

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 Choel 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 pephholes. 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

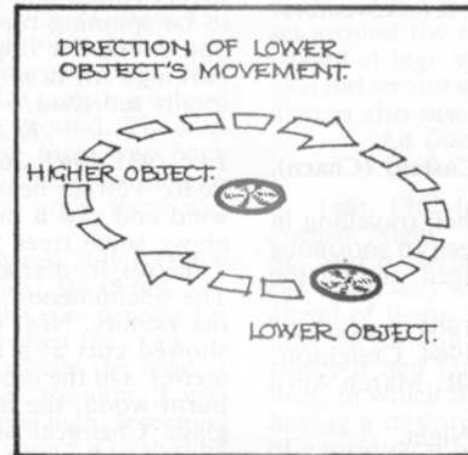
Dear Sir,—On January 2, 1973, at 2.25 p.m., I was sitting in the back seat of our car, travelling towards a new estate a short distance away. Two adult relations of mine occupied the front seats; Mrs. Hill was driving and was talking to her mother, Mrs. Brown.

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



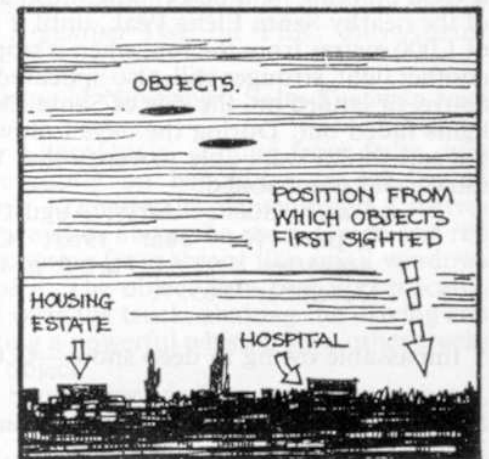
Motion of the objects

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



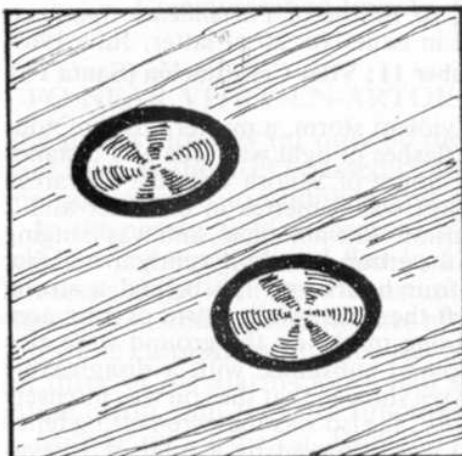
The objects as seen from a distance by witness (sketches based on originals by J. Hill)

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