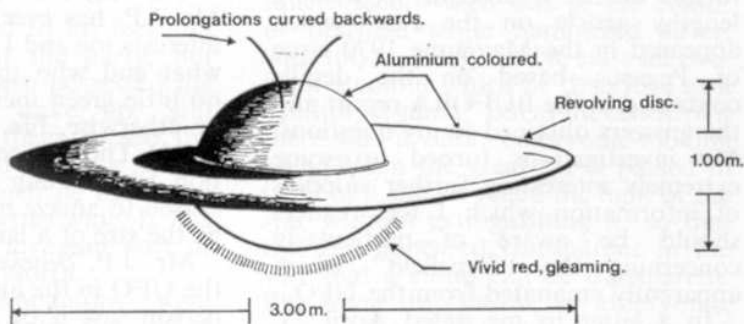
Two young people, Félix Maidana and Irma Tolosa, saw a flying object land behind the abutments of the Villa Ernestina spa. The object had a metallic gleam, and was described as "lentil-shaped," with a protuberance on the upper part. It was said to have been 2 metres high and 3 metres in diameter. It remained there, stationary, at a distance of 10 metres from the witnesses, for a few moments, and then rose rapidly and vanished in the sky.

La Crónica, Buenos Aires, January 6, 1969.

43. (157). 1969, June 12; Monte de Henrich, Olavarría (Buenos Aires). 18.00 hrs.

Señora Edith Etchepane de Vigo, her ten-year-old daughter and a neighbour named Delfino, observed three red lights at a distance of 1,500 metres on Monte de Henrich. The lights took off and came towards the place where the eye-witnesses were. They were flying at a height of 15 metres, and then suddenly vanished "as though by magic." Later a fourth light was seen, which was larger than the others and seemed to be spinning on its own axis. It finally went straight up and vanished from sight.

Report received from S. von Wurmb, engineer.



44. (162). 1971, January 8; La Picada, near Taffí Viejo (Tucumán). Mid-day.

Andrés Antonio López, manager of a farm, was picking lemons with the help of his fifteen-year-old nephew Mario Antonio Lobo when they suddenly heard a noise like the whistling of the wind. They saw an object shaped like two dishes joined together at the rims. The under part of it was red while the upper portion, from which two antennae were sticking out backwards, was of a shining aluminium colour. It was smooth, had no windows or doors, and was about 3 metres in diameter and 1 metre high. It stopped at a distance of 30 metres from them, rocking to and fro in the air, and then went down behind a stand of maize. When they approached it, the UFO started to emit a loud whistle and shot off in the direction of a ravine known as la Quebrada de los Caínzo, and vanished among the trees. At the spot where it had hovered they found a two-year-old lemon tree that was dried out right down to its roots.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, January 18, 1971; review *2001*, Buenos Aires, No. 31, February 1971, p. 26.

45. (164). 1971, June 11; Cuesta de las Vacas (San Juan). 10.00 hrs.

A San Juan Province policeman, Julio César Urbano, and two other people who were travelling with him in a truck, saw a strange aerial object, silvery in colour, shaped like a lens and 5 metres in diameter, which landed gently a few metres from the highway.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, June 11, 1971; *La Nación*, Buenos Aires, June 12, 1971.

Readers' Reports

The alleged landing at Winkleigh

Dear Sir,—I am prompted to write following the letter from Mr. Richard Farrow in the eighth issue of *FSR Case Histories* concerning the alleged UFO landing at Winkleigh, Devon.

The BUFORA report referred to came into my hands in 1970 when I was editor of *Pegasus*, journal of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena. It was passed to me for perusal by Omar Fowler, at that time BUFORA national investigations coordinator. He discovered it while cataloguing the reports in BUFORA's files.

I was particularly interested in the case and wrote to the witness for further details. I subsequently wrote a lengthy article on the case—which appeared in the May/June 1970 issue of *Pegasus*—based on the details contained in the BUFORA report and the answers obtained to my questions. My investigations turned up some extremely interesting further snippets of information which I feel readers should be aware of—particularly concerning the “forcefield” which apparently emanated from the UFO.

In a letter to me dated April 23, 1970, tanker driver Mr. J.P. (he wishes to remain anonymous, although I have his full name, address, and other biographical details) wrote saying that the forcefield “seemed to completely surround the object, and on trying to walk towards it, the feeling was like walking into an invisible air cushion resisting your movement. You could actually lean on it.”

After the UFO had taken off, Mr. J.P. was “able to walk with no difficulty to where it had been. The only indication of its presence was a black powder circle, approximately 50ft. in diameter. This black circle was very

faint and fine. It looked like burnt carbon. Naturally, I didn't touch to find out.”

Continued Mr. J.P. in the letter: “My personal feelings were one of intense relief at its departure. Mentally it felt as if a weight had been lifted from me, but physically I felt no pain, shock, tingling, loss of memory, or any other ill effect.”

On the day of the sighting Mr. J.P. was driving a milk tanker from Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, to Torrington, Devon. He went on to say in his letter that when he set out on the journey his watch had been correct. But when he arrived at the Torrington factory, “my watch was 20 minutes slow.”

The May 1957 UFO is the only one Mr. J.P. has ever seen. “This subject interests me and I only wish one knew what and who they are. There were no little green men or sign of human, or otherwise, life. Please, I am not a crank. The silence of its flying operation for a thing so large has never ceased to amaze me, as it appeared to be the size of a large submarine.”

Mr. J.P. believes many people saw the UFO in the air. At least one other person saw it on the runway. Apparently this other witness, like Mr. J.P., doesn't want any publicity either, and is reluctant to come forward. It was Mr. J.P.'s wife who suggested her husband should tell BUFORA of the sighting. “My wife rather forced the issue,” said the Somerset man.

After receiving the letter, I compiled a special questionnaire and sent it to Mr. J.P. He very kindly filled it in. Most of the questions concerned small points not mentioned in his original report. Mr. J.P. estimates the UFO was 150 yards from his lorry when he first saw it. In answer to another question, he says he was some 90

yards from the UFO when he came up against the forcefield, whereas in the BUFORA report he gives the figure 200 yards. This is the only discrepancy I have come across. But I don't think we should let this worry us too much. Indeed, it is very fortunate Mr. J.P. manages to remember so many of the details.

Mr. J.P. also said in his letter that at the time of the sighting the aerodrome was not used for anything. Now there is a saw-mill, a fuel dump for a farmers' depot, and a go-cart track.

Mr. J.P., who is married and lives in Yeovil, Somerset, says in the original BUFORA report form, completed on November 21, 1966, that the UFO was visible for “ten to fifteen minutes.” When accelerating away, the object moved in front of trees and a low hill, establishing without a doubt that it was definitely a physical thing. The UFO made no sound at any time while under observation.

Mr. J.P. said the metallic fluorescent blue UFO was “almost submarine-shaped, apart from the tail fins.” The edges of the UFO were sharply defined. He adds that when he first saw the object he was looking in a SW direction. When it moved off, it headed NW. The sky was clear at the time of the sighting, 4.50 a.m. one May morning. It was dry with a warm, light breeze.

Winkleigh, where the UFO was seen, is a small Devon village straddling the B3220 road. It is 23 miles from Exeter and approximately nine miles, as the crow flies, to Okehampton, where the “flying crosses” of 1967 were seen.

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We rely on our readers' recommendations, so . . .

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At the same time **WE NEED YOUR REPORTS**: don't hesitate to write up, and submit, the details of any experience of your own, or of a friend or acquaintance; if you learn from a newspaper of an interesting incident in your neighbourhood try to arrange an interview with the witness(es) and send us a fully detailed report. Please remember to write on one side only of the paper and, if possible, to provide diagrams and sketches.

- (Frederick Muller Ltd., London, March 1955).
Leonard G. Cramp, MSIA, MBIS: *Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer* (Werner Laurie, London, 1954).
- 5 Published by Werner Laurie, London, of which firm, as stated, Waveney Girvan was the managing director at the time. Perhaps it is also important to take this opportunity to repeat that the British edition of *Flying Saucers have Landed* was the first anywhere. There had been no prior "American bestselling edition," as so many folk seem to think, for the American publishers had turned down Adamski's ms, and it was not until this had been wedded to Desmond Leslie's ms, and both had been tightened up and edited by Waveney Girvan that they appeared in print.
 - 6 For details of these early "personal glimpses" of the UFO phenomenon, see my article *Foo Fighters*, in FSR for March/April 1962, and Robert Chapman's *Unidentified Flying Objects* (Arthur Barker, London 1969, pp. 152-153).
 - 7 On p.10 of *Flying Saucers & Commonsense* (1955) Waveney Girvan stated that, early in 1953, he had received a letter from a man living at Weymouth, Dorset, to the effect that not only did flying saucers exist but that he had actually communicated with the pilot of one which had landed on the Downs behind that town. The pilot had told him that "they were visiting the earth because they had become alarmed by the state of affairs into which our politicians had allowed us to drift," a piece of perspicacity in which we can only concur, over twenty years later. Waveney Girvan continued: "When I read this letter, I pondered for some time and then, impulsively, tore it up and threw it into the waste-paper basket. I took the writer of the letter for a crank or a madman. About a month later the Adamski manuscript and photographs were on my desk, and I suddenly remembered the Weymouth letter — too late. If this book should chance to be read by that man in Weymouth — I have forgotten his name — will he please accept my apologies for my 'will-not-to-believe' and hasten to get in touch with me again?"
(So far as we know, he never did.—G.C.)
 - 8 Desmond Leslie & George Adamski: *Flying Saucers have Landed*, (pub. Neville Spearman, London, 1970). This new edition contains additional commentaries by Desmond Leslie. As I have indicated, I believe Adamski may yet be vindicated and come into his own, and that everyone interested in our subject might therefore do well to read this book carefully, particularly Leslie's *commentaries*. His present view of the Adamski story is very close to views that have been expressed in FSR, — especially as regards the possible nature and origin of Adamski's mysterious "Venusians."
 - 9 Leonard Cramp's orthographic test drawings have been widely reproduced. They can be seen in both his books, *Space, Gravity & The Flying Saucer* (Werner Laurie, 1954), and *Piece for a Jigsaw* (pub. Somerton, Isle of Wight, 1966), and also in Desmond Leslie's new edition of *Flying Saucers have Landed*. They were also dealt with in an article in FSR for September/October 1963, and again in FSR for July/August 1965 soon after the death of Adamski. (Incidentally, now that the fuel and energy crisis is upon us, I trust that many people with scientific training are looking carefully at the ideas of Leonard Cramp, as well as those of "Rho Sigma," the German author of *Research in Shackles*, which was dealt with recently in FSR, and the ideas of the Frenchman Leplantier and of our own colleague Professor R.H.B. Winder, all of whom have pondered long and deeply upon the problems of UFO propulsion.)
 - 10 I cannot get at my file copy of the translation, which lies buried under a vast pile of papers in a spare room. So far as I now recall, the original Italian press-clipping, with the reproduction of Madeira's alleged photograph, went with the top copy of my translation to Waveney Girvan, and we do not know what became of it. (After the death of Waveney Girvan in October 1964, extraordinarily little was salvaged from the FSR records in his home.)
 - 11 In *The Humanoids*, FSR Special Issue No. 1, October 1966; republished in an augmented edition by Neville Spearman Ltd., London W.C.1 in 1969. See pages 86-87.

PRELIMINARY CATALOGUE OF TYPE I CASES IN ARGENTINA — PART 5 (Concluded)

Prof. Oscar A. Uriondo

Translated from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton

This section concludes the sub-class A3 which appeared in *FSR Case Histories Supplement 17*. The remaining sub-classifications will be published in *Flying Saucer Review* as and when space permits.

14. (119). 1968, June 29; San Luiz del Palmer While driving along National Highway No. 5, Eduardo Sánchez Aguilar, Pablo Pastor Ortega and Damián Vega saw a circular flattened object which emitted a vivid orange light. As it passed at a close distance from their car, it shook the car violently and the gears went into reverse, the car moving backwards.

La Croñica, Buenos Aires, July 4, 1968, and Creighton: *A New South American Wave* (case 15), in FSR, September/October 1968.

15. (124). 1968. July 2; Sierra Chica (Buenos Aires). 23.15 hrs.

A party of five people (including a sergeant from the local police force) observed a light zigzagging slowly across a field straight towards them, at a height of only a few metres. Terrified, they threw themselves to the ground. The UFO accelerated, shot up vertically, and vanished in the distance.

La Razón, Buenos Aires, July 4, 1968, and Creighton: *The Remarkable Affair of Oscar Iriart*, case 19 in: *A New South American Wave*, FSR, September/October 1968.

16. (127). 1968, July 7; Cuesta de las Vacas (San Juan). Night.

Driving in his car, with six members of his family, business-

man Francisco Zamora suddenly encountered what he took to be a lighted railway coach, 30 metres long, which passed across the road in front of their car. But there was no railway line at that place, and the "train" gave the impression of travelling suspended in the air, at a height of about one metre from the ground. Their view of the thing was perfect as it was caught in the beams of their headlights. The object vanished into the darkness and they continued their journey.

Bulletin of AIDOVNI, Buenos Aires, No.15, September/October, 1968, pp. 46-47. Also see Dr. Oscar A. Galindez: *A New Teleportation Near Córdoba*, in FSR, May/June 1973.

17. (132). 1968, July 16; Andacollo (Neuquén). 00.15 hrs.

An officer and four sub-officers of the National Gendarmerie observed a flattish object, some 2 metres in diameter, slowly flying close to the ground and emitting a pale-blue light.

During the period of five minutes for which they had

the UFO in sight, the engine of their jeep had a loss of power.

La Razon, Buenos Aires, July 18, 1968.

18. (133). 1968, July 18, Lavalle (Mendoza). 07.30 hrs. Four women teachers, Amelia Arasqueta, Zulema Arasqueta, Mary Granada de Bariglia, and Silvia Grozona were driving to Lavalle when they saw a strange, reddish-orange, oval object, moving along at a height of a very few metres from the ground. It was some 20 metres in diameter, was travelling very slowly, and produced no sound. Before it vanished they became aware of a smell like that of damp paper, which became stronger and stronger until they felt it difficult to breathe. One of the witnesses felt sleepy.

Espacio, Rosario, No. 3, 1970, p.4.

19. (147). 1968, September 12; Ceres (Santa Fe). Night. A strange flying object, oval-shaped and 0.25 m. in diameter, which emitted an intense reddish light, came down and almost touched the roofs of houses. It finally made off towards the west.

La Razón: Buenos Aires, September 13, 1968.

Readers' Reports

UFOs spotted over Thanet

Dear Sir,—Here is an account I took from my local newspaper, (the Thanet edition of the *East Kent Times*) dated July 29, 1973. It describes my sighting of July 26, 1973. The statement I gave to the press is true in every way, but although I am looked on as a freak at work, I don't mind.

"As the row over night-flying continues, UFOs were sighted over Thanet early yesterday morning, Mr. Michael Barker, 25, a night-shift electrical worker at a Westwood factory, spotted four bright elliptical objects in the sky shortly before 3.00 a.m.

"During a tea-break I was looking at the stars with two friends when we spotted the objects,' he told an *East Kent Times and Mail* reporter yesterday. 'I am interested in astronomy and was waiting to see the American Skylab satellite, which is visible to the naked eye. Suddenly we spotted the four shapes. They were all the same size, an orange colour, and were surrounded by a bright glow. There was no trail left and we heard no noise.'

"He went on: 'They travelled north towards Cliftonville and were visible for 30 to 40 seconds.' Mr. Barker telephoned the secretary of the Thanet Amateur Astronomers, Peter Jordon, and was advised to report his sighting to the RAF.

"Yesterday an RAF spokesman at Manston said: 'We are unable to explain the objects, but as far as we know there were no aircraft over Thanet at that time of night.' He said Mr. Barker's



The four UFOs seen over Thanet as depicted by Mr. Barker

report had been notified to the Ministry of Defence. Added Mr. Barker: 'I shall definitely be out to look for these objects again tonight.'

That ends the extract from the newspaper report.

A fortnight later the Ministry of Defence sent me a letter explaining what the objects may have been, such as sun shadow, cloud formations, reflections, something to do with space junk...but I know they were not any of these, and I have two witnesses who will support my statement. [The names of the witnesses are: Mr. D.J. Latter, and Mr. J. Oakes. Their addresses were also supplied.—ED.]

The four objects were flying in a straight line except for the second from the back which was a little to the left of the other three, as though it were pulling out to overtake the others, but we did not see them long enough to see this. They were visible for at least forty seconds, with no noise. There was an orange light all around them but not in the middle, so we were thus able to determine their shape. They headed out for the Channel and were gone.

R. M. W. Barker
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Margate, Kent.

An eye-witness's account

Dear Sir,—As an investigator for BUFORA and WATSUP, I am submitting a rather interesting report of a case I have been investigating recently. The individuals who underwent the experience are Mr. P. C. Watson and Mr. D. M. Almond, both of Portsmouth. They are actively interested in UFOs and regard the event in a scientific manner. The following is Mr. Almond's account:

"One Friday in September, 1971, whilst teaching my friend to drive a motor-cycle on Portsdown Hill, Portsmouth, Hampshire, between Nelson's Column and Fort Southwick, we had a very strange experience. After Peter had been driving around for about an hour, and darkness was drawing in, he came back to me to say he had found a good track to practice along. It was very narrow with bushes one side and trees and bushes on the other. It was decided that I would ride pillion in order to assess Peter's driving skills.

"We then entered the path and began following it towards the top of the hill, and on coming to one particular bend in the path, Peter, for no apparent reason, drove straight into

the thicket. I looked ahead to see why he had come off the path, and there about 15 feet away and 9-10 feet from ground level — I saw a pair of eyes. They were elliptical in shape, at least twice the normal size and about 6-8 inches apart.

"The battery operated lights on the motor cycle went out or were knocked out by the impact. Despite the fact that we were in total darkness, the eyes were still visible to both of us for a few seconds, and to me, they appeared to turn away to our left without making the slightest sound. It was at that moment we became very frightened of what we had seen. I quickly dragged the motor cycle out of the bushes, restarted it, and we made a hasty retreat from the area. After a considerable distance, I looked back towards the bushes and the area around it, but saw nothing. During the whole episode, there was no conversation between us.

"As soon as we arrived home, I asked Peter if he had seen anything. He replied that he had seen two eyes ahead of him, causing him to freeze and lose control of the machine. He told me he had seen the eyes about 5 seconds before me but did not see them go."

As the investigator of this case, I would state emphatically that in my estimation the two eye-witnesses (excuse the pun) are giving a true account of their experience. I formed this opinion as the result of a three-hour interview. Photographs of the area where the occurrence took place have been carefully studied and no logical explanation of the event can be found.

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UFO Activity in Thailand

Dear Sir,—I have sent a clipping from the major daily newspaper of Bangkok, Thailand. The translation reads as follows:

"**GHOST FLYING SAUCER**—The object was confirmed by the two girls named Cristena Liewragwong and Lisaned who said that they saw the flying saucer (as shown in the picture) flying over the dormitory area in Soi (Lane) Aree, Sukhumvit Road, Klomg Toey District of Bangkok."

The date of this report was September 2, 1973.

I am unable to gather more details as I am currently assigned to an isolated signal relay site in N.E. Thailand near the amphur (district) town of Mukdaharn. But I have hearsay accounts from U.S. Air Force personnel in this region that several of the F-111's lost during combat in S.E. Asia have disappeared just as inex-



Two girls describe their sighting in a suburb of Bangkok.

plicably as the two which disappeared in the state of Nevada, USA, in 1972. Also, an F-4 Phantom jet fighter bomber vanished from radar screens simultaneously as visual contact was lost by the wingman. No debris was recovered and enemy fire was not suspected as the incident occurred over Thailand just a few miles from Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base. **Sgt. Terry W. Colvin,** Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand.

Another Welsh report from the past

Dear Sir,—A reporter with the *Mid-Wales County Times, Express & Gazette*, I came across this interesting item, when searching through the newspaper's files of 75 years ago, in the *County Times*, of October 29, 1898. The item was headed **COMET OR METEOR?**

"A Welshpool correspondent writes:—

"Did anyone see the comet on Sunday night between 11 and 12 when it rose from behind the Long Mountain with great rapidity? A short luminous tail was perceptible. The nucleus appeared like a small moon, partially eclipsed. At the upper part of this were several tiny brilliant discs, red, blue, green and yellow, flashing like fireworks. Clouds hit it every now and then, but several times it could be perceived through them. I watched it for about an hour during which time it attained a great height and seemed to move in an oblique line. Thick dark clouds then concealed it, and watching seemed in vain.

"I shall be glad to learn if it has been observed in other places, and at what time.'"
Yours truly,
Barry Jones

1967 Sighting in Nebraska

Dear Sir,—My brother and I saw a flying saucer here in Beatrice, Nebraska in 1967. It was perfectly round, about 30 ft. in diameter, reddish in colour, and looked at first like the full Moon seen rising. It had no shine or twinkle such as a star has. It was just skimming along above the tree-tops, less than a quarter of a mile from us, and moving at about 30-50 m.p.h. (I was able to judge its distance from us, and its speed as it was just at the end of our lane. I have watched cars and trucks pass along there over the past 16 years).

It was not wobbling, as I have heard mentioned in some UFO reports, but going straight as an arrow, and it was emitting a very loud, rapidly pulsating noise.

Our dog was with us and he also saw it and went absolutely wild when it came into view.

As you probably know, many personal sightings go absolutely unreported, so I thought I would satisfy myself by sending this account to somebody intelligent enough to believe it.

Sincerely yours,
Tom Shuffs,
Beatrice,
Nebraska, U.S.A.

Brazil

UFO causes panic and traffic jam

From *A Luta Democrática* of April 6, 1972 comes the following report — "The sudden appearance of a flying saucer over the Estrada do Tinguá highway, at a spot near Paulo de Frontin, in the Brazilian State of Bahia, has caused a panic and stopped traffic for many hours. The UFO then flew about over the region, emitting lights of various colours and weird and unearthly sounds. The eyewitnesses totalled more than one hundred.

"Corinto Fontes, a taxicab driver, was travelling in his cab with his wife and with Sr. Joaquim Loureiro dos Santos and his wife, and following them was a bus containing 43 students of the Faculty of Law at Valença. When the cab-driver saw the saucer coming lower and lower towards them, he stopped and with his passengers fled in panic from the cab.

"The students in the bus meanwhile began shouting in terror. Other witnesses told the paper that the saucer was silvery and so dazzling bright that to look at it made one temporarily blind. The fantastic and terrifying noises emitted by it were said to be utterly indescribable.

"The UFO continued to fly around above the milling traffic-jam for a quarter of an hour, and then made off at high speed.

"The chief worry of most of the Law students afterwards was that they might be taken for madmen..."

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