



front porch. She saw a rectangular object at an intersection of two roads, and suddenly became aware of three occupants ("men"), two inside, seen through a "window" of the craft, and one outside who was bending down as though picking up stones. One of the

occupants of the craft seemed to be beckoning to his companion, and also trying to attract the attention of the "man" outside; at the same time he seemed to be trying to conceal something (perhaps an "instrument panel") with his person.

## The Los Angeles Basin Sightings

### 2: From April 5 to April 8, 1973

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ON April 5, more sightings occurred, having some correlative factors with those of the nights previous. However, these new sightings involved seemingly closer objects. This series began shortly after 7.00 p.m. when B. and D.R., an 11-year-old girl and her 15-year-old brother reported from their home in North Hollywood that they were viewing unusual red and white lights in the sky. Since the lights were still in view at time of the call, I called SKYNET #27, Arthur Shackman, who lives three blocks from the R. home.

#### "Rumbling" lights

While waiting for Mr. Shackman and the R. children to call back, a call was received from Mr. and Mrs. B. of South San Gabriel, about 17 miles to the southeast of North Hollywood. At 6.50 p.m. they had heard a low roaring or rumbling sound which continued for about a minute until they decided to go outside to look

around. In the northwest they viewed two reddish-orange lights, seemingly very high and in view for about 10 seconds before they both went off simultaneously. In the place of one there seemed to be a "very dim blinking light" which continued on a northwesterly course. As the objects disappeared the rumbling sound died away.\* They were the size of very bright stars and were seen about 70° high, moving about 2° before disappearing. They were "somewhat the colour of a pumpkin but with some red mixed, like flame or the colour of the setting sun." They impressed the witnesses as "odd," though they at first tried, without success, to convince themselves that they were aircraft. Although the trajectory was short, the witnesses could determine "definite, but slow, motion." The winds also that day were northeasterly, so the objects were moving against the wind.

Mr. B. was in the Air Force for 3½ years as a gunner, and had taken flying lessons. He "has studied planes ever since" and was convinced the lights were not on planes. The colour was odd for plane lights and the intensity of the lights "was sort of mellowed over, but far more than just a dull glow."

\* I wonder whether or not the possibility was considered that these reddish-orange lights were the after-burners (re-heat) of military aircraft? That would account for the noise—EDITOR.

### "Triangle" of shapeless lights

Mr. Shackman was then interviewed by phone. He had gone outside at the time of the SKYNET call and had, about 7.35 p.m. spotted three lights arranged in a triangle travelling northwest. The two trailing lights were blinking at a definite rhythm, but the pulsating was far too fast to be on an aeroplane. The lights seemed on the order of 1,000s of feet high. The front light was "dull" with no clearly defined edge. All three lights were generally circular, but with no real shape. There was no body behind the lights, even though the object flew in the vicinity of a bright 3-day-old new moon, and under these circumstances Mr. Shackman expected that a body attached to the lights should have been seen. The lights were in view about 10 seconds. They were seen in the NW at 40°-45° and travelled about 20°-25° toward the NW before disappearing behind trees. There was absolutely no sound, even though the area was quiet. They were of "purest white with absolutely no colour," and although Mr. Shackman thought at first they might be a helicopter, there were no red lights to be seen, such as is normal on this type aircraft.

Mr. Shackman has worked for years in flight testing and knows aircraft well. He lives near Van Nuys Airport and is thoroughly familiar with aircraft as seen near his home in all their aspects.

I then spoke to the two R. children. They had seen a series of unusual lights, starting with a large, round greyish sphere which B. had seen pass over his house and which was visible through the window. It was brighter than the background of the dark sky and moved toward the north. As it flew into the distance B. could see four red square lights which outlined the circular shape. The lights were irregularly placed around the grey circle's circumference. He could hear no sound, though planes can usually be heard inside the house. It seemed to be 300-400 feet in height and its apparent size was a little larger than a full moon. Its speed was slow compared to a plane. He called his sister, D., and both ran outside and saw the object disappear behind a tree in the north.

### Three "spheres"

They continued to watch, after calling SKYNET No. 3, and saw a series of three spheres travelling from the northwest or west toward the north. They appeared in a different direction from the first one with the red lights. They were glowing, but with a softer glow than an electric light, having a tinge of yellow, with clean-cut edges. They disappeared in the north behind trees and were at least two times the apparent size of the full moon. Then after the last sphere had disappeared, the children viewed "strange flashing lights" at a point in the sky slightly above where the spheres and red-lighted object had disappeared. The flashes were about 80° high in the sky and were "like the light from fire-crackers popping in the air." No sound was heard. There were 10-12 flashes and they came in pairs with pauses between, 5-6 seconds between flashes.

The R. children state they have seen unknown lights from their home for about two weeks, and had alerted a friend, Don. M., who had borrowed a movie camera. They called him this night while watching the spheres,

and Don was able to photograph one of the spheres. Don is 14, but is reputed to be handy with a movie camera. B. will keep us informed as to whether any image comes out on the film, so that photographic consultants known to SKYNET can study it.

Mrs. R., the children's mother, confirmed their sighting in part. She was driving with a friend, a Colonel in the armed forces, whose name and phone number she provided. They saw a white round light to the east, in the general direction where the children had been looking from their home. The object was stationary and although she checked to see if it was a reflection on the car's windshield, she could not confirm it as such. They did not consider the light significant until she arrived home and learned of her children's sighting. The children were both excited about their experience and with the strange appearance of the objects and Mrs. R. was "afraid" of what was going on.

### Flashing white light

Three days later, on April 8 the R. children called back. They were viewing a flashing white light stationary over in the SW. B. had viewed the light through small, inexpensive Remming self-adjusting binoculars and while he was doing so a second white flashing light





appearing next to the first one. Both were in view 10 minutes in all and then moved off to the south out of sight. When first seen they were almost directly overhead in the SW. Both were like "small stars."

#### Pencil-like object

I called Shackman, SKYNET #27, to alert him. Later a report was received from B. that he had seen an elongated object, not as wide as the full moon but longer, like a pencil. It had two flashing white lights, but no coloured lights which would identify it as a plane. He watched it for one minute through the binoculars, but the image, magnified about twice, was "hazy." It travelled toward the west and made a 60° turn. There was no sound, and he could make out no wings or tail. It went down out of sight into the city glow in the western horizon. The shape of the elongated object, as seen by the lights on it was definite enough to determine that one side was round and the other side triangular. The lights were dimmer than the flashing lights seen earlier. Objects were seen just before 7.30 p.m. to about 7.35 p.m.

At 8.35 p.m. that same evening D. saw a red light, about quarter size of the full moon. It looked like a "big ball" of steady light and was seen in the north-west travelling north. Dull white lights were seen on either side, irregularly spaced around the rim, and small and dim compared with the red light. She also saw a white light flashing on and off "like an eye," opening and closing, hovering overhead, clearcut like a "40-watt bulb." It was blurred through the binoculars. The light was "dull." The sky was clear and there were no clouds, and the wind was from the northeast.

Mr. Shackman could see nothing really unusual at the time of these sightings to confirm them, but he is on the other side of the freeway from the R. home. Phone numbers between the two locations, only three blocks apart, were exchanged, and it was agreed that direct calls between the two homes would be made in case of further sightings to save time.

It is entirely possible that the B., Shackman, and R. sightings of April 5 were interrelated, both because of the similarity in times of sightings and because the directions of travel coordinate more or less. When it is considered that the objects were seen to change in appearance by the Bs while travelling toward the Shackman and R. homes, this seems to add credence to the theory that the objects could possibly have been the same thing(s) or at least related to each other.

#### Red sphere and star-like object

The minor "flap" seems to have ended on April 8, when a Mr. Harold L. Pearlstein and another adult, hiking in the hills above Hollywood, viewed a group of unusual objects about 60°-70° high in the northerly sky. Resting under a tree, they viewed four star-like objects scattered over a portion of the sky covering about 30 degrees. Two were fairly bright, about -1 and +1 magnitude. The time was 4.15 or 4.30 p.m. and the sun was toward the southeast. The lights varied in intensity, some at times seeming to disappear, then reappear.

But the most puzzling part of the sighting was a "red sphere, edges clearcut, colour bright like scarlet." It was

seemingly very high, about the same height, it seemed, as the star-like objects. The sun reflected off of it, and it did not seem to be a light source on its own. Its diameter was about 1/6 that of the full moon. This red sphere "manoeuvred" about the same portion of sky occupied by the white lights, but its motion did not seem to have any recognisable pattern in relation to them. When first seen it was moving west to east, approximately 15° in a straight line in about 10 seconds. It then seemed to make "some kind of manoeuvre," because it "reached the end point" of its easterly course and "seemed to fade out of sight." It was then seen coming back on approximately the same path, but in the opposite direction, now headed from east to west. It again travelled approximately 15° in 10 seconds. The wind was from the northeast.

Mr. Pearlstein did not think the objects were planes because of the fast motion. He saw planes high in the sky near the objects, and from their appearance they might have been military jets. They looked white from the bottom, but they passed by the red sphere and star-like object "without seeming to notice." In Mr. Pearlstein's opinion, the planes were not as high as the objects.

The two witnesses thought the objects very unusual, but theorised at the time of sighting that the starlike objects were stars or planets seen in the daytime and that the red sphere was a "red balloon." They continued their hike and did not watch beyond about ten minutes. But upon arriving home, Mr. Pearlstein called the Griffith Observatory and was referred to SKYNET.

Mr. Pearlstein is a chemical engineer, also working in civil engineering projects and is familiar with elevation, azimuth, angular velocity, diameter and magnitude. He was puzzled by his sighting, especially after being convinced that there were no stars in that area of the sky which could be seen in the daytime and learning that the direction of the wind probably precluded explaining the red object as being a balloon. He has no special interest in UFOs.

#### Summary

In summary, a series of sightings, both daytime and night-time, occurred over the Los Angeles Basin (Southern California), most of which occurred over the northern half of the area. These sightings involved sixteen separate episodes, and at least three dozen witnesses and occurred from April 1 to April 8, 1973.

Types of objects described were starlike objects, both twinkling and steady, ranging in magnitude from -4 to +2, seen both in daytime and night-time. Associated with these objects at times were spheres of varying colours—red, white, yellowish-white, and grey (unlighted). The edges of these spheres were almost invariably clearcut, and they ranged in apparent size from 1/6 diameter to two times diameter of the full moon. Also involved were flashing lights, ranging in colour from orange-red, red, to white. At one location these coloured lights were seen to change their appearance from reddish to a dull, blinking, barely perceptible light. By reasons of factors of time, direction, and location there is a strong possibility that they are interrelated. No conventional explanation at present is available to explain them.

# 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.