

Jim Shirtliffe, farmer, near Elie, Manitoba, 3 1/2 miles south, 1 mile east
personal interview 8/27/76, 36 yrs old. 204-353-2262

Q. You saw a big object and four small ones?

A. yeah there was a big ship and these ~~four~~ four appeared out of it. They came out of it. two stayed ~~x~~ on guard above it and from there one little on one went to Winnipeg and one went to Portage.

Q. When was this?

A. It would be toward the end of may in 1975.

Q. Where was all this?

A. This would be west of here, close to the microwave tower, and the mother ship seemed to be close to that (the tower). and I couldn't tell whether the one (big one) did go right down to the ground. the bush blotted out my view.

Q. You saw it from here (farm home) or on other side of trees.

A. On the other side of the trees (to the south).

Q. How far from you is the tower?

A. a mile

Q. What time of night was this?

A. About 11 p.m. or 12 midnight. Saw it three nights in a row. There'd be about a dozen people around here who saw it.

Q. You recall any names of people who saw these?

A. Well, there was three brothers and my mother and father.

Q. Can you describe what you saw. tell me what you mean by mother ship.

A. It was the brightest of them all and it was the biggest. It's hard to tell how much bigger. it was an enormous light. and the other ones were small. the four small objects. and they didn't go straight through the air. they sort of (moves hand in wave-like motion, like a sine wave)

Q. Like a wave?

A. Yeah.

Q. Like a sine wave, eh?

A. Yeah. both of the ones that went away, the one that went to Winnipeg and the one that went over to Portage flew like that. And two stayed above the mother ship at all times and the other two seemed to be explorers.

Grant: What about the colors of these, the mother ship and the other. all the same colors?

A. Pretty well, yeah.

Q. What color was that?

A. Well, how would you describe it--brighter than a star--

Q. Same color as the stars, all whitish.

xx A. Yeah, only the mother ship was real bright.

Q. Was there any shape to them that you could distinguish?

A, No, the light was--you know, you could look at it for a while and your eyes would water.

Q. From looking at it?

A, Yes.

Q. And you were a mile away?

A. Yeah/

Q. And it was that bright it hurt your eyes.

A. Well, if you watched it long enough.

Q. But all you saw was one big light and four small ones?

A. Well, we seen them come from the big one.

Q. They came from the big one?

A. Yeah.

Q. How did you notice these things?

A. It was bright, eh?

Q. I mean, what were you doing at the time--

A. We were seeding with the discer, we were going around the field, eh? So one time there's nothin' and next time we turn the corner there it is.

Q. How close to the tower were they?

A. Well, again, the bush--I'd say just a little north.

Q. Did you get the impression they were interested in the tower?

A. Well, my impression was that they were the logical spot to be sighted. See they were sighted just before that at Carman and then they were around this tower and at Brunkild (site of another microwave tower) they were seen around the tower there. So they, I don't know . . .

Q. You saw the bright light, what you call the mother ship. what did you do, stop your tractor and watch it or what?

A. Yeah.

Q. How long did you watch it before you saw the smaller ones?

A. Oh, not even 5 minutes before they appeared. And the mother was there, oh, half, three-quarters of an hour, and after these came back from Winnipeg and Portage there, they all took off to the northwest.

Q. How did the smaller ones come out of the mother ship, did you see that?

A. No, you couldn't see.

Q. You don't know if they came out of one side or were just sitting there?

A. No. I couldn't tell.

Q. The two that stayed just sat above the big one?

A. Yeah, quite a ways up. When they first came out they seemed to be in position, you know, four even positions. Two above and two below. and the two below ones were the explorers.

Q. The one that went off toward Portage--did it go toward portage or the air force base over that way?

A. Oh, I couldn't tell. I could see the one over Winnipeg.

Q. You could see all the way?

A. Pretty well all the way in and--

Q. And you watched it all the way in (to Winnipeg) and back?

A. Yeah--well toward Winnipeg, You couldn't tell how far. and then after a while it came back.

Q. So you watched the whole thing about 3/4 of an hour?

A. yes.

Q. And then after the two came back from Winnipeg and Portage, what happened? Did they all go into the mother ship?

A. I just can't remember exactly. No, I think they stayed around it.

Q. And what happened? Did they all disappear or fly off or what?

A. They went off toward the northwest.

Q. And you saw this three nights in a row--did they do the same thing the second and third nights?

A. yes.

Q. The little ones came out of it and again go off toward Winnipeg and Portage?

A. Yeah, same thing. . . .

Q. How old are you?

A. I* I'm 36.

Q. And your mother and father saw this?

A. Yes.

Q. they live near here?

A. Yeah, about a mile east.

Q. What's your father's name,

A. Hector.

Q. And you said three brothers--what are their names.

A. There's Ladimir and Verne--that's two brothers. and then there was a hired hand I had, Harry Wipf.

Q. What did you think when you saw that?

A. Well, I was just interested. Just sat down--the fellow who was working for me, he wouldn't get out of the tractor, so he watched it from inside the cabin.

Q. Did you report this to the RCMP or anybody?

A. No.

Q. Did you tell any of your neighbors about it?

A. Well I mentioned it to them afterwards, but at that time we were working

Q. Did any of your neighbors see this?

A. No, most of the people around here do't work this late. like they quit 9 or 10 o'clock. Generally in the spring I run till midnight, 1 o'clock.

Q. You said May 1975--was this early may, middle of May, what?

A. Towards the end. I could look up the exact date, the seeding dates.

Q. Were your brothers and parents all out there working with you or what?

A. They were at the--well my dad came out there and one of my brothers was from the city, eh? He had been helping us that night and was having a cup of coffee so he (father) went in to tell him about it.

Q. That must have been rather fascinating.

A. Yeah, it was. We weren't sleepy after that that's for sure.

Q. You say looking at it hurt your eyes--but there were no after effects, it didn't hurt your eyes the next day or anything like that/?

A. No.

Q. These were three consecutive nights?

A. Yes. . . .

Q. You were (in the field) just south of here looking west toward the objects?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the tower?

A. It's a telephone company tower (on route 248)

Q. How old are your brothers?

A. Lad's a, 5 years younger than me, 31, and Verne's in university, so he's--terrible I can't think how old my brother is.

Q. He's a student at the University of Manitoba? what's he studying?

A. Geology, this will be his last year.

Q. Ladimir lives in Winnipeg (yeah) What kind of work does he do?

A. He works for the Farm Credit Corp.

Q. Your parents live just south of you

A. Three quarters of a mile south and a mile east.

Q. Have you seen anything since then?

A. No . . . I didn't want to say much about it because I didn't want to get a whole bunch of city people all out here . . .

Q. you know your father's phone number?

A. 353-2830 . . .

Q. when you saw the objects they were below the top of the tower? they weren't above the tower?

A. Yeah, they were above. but one little one came down and it got so low it was below the tower top and the trees blocked my view, on the east side of the river. the tower's on the west, so I couldn't say if it did land.

but then it came back up in sight and went west toward Portage.

Q. The other two just stayed above it all the time?

A. Yes.

Q. When they came back from Winnipeg and Portage, were they still going up and down (like sine wave)?

A. Yeah.

Q. Was it very smooth?

A. Yes, very.

Q. Or was it very pronounced?

A. No, just little (waves)

Q. When they were moving in this wave-like manner, were they going very fast?

A. Yeah, that would be quite a fast ~~xxx~~ speed. I don't know how to describe it. You watch them maybe 2 minutes or 3 minutes and they'd be over Winnipeg.

Q. And they came back the same speed?

A. Yes.

Q. The two sitting above were just stationary?

A. Yes.

Q. And when they all took off--the mother ship and four small ones--did they all go in an up and down wave motion?

A. No. It was such intense light, I would say it was just going steady and seemed to move quite fast.

Q. You got the impression the little ones were still outside the mother ship as they took off or was it just one big bright light?

A. I* I'm not quite sure. I'd have to ask my brothers.

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