

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.

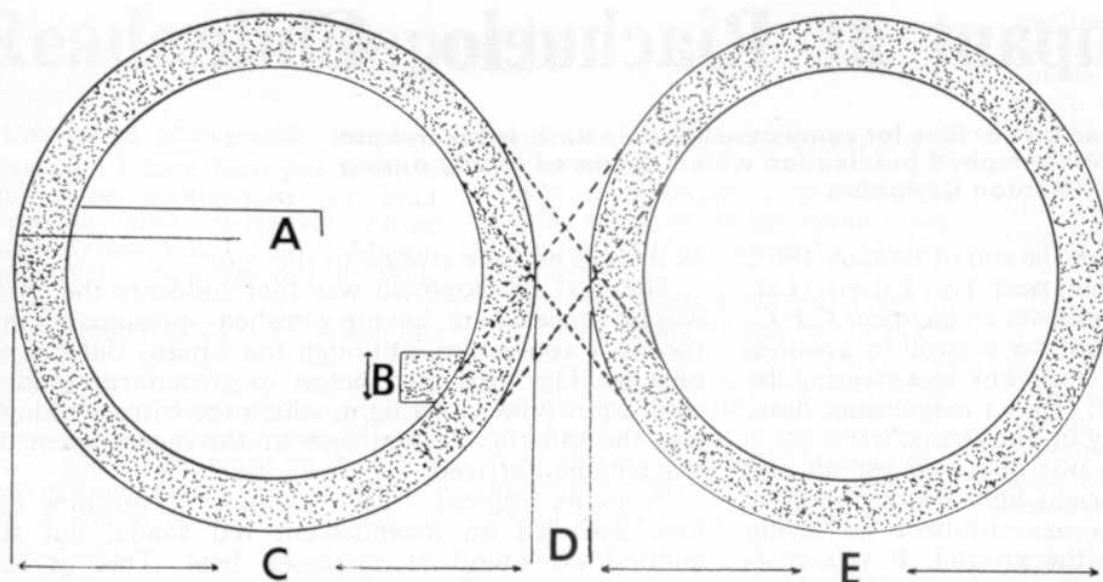


Figure 1: Sketch, to illustrate case 19, by Dr. O. A. Galíndez
Key to measurements:
 A : 0.30m
 B : 0.40m
 C : 3.30m
 D : 0.40m
 E : 3.30m

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

In a field owned by them the brothers Rosauro 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.

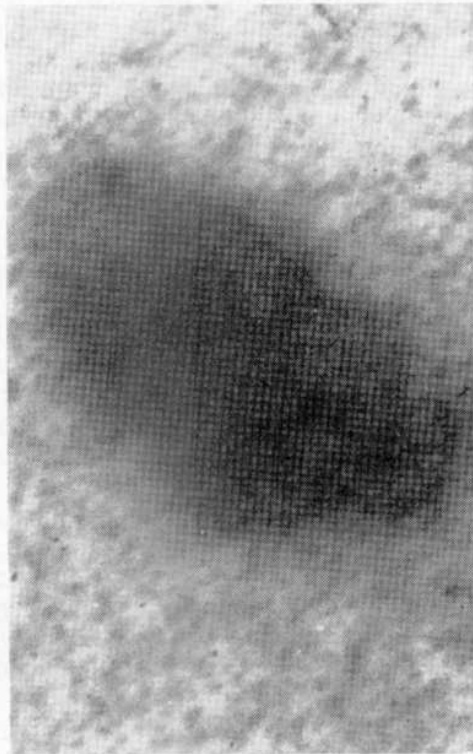
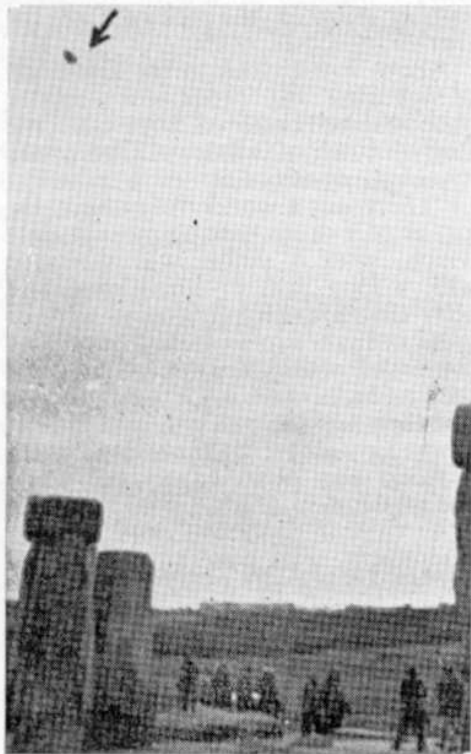
I regret I am unable to comment on the exposure, or the light readings, as I was relying on the coupled meter in the Canon, and didn't notice the aperture, or the speed.

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