

Preliminary Catalogue of Type 1 cases in Argentina—Part 2

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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.

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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.

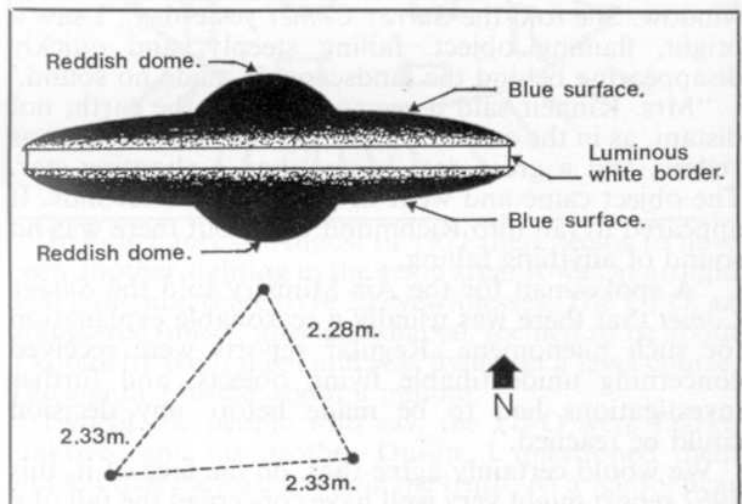
Los Principios, Córdoba, June 19, 1968; *Clarín* and *La Razón*, Buenos Aires, both of June 18, 1968.

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.

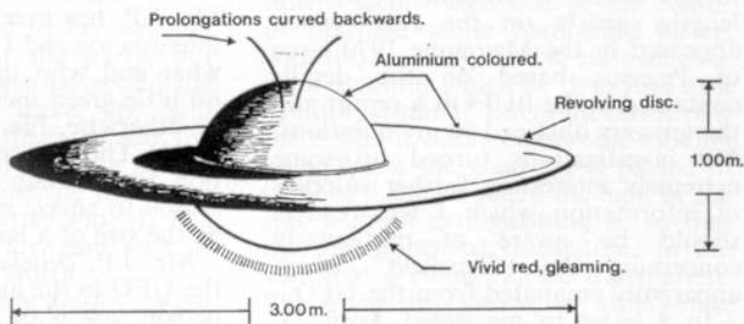
Two young people, Félix Maidana and Irma Tolosa, saw a flying object land behind the abutments of the Villa Ernestina spa. The object had a metallic gleam, and was described as "lentil-shaped," with a protuberance on the upper part. It was said to have been 2 metres high and 3 metres in diameter. It 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 co-ordinator. 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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