

# UFO INVESTIGATOR



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## MULTIPLE WITNESSES SIGHT MASSIVE UFO

A preliminary report of a UFO occurrence in Parsippany, N.J. was published in the August 1975 UFO INVESTIGATOR (page 2). NICAP now has additional information on the case.

On July 4, 1975, in the vicinity of route 46, a college student and friend were on their way home from the movies. They observed a huge object, estimated by the witnesses to be 60 to 80 feet in diameter. The couple stated that the time of the observation was 12:05 a.m. The UFO travelled from a south westerly direction and crossed directly over their automobile at an altitude of approximately 75 feet. It's speed was about 5 miles per hour. Both witnesses, Mr. Cahill and Miss Tiger, stated that they were awed by the size and structure of the object and commented on it's graceful and directed motion. There was no sound or any other physical sensation accompanying the passing of the craft.

Both witnesses were also impressed by the light that was being emitted by the object. They stated that, "it was unlike any light they had ever seen and that although it illuminated the surrounding area, it did not create a glare." Another interesting point regarding the light was that no matter from what direction the witnesses observed the object, the light appeared to be directed away from the observers. When the object was first sighted, there were lights that shone from the front and rear of the craft and that the turret which protruded from the top was lit by a dull green light and the interior of the dome appeared to be translucent. There were red and green lights at each end of the object.

After the couple had observed the massive object for a few minutes, they noticed a bright white light emitting from the front and bottom which appeared to be sweeping the area below. This light effect gave the impression to the witnesses, that the UFO was looking for something . . . perhaps a landing site.

The young couple was able to observe the UFO for approximately 8 minutes. From a hovering position, at an altitude of approximately 100 feet, "it took no longer than a single second for the object to whiz off into the sky." Miss Tiger further stated that she was unable to compare the UFOs speed with anything conventional.

Both witnesses had the same reaction to their observation. At first they were curious but then realizing what "it" might be, they became excited, shocked and wanted to see more.

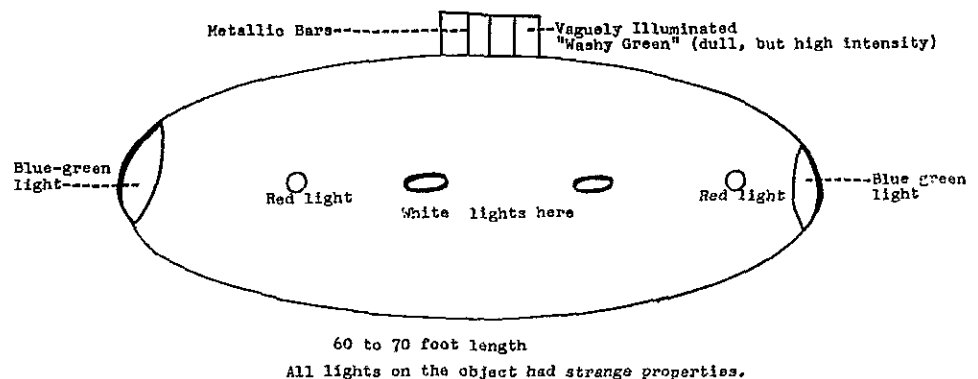
Mr. Cahill and Miss Tiger telephoned the Parsippany-Troy Hills Police Depart-

ment at once to report their experience.

A local newspaper reporter interviewed the two witnesses and during their discussion, the reporter stated that there had been an unconfirmed report that a private airplane pilot had also observed a similar object later that same day.

NICAP's regional investigator requested that the police department try to locate the pilot to verify and compare the reports. Police Chief Denny was most cooperative and instructed his men to attempt locating the pilot. He also asked the local newspaper to run a small article requesting residents who had witnessed any unusual objects or occurrences in the same time period to contact the police at once. The paper emphasized the need for the "unknown" pilot to contact the police.

On the same afternoon that the article appeared, the Parsippany Police Department began receiving calls from residents in the area. One of the first calls was from



Mr. Jim Quodomine, the private pilot that NICAP was seeking.

Mr. Jahn, regional investigator, contacted Mr. Quodomine. He stated that on the evening of July 4, at approximately 10:00 p.m., he and his fiancée landed at Caldwell Field, New Jersey. They had been flying over the area watching the fireworks display. While Mr. Quodomine was tying down the aircraft, two individuals inquired if there was anyone on duty in the tower. The pilot informed them that the tower was closed until morning. The couple seemed distressed, and Mr. Quodomine asked if he could be of any assistance. The couple began describing an object (identical to Mr. Cahill and Miss Tiger's description) that they had seen to the pilot. They pointed to the night sky, toward a large white light and told the pilot that it was the same object that had been hovering about 100 feet above them, only an hour before. The pilot retorted that it was too bright and too low in the sky to be a star. The pilot and his fiancée became very curious and immediately boarded their Cessna 150 aircraft in an attempt to ascertain the nature of the object. They climbed to an altitude of 3,000 feet and began to close in on the object. The pilot stated that when they came to within 4 or 5 miles of the object, he saw the outline of the craft and the light coloration which had been described by the first and second witnesses. The pilot stated that the object could have easily been 60 to 80 feet in diameter. After realizing what he might be witnessing, he attempted to reach the object as quickly as possible. At this point, Mr. Quodomine was travelling at approximately 100 mph toward the object. The pilot saw the craft change brightness and it moved off at a rapid rate of speed and disappeared within a matter of seconds.

NICAP's regional investigator and a detective were invited to accompany the pilot by plane in retracing the same course he had taken on the eventful evening. Mr. Jahn commented that in observing the terrain, he found that it is a predominately flat and open area which would provide many areas for craft to land and be totally undetected by passing vehicles or pedestrians.

Many additional reports from witnesses regarding sightings of the same or similar objects have been logged with the police department and NICAP.

## GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE REPORTS UFO

Sunday, July 27th, was planned as a day of relaxation by an employee of the Department of the Navy. Because of the nature of his job, the witness has requested that NICAP keep his name confidential regarding what he saw at about 12:15 pm, from his home in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Mr. X was sitting on his front porch reading the Sunday newspaper and watching his eight year old daughter playing in the yard. She suddenly shouted to her father to look up and pointed to an object in the sky.

The father immediately looked up and saw what appeared to be a very bright light clearly visible against the field of bright blue sky. It was descending with a very smooth and fluid motion similar to an object dropped by parachute. Mr. X was fascinated by this sight and began to observe the object with great interest. The brilliance remained constant. In a few moments, the descent stopped, and the object appeared to remain motionless in the sky. Mr. X looked slightly to the left of the object and was "surprised and puzzled" to see another object identical to the first. Both appeared to be parallel to one another and seemed to remain in a stable position for a minute or more. The second object suddenly ascended in a zig-zag motion before assuming a more direct vertical ascent. It disappeared from sight in a few moments. Almost simultaneously, the first object began to ascend and it too soon disappeared from sight. The objects had been in view for 3 to 5 minutes.

Mrs. X and the daughter also described the objects in the same way. Mr. X has witnessed rocket launches from Cape Canaveral. He also has experience and familiarity with many types of military and commercial aircraft, as well as, balloons of different varieties. He stated that what was seen did not appear to be any of these conventional objects.

Mr. X's immediate reaction was "one of puzzlement which basically stemmed from their brightness in the sky and their

motion and speed". He also stated, "it seemed that a very fine circle, as if sketched with a pencil or pen encompassed each object".

NICAP consultant, Dr. Bruce Macabee investigated the sighting. No other witnesses could be located. Washington area control towers noted that no pilots had made reports and no radar returns were logged. However, short lived radar returns are generally ignored as noise. Something would have to appear as a clear target for many seconds to minutes before it would be recognized as a "real" object.

The brightness of the objects and the lack of confirmatory reports suggest (but does not prove) that the objects may have been small, and therefore close to the witness.

In view of the available data it is probable that the objects were not conventional. Balloons are ruled out because of the overall motions and particularly the fact that they did not move together even though they were apparently close to each other. Airplanes and helicopters do not seem to be a possible explanation because there was no observable structure, so they would have had to be very distant. A "glint" from a distant plane would occur only at certain viewing angles and the brightness of the objects seemed to remain constant throughout the sighting. Mr. X stated explicitly that there were no airplanes visible for a period of 20 minutes prior to the sighting until he went into the house. The estimated speeds of the objects are above the capabilities of helicopters. Birds, kites, cloud formations and meteorites can be ruled out for obvious reasons.

In conclusion, a conventional explanation does not seem probable. It is highly unlikely, even to the point of impossibility, that these witnesses would have "made up" this sighting, or that they suffered some sort of delusion. Rather, it appears that the witnesses have presented an accurate report of the occurrence.

## HAWAII RESIDENT SEES UNUSUAL OBJECT

### BLAZING OBJECT UNDER INVESTIGATION

The area around North Adams, Massachusetts has been the location of sighting activity during the past few weeks. NICAP investigators are gathering data and upon completion of analysis a full report can be given. At this time, only preliminary information is available.

In mid August local residents and police reported seeing a red light moving slowly downward through the night sky of Massachusetts. Burning material seemed to be dropping from the object. About a week later, on a Saturday evening at about 9:00 p.m., another object moving in level flight at a slow rate of speed. The object started moving downward toward the dense woods of the area. The witness observed the trees being illuminated under the object before it dropped below tree level. A red glow was seen through the trees before darkness returned.

The possibility of an airplane crash brought the Civil Air Patrol to the scene once they learned of the report. This possibility was strengthened by the report of another witness who saw what seemed to be three red and one white flashes in the same area.

Early the next morning the C.A.P. started an air search over the heavily wooded, mountainous area. A broken line of trees was spotted in the location reported by the witnesses. A ground search was started and when the team reached the broken trees no sign of an aircraft was seen.

*The following report was received and investigated by a NICAP representative in Hawaii.*

The sighting was made by one Mrs. Cindy McLean, 506 Kimo Drive, which is located in an up-country area of Maui called Kula. She phoned a friend of hers who also works at the ARPA Observatory, and it was through him that I first learned of the sighting. I contacted Mrs. McLean on Saturday, August 2, and obtained the following details. She made the sighting at approximately 10:15 PM HST, on Thursday, July 31, 1975. She was the only person involved in this sighting, although both she and her husband, Bruno, observed a similar event about one week prior to this event (no definite date or time available, but I will try to determine exact details later). She was located in her bedroom which looks out over a broad expanse of Maui. The Kula location of their home, on the Northwest slope of Haleakala affords a view of a large part of the island at lower elevation.

In both cases, neither person was "looking for anything in the sky" at the time the sightings occurred; they just noticed the events during a casual glance out their window. The July 31 sighting took the form of two bright lights, one red, the other blue having a small angular separation. This "object" appeared in the sky, and its apparent course was from the East end of Maui (she described it as coming from Olinda, which is a general name for a big area of land along the Northeast slope of Haleakala) toward central Maui. It seemed to hover briefly over central Maui, then moved in a circular path "over a meadow which is visible from her bedroom". This could have put the object over the central valley, depending on its range. At this point, she remembers "putting on her glasses to try to perceive the object more clearly".

The object appeared to be stationary for a time which she estimates to have been seven (7) seconds. During this time,

the two lights were visible, but at intervals, only one light could be seen, either just the blue, or just the red light, or both simultaneously. (I will attempt to get a more specific definition of this detail in a subsequent interview.) Then, the object moved slowly in a circular path around the valley, then changed color to what appeared to be a gold color. At this point, it commenced moving rapidly toward the west (which she described as Maalaea, a small-boat harbor along the West coast of Maui). Then she lost sight of it as it approached this area near the coast. There was no sound associated with the sighting, however, she commented that she can often hear jet airplanes over Maui, so she doubted that this was a jet plane. The sky was clear on the night of her latest sighting.

## International Advisory

### RADAR CORROBORATES PILOT'S REPORT

The June 1975 issues of the UFO INVESTIGATOR carried an account of Carlos Montiel's encounter with UFOs. Mr. Montiel was flying a small private plane at about 15,000 feet toward the airport at Mexico City, when three UFO's sped up to his plane. The UFO's accompanied him for about ten minutes. During this time, Mr. Montiel stated he lost the ability to control his aircraft.

NICAP has since learned that controllers from the Benito Juarez International Airport picked up the objects on their radar.

Two air traffic controllers, Julio Interian and Emilio Estanol, stated that both of their radar screens were displaying returns from an unidentified object speeding along beside the small plane.

## NICAP AND CREATURE CONTACT

NICAP is often asked, "Why doesn't the UFO INVESTIGATOR contain more articles on contactee cases?" The answer to this question is somewhat complex, and is not based on any NICAP policy to ignore such cases.

All UFO organizations receive reports from individuals who claim to have been in direct contact with extraterrestrial beings. NICAP receives at least one such report every month. These reports are evaluated with the same care and diligence as any other report. It is true that UFO researchers must exercise strong objectivity in the analysis of these cases. The researcher realizes that hundreds of such reports have been analyzed and almost without exception, all have been proven to be false. This does not mean however, that the contactee report can be rejected.

The cases which appear in the UFO INVESTIGATOR are selected based on the strength of the case. Some articles appear which discuss relatively weak cases if the report has received widespread publicity.

The strength of a case is established by evaluating the report, and comparing it to what might be considered an ideal case, i.e., the strongest possible case. For example, a good case should have multiple witnesses who have excellent character and abilities to observe and report accurately. In addition to witness testimony, the better cases would have hard data (photographs, radar contact, etc.)

Most of the contactee cases received by NICAP have not met the criteria of credibility and strength required by the organization.

Wellingborough, England—"At first there were three red lights. Then they joined together and the light turned to blue." This was the statement of two different witnesses who reported, "It was circular in shape and it was definitely following me." They concurred that it was not very high, and that it made no sound whatever.

## FEEDBACK / Readers write

Dear Sirs:

I was so impressed with the mind tingling and thought provoking article on the theory of U.F.O. propulsion in the July 1975 issue, I just had to write and tell you how thankful I am to be a member of your organization.

I have been a constant member since 1968 at least and have avidly read all the information that has been available up to the present date. If I could help in any way from this area in offering information of any kind I would be pleased to do so.

Allen F. Setter

UFO INVESTIAGOR

Re. "Theory of UFO Propulsion" by C.R. Clough and H.B. Whetsal.

A one inch dia. ball spinning at 100,000 rpm has an average particle linear velocity approx. 436 feet per second. Orbital velocity is about 26,000 feet per second, at which weightlessness is achieved; therefore an expected weight loss of  $436 \div 26,000$  or 1.68 percent can be expected. This should be taken into

"I don't believe in this sort of thing. But I definitely saw something," one witness told the press. "I am sure it was going to land, and I reached the tall trees near the school just as it began to come closer. As I came into the town, it seemed to fade away, but as I got nearer home, it reappeared.

Another of the witnesses said he never believed in such things, but that now he definitely does.

consideration in the type of experiment described in subject article.

Cecil P. Roberts

Gentlemen:

Among the growing number of books that promote the idea that UFOs are connected with demons and the second coming of Christ is one by John Weldon and Zola Levitt, UFOs—WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING, Harvest House Publishers, 1975.

In Appendix III of the book the statement is made that "radar has never recorded the actual entering of UFOs into our atmosphere." This statement is footnoted with a credit to FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

Perhaps you could comment on the truth of the statement sometime in the newsletter. If the statement IS true, is there some technical reason (capability of radar, etc.) that would account for it?

Richard Moss

*There have been many cases logged by NASA, FAA, and other organizations of unidentified and unexplained phenomena in the earth's atmosphere that have been tracked by radar. It is equipment such as radar, detectors, etc., that lends credibility to UFO cases.*



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Universal Studios have now completed filming a most unusual movie. The subject matter relates to a UFO contactee case which has received wide publicity. The witnesses involved were Betty and Barney Hill. This film will be aired by NBC nationwide, this fall.