

THE WORLD OF UFOS

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Small Objects Fly in Wavy Motion

The growing season in Canada is short, and farmers often work around the clock. It is not unusual to see people working in the fields very late at night.

Thus, it was normal for Jim Shirtliffe to be seeding a field on his farm 5 miles southeast of Elie, Manitoba, shortly before midnight one night in May 1975. What wasn't normal was what he saw.

"We were seeding with a disk, going around the field," said Shirtliffe, a tall, angular man who was 35 at that time.

"My two younger brothers, Ladimir, who works for the Farm Credit Corp. in Winnipeg, and Verne, a geology student at the University of Manitoba, were helping me that night. So was a hired hand, Harry Wipf, and my parents.

"We were going around and around the field seeding and one time we turned the corner and saw this enormous light over by the microwave tower. This is a telephone company tower maybe a mile west of the field.

"After about five minutes we saw four smaller lights come out of it and sort of take up positions above and below the mother ship. They all glowed white.

"The two above sat quite a ways above the mother ship. They seemed to be guards while the two below were the explorers.

"The mother ship was the brightest of them all and the biggest. We couldn't tell how much bigger. It was an enormous light.

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"We couldn't tell the shape of any of them, and you couldn't look at the big one too long because it would hurt your eyes.

"One little one came down so low below the top of the tower that the trees blocked my view. I don't know if it landed or not, but in a very little time it came right back up and went sailing off west toward Portage La Prairie. The other one went east toward Winnipeg.

"But they didn't go in a straight line. They went through the air in a wavy motion, very smooth and very regular. Just very small waves.

"Neither one was gone very long. The one that went east looked like it went all the way to Winnipeg, which is about 20 miles away. But I'm not sure it went that far.

"It took only two or three minutes to go there and then it came back in the same way, in a wavy motion.

"The one that went to Portage also went in a wavy motion. We couldn't see how far it went but it was back soon, too, still going in that up and down pattern.

"I didn't know what to think. I was just interested, I guess. The fellow who worked for me, he wouldn't get out of the tractor. He just stayed in the cabin and watched from there.

"We watched this whole thing for about three-quarters of an hour, and then the mother ship and the little ones all flew off toward the west. They moved away quite fast.

"We sure weren't sleepy after that, that's for sure.

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"This happened three nights in a row, and each time the little ones came out of the mother ship and one went off to Winnipeg and one to Portage while the other two stood guard.

"We never saw them after that."

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