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Dear Rafael,

The following is my personal account of what happened and what I saw in your apartment:

Four friends, my wife and I arrived at your apartment around 7:00 PM on the 24th June 1989 in Pasadena, for a Pot Luck supper to celebrate the Eight Anniversary of Medjugorje. I selected two chairs at a table in the left side of the balcony. Few minutes after we arrived the apartment became very crowded, approximately thirty people in the balcony and fifty in the apartment.

We prayed a full rosary, fifteen decades. It was very appropriate. The Mass started late and it was conducted by Fr. Stacey. It lasted over two hours. Mass was almost over and the people in the right side of the balcony were restless. I assume they started to look across the building. I do not know who was the first person to notice "Our Lady". A young woman whispered to me "Our Blessed Mother is across between the trees". I could not see anything until I moved to the right side of the balcony. It was a beautiful white standing figure like a statue, brilliant and changing brightness. The shape of the figure was similar to "Our Lady Of Lourdes". It was not life size, smaller and it was suspended between an opening in the branches of the trees across the building. I could not believe it. By this time everyone in the balcony had moved to the right side. My wife had already seen "Our Lady". Sensing a problem of too many people on the balcony, people from the apartment were entering the balcony, I edged myself to the balcony door and still looking at the beautiful white figure, I saw it move, I immediately said in a loud voice "she is moving". No doubt anymore, Our Blessed Mother was telling everyone not with words but by moving ... "I am here, I am not an illusion". There was no panic or hysteria. Everyone moved calmly to see "Our Lady". One woman sobbed very deeply.

It was after 10:30 PM and we all decided to leave. We left our food behind. We did not stay for the Pot Luck. What we saw and felt was a great blessing.

I declare that the above account is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: Ernesto V. Laguette
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Dated: 17 July 1989