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UFO SIGHTING REPORT ON 23 APRIL 1969

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The report first came to my attention through one of Mr. Gibeau's superiors who recommended him as a steady, sensible type who works as a driver for the Department of National Defence. The sighting was made on April 22, between 8 and 8:30 P.M.

Mr. Gibeau was driving with his wife and fifteen year old son near the village of Hammond, about twenty-five miles east of Ottawa. They were headed in an easterly direction just outside the Village. The weather was totally overcast and raining hard. Mr. Gibeau used to own a farm in the vicinity and hence knows the area well. They were approaching the top of a hill when his son noticed something towards the north. They stopped the car, turned off the lights, and opened the windows. He described what they saw as looking like a huge drinking cup turned upside-down. It had two bright, white lights which were directed more horizontal than down, and appeared to have a row of portholes. From the colour of the light from the portholes, he thought there must have been a pink light inside. He estimated the object to be two hundred feet away across an open field, approximately twenty feet long and about five feet above the ground. When I asked him how he judged these lengths and distances, he said he knew the field well and judged the distances from its apparent position in the field. The white lights lit up the field brightly. He said he was able to see the interior of his car quite well. He described the sounds heard as being a whirling or whining sound, something like the noise of a generator. There are high tension power lines running across the back of the field. He said the object turned, zoomed back over the trees and above the hydro lines. It then moved off along the power line. At this point Mr. Gibeau drove back to Hammond. He estimated that they had watched the object for from fifteen to twenty minutes.

I suggested to Mr. Gibeau that this sounded like a helicopter. He said "No.". He said, "I am a mechanic. I have worked with motors all my life. I know what a helicopter looks like and sounds like and this was not a helicopter.". I checked with the chief pilot for Ontario Hydro and they had no helicopters inspecting power lines in this area. The Department of Transport and various commercial helicopter firms were called and all stated they had no helicopters flying at that time.

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