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AUGUST 1981 FAINTENING OF V 348 Sgr

The irregular variable V 348 Sgr has recently faded by several magnitudes (from $V \approx 12$ to $V \approx 18$) in a very short time (from Aug. 18 to 22, 1981 essentially). Photometric data in the uvby system have been collected by the undersigned during this period with the 1m telescope of the European Southern Observatory at La Silla, Chile.

These observations are presently being reduced and a detailed report will be published later.

This note aims mainly to invite other possible observers of this dramatic drop of brightness to join for a common work. Obviously data with a finer temporal resolution and wider spectral coverage will lead to a better understanding of this phenomenon difficult to catch in this puzzling object.

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