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V418 CAS (=Q1989/90)

It was reported on E366 that Mike Collins had rediscovered this variable on patrol photographs of 1989 Nov 23.9UT at about magnitude 10.5. The variable, located at RA 01h09m36s DEC +61 55' (1950), is catalogued as a mira with a range of 14.6-120p. It has subsequently emerged that Dan Kaiser, Columbus, USA, found images belatedly whilst comparing negatives of 1990 Sept with some masters of 1989 November 24, the star being recorded on the latter.

Further correspondence has been received from William Liller in Vina del Mar, Chile in which he suggests the possibility that this object might be a recurrent nova. Hoffmeister suggested in 1966 that it might be a 'nova-like' variable. Mike Collins has computed a possible maximum this month and observers are urged to cover this comprehensively, both visually and via photography. A chart is available on e-mail request.

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A new edition of this catalogue has recently been sent by e-mail. The following further changes are needed:

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| Hodgson Doug | Add: TG 10087:YQQ593 |
| James Nick | Add: TG 10074:MIK3207 |
| Lubbock Stephen | Add: TG 10087:SQQ1311 |
| Dunlop Storm | Add: TG 10087:SQQ1308 |
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