D-2025-00040 B-00002704104 "UNCLASSIFIED" 1/13/2026

UNCLASSIFIED

MRN:	80 BUENOS AIRES 5003
Date/DTG:	Jun 19, 1980 / 190000Z Jun 80
From:	AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
Action:	ICA *ROUTINE*; NASA *ROUTINE*
E.O.:	Unknown
TAGS:	TSPA, SOPN, AR, US, NASA
Reference:	n/a
Subject:	PRESS COMMENTS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, SPACE PROGRAMS, UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS DETECTION

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BUENOS 05003 191724Z
ACTION ARA-15

INFO OCT-01 ADS-00 OES-09 INR-10 /035 W
----------084938 191727Z /45
O R 191544Z JUN 80
FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
TO USICA WASHDC IMMEDIATE
NASA WASHDC IMMEDIATE
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 5766

UNCLAS BUENOS AIRES 5003

USICA FOR AR, PGM/G, PGM/PPL, VOA/PL

SECSTATE FOR ARA/SC, ARA/PAF

E.O. 12065: N/A

ARGENTINA MEDIA CARRYING STORIES SIMILAR TO ONE QUOTED BELOW, WHICH SAYS NASA ENGINEER OF ARGENTINE ORIGIN SENT TO HIS MOTHER A TAPE SAYING THAT A NASA EXPERIMENT WOULD CREATE FLYING SAUCER SHAPES IN THE ARGENTINE SKY. RECENTLY, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY REPORTS OF UFO SIGHTINGS HERE.

REQUEST THAT NASA RESPOND TO THIS STORY TO WASHINGTON MEDIA, SO THAT THE RESPONSE CAN BE TRANSMITTED BY NEWS AGENCIES TO SOUTHERN CONE AREA, WHERE THE STORY CITED BELOW WILL GENERATE MUCH INTEREST.

THE FOLLOWING STORY APPEARED IN THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD OF JUNE 19, FROM NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS, ON ARGENTINE VERSION OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS:

Released in Full
John Powers, Acting-Director
US Department of State
12/10/2025

"CORDOBA: THE UFOS THAT WERE SEEN OVER THE COUNTRY LAST SATURDAY MAY HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF AN EXPERIMENT BEING CARRIED AT BY THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA) OF THE US, CALLED "FIREWHEEL."
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BUENOS 05003 191724Z

"LOCAL TELEVISION CHANNEL 12 REVEALED YESTERDAY, THAT IN A TAPE SENT TO HIS MOTHER, MARIO HECTOR ACUNA, AN ARGENTINE ENGINEER WORKING FOR NASA, GAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: "ON MAY 23 WE WILL LAUNCH A SATELLITE, LOOK UP AT THE SKY FROM THE JUNE 8 TO 15, ABOUT MIDNIGHT. YOU WILL PROBABLY ONLY SEE A FLYING SAUCER," SAYS ACUNA IN THE TAPE, "BUT IT WILL HAVE BEEN CREATED BY US. THE PROJECT IS CALLED 'FIREWHEEL', AND IT CONSISTS OF INJECTING AN ARTIFICIAL CLOUD WHICH WILL CREATE SOMETHING LIKE A COMET, AND THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE."
CORR

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Dissemination Rule: Archive Copy

UNCLASSIFIED

RELEASED IN FULL