

Kerry McIntyre, 22, production manager (and reporter), Buffarin

Leader--204-745-2051

We were heading west and we saw what I would say west-northwest a relatively large, bright red light in the sky and it was bright, much brighter than, say, the intensity of a tower light--and we could see the Haywood tower to the north of us--and it seemed to be hovering up in the air about 50 to 100 feet in the air. What I saw-- which I think neither Ted or Howard saw--I think I saw the thing take off. I was watching it and I saw it out of the corner of my eye and all of a sudden it just zoomed straight up, a little bit on an angle, slightly on a north angle, but basically straight up, and in about a second and a half it was just gone from sight. there was just a quick burst of--well, like a falling star, you can see the brightness of the star itself and then the tail of the thing, faint. and it only lasted for a split second. well, this was exactly the same thing except it was going up instead of coming down. but it had just a fantastic speed. I would say it probably rose, a third to a half a mile in just a second and a half. maybe that is exaggerating. maybe a quarter of a mile. it's hard at night to rate distance. I was driving, ted was in middle and howard on outside. (what color) very, very brilliant red. (close or far off) My impression was it was far off, and this is where I disagree with Howard and Ted. To me it appeared farther off than what they had seen. (what they estimate) about Howard estimated about 2 miles, where I was putting it farther than that. (what did ted see) he didn't see it take off but he agreed more with Howard on the distance. he thought it would be a mile and a half or 2 miles.

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to them, "I have to assume it was a UFO because it flew without the presence of sound. there was no sound emanating from it that I could detect, and there is a radio tower west of town and another tower at Haywood, and it definitely was not a light coming from them. So, I would have to assume it was a UFO.

Q. When you first watched it was it moving?

A. It seemed to be hovering or in a stationary position. It was 3 ^{to} ~~to~~ 4 miles northwest of me then/

Q. Could you estimate the size?

A. That presents difficulty. You couldn't really estimate the size of it.

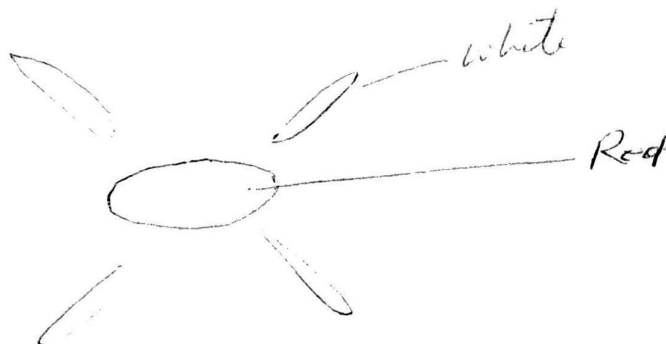
Q. Was it a steady red color?

A. Yes.

Q. It wasn't pulsating?

A. No, it was steady.

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Ian Nicholson, 23, constable, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, interviewed in Carman, Manitoba, where he was then stationed, on 6/6/75. Due to be reassigned about 6/15/75 to Grand Marais, Manitoba.

Q. Tell me what you observed.

A. This was at 12:15 a.m., the morning of May 9. This was a mile south and a mile west of Carman. There had been a previous report that evening of a UFO, about 11:15 p.m. A group of people had had a sighting at the airport, so after I took down the information about 12 o'clock and I was finished, left the office, just out of my own curiosity I went down to the airport. Well, I got down there and I was looking off to the west in my police car. I was working alone at the time, and when I got down opposite the airfield itself I noticed a red light in the sky. So then I came a mile north up to the highway, Rt. 245, which goes west of town. Then I went another mile west and stopped the police car, and I noticed off to the northwest, I'd say, you could estimate approximately 3 or 4 miles at a height of about 1,000 feet there was an oval-shaped red light. There was this X-shaped halo, not connected to it. Like the bands of white light were not connected to the object itself (drew sketch, see end). The red was somewhat the color of a traffic safety light, a stop light. When I first noticed the object it was about 12:15 a.m. I looked at my watch. And I sat there for ~~2~~ 2 or 3 minutes just looking at the object, which appeared stationary at the time, and then I decided to get a closer look, a closer view of it. I then drove west on 245 in the police car --and I can say I was moving pretty fast (declined to say how fast). As I was going west the object appeared to be flying in a northwesterly direction. I continued on for approximately 12 miles, about 2 miles west of Stephenfield, or a total of 16 miles west of Carman, keeping the object in sight, trying to get somewhat abreast of it and then, if the opportunity presented itself I would have gone north. About 2 miles west of Stephenfield, I stopped the car and at this point in time, I just watched it go and it just appeared--I'd seen that in no way was I going to catch up to it. So I just stopped the car and watched it go out of sight over the tree line on the horizon. And this was about 12:27 a.m., so ~~ix~~ the object was in view for about 12 minutes.

Q. Was the white "X" visible all this time?

A. Well, I was driving the car all this time. The red light was there, but I couldn't definitely say if the X halo was there or not. People (newspaper) asked me what I thought about at the time, and I said



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MRS. ELAINE REIMER

MEMO TO: John Cathcart

July 18, 1975

FROM: Bob Pratt

SUBJECT: Update on Carman UFOs (No. 12588)

On June 25, a farmer at Halbstadt, Manitoba, about 50 miles southeast of Carman, discovered a circular burned area ² in a lush ~~beet~~ sugar beet field, with three indentations in the ground. When he found the area, the beets merely looked withered but within several days they were completely dead.

Our friends from the Winnipeg Planetarium--Ernest Spielman, Ed Barker and several others, who were involved in the radiation tests at the UFO landing site west of Carman--visited the sugar beet field. They tested for radiation but found none. They took soil samples and beet samples and took precise measurements of the area.

The primary area is ~~beet~~ oval shaped, 39 feet at its widest and 30 feet at its narrowest. In this area the sugar beets are completely dead. There was a wider, secondary area running out about 65 feet from the center of the inner area, where the beets are somewhat withered.

The "pod" markings^g, or indentations, are each 17 inches across in a sort of rectangular shape. They are in a triangle^{blat} pattern, with two legs 88 inches apart and the third side 98 inches.

Spielman and the others made plaster casts of these indentations and they photographed the entire area.

David Penner, a reporter for the Altona Echo, a weekly newspaper in the area, who gave me all of this information, said that apparently no one ever saw anything in the way of a UFO in connection with this burned area, and that few UFOs have been seen in that area as compared with the numerous sightings in the Carman area.

RVP

Abe E. Hildebrand, 32, real estate salesman, was a high school mathematics teacher for 10 years until he gave it up a year ago. Lives in 70-year-old stone house he bought in April and is remodeling. Farm is 6½ miles south of Morden, Manitoba. Interviewed 6/9/75
204-822-3718

Q. When did this happen?

A. This was about 5 weeks ago on a Friday night. (May 2, 1975)

Q. What time of night?

A. 4:15 a.m. We were sleeping upstairs. The dogs woke us up with their barking, and usually that means the horses are out or something. We looked out the window and we immediately noticed there was a light in the corner of the driveway out there.

Q. And what happened.

A. Nothing, really. It was just, uh==it wasn't a bright light. It was more like a fluorescent glow, ~~xxxx~~ with no focus on it or anything. It was about twice the size of a car, maybe 20 feet high, 20 feet long kind of thing. I didn't notice any edges to it, so it's hard to say exactly what shape it was.

Q. What color was the light.

A. A blue, bluish kind of light.

Q. A bluish-white, fluorescent kind of light?

A. Like fluorescent lighting, yes.

Q. Was it beyond the car (an old wrecked car ~~rusting~~ rusting beneath an oak tree)?

A. Yes, it was just on the other side of the driveway, 70 or 80 yards maybe?

Q. About that. And it was just sitting there?

A. Yeah, and when I looked out I noticed it was a very unusual thing, so my wife got up to take a look at it too. So we each sat at one window there for three-quarters of an hour.

Q. It could not have been a car parked there?

A. No, it wasn't like a car light at all.

Q. The weather was clear.

A. It was clear but there was no moon, but it was overcast and it was windy, because I went down to stick my head out the door to see if I could hear anything. I wasn't really tempted to go outside. The dogs wouldn't go down there. They stayed right by the house barking.

Q. What's your wife's name?

A. Betty.

Q. You have children?

A. Two girls. They were sleeping.

Q. Were there leaves on the trees then?

A. No.

Q. So you could see clearly through the branches?

A. Yes.

Q. Any sound?

A. Well, when I stuck my head out the door, for a minute I thought it was kind of a tractor (sound) but it was too windy to really tell.

There was a sound like a neighbor's tractor, but . . .

Q. Did it move at all?

A. Just a very faint shifting, but there was no--the edges were very indistinct. It's hard to say.

Q. Was it a round glow or a flat glow or--

A. Flatish. It wasn't a sphere. It was more flat. . . . And it started getting light outside in the east and in a very short time it just faded and was gone. No movement. It didn't take off or--

Q. Did you see it fade out?

A. Yes, but it happened quickly. It just took a minute or less than a minute.

Q. And you couldn't see anything through the tree--it wasn't light enough yet?

A. No.

Q. I understand that later on you saw some indentations.

A. Yes. The next morning I went out there to see if there was any evidence, and there were four holes maybe 2 inches in diameter and 3 inches deep. That was in the sod there on the other side, or south side of the drive way.

Q. Are they still there or have they filled in.

A. They've filled in.

Q. Were the indentations in the grass or soil--

A. In the soil. They were clean cut.

Q. Was the grass pushed in?

A. There wasn't that much grass out. I don't remember checking that part but it had a good clean edge around it (the holes).

Q. Did you measure these holes?

A. Yes. They were not symmetrical. Two of them were 29 inches apart and the other two were closer together, about 22 inches.

Q. Was the ground soft then?

A. Yes, it wasn't frozen.

Q. Something reasonably heavy, ~~xx~~ then, sat there?

A. Yes. It would have had have a fair amount of weight, but again it wasn't a very big surface area.

Q. As a mathematician, could you estimate the weight from the size and depth of the holes?

A. Well, it depends, of course, if it was just put down, then I'm sure you could put 500 pounds there but if it came down with any force, then it would be hard to say.

Q. Was the bottom of the holes flat?

A. It wasn't perfectly smooth.

Q. Were the holes round or square--

A. Round.

Q. What was your reaction to this.

A. Well, a feeling of uneasiness, I guess. There wasn't any real fear. I mean, I had no intention of going down there. I was curious, but I figured if the dogs weren't going down there, I wasn't going to either. I guess part of it is the fear of the unknown. I had no trouble falling asleep afterwards. It didn't upset me at any great length. I thought of phoning the police but they are 7 miles away but I figured if the object didn't stay there that long, getting someone up at 4 o'clock in the morning--but at the time I hadn't thought of anything like that (UFO). The Carman thing (UFO sightings) happened after that, or I wasn't aware of it at the time. Now, of course, I would. ~~Thexxonntkexxarexxeryxanxioussxx~~

Q. What was you wife's reaction?

A. I would say very much like mine, I guess. Wondering what it was.

Q. How far south is the U.S. border?

A. 7 1/2 miles.

Q. How long have you lived in this house?

A. We had moved ~~uxx~~ here just 3 or 4 weeks before this happened and a lot of our things are ~~x~~ were still unpacked, including our cameras, so we didn't take any pictures.

Q. You didn't tell the police about this?

A. They were out here later. We told a few friends and word got around pretty quickly. So the police asked for more information.

Q. What do you think about this? (the sighting)

A. I've never tried to dismiss them and say there are no such things, but I don't have any answers. I accept the fact if you look at the size of the universe to assume that we know all the answers is presumptuous.

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Q. From where you were watching could you estimate the size of this thing?

A. Yes, it was maybe 15 to 20 feet long, or ~~a~~ wide, and about 10 to 12 feet high.

Q. Did it light up the area?

A. No.

Q. Just the glow itself?

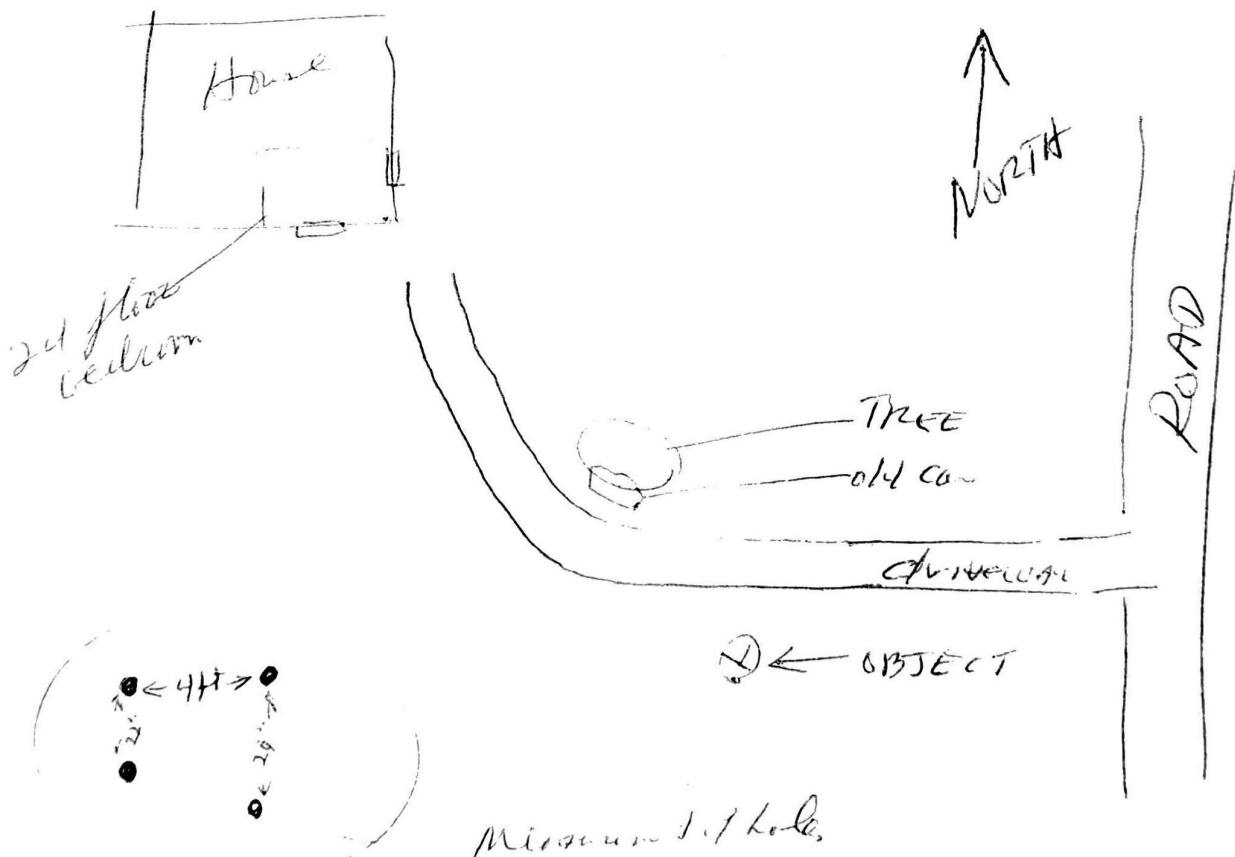
A. Yes.

Q. Not a real bright light?

A. No.

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Dogs' names are Tommy and Fuzzy. Girls ~~xx~~ are and years old.



Henri Francois, 34, carpenter, lives with wife and two children in Holland, Manitoba, 204-526-2643. Interviewed at his home at 10 a.m. Sunday June 8, 1975, just after he and his family returned home from church.

Q. This happened last Wednesday (June 6, 1975) morning?

A. At 20 to 8 (7:40 a.m.)

Q. Where were you at this time.

A. I was heading east on this road (an east-west road that goes past his house), it goes to Rt. 34, and I take this road every day to go to work and I head south, 50 miles, to Saint ~~Lyon~~ ^{LEON} (23), They build houses there. So just before I get to the highway, oh, the first house there (from 100 to 200 yards from the intersection with Rt. 34), I saw this flashing light, real bright, on the other side of the highway.

Q. On the other side of Rt. 34?

A. Yes, the road goes straight over (across) the highway and becomes a country road (Rt. 449). Of course, I didn't know what it was. I was looking for a tractor or a car or something., and the closer I got to the highway I couldn't see either one, so as soon as I got to the highway I knew right away what it was, ~~xx~~ by reports I'd heard. So I didn't stop at the highway. I was a little frightened. You know, you don't see those things every day, so I headed down the highway (Rt. 34) 100 yards and I stopped the car just off the highway. I looked back and it (the object) was still there.

Q. Where was it exactly.

A. From the highway (Rt. 34) I said it was half a mile east but the Treherne police (RCMP constable) said it was three-quarters of a mile, according to the speedometer. It was right near the end of a farmer's lane (driveway) and we drove ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ up there to see if he hadn't seen it but there's bush on the south side of his house so he couldn't have seen it through there.

Q. ~~What. Ixx~~ Did you talk to the farmer?

A. No. What I did (at the time of the sighting) I drove down the highway until I got to the second farmhouse and his name is Hank Sowatski (sp?) but he wasn't home. His wife was there and I told her what I had seen and she said my face was really pale, so she got in her station wagon with her kids and came down the highway, because I wanted somebody else to see it. But by the time we got there it was gone. What I should have done was stayed there to see what it would do. That's what the police would have done.

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A. It (the object) was right in the middle of the road. It wasn't on the road. It was maybe a foot or two off the ground.

Q. I¹ was above the road?

A. Oh, yeah, right in the middle of the road. It was right dead on the center.

Q. What did it look like?

A. Well, it had sides on it that looked like this (see sketch).

Saucer shaped. The light was on top, just bright & flashes, you know. A white silver light. On the side of the road you could see a faint thing come out (the edges of the object) but you couldn't see anything here (in the center of the object) because the light was so bright. ~~Whether~~ Whether it was dome shaped or flat on the top or bottom in the middle, I don't know. All I could see was the road going underneath the thing. Of course, I couldn't see past it.

Q. Was it wider than the road.

A. Oh yeah.

Q. Could you see any color on the edges?

A. Well, it was & some color like the atmosphere, gray, blue. ~~xxxxxxx~~
~~silverlight~~ * * *

A. From this house (where he first saw it) to the corner

Q. When you turned the corner you could still see it?

A. Oh yes. I could still see it when I stopped 100 yards down the road. And when I took off it was still there.. Then there's a hill there, a rise, near the second farm and & then I couldn't see it any more. But I wished I had stayed there.

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A. The mountie and I went down where it was because he wanted to see if there were any marks or anything on the road, but there weren't any. (he described how he knew about where object was--the road has two slight rises several hundred yards apart and the object was between the two. There are no trees in this area, only power poles and telephone poles.)

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Q. You heard nothing?

A. It was raining, eh? It was cloudy, a light rain. It was very dark and cloudy. In fact, I had my lights on. I turned my lights on at the corner. Maybe that's what scared it away.

Q. You did not stop at the first farmhouse (on Rt. 94)?

A. No, the second farmhouse.

Q. When you stopped 100 yards down the highway, were you past the first

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farmhouse?

A. No, I wasn't there yet.

Q. Why did you pass up the first farmhouse?

A. I don't know. I never thought of stopping at a farmhouse at all until I got to the second one. And I thought, well, I'm goin to turn in here quickly and tell them and run back to the spot. I was just goin to drive straight to work and I thought, 'By golly, I can't do that. If I tell anybody this they'll think I'm crazy, but if I could get somebody else to see it--I just wish I'd stayed there for 2 minutes more because within 2 minutes we were back at the spot.

Q. Was this ligh flashing or a steady ligh?

A. Flashing, just like the signal lights on your car, on and off. At maybe one-second intervals, one-two-three . . . In fact, you couldn't really see it go off. Well, you could see if go off but it was just for a quarter of a second or so

Q. Die down and back up--was it pulsing?

A. Uh, it was a lot like the police cruiser cars here in town. But very, very bright, though. I've never seen anything so bright.

Q. Are there fences on the sides of the road?

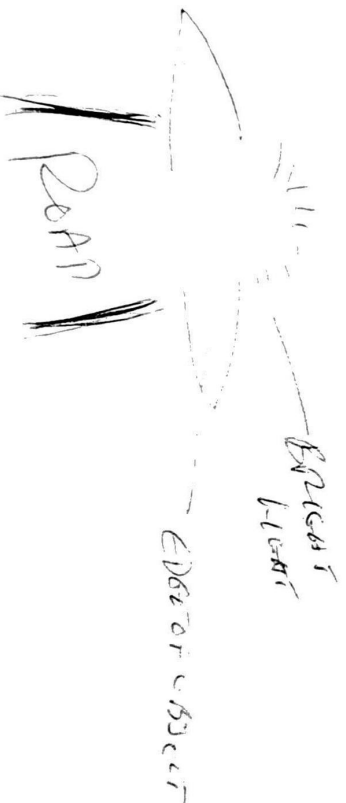
A. Yes, I think so, both sides.

Q. Did the thing extend as far as the fences?

A. No, it was inside the fences but outside of the road. As far as that goes, the road is not very wide (later we estimated object would have been 30 to 40 feet wide after visiting the ~~wikky~~ site--RVP)

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A. I never told the mountie, but when I turned the corner I thought I might have heard a whooshing sound. I had the window down and turned the windshield wipers off--but I'm not sure. (Francois preferred that that not be mentioned.)



Dienert--6/16/75.

(describing sighting of may 13)

I think what's going on is that they're smaller objects. I believe they're robots.

I think what's going on is they're smaller objects that I believe are robots. Because they accelerate at speeds that people couldn't begin to stand. This thing on the film jumped 3,000 feet in 1/16ths of a second (actually 1/32nds, according to film technician at CKY-TV). There was more than one of them out there. What we think was probably going on is that what we chased off the ground was the mother ship or one of them and it had a bunch of little robot satellite things that are much smaller. And they're kind of whitish in color, not so red as the big disc. We don't even know if they're disc shaped, actually. We've only seen them at a distance. the small objects. We know the big ones are disc shaped and the small ones we don't know what they are. But we do know they act far differently than the big ships. The big ship doesn't accelerate or turn at right angles at tremendous speeds like the little fellows do. The little ones--well, 3,000 feet in a 16th of a second, nobody could stand that. It would have to be a robot. . .

When we saw this activity down the road, this coming up and going down, that's the way they do. They flare up and go down like a bonfire. when you watch them on the ground. we've watched them at other times from the hills. They look like a bonfire in the distance. Almost dies out and then flares up real bright. and this is what it was doing. what we were seeing over the trees in the distance. And this thing flared up and the cameraman got his camera running and this was when he got the flash on the horizon. It was after that that we decided we'd better go and investigate the thing, and we'd tried it the night before and went right straight down the road towards it and it took off and kept ahead of the car. so we thought this time we were going to

play foxy and go up both sides of it with the lights out.

. . . I was standing beside the cameraman when he had his camera running and I was thinking, Boy is he ever wasting film., never realizing he was getting a spectacular picture, and he didn't either when he was taking the picture.

. . . (thru field glasses) it looked like a reddish glow on the horizon, like a half watermelon rising up and going down below the trees, flaring up and dying out. It looked odd. Everybody passed it off as an automobile for a while. but when it flared up red we knew it wasn't an automobile.

Mrs. Marnie Herb, principal of J.A. Cuddy Elementary School, Sanford, Manitoba, 204-736-2323. Husband Lorne is secretary-treasurer for the Rural Municipality of McDonald, with office hall Sanford, where they live, Mrs. Herb, who graduated from high school in 1956, is about 38 years old. Personal interview 8/27/76 2 pm

(Other woman in x car with her on night of Feb. 20, 1976, was Mrs. Phyllis (Bill) Johnson, of near Starbuck, principal of Peace Valley Elementary school in a Hutterite colony near Starbuck)

It was World Day of Prayer day. My husband had to play the organ (at observances being held at the school). He was supposed to go with me but he couldn't. . . . I wasn't afraid after I got home. The only thing that bothers me is if I have to strike out across country (driving alone these days). Then it bothers me . . .

Q. You were coming home from a softball ~~game~~ game?

A. No, I was coming home from a banquet at Morris. I think it was about x 11:30 pm, about that time. About 2 miles, ^{2 1/2} miles ³ out of Domain (on provincial route 334) (3 miles west of Domain) ¹¹ That's where I saw the light. I said to the lady (Mrs. Johnson), 'Look at that bright light,' and jokingly said, 'I suppose it's a UFO.' It stayed over here (off to the right) on the bush and then when we crossed the river (road turns north for two miles and river crosses road) it came right down on the river and it was just like the sun had come out. Just as bright as the brightest day in summer. (The whole countryside?) Yes, well, just on us like where the bridge was. The bush, you could see the shadow of every tree in the bush. And, then it followed us up to the corner (where road again turns west for 2 miles before turning north to Sanford, 2 miles further). This lady wanted to roll her window down and look at it. And I said, 'Heavens, no, leave it closed.' But it was right over the top of the car so for her to see it she had to put her head against the side of the window to look up, and she said for the next 3 or 4 days she could hardly see, her eyes ~~xx~~ were just--and she stared at it. I was driving. She kept teasing me not to hit the bridge. Because it was just such a bright light and then when we turned (west) I said, 'well, if

just such a bright light and then when we turned (west) I said, 'Well, if it comes any farther, I'm going to turn into this farm home, and we just got to the lane up here at Clas Claussens(, which would be up here maybe a quarter of a mile, and it just lifted. It shot off straight over here (to the southwest) toward the (microwave) tower at Brunkild. It went over to the trees there. It puts its light off to travel. It has this light in the middle a turning light in the center and these bright lights all the way around. the outside, like I would say they were red lights. But then too, I was driving. The part that I noticed most was that it was ^{this} just/bright, bright yellow light in the center, but then there's a bigger thing, like right in the center, it seemed like. But it was, as I say, right over the top of us, as we were driving along, this came right with us too. And you could see the shadow, it cast a shadow of the poles, the hydro poles.

Q. Were the shadows across the road or out away from the road?

A. I don't, I just don't remember. That's what made me realize it wasn't an airplane because the light was too bright, and it just followed us and--

Q. Did it stay above your car?

A. Yes, right over the top. Because Phyllis kept saying, 'It's going to hit those poles.' And my greatest fear, from what I've read, was that it would stop the car. . . . it went out to where Dept of Highways have their buildings right down here at the highway (Route 3) and then it came back. We saw it put its lights on and it came right back and sat above us again and followed with us and I said to her I wasn't going to stop at the highway--

Q. You mean ignore the stop sign and go right across?

A. Go right across the highway. There was no traffic and we jokingly said, 'The cops will probably catch us.' But I said, 'Right about now I wouldn't mind havin' the cops,' because then I realized there was something fishy.

And I came across the highway and came about two telephone poles and it just put its light off and lifted and went right on in towards the city (Winnipeg). We opened the window and there wasn't any noise except just a, well, have you ever heard a humminbird. You couldn't say any noise, really, just a--and I put it down to the speed it was traveling because it was traveling at a tremendous speed, because we saw--I stopped the car after it lifted over at Claussens (spelling?) and she (Mrs. Johnson) said, 'Now, just watch it.' And it just disappeared right over. But we could still see it just like a star, just one light, reddish orange, I don't know what color, but you could follow it, because it went straight. And then we were--I never thought to look at it, or for it until we hit those trees down there and I could see it coming. I don't have any idea how far it was but all of a sudden it was right over the top of the car again.

Q. Were you afraid?

A. ~~No~~ Not then. The only thing I was afraid of was the car stopping. Because I don't really believe that, if the car didn't stop I felt I was in control of the situation, but if the car stopped I wasn't. And the only thing that made me wonder was when I said, I'm going to turn into this farm home--the house is right close to the road--then it just disappeared immediately right at that lane.

Q. Do you know who lives there.

A. Yes. It's the Claussens. I talked to them but they weren't, they didn't know anything about it. I talked to them--afterwards when people ~~xx~~ learned about it I didn't talk about it. Only to my husband. And then he went and told people and they came to me. I told them (the Claussens) I just about came in that night and they said, 'well why didn't you?'

Q. Were they up at that time?

A. There were lights there.

Q. But you talked to them later and asked if they'd seen anything?

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A. I asked him and he didn't see anything.

Q. I was wondering if they'd been watching ~~the~~ TV and anything had happened to their set.

A. No, but there was--you know how people talk. A lady called me and said--two people phoned and wated to know what time it was because their TV flickered or something. . . . I have seen this same light crossing the highway between Sperling and Brunkild. I'd seen this last fall.

Q. Was there a shape ~~of~~ to this thing?

A. It was like the bottom of a saucer and right in the center is a solid light and when it was traveling it appeared to me like it might have like --like those streetlights, on the side.

Q. ere the lights on the side stationary or were they turning?

A. Well, there were little wee colored lights in between, but they put that offwhen it's traveling. At least it ~~did~~.w did when I saw it. When it was on top of us, when it was sitting ~~at~~ the bush everything was just a/^{very}bright light and it came right down on the river there. And then when it followed us it had all these lights on but then when it traveled, we saw that light go off. The light went off and there was just, just like ~~ixxxxx~~ a star.

Q. Could you see the top of this when it was sitting in the bush or was it just so ~~brighxxxx~~ bright you couldn't distinguish--

A. Oh, no, I knew, it--you know, like sometimes here we see planes waiting to go down (land at Winnipeg Airport) and those landing lights, how bright they are. Well that was at the end of the bush, and it was sitting there. It wasn't moving and there wasn't any, uh, blinking lights and that's when I said there was something fishy. But I had taught at Domain before and I had traveled th~~at~~ road ~~at~~ night and I've had this happen two times before. I've seen th~~at~~ light in the bush and I was always very leery of it but the thing never moved. And this is the first time it ever came down.

Q. You had seen it over the bush before?

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A. Yes, but when I would tell people, it was like, they would say it was these airplanes landing, waiting to land, and I liked to think that, so I didn't really worry on it.

Q. Did you watch it come from the bush to your car?

A. Well from, yeah. The river winds and from the corner you could see it at a distance, it seemed to be quite a ways away but it came right over the bush, it just seemed to skim right over the bush, you thought it would take the tops off the trees. . . .

Q. And it came in a straight line to you?

A. I couldn't tell you for sure. I was driving and I was concentrating that that car wasn't going to stop--I can remember quite a while ago there was a fellow and they said he car stopped, and the story was that he was going home from a party -- but I had that fear that the car might stop. That was the only fear I had. If I had control of the car nothing was going to bother me. But I also, we could have come home by another road but there is only one house ~~and~~ a long way up there and I said that we would take this other river road because there were two houses, and as soon as we went to that lane and I said I was going to go there if that thing moved--that was the only fear thing I found about it.

Q. And ~~x~~ when the children at school found out about this, did they get you to talk about it?

A. Well, I told them. We had a science fair and we had a kid~~xx~~who did a UFO and I told he had it wrong and how he should have done it (laughs), but They read it and they tell me. I just I didn't want to distrub the kids. ~~I~~ talked to them as if it was an every-day occurrence and ~~theyx~~ I told them they were going to be seeing them, and they had been telling me through the yeard that they had been seeing them. I treated them the same way.

Q. These are kids who'd been working out in the fields with combines and--

A. Well, they'd be with their mothers or their dads--and it was nothing strange to them.

Q. How long have you been teaching?

A. A long time . . . I've learned that if you treat children as adults, don't disrupt them and they'll--

Q. You've lived around here all your life?

A. No, I lived at Morden. . . .

. . . the river, it was just like, it was just like a hot summer day . . . I had been at Morris. The superintendent of schools had a banquet for principals . . .

Q. How many kids in your school?

A. 167 or so, Kindergarten to sixth grade. . . . The strange thing about it, there was a car behind it, maybe a mile or so. That car never came on and it has always bothered me.

Q. You don't know where it went ~~xx~~ or what?

A. I don't know where it went ~~and it's always bothered me~~. but it was on that road behind us.

Q. That road twists and turns?

A. Yes, but (shows on map where she was, etc. and) I thought, 'Great, there's a car behind me.' We've often talked who that car was and where it went.

Q. Or if it was a car?

A. Oh, no. It was a car. It wasn't that way at all. Because, what is the point. ~~xxx~~ we've all gone thru crises where your heart comes up in your mouth and you wonder how you're going to get through it, and so this thing happened, and--I mean, I cannot believe it wasn't there. But the part that bothers me is why, whoever it is, the government, you can't tell me the armed forces don't know, or even the mounties sitting out on the highways at night haven't seen these things or investigated them. I'm sure they know.

Q. I don't think the mounties know any more than you do--

A. those aren't airplanes up there . . . Somebody knows. Like, if there was a strange bird around here, scientists would ~~xxxxx~~ know what kind of a bird that was, so these things going around--

Q. A bird you can catch and look at them or you know where they're going to be sitting, but these things--

A. Well, the ~~xxxxx~~ States catches everything else. You can't tell me that they couldn't find some fantastic way to catch these things. They already have one, right?

Q. This has been rumored for years but no one has proof. If the government has one it has never said anything about it . . .

A. It's there, it's ~~sxaxomdxandxthrrfx~~ gone and there's more around. who knows when they're flying above us? If they don't have that light on you can't identify it.

Q. When you're driving at night now do you keep an eye on the sky?

A. No, I'm not--

Q. What about when you walk ~~out~~ outside? Do you look up in the sky and--

A. Oh, sure I do, but my mother taught me to live each day as if it was the last day and to make the most of it, and I was in a bus accident one time and I didn't want to ride in a bus and my dad, when I was teaching here, my dad put me on the bus and made me come back to Sanford. My bus upset and I had to kick the windshield through to get the passengers off and I had a terrible scare. He made me ride that bus back here to teach on Sunday nights and, the same thing. I knew then that you had, you couldn't, you had to do these things, and if I hadn't done it, if I didn't get out and keep going now, I'd be sitting in this house now. . . .

People see these things but they want to make light of it, and I think that's why--not that I pretend to be an educationalist or a professor or anything like that, but I'm not going to go around telling things I didn't see, like making stories and things. I don't like it when people get stories going that there's no really truth in it when they see something in the sky.

Q. What were you drinking and all that kind of nonsense--

A. Yes, that kind of stuff. . . .

Q. But her (Mrs Johnson) eyes hurt, right?

A. Yes . . . she thought she was going to have to go to the doctor, they hurt her so much . . . She cut her head right against the window ~~andxwas~~ watching it and was telling me about it.

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I didn't see any big light like she saw. Like she was driving and she saw straight ahead and saw something I didn't. By the time I looked I saw three big lights coming, and then they just followed along beside the car--a light, a light, a light and a light (pointing to the four corners of an imaginary square) and a little one in the middle. That's what I was watching, xx up above us.

Q. Up above you?

A. Well, ^{just} up above the ~~xxx~~ car. She was driving and I was sitting. It was just up above us and there was no sound.

Q. She said it lit up the area around the car.

A. Well, it could have. I was busy looking up at these lights and I was watching as they followed us.

Q. Can you describe for me, again of course, what you saw.

A. I saw these three lights coming towards us, and she thought it was going to hit us on the bridge and I said, 'You're crazy, you're going to be the one to hit the bridge.' You know, and then we drove on and then when I looked up it was following along beside us and as I say, there were these ~~xx~~ huge lights like that (pointing to the four corners, etc.) and the little one.

Q. Four and three?

A. Four lights when it was over above us.

Q. Were they evenly spaced?

A. Yeah, just like a cross.

Q. Can you draw a sketch of that?

A. Not really. It was just three lights.

Q. What color were these lights?

A. Just ordinary, just round lights.

Q. White or whitish?

A. Well, sort of an ~~xxxx~~ orange-y color. Then they left us and they headed off.

Q. Could you see any shape to whatever was holding the lights?

A. No, not really. You could maybe imagine ~~xx~~ that there was a circle there but it just looked like four lights up there.

Q. Were they very far apart these lights? How wide? As wide as the road or wider? Or what?

A. Never even thought of that as I was watching.

Q. But you got the impression it was right close to the car, though?

Seemed like

A. Yes. ~~Only~~ it wasn't that high up.

Q. Just right over the too?

A. (nodded yes).

Q. Did it hang over both sides of the road?

A. Well, I don't think it--I was just looking out the window. All I could see was these things up there. I couldn't tell you. I'm no judge of--

Q. You were on the passenger side, right?

A. Yes.

Q. Looking out the righthand window?

A. Yes.

Q. You looked up and you could see the whole thing up there or was part of it

A. I could see all four lights. I couldn't tell if there was any shape to it or anything, just these four lights and the little light in the middle.

Q. Was it above the utility pole, the hydro pole?

A. I imagine it would be above that. I don't know if there were any poles there or not.

Q. How long did it follow?

A. I guess? I don't know. Half a mile maybe. Then it went over and headed for the (microwave) tower at Brunkild and Mrs. Herb said, 'That's what they say they do, you know.' Straight over. Then first thing we knew it came back very high and very fast and it was gone.

Q. Is that right--it came back over you?

A. Unh-huh. That was real high when it--

Q. Could you see it all the time when it went over to the tower and came back?

A. A. Yes, you could see, just this one light

Q. Was it the one in the middle or what?

A. I imagine it was the one in the middle.

Q. There was no color to these lights other than incandescent?

A. No.

Q. Mrs Herb said your eyes hurt for several days afterward. That true?

A. I'm wearing glasses now, but mind you I was probably going to have to get them anyway.

Q. How long did they hurt--was it a period of days or weeks?

A. Oh, days. Days or weeks. It could have been even weeks. You know.

Q. When did you first notice--what was it, an irritation or what. Can you describe what they felt like?

A. Well, just felt sore, that's all. Like if maybe you had over-read or something. It could be from over-reading too.

Q. Was it immediate or the next day when you felt this?

A. Oh, I don't know. I do know I said, 'Gee, maybe it was the lights that are ~~xxx~~ making my eyes sore.' You know, I mean, just casually. I didn't I never thought too much about it.

Q. But not ~~xxx~~ enough that you couldn't work?

A. Oh, no.

Q. She gave us the date of Feb. 20th--was the the middle of the week, a weekday?

QA. Seems to me it was a Friday night. Friday or Saturday. . . .

Q. You're principal of Peace Valley Elementary School?

A. Yes.

Q. How many kids in that school?

A. Well, that's immaterial to the story.

Q. May I ask how long you've been a school teacher or principal or whatever you do?

A. I've been here for 10 years. . . .

Q. Have you lived around here all your life?

A. Since I was married. 20 years. . . .

Q. May I ask how old you ~~xxx~~ are?

A. Not really (laughs)

Q. OK, did the children find out about this?

A. I told them.

Q. And what was their reaction?

A. Well, like all children they're interested in anything that happens to the teacher. But they're a different type of children. They're Hutterian children, if you know what they are. They're a religious sect.

Q. Like the Amish in Pennsylvania?

A. Yes.

Q. How far out of Starbuck do you live?

A. 7 miles. About the same as from Sanford. . . .

Q. What did you think of this thing, anyway?

A. Before or after?

Q. When you were looking out the window. Did you put the window down?

A. Yeah, I rolled the window down to hear if there was a noise, but there wasn't.

Q. And do you recall what you were thinking at that time?

A. Nope.

Q. Did you have any particular thoughts?

A. Nope. They (Mrs Herb and husband) wanted to follow me home, but I said, 'For heavens sake, whatever it was is gone.'

Q. She (Mrs Herb) thought this was around 11:30 at night--

A. Yeah, it probably was. She had seen a strange light before and probably if I saw another one now I would be more, you know, get more excited about it. But to me, I was very curious because I thought, 'Now, this light maybe it's the same thing, maybe I'll discover just what, what would happen, see? In fact, I never thought of this being anything other than some airplane or something that was flying over.

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