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Pilot and Ground Crew Sighting Reports  
of Spheres from Mexico

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## Introduction

Mexico experiences the presence of UAP like many other countries. Some of these strange objects are spherical and, as the following cases will show, some of them interfered with aviation operations. Three incidents took place near Mexico City over three consecutive days. The following incidents are presented chronologically.

## Case 1. 1991 near midnight

Captain Luis Diez had an experience in 1991 while piloting an International Airlines B-727-200 flying above the Sea of Cortes.<sup>1</sup> Then a silver spot that was highly visible caught his attention; in the mean time they were getting closer to it and the captain realized it had the appearance of a large metallic sphere. It was huge, almost as big as the “Estadio Azteca”,<sup>2</sup> it was immobile, suspended in the middle of the sky; he added that while they were passing it all the crew and the passengers sitting on the left side of the plane saw it. We continued the flight and agreed not to talk about it, this was the first of two similar cases that happened to this pilot, the second was in the Morelia<sup>3</sup> airport when twenty spherical objects wouldn't let him take off.

## Case 2. June 6, 2009

A Mexicana Click commercial flight crew reported a spherical UAP on Saturday June 6, 2009 at 4:10 pm. The Fokker 100 crew reported sighting a spherical “flying traffic”. According to the witnesses' description it was a very bright sphere, like

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<sup>1</sup> Also known as the Gulf of California or the Mar de Cortes. It is the body of water between the Baja California Peninsula and the Mexican mainland.

<sup>2</sup> A huge soccer stadium in Mexico City that seats over 105,000 people with a field size of 105 x 68 meters.

<sup>3</sup> This airport is located at 19 deg 46 min 6 sec N; 101 deg 11 min 22 sec W at an altitude of 6,300 feet above sea level. Morelia is in the north central part of the state of Michoacan.

polished platinum that reflected the sunlight.

The Fokker 100 was flying on the Juliet 21 airway at an altitude of approximately 10,000 meters. The unidentified object (estimated 10 meter diameter) crossed the flight path of the airplane and was observed towards their 8:00 o'clock position (down the left side).

The sphere had a north to south trajectory. It was registered above the south zone of the Cerro de la Estrella (hill of the star) which is located about 7 mi. SSE of the center of Mexico City. The weather was clear, sunny and without clouds. According to the air crew the UAP was at an altitude of 8,000 meters (two thousand meters less than the plane).<sup>4</sup>

Case 3. June 9, 2009 Aeropuerto Internacional de la Ciudad de Mexico (MEX)

From a hangar located next to Terminal 2 at the international airport at Mexico City was seen a flying object that crossed the sky from south to north at an estimated 300 mts. altitude. The object had a bright red light and moved at an estimated 150 km. /hr. It faded from sight toward the ENE of the airport in the direction of the Texcoco zone ENE of Mexico City at 3:40 am.

Case 4. June 10, 2009 Aeropuerto Internacional de la Ciudad de Mexico (MEX)

Platform air staff in Terminal 2 at the airport reported at 1:00 am, an intense yellow light, parked at a great height above them. After a few minutes the light was lost behind a cloud bank. The same staff reported seeing a flying object. They reported that it looked like a 5 meter-long gray stick, while finishing an overnight in a B-737 Magnicharters airplane. The object passed at a great speed and passed 20 meters above the hangars; it was flying from north to south and was watched for several seconds.

Case 5. June 11, 2009

It was learned that a Boeing 727-200 from the Mexican Air Force encountered a spherical object that flew next to the military plane. When they both reached the approximate location of the Satellite Towers the UAP co-located itself beneath the plane<sup>5</sup>. This report was submitted by Fausto Abaroa.

Case 6. December 24, 2009 Aeropuerto Internacional de la Ciudad de Mexico (MEX)

At 3:54 pm. the air crew of an Aeromexico Boeing 737-800 that had just taken off informed air traffic control that they had just crossed (the path) of some spherical "traffic" in the area of the Cerro de la Estrella.

Author Alfonso Salazar overheard this communication. When they asked if there was other air traffic on the (radar) screen, above air track 21 they were told "no". The plane was at about 10,000 meters altitude with excellent visibility conditions.

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<sup>4</sup> Lately there has been an increase in the number of unidentified objects crossing the flight path of commercial planes arriving and landing in Mexico City.

<sup>5</sup> This UAP "behavior" is somewhat similar to that reported by Mexican pilot Carlos Antonio de Los Santos in 1975 (Ed.).

This report must be added to another recent event observed above Mexico City on Thursday, December 17, 2009. The airport platform crew at the international airport saw two spherical objects that crossed above the (Benito Juarez) airport, at 5:30 in the morning, passing from south to north at an altitude of approximately one kilometer.

#### Case 7. January 18, 2010

On Monday January 18, 2010 at 11:55 am, an A-320 Airbus from Mexicana de Aviación passed close to a UAP when flying above Xochimilco (located about 17 miles south of the center of Mexico City). The near miss occurred soon after take off from the international airport. The pilot managed a straight and balanced flight. The Mexican passenger plane passed about 200 meters from a spherical object of metallic appearance that changed color (from aluminum gray to bright red). The airplane was headed towards the west of Mexico City; meanwhile the UAP moved toward the south.

According to additional official data, and with excellent weather conditions, the UAP was detected visually, which was flying at an altitude of 10,000 meters.

The aircrew from the Mexican International Airport had access to the information. It has to be mentioned that in this specific zone (near Xochimilco) they have seen this same type of metallic spherical object before while flying above the canal.

#### Case 8. January 30, 2010

This incident took place above the center of the Gulf of Mexico during a flight of a Boeing 737-300, Magnicharter (flight 774) with registration XA-MAI. It was flying from Mexico City to Cancun, on January 30<sup>th</sup> at an altitude of 37,000 feet. Ground radar reported that they were being followed by a UAP. Their on-board terminal collision alert system (TCAS) radar (sic) detected traffic close to the plane for about 5 minutes, which began to spin. The weather was foggy, but by the end of the flight the weather had cleared.

According to the report, their onboard TCAS indicator warned the crew correctly (captain, first officer and onboard mechanic) about the detection and near proximity of the unknown traffic that followed the 737 and flew nearby for 5 minutes. After that the UAP disappeared, losing the signal on the radar screen.

The technician on board who communicated this incident wants to remain anonymous. He assured us that the object that followed them was a UAP. He tried to look for it from the cockpit windows but he couldn't see it. He added that in the Mexican Gulf region there have been other encounters between UAP and commercial passenger and cargo flights.