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Two or more UFOs touched down on a Canadian farm last May 13, leaving behind four circular radioactive hot spots.

Ten witnesses saw the objects take off, including a TV cameraman who ~~filmed~~ ^{filmed} two UFOs as they flew away at different times.

In the field where the objects landed, four circles about 50 feet in ~~in~~ diameter and 75 to 100 feet apart were found later with the aid of a radiation detector.

The radiation level was ^a 3 to 4 times greater in the center of the circles than in the rest of the field, dropping off to about 2/3 times normal on the outer edges of the circles.

The UFOs set down on a farm 7 miles west of Carman, Manitoba, where UFO sightings have become so common since early April that local residents now casually refer to them as simply "Charley Red Star."

UFOs are seen almost nightly over the broad, flat Red River Valley in which Carman is situated. The land is so flat that ^{IF YOU CAN} sit in the Pembina Hills to the south with binoculars, you can see 70 miles across the valley.

Most of the UFOs are reported to be glowing red ^J objects that will hover or fly slowly and then zip away at unbelievable speeds. They are seen so often that UFO watching has become a regular nighttime ^{activity} ~~habit~~ for many people in the area.

At least one local pilot has chased a UFO in his plane, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police constable chased another in his police car and many residents have chased still others in their autos, (MORE

The only chase that came close was the one on May 13, the night that publisher Howard E. Bennett got within half a mile of one that was sitting in a farm field. Bennett, 48, is owner of the Dufferin Leader, a ~~weekly~~ regional weekly newspaper based in Carman.

He and nine other UFO watchers had parked their cars ~~at~~ that night on a dirt road 2 miles north of Carman and stood watching to the west across the broad prairie country. Although the land is very flat, there is an elevation rise of 50 feet 6 to 8 miles to the west.

All but three of the UFO watchers were local residents. The others were CKY-TV cameraman Allen Kerr and reporter Bill Kendrick and Mrs. Kendrick. They had driven down from Winnipeg, 55 miles to the northeast, for the second straight night in hopes of seeing--and filming--a UFO. This night they succeeded.

Shortly before 11 p.m., a strange light was seen on the western horizon, perhaps 7 miles away. To the naked eye it was just a light, but through field glasses the object resembled a bonfire that would flare up and die down, according to Bob Diemert, 36, a Carman pilot who restores vintage airplanes and was one of the ~~group~~ ^{those watching}.

About 10:50 p.m., an object rose above the distant trees, drifted slowly to the south and suddenly with a brief but brilliant flash of ^{light} shot straight up at an incredible speed.

"Did you see that flash?" Kendrick asked. None of the others did--but it was caught on film by cameraman Kerr. The remarkable piece of film shows a whitish-red object moving slowly to the left and in a red flash of light lasting only a 16th of a second, ~~and~~ lighting up the whole skyline, the object shot straight up.

A tiny glow could still be seen on the horizon, so Bennett, Diemert and the others decided to try to get closer to it.

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Nearly all of southern Manitoba is criss-crossed by gravel roads every mile north-south and every mile east-west. Their plan was to use roads parallel to the east-west road the UFO was believed to be on and then cut back to this road when they got close and sneak up on the object with their car lights out.

"~~Kendrick~~^d had seen one the night before in the same spot and had driven straight down the road toward it, scaring it away," Diemert explained.

Bennett and two other men, Kerry McIntyre and Ted Storey, went north a mile and then west while Diemert and Kendrick and their wives went south a mile and then west. Fredericka Giesbrecht, a Carman free lance photographer, and another person stayed behind with cameraman Kerr.

"We went west 5 miles and then cut south," Bennett told The ENQUIRER. "Just before we got back to the road the UFO was on, I said, 'Stop the car before we get to the mile road' because I didn't want to jeopardize our position. We stoped and walked to the road^e looked west---and didn't see a darned thing.

"Then we turned west but without our lights on and drove slowly. We went maybe a 100 yards when all of a sudden I could see this big glow behind some trees less than half a mile away off to our right and ^eahead of us."

Bennett, a pilot himself, immediately took a bearing on two sets of lights that were clearly visible from the car--red lights on a microwave tower about 10 miles to the northwest and three ~~white~~ white lights on a power substation at Graysville, a small town about 2 miles to the southwest.

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"I guess I made a mistake looking away and taking these bearings but I kept trying to rationalize this thing, wondering if it was a fire in the bush," ~~he~~ said Bennett.

"It was a smoky, red, hazy glow, and to me that thing was higher than the trees, maybe 50 feet tall. It was about 20 feet thick and sitting at an angle of about 45 degrees. The edges were fuzzy and not sharply defined. It was much like seeing a drive-in movie screen from the side.

"Anyway, as I took the bearings on the tower and substation lights, Ted said, 'There's two towers!' What he saw was a red light above the trees to the left of the tower. I swung back--and the glow was gone. It was gone before I could see it again.

"We drove around the mile square but we never saw anything else."

Those in Diemert's car got a good look at the object after it rose up.

"We were behind Bennett 4 or 5 miles and the first thing we saw was all of a sudden it was there, above the trees," said Diemert.

"We didn't see it jump out of the ground or anything. Just all of a sudden it was there and we wondered where the hell it came from. We didn't realize at the time that Bennett had chased him up.

"It kind of hovered, then sped off for maybe a quarter of a mile or so and then hovered again. Then it took off toward ^{where the camera was} Carman. I said to the others, 'Boy, are they going to get a view of this thing--it's heading right toward them.'

"We jumped in the car, turned around and started back and as we did the thing suddenly headed off toward Winnipeg at a high rate of speed. It was doing at least 1,500 ~~mi~~ miles an hour."

Back at the camera, Allen Kerr was in luck again, getting his second piece of UFO film of the night. This one, lasting only 1½ seconds, shows a red light moving horizontally from left to right, going out of the film.

Both pieces of film were shown on CKY-TV newscasts in Winnipeg and among the more interested viewers were several members of the planetarium staff at the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature.

"I never had thought much about UFOs before--I thought they were a lot of baloney--and I wasn't wasting my time on them," said Ernest Spielman, 57, an electronics technician for the planetarium who later found the radioactive spots in the field near Carman.

"But when those sightings in the Carman area started coming in, we talked about it and decided that if we got a positive sighting of a landing, we would have a look.

"Then when we saw that film on CKY-TV, we made arrangements the next day to see it frame by frame in the studio. Then we decided to go out to Carman, take some equipment along and see if there was anything we could detect."

Eight days after the landing, Spielman drove to Carman, accompanied by Ed Barker, a planetarium artist and longtime UFO buff who is a member of the Canadian Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization.

That was May 21 and late that afternoon Bennett led Spielman and Barker to the very spot in the road where he first saw the glow. The farm is owned by Kenneth Roth and they got permission from him to go into his fields and search with a radiation detector.

"I took background readings first," said Spielman, explaining that he checked to see what the normal radiation level was for the field. "Then we started scouring the field--and we found four hot spots.

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"I had a background reading of about 10 milliroentgens--and in the center of these four particular spots I had readings of 38 to 40 milliroentgens, dropping off to about 25 milliroentgens in the outer edges of the circles. These patches were about 50 feet in diameter and were 75 to 100 feet apart.

"They were not in an absolutely straight line but were in a little swoop as if they were part of a very large circle. That is the first time I ~~have~~ ever found any readings that high."

Bennett was a witness to the readings.

"I saw the 38 to 40 levels too," Bennett told The ENQUIRER.

"Spielman said, 'I want somebody to substantiate or verify that these levels are being taken--would you mind coming over and looking at this instrument?' So this I did. I said, ~~Why?~~ 'Why?' and he said, ~~I~~ 'Well, we have to have ~~somebody~~ a witness."

The question then was what had caused the high readings--uranium or some other radioactive ore in the ground or by something that had been on the surface, such as a UFO?

Back in Winnipeg, B. ~~Bennett~~ Franklyn Shinn, director of the planetarium, checked with geologists at the Mineral Resources Division at the Manitoba Mines Department and was told there is no natural cause for such high readings.

The area is part of what was a vast fresh-water lake in pre-historic times and any radioactive ore that may be in the ground would be buried beneath thick layers of topsoil, clay and limestone. This is ~~an~~ extremely rich farmland and the black soil topsoil is about 7 feet deep in the area.

This meant it was something that had been on the surface. According to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Center for ~~the~~ UFO Studies and head of the astronomy department at Northwestern University

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Chicago, there have been two or three cases of ~~2~~ definitely higher radiation readings after UFO landings were reported.

"We've actually had a number of such cases but in most of them it is suspect because we never could make sure the guy who was doing the radiation countings knew what he was doing," Dr. Hynek said.

This was not the case with Spielman. A second visit to the Carman field was scheduled several weeks after the first, and The ENQUIRER arranged for a Winnipeg geologist experienced in searching for radioactive minerals to accompany Spielman.

The second visit was made on June 8. Between the two visits, farmer Roth had plowed the field and sowed grain in it. In addition, there were several fairly heavy rainstorms during that period, which would have washed any radioactive material on the surface into the soil.

In testing the field June 8, Spielman and the geologist, Roger A. Haskins, found only slightly higher readings than normal in the four general areas where Spielman had found the earlier hot spots. Both men agreed the radiation levels were not significant and could probably be found almost anywhere.

This confirmed the fact that the earlier high readings had not been caused by any radioactive ore in the ground. Had there been any, the radiation levels would have remained high.

This left the cause as some external source. What?

"In driving down from Winnipeg, I tried to figure out what could cause the high readings Spielman got the first time and came up with only two hypotheses," Haskins told this reporter as we drove away from the Carman field.

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"One is that the field could have been 'salted,' meaning some radioactive substance was deliberately sprinkled on the field in a hoax. The other is that something--I don't know what--had been on the field that left traces of radioactivity behind."

The chances of anyone's "salting" the field are exceedingly slim, for several reasons:

1. No one in Carman knew that anyone planned to take any radiation readings in the field until the afternoon before, when Ed Barker called Bennett from the planetarium and asked his cooperation in locating the field.

2. The two types of radioactive materials that could be used would be difficult for an individual to get, especially on short notice.

Haskins explained that the materials that could be used to salt a field would be uranyl nitrate--which contains uranium and must be handled carefully--and radium or phosphorescent paint used on watch dials.

The dial paint has been officially banned in both Canada and the United States because of the health hazards, Haskins said.

Uranyl nitrate is readily available at major supply houses in the bigger cities in Canada--Winnipeg being the closest to Carman--but it is not sold to individuals, he said.

"You usually have to have company connection^s because they don't sell to individuals because of the hazards involved," said Haskins. "You'd have to work for somebody who did chemical supply work or through a company."

If the field wasn't salted, then something had been in the field that was radioactive, right?

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"That's right," Haskins said. "If the field wasn't salted and Spielman got those high readings, I have no geologic explanation of it.

"It wouldn't be explainable by anything I could come up with. No natural phenomena would cause that. It would be puzzling."

Spielman definitely knew what he was doing, Haskins said.

"I believe ~~it~~ from what I could observe of the way he was taking his instrument readings that he was doing as good a job as anybody in this situation. I don't doubt his techniques or anything."

Told that Spielman had been taking radiation readings as a hobby for 8 years, Haskins said: "If he's been playing around with it that long he's learned all the tricks of the trade."

Spielman moved to Canada in 1954 from the Netherlands, where he earned degrees in electronics and mechanical engineering. He does electronic and optical engineering for the planetarium, designing and building special effects.

Before joining the planetarium staff 7 years ago, he designed and built therapy and ultrasonic equipment for hospitals and other institutions.

At the planetarium, director Frank Shinn told The ENQUIRER: ~~is~~ "Ernest Spielman is a completely reliable employe. There's no ~~reason~~ reason to doubt his word on anything, none whatsoever. He's completely reliable and completely honest."

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Diemert, perhaps the keenest observer and one of the most avid UFO watchers in the Carman area, believes that what he and the others saw the night of May 13 was a mother ship and one or more robot UFOs.

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"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. They're kind of whitish in color, not so red as the big discs.

"We don't even know if the small ones are disc shaped. We do know the big ones are, because we've seen them in field glasses. But we do know the small ones act far differently than the big ships. The big ships don't accelerate or turn at right angles at tremendous speeds like the little fellows do.

"The little ones--well, in the film that one went at least 3,000 feet straight up in a 16th of a second and nobody could stand that. It would have to be a robot."

Diemert, a pilot since the age of 18, flew a Hurricane fighter plane in the movie, "Battle of Britain." He has been restoring vintage aircraft since 1960 and is currently rebuilding one of three Japanese World War II Zeroes that he dug out of a jungle on a South Pacific island.

"It doesn't pay to chase a UFO with an airplane because it's got radar like a bat," said ^DDiemert, who chased one once. "As soon as you're airborne, it takes off at a high rate of speed away from you and you can't get near it. But you can chase them with autos because on the ground you're just another automobile."

Diemert and his wife, Elaine, go out ~~watching~~ hunting for UFOs frequently, often taking along a jug of hot coffee.

"One week we went out six nights and six nights we saw them," said Diemert. "One night we saw ~~two~~ ⁷ five."

Diemert also believes the objects have what he calls terrain radar. "As they fly along close to the ground they rise and fall with the terrain," he said. "Whether it's houses, trees or whatever, (MORE

they go up and down staying the same distance away all the time."

Perhaps the record for UFO watching was set by Freddie Giesbrecht, the free lance photographer who is determined to get a good picture of a UFO. Sometimes accompanied by her husband, she went out 26 straight nights in May and June UFO watching before rain forced her to stay in on the 27th night to keep her cameras dry.

"I saw UFOs 18 times but only once was one close enough for me to shoot anything," she told The ENQUIRER.

That night she got three shots taken 2 seconds apart. In color slides, the first two ~~show~~ show what appears to be a small orangish star but in the third--taken as the object turned, she said--the object is ~~brighter~~ brighter red and slightly elongated, like a tiny dumbbell.

Even ^{the} well-trained Royal Canadian Mounties have trouble catching UFOs. Shortly before midnight on May 8, Constable Ian Nicholson, 23, investigated a report of a UFO sighting at Diemert's airport a mile southwest of Carman. About 12:15 a.m., after finishing his report at the RCMP office in town, he returned to the airport out of curiosity.

"When I got opposite the airfield itself, I noticed a red light in the sky to the west," Nicholson told this reporter.

"I drove a mile north to Highway 245, which goes west out of town, and then I went another mile west, where I stopped the car. Off to the northwest, I'd say 3 to 4 miles away at a height of about 1,000 feet, there was an oval-shaped red light. There was an X-shaped white halo around it, not connected to it."

Nicholson drew a sketch of a red ~~disc~~ disc superimposed on a white X but with the white lines not touching the disc.

"The red was somewhat the color of a traffic safety light, a stop light," Nicholson continued.

"I sat there for 2 or 3 minutes just looking at the object, which appeared stationary at the time. Then I decided to get a closer look at it.

"I drove west on Route 245 in my police car--and I can say I was moving pretty fast. As I was going west, the object appeared to be flying in a northwesterly direction.

"I continued for approximately 12 more miles, keeping the object in sight, trying to get somewhat abreast of it so that if the opportunity presented itself I would have driven north toward it.

"About ~~16 miles west of Carman~~ ^{west of} (16 miles ~~west of~~ Carman), I stopped the car. I'd seen there was no way I was going to catch up to it. So I just stopped the car and watched the object go out of sight over the tree line on the horizon.

"This was about 12:27 a.m., so the object was in view for about 12 minutes."

Others have gotten a closer look at UFOs. At 4:15 a.m. May 2, Abe and Betty Hildebrand were awakened by their two dogs, Tommy and Fuzzy, who were barking furiously.

The Hildebrands and their two young daughters live in a 70-year-old stone house they had moved into just 3 weeks earlier. It is on a farm $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Morden, which is 25 ^{miles} ~~miles~~ south of Carman.

"We were sleeping upstairs," said Hildebrand, 32, a high school mathematics teacher for 10 years until he gave up teaching last year to sell real estate.

"The dogs woke us up with their barking, which usually means the horses are out or something. We looked out our windows and we immediately noticed there was a light in the corner of the driveway out there.

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The house sits on a hill. The driveway, which is about 100 yards long, is L-shaped. It runs downhill from the house, bends around a big oak tree and goes out to the road.

"It wasn't a bright light," said Hildebrand. "It was more like a fluorescent glow, with no focus on it or anything. It was about twice the size of a car, maybe 15 to 20 feet long and 10 or 12 feet high. I didn't notice any edges to it, so it's hard to say exactly what shape it was."

The object was perhaps 50 yards from the house, he said. The tree was between them and the object but there were no leaves on the tree at that time and they could see the ~~glowing~~ glowing light clearly.

"Betty and I ⁺saw at the windows watching it for three-quarters of an hour," said Hildebrand. "It was clear but there was no moon. It was windy I know, because I went downstairs 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. I figured if they weren't going down there, I wasn't either.

"I don't know if I heard anything. When I stuck my head out, for a minute I thought I heard ~~at~~ what sounded like a neighbor's tractor. But it was too windy to tell.

"We watched for 45 minutes and it started getting light in the east, and in a very short time the glow just faded and was gone. There was no movement that we could see. It didn't take off or anything. It just faded and was gone."

The next morning Hildebrand found something interesting.

"I went out ~~to~~ there to see if there was any evidence and there were four round holes in the ground maybe 2 inches in diameter and 3 inches deep. They were in the ~~end~~ on the far side of the driveway. MORE

"The holes were not symmetrical. Two of them were 29 inches apart and the other two were closer, about 22 inches. The two sets of holes were maybe 4 feet apart."

In Holland, Manitoba, about 55 miles west of Carman, Henri Francois, a 34-year-old carpenter, saw an object in daylight as he was driving to work the morning of Wednesday, June 4.

"This was 20 minutes to 8," Francois told this reporter in the Francois' modest but neat home after ^{Francois} ~~he~~ and his wife and their two children returned from church at 10 a.m. the following Sunday.

"I was ~~be~~ going east on this road that passes my house, going toward Route 34, where I turn and go south 30 miles to St Leon, where I work building houses. About 200 yards from the highway, I saw this flashing light, real bright, on the dirt road directly ahead of me and half a mile or so beyond Route 34.

"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. As soon as I got to the highway, I knew right away what it was from reports I'd heard.

"I was a little frightened. You don't see these things ~~in~~ every day. The object was right in the middle of the road but not on the road. It was maybe a foot or two off the road because I could see a little bit of the road underneath it.

"The light was on top, just bright flashes, so bright I couldn't see anything in the center of the object. But I could see the sides and they came out like ~~wedges~~ wedges, like the edges of a disc, out over the sides of the road, wider than the road. The edges were sort of grayish blue, like the atmo^sphere here.

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Francois said he stopped at the corner for a moment and rolled his window down but couldn't hear anything. He turned, drove south about 100 yards and stopped again. The object was still there.

Francois then drove to the next farmhouse to find someone ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~you~~ ^{to} ~~would~~ go back and see the object with him. The farmwife there got in her station wagon and they both drove back to the corner, but by then the object had vanished.

Francois and
Later/an RCMP constable from nearby Treherne checked with several neighbors but no one else saw the object.

same day--June 4--
Later that ~~same day~~ and not too far from Holland, Mark and Rolande Lehmann, both 39, had the second of several experiences they've had with UFOs.

In addition to a 960-acre farm they own 8 miles north of Carman, they have a 160-acre pasture with 115 horses in it 9 miles north of St. Claude, which is 25 miles east of Holland.

That afternoon the Lehmanns were in the pasture checking on their horses when Mrs. Lehmann saw the top of a round silvery object settling behind some trees to the north of them. She said something to her husband and he got just a glimpse of it.

Mrs. Lehmann thought it might have been a weather balloon and they thought nothing more about it. But 15 minutes later, they heard a loud crashing noise directly west of them and saw dust and debris swirling up in the air. There are no roads in that area and they knew of nothing that could have caused the noise.

That night around 1:30 a.m., they were preparing to go to bed when Mrs. Lehmann looked out a bedroom window and saw a glowing object approaching from the west just over the treetops.

"It was beautiful," said Mrs. Lehman, a French Canadian who speaks English with a strong accent.

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"It was a great big thing with a silvery dome and alternating red and green lights all around it. I couldn't see the bottom. It was just like the whole thing was tilted up with its top to me and it was flying on its edge.

"I thought it was going to hit the house but it went right over, across the road and settled down behind those trees," she said, pointing to a stand of trees about 1,000 feet to the east.

She and her husband rushed to the east side of the house and watched as the object moved slowly about, coming out from behind the trees and ^drift_Aing back from time to time.

"After a short while it disappeared toward Carman and when it decided to go, boy, did it go!" said Mrs. Lehmann.

The Lehmanns' first experience with a UFO came the previous night, on June 3.

"We had just bought a new truck and had come home from a neighbor's at 12:15 a.m. when we saw a bright red light to the west of our farm," said Lehmann.

"We followed it for a ways but then we lost it. We kept going and all of a sudden, there it was in a field! It was a huge red thing but without the red and green lights. It was slowly revolving[✓] and was a silvery pink color. Suddenly it disappeared. I don't know how. We didn't see it raise."

He turned the truck around and headed for home. They were just southwest of their farm when they saw the object again, this time on the north side of their farm across the field about half a mile away.

"We thought it was in our field at first and the horses--we've got about 20 head there--the horses were real scared," said Mrs. Lehmann.

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"It was just hovering not far above the horses. ~~and that~~ They stampeded at first but later settled down some. That light from the object was shining down on one of our brown horses and he looked bronze because the ~~light from~~ light from the object was pink. The object itself was a very bright, bright red color. It was revolving and revolving very slowly.

"We thought we could see shadows moving around on the ground, but it may have been just those revolving lights.

"We stayed and watched it for maybe an hour. It was still there when we left. We were too scared to get any closer."

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Lt. Doug Caie, information officer for the Canadian Forces air base at Winnipeg--part of the North American Air Defense Command--was asked if any of the numerous UFOs sighted during April, May and June had been seen on radar.

"No, Sir, not in the U.S. or Canada!" Caie told this reporter firmly and promptly.

"At the request of the local media, I checked 5 or 6 of the different sightings with our own radar and with the 24th NORAD region at Minot, N.D., and we didn't get any correlation whatsoever."

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Carman UFOs

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a reporter and
Kerry McIntyre, 22, production manager of the Dufferin
Leader, told The ENQUIRER:

"We were heading west and we saw to the west-northwest a relatively large bright red light that seemed to be hovering about 50 to 100 feet in the air.

"I think I saw the thing take off. I was trying to keep my eye on it and the road at the same time and out of the corner of my eye, all of a sudden it just zoomed straight up, a little bit at an angle, slightly to the north, and in just a second or a second and a half it was gone.

"It was very, very brilliant red. I was driving, Ted was in the middle and Howard was on the outside in the front seat. We all saw it but Ted and Howard didn't see it take off. My impression of it--and this is where I disagree with Howard and Ted--^ais that it was far off. They estimated it was a mile or two miles away but to me it appeared to be farther off than that."

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Storey, 43, a farmer who lives 15 miles southwest of Carman, had been at the Dufferin Leader offices earlier in the evening to get some printing done and Bennett invited him to go UFO watching with him and McIntyre.

"I was sitting in the back seat, leaning over the front between Howard and Kerry, when Howard said something like, "Ted, is that a fire over there?"

"I looked around Howard but I didn't see anything at the time. Then I happened to look up--I didn't know what I was looking for--and to the west a little it looked like another tower light above the trees. I said, 'That can't be the tower at Haywood!' But it looked like another tower light to me. It was bright red and I don't know if it was on the ground or not, but it looked like it was the height of the tower."

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(in answer to evaluator's queries)

1. The planetarium is simply a part of the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature but is often referred to in the area as the Winnipeg Planetarium.

2 and 3. Ernst (note spelling) Spielman took the radiation readings purely out of personal interest in pursuit of a scientific hobby. He did not set out to prove or disprove anything but simply wanted to see if, as alleged, a UFO had landed whether it left behind any radioactive trace.

His purpose was to satisfy himself and his colleagues and for that reason---and because he was confident he knew how to ~~operate~~ operate his instrument--he never sought to have any scientists collaborate his findings.

The reason it ~~took~~ took 8 days to go check the field is this: He was not immediately aware of the landing but learned of it on TV newscasts. Then when he saw the UFO films taken by CKY-TV, he and several associates at the planetarium arranged with the TV station to go to the studio and see the films frame by frame. Once they had examined the film--and had satisfied themselves that the flash that lit up the horizon was not some aberration of the camera or film--they decided they would go to Carman and see if they could detect any radiation in the field. They had to do this on their own time outside of working hours, and since Carman is 55 miles away it was several days more before they could arrange to go there.

4. Spielman did not take geologist Haskins to the field and, in fact, never met him until that day, June 8. The Enquirer arranged for Haskins to go to the field to make an independent check--and to check on Spielman's instruments and techniques--after we learned on

June 5 Spielman planned to revisit the field on June 8 for another radiation check. Spielman had never heard of the Inquirer until I talked with him long distance. The reason he waited several weeks after the first reading to check the field again is this: If the radiation levels remained high ~~remained high~~ after a period of time, then obviously the cause was something natural in the ground such as uranium ore, and all the rainstorms, plowing or whatever would have had no effect. But if there was a marked change in the levels after a short period of time, then the original high levels had to be the result of something that had been on the surface of the ground. This is why he waited several weeks to go back. Again, Spielman had to do this on his own time and arranged to re-visit the field on a Sunday.

5. There were no burns, indentations or any other physical evidence that anything had been on the field.

6. Radiation readings are the key point--and the file gives the newspaper publisher, Howard E. Bennett, as the principal backup (see page 6) and not Barker (although Bennett said Barker also witness some of the readings).

7. Bennett, Kerry McIntyre and Red Storey got the closest look at whatever it was--a brief glimpse of something bright red. Bennett got the impression of something huge, disc-shaped standing on its edge, but he immediately lost sight of it when he took a bearing on the microwave tower and the substation lights. All three saw the object through a stand of trees--which had no leaves on them at this time--but they thought the object was one to two miles or more away (they disagreed on the estimate). The next morning, Bennett went back out there to (1) confirm his original bearing and (2) to call to Kenneth Johnson West, trying to find out if anyone else

had seen anything. None had. When ~~Spielman~~ Bennett took Spielman, Barker and Barker's brother to the site 8 days after the sighting, all he could do was take them to the spot on the road where the car had been, ~~and~~ and--by re-checking his bearings--point him in the direction the object had been seen. From that point, Spielman simply ~~was~~ set off across fields and woods until he began picking up radiation readings. The first ^{high reading} was actually about half a mile away.

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