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The times of the Jan. 30 and 31 observations published on *IAUC* 8915 were given in error by the Chinese observers; the correct times, along with more careful measurements of position, are provided below.

2008	UT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Mag.
Jan.	30.58240	22 ^h 51 ^m 06 ^s .89	+62°15'22".0	15.4
	31.59073	22 57 05.01	+62 14 39.3	15.7
Feb.	1.66713	23 03 33.84	+62 13 07.1	16.0
	2.64737	23 09 33.45	+62 11 19.2	16.6

The following revised parabolic orbital elements are taken from *MPEC* 2008-C21.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 T = 2008 \text{ Apr. } 16.835 \text{ TT} & \omega = 180.956 & \\
 q = 1.26166 \text{ AU} & \Omega = 307.802 & \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \omega \\ \Omega \\ i \end{array}} \right\} 2000.0 \\
 & i = 61.775 &
 \end{array}$$

Visual total-magnitude and coma-diameter estimates: Feb. 3.74 UT, 13.3, 0'.8 (M. Lehky, Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic, 0.42-m reflector); 3.76, 12.9, 0'.3 (W. Hasubick, Buchloe, Germany, 44-cm reflector); 3.86, 13.5, 0'.7 (V. Nevski, Vitebsk, Belarus, 0.3-m reflector); 4.89, 12.8, 1'.2 (J. J. Gonzalez, Asturias, Spain, 0.20-m reflector).

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