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COMET P/2008 R4 (KORLEVIĆ)

G. V. Williams, Minor Planet Center, has identified recovery observations of comet P/1999 WJ₇ (cf. *IAUC* 7368) on Sept. 3 in incidental astrometry obtained with the Spacewatch 0.9-m telescope by T. H. Bressi. A request by B. G. Marsden to J. V. Scotti for confirming observations yielded images with the same telescope on Sept. 9.4, in which Scotti notes that the comet is slightly diffuse with a 0'.14 tail in p.a. 201°. The indicated correction to the prediction on *MPC* 59598 is $\Delta T = -0.3$ day.

2008 UT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Mag.
Sept.3.24478	0 ^h 09 ^m 59 ^s .68	+4°59'39".4	20.3

The new astrometry, together with the following revised orbital elements and an ephemeris, appear on *MPEC* 2008-R53.

Epoch = 2010 Feb. 13.0 TT			
$T = 2010$ Feb. 8.1984 TT	$\omega = 154.5443$	} 2000.0	
$e = 0.315128$	$\Omega = 290.5650$		
$q = 3.182125$ AU	$i = 2.9758$		
$a = 4.646302$ AU	$n^\circ = 0.0984108$		

COMET P/2008 R5 (LINEAR-NEAT)

Williams has also identified recovery observations of comet P/2001 TU₈₀ (cf. *IAUC* 7753) on Sept. 8 in incidental astrometry obtained with the Spacewatch 1.8-m telescope by Scotti. Again, a request to Scotti for confirmation yielded images with the 0.9-m reflector on Sept. 9.4 that show a coma diameter of 6'' and a faint tail extending 0'.16 in p.a. 225°. The indicated correction to the prediction on *MPC* 54171 is $\Delta T = -0.3$ day.

2008 UT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}
Sept.8.43387	6 ^h 13 ^m 37 ^s .98	+18°59'47".5

The new astrometry, together with the following revised orbital elements and an ephemeris, appear on *MPEC* 2008-R54.

Epoch = 2008 Nov. 30.0 TT			
$T = 2008$ Dec. 9.2712 TT	$\omega = 355.0388$	} 2000.0	
$e = 0.470561$	$\Omega = 109.1065$		
$q = 1.940235$ AU	$i = 6.5812$		
$a = 3.664697$ AU	$n^\circ = 0.1404905$		