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Iron County Deputy Sheriff James ~~Wicklund~~ Wicklund. Officer 3 1/2 years.
26 years old. ~~715-561-3800~~ (interviewed in sheriff's office ^(Hurley, Wis.) 5/11/75)
This happened night of March 13.

It was on Rt. 77 in Iron County near Ashland County line (This is east of Mellen, where UFO landing occurred) ~~Q~~ (What time of night?) 10:30 to 11. (What was it you saw?) They told us this thing was coming toward us and we went out and looked. (Who is ~~we~~?) ^{Victor Morella, a} former deputy I used to work with and me. So, we went out there and looked in ~~the~~ ^{that} direction where they had seen this thing and it looked like a bright star, a real, real bright star, going from side to side and up and down. It looked like it was coming toward us. It was so far away it still had ~~that~~ that, you know, it looked like a star. (But there was definite ~~movement~~ movement?) Oh, definitely! (Not the wavering like you're watching a star and it appears to be moving?) No, it would move up and down and from side to side, but in all that time it was just real bright and changing a little bit of color. It would get a little green and go back to normal white. (Could you estimate how far away it was from you?) No, I sat there and watched it and ~~then looked over towards~~ ^{then looked over towards} Birch Hill ² ((on US ~~R~~ about 14 miles due north))) and seen another one similar to the first one. We saw three that night. I followed it (((Watched it))) all the way back to the Sheriff's Office ((in Hurley, Wis.))) and it was still in the sky. As much as I could keep watching it while driving. It was still there when got back. (When you got back here did it appeared to be still changing colors?) No, I wasn't even sure if I had the right thing by that time. (You say you saw three that night) well, we seen one of them in the Birch Hill direction. Then while we were driving on Rt 77 going back east this thing came across the sky as quick as can be. We shut off the lights because we thought it was our movement that was making it look like it was moving. We shut off the lights and stopped the car and we could see it and all of a sudden it just disappeared. It was just like a shooting star except it was shooting

upwards.. But that was so far away, it looked like it burned up or something. (Is this off to the south or?) No, that was in an easterly direction (The first one you saw was--) Northeast more or less. (first one you saw was near the Ashland County line?) Yes. (Did you meet up with any deputies from Ashland?) Yes, there were two deputies and then they called their undersheriff and he looked at it also, George Ree. (Do you know who the other deputies are?) no. (What did the first one do?) It just seemed to dance around and, not that much movement, but it danced a little to the right, a little to the left, it started coming at us . . . but it was such a long distance away. Like I say, it was the brightest star in the sky and it was ~~it~~ just movin', that's the only difference. (But you could distinctly notice a change in colors?) Yes. I took two or three pictures of it but ~~it~~ ^{it} never showed up. (The second one you say you saw off toward Birch Hill?) That was in between trees. We even lined ~~it~~ it up with trees and it was dancing to the opposite side of the tree and up and down. I think they had somebody in the fire tower up there at the same time ((Ashland deputies Maynard Whitebird and John Le Mieux were in the Birch Hill fire tower part of the evening))) (You were near Tyler Fork on Rt 77?) Yes . . .

~~I didn't hear it~~ I didn't hear it over the radio but they did in the office when they heard a swooshing here, ~~the swooshing~~ going over Pete's car ((Ashland Deputy Pete Drolson, who was on a dirt road at the edge of Lake Superior approximately 5 miles northwest of Birch Hill, saw bright white light from UFO pass close overhead))) The radios went off for a split second. (they didn't go out in my car but they ~~didn't~~ went out here because one of the officers said he could hear two of them--the swooshing. But it didn't cut out on mine and this is a base station so I couldn't understand it. (Did you hear the whoosh?) No I didn't. I didn't. I didn't hear nothing and that's why I couldn't understand why they heard it (((the swooshing sound)))) and I didn't. Everybody else heard it except me. . . .

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(Where were you when Drolson heard/saw the UFO?) I don't recall. I think I was on my way back in to the office on Rt 77 . . .

. . . When I was in the Coast Guard we used to see things like this flying over Lake Superior (When was this?) People'd call us up and say there's so-and-so in the sky. A lot of times we'd see things that were moving, and real quick we'd call the Air Force (And what did the Air Force say to you?) The Air Force would never say anything. they had no planes up and they couldn't catch anything on radar (when were you in the Coast Guard ~~1966-1970~~ 1966 to 1970 (On the Great Lakes?) Lake Superior, Duluth , Bayfield, _____ (2 other places couldn't make out) (And you could see things over Lake Superior,} You could go sit out on the steps and see things going thru the skies. They did tell us when they (((Air Force))) were dropping flares off _____ Peninsula. They did tell us when they were doing that.

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John Baker, 13 (on 7/4/57)

Q. Where were you when all this happened?

A. I was upstairs listening to the ballgame with my brother and when all of a sudden my sister came running upstairs and said there was a flying saucer in the road and I went to the window in my mom and dad's room and looked out the window. I could see this thing. It was just real bright. It was a real big bright light, one big thing so bright it was burning your eyes.

Q. Any colors?

A. Yes, they were quite dull. Like green and blue and red around it, dull and then there was one big bright light that lighted up the whole thing.

Q. Were the red and blue lights individual lights?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you go downstairs and go outside?

A. I went downstairs, put my shoes on and my dad was going to go outside and I went with him down to our driveway and we walked about that far.

Q. Maybe 30 feet from the house?

A. Yes.

Q. You and your dad and who else?

A. My sister and Jeff too.

Q. Did you go into the road at all?

A. No, we just went into the driveway.

Q. Was it pretty cold?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you see from the driveway--did you get a better look at it?

A. Yes, a better look. You could kind of make out the shape. It was just like a dome like.

Q. Could you see the bottom at all?

A. No, the light was too bright. It was kind of shining up the snow.

Q. Was the area round the thing lighted--could you see the trees?

A. Yes, the trees that were close to it.

Q. When you got up a little closer in the driveway, you say dome shaped?

A. Yes.

Q. And what did the lights look like from there?

A. There was a big bright light, like in the middle of it, like a doorway.

Q. And light was coming from inside of this thing then?

A. Yes, in the middle of it.

Q. How big was this. Was it like a regular door or was it rounded

Q. In the corners or what?

A. It was quite big.

Q. As big as half the size of the object?

A. No, it was just a part of it. Just a door.

Q. But the light coming from that was bright enough you couldn't make out the bottom of the object?

A. I didn't really look at it like that.

Q. What kind of a noise was it making at this time.

A. Kind of a screeching noise.

Q. Did you hear the banging sound?

A. No, I was here with my dad when he was phoning the sheriff.

Q. You mean when it left. But your dad mentioned a banging sound, like someone was hitting something with a hammer.

A. Oh, yeah. My sister and my brother Monty heard the boom when it left. The rest of us were in here around the phone.

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A. (banging sound) Oh, yeah. Out toward the doorway there was a clanging ~~xxx~~ sound, a banging sound. Like tin hitting against tin.

Q. Were there very many of these clanging ~~noises~~ noises?

A. Oh yeah, like they were repairing something, it kept on doing it.

Q. How long did you stay outside watching this?

A. About 5 minutes.

Q. Was it pretty cold that night?

A. Yeah, very cold.

Q. But it was clear.

A. Yes, it was clear. you could see the stars.

Q. Was the moon out that night?

A. I don't know.

Self Maker, 11

Q. Where were you when this happened?

A. I was in the kitchen making a peanut butter sandwich.

Q. And Jane came in the side kitchen door?

A. Yes. She said there was something on the road.

Q. What did you do?

A. My dad up and went out and I put my slippers on and went out.

Q. What did you see?

A. Just a bright light, with a dome shape.

Q. Did you see the different colored lights around the side?

A. No, just the bright light.

Q. What kind of noise did it make?

A. Kind of a whining sound.

Q. Was there a banging sound in there?

A. Yes, a kind of tapping.

Q. When your dad went in to call the sheriff, where were you?

A. We were all inside then.

Q. Did you hear the noise when it left?

A. No.

Q. Did you go back outside after the phone call?

A. Yes.

Q. When the sheriff came, did you go up there to see what it was?

A. No.

Q. Did anyone go up there?

A. Just the sheriff.

Q. And he didn't see anything?

A. No.

Q. Did you go up there the next day?

A. Yes. The snow was all fluffed up and the bicycle tracks were erased.

Q. Any shape to this fluffing. Was the snow very deep there?

A. No.

Q. Whose bicycles, yours and John's?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you ridden up there the day before and this is what made the tracks.

A. Yes.

Q. And this thing had set down and erased the tracks?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there any shape to it or just fluffed up?

A. Just fluffed up.

Q. I think that you are to intercept in the basketball game in on which to pay much attention to that happened. That's -- but you were listening to:

A. The basketball game went. Washburn and Jackson schools.

Q. You looked out the window, though, right?

A. Yes, I looked out the window and I came downstairs for a while but I didn't go outside. I guess I wasn't that curious.

Q. What did you see out there through the window?

A. At first I thought the hill was lit up. You could see something was there. I came back upstairs while my dad was on the phone and when I was back upstairs I heard a boom and I looked outside and it was gone.

Q. Who else heard the boom? Jane?

A. Yeah. We were the only ones.

Q. You didn't look out the window much at all?

A. No, I was on the wrong side of the house.

Q. So to look out at it, you had to go into your parents' bedroom?

A. Yeah,

Q. Did you go up there the next morning?

A. Yes, early the next morning.

Q. And what did you see.

A. At first I didn't see anything, but after looking a little while I could see one part. The sheriff's tracks were there but in one part the bicycle tracks had been wiped out.

Q. How far were they wiped out?

A. About 12 feet, 12 to 15 feet.

Q. How far did the sheriff go?

A. He went to the end of the road and came back.

Q. But you saw his tracks all the way?

A. Yes.

Q. And he'd gone right thru the spot where the bike tracks were erased.

A. Yes.

Q. How far does the road go beyond your house.

A. About half a mile.

Q. Nobody else lives on that road, right?

A. No.

Q. And your nearest neighbor up on Rt 77 is how far away?

A. About a third to half a mile.

Q. What year you in in high school

Q. Did you also come out the next day?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you walk them up there to see the tracks (yes.). And what did they see?

A. It was a little melted. It was a hot day the next day. Not real hot but enough to melt the snow.

Q. Was that George Lee or somebody else?

A. George Lee and several other guys, two college students and a guy from Civil Defense.

Q. Did they see the tracks?

A. Yes, they could see, it was partly visible.

Q. The guy from Civil Defense, would that be Bob Ante?

A. Yeah.

Mrs. Bill Allen: 44-278-2781 (by phone 11/1/75)

I really didn't see too much because I just went to the door and I was locked out. I didn't see anything, really.

Q. Kitchen door?

A. Yeah. All I saw was lights and I heard the noise. I can't even describe the noise, it was so long ago.

Q. What did the lights look like?

A. Kind of flashing. I thought they were kind of greenish, or greenish-blue and reds. Alternating colors.

Q. Why didn't you go outside?

A. I don't know. There was a lot of snow--and I didn't know what it was, and it was kind of icky out. I just didn't feel like going out at the time. And I told Monty, and he said it was nothing, so I said, Ok, I won't go outside then.

Q. How long did you watch this thing?

A. Well, I more or less went to the door, looked at it for a while and then went upstairs and watched it from upstairs, watching the lights for a while. I didn't watch it all the time. I don't know why.

Q. Did you hear the noise it made when it left?

A. No, I didn't. I was down here by Bill, standing in the kitchen by Bill when he was talking to the sheriff. . . . Monty heard the bang when it left.

Q. Did this disturb you at all?

A. I don't know. It was kind of curious but I wasn't really too shook up. I was kind of excited about it but I wouldn't say I was really too nervous about it. I never even gave much thought about flying saucers or anything like that.

Q. What was your impression as to what this was--you didn't have any idea what it was, did you?

A. No, not really.

Q. Did you have any inclination to go up there or have someone go up there and see what it was?

A. No, I told everybody to stay away from it.

Q. Why did you say that?

A. I don't know, because I really didn't know what it was, and I was kind of hesitant about anybody else to go and see what it was. I can't really say. It was something different that I didn't know what it was.

Q. You heard the banging noise?

A. No I didn't. I was in the kitchen.

Bob Ante, 35, president of Ante's Inc., a transportation company (can companies, rental cars, bicycles, etc.) and commander of the local Search and Rescue Unit for of the CAP.

(describe Monty's description, etc.)

A. Yes, but I had a little handicap when I got there. a sudden thaw. But when we got there you could see the tire print had more or less disappeared from this one little area more than any place else. You could tell the snow had been originally the same all through the way through the whole area.

Q. He told me Ree had gone to end of road and back.

A. This is true, but the night before George--as George told me, I think I was looking to far down the road--since this time I have had several different sightings. . . .

A. I would say snow had diminished in this one particular spot 45 percent. we had a thaw when I got there and it was melting down. We had a lot of snow on the ground but this day we had a warm sun and it was melting down. . . .

Q. George went to the end of the road and came back. Would it have been possible that the bottom of George's car struck against the snow?

A. No, no, no.

Q. What time of day did you look at it ?

A. It was early in the day (out there 3 times)

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A. . . . Midway up the road is where we saw this one area where the snow appeared to be windswept, and this gave me to thinking if the thing sat down and didn't come to the ground, what ever force it emitted from below could have done just the same thing. even if it was a fast takeoff, because when it took off it apparently broke the sound barrier at ground level because it took off with a boom. It was just gone and disappeared completely.

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sidebar with professor

Bob Ante runs the Checker Cab Co. in Ashland.

He is also involved in the Civil Air Patrol there and a ~~UFO~~ buff. He is frequently in touch with Professor Lundholm who he assisted in UFO investigations last weekend.

"Once you've seen one, you're interested," Ante said, speaking of UFOs.

He saw his first one driving home from Madison several years ago.

There, ^{in the sky} at the top of Mellen Hill, ~~there~~ was a Mid State air commuter aircraft piloted by Tom Bouchard, being "escorted" by three unknown flying objects, he said.

Two of the objects "split -- and like fast, one to the west and one to the east. No vehicle I know of could move out like those things did. The third one seemed to hover and moved to the west and disappeared in the woods."

Ante proceeded north in the ambulance he was driving at the time and "one came right over the highway, right over us," ^{he said.} "The light was so ~~intense~~ intense that the person sitting on the other side (of the ambulance) looked like a negative ~~image~~ ~~image~~."

"Then it was gone; all I could see was spots. I had to stop the ambulance.

"Now would you become interested in UFOs if this happened to you?"

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Birnamwood - UFO

sidebar with objects

Norm Bowman, associated with the Capitol Insurance Associates ~~in~~ ^{here}, reports that his brother and mother say "the identical same thing" is happening in Birnamwood ^{near Wausau}.

There, he said, unidentified flying objects "zing around, scare the devil out of people, go straight up," etc.

His mother said she watched one for 18 minutes one evening with binoculars. And his brother, Howard, a deputy sheriff, is bewildered that the federal radar personnel five miles away in Aniwa continue to deny their existence.

Deputy Sheriff John Lemieux, Iron County, Hurley, Wis.

Q. where were you when these sightings were made--this was on the night of March 13. Where were you?

A. We (Deputy Maynard Whitebird) were on the Birch Hill fire tower.

Q. You had heard something on the radio and had gone up there to see what you could see?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you see.

A. When we got up there we called in on our radio (had walkie talkie type radio) and asked where the other officers, and asked in which direction the other officers were looking. I believe they were looking west. The one we saw was over the lake. It was just like a group of three lights, close together, very close together. There was a blue I think--I can't remember, it's been so long, but they were different colored lights. They were changing. You couldn't really tell if they were rotating. They looked like they were more or less flashing.

Q. how far away would they have been?

A. The distance would be, I suppose, 15 to 20 miles out over the lake, they were fairly high. This was the one we were watching and it dropped straight down and just a few minutes later that's when Drolson said one came right over him. This would have been northwest of us at Birch Hill.

Q. You think this was the same one Drolson saw?

A. Yes, that's what I think. It didn't drop down towards him. It dropped down farther east of him.

Q. Did you see how far down it went or--

A. We lost sight of it.

Q. What was it doing before it dropped down?

A? This one was sort of flopping around, sort of figure 8s, I suppose

Q. Did you see any others that night?

A. I saw one west of the tower. Tower is about 90 to 100 feet high. You can see quite a distance. This one was just as we were coming down off the tower just after the one went over Drolson. And we just watched it for a few minutes, and then came down. . . . later back at tower saw some lights off to northeast

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Iron County Deputy Maynard Whitebird (Hurley, Wis.,)

Q. What did you see on the night of March 13.

A. Just little funny lights. They moved around a little bit, but what we seen up in the tower, we seen only one that was supposed to be a UFO. but it was just a little light that was blinking around up there, like a star twinkling.

Q. Lemieux said after a while it just dropped straight down and disappeared.

A. I was looking the other way when he saw it. But what was there was gone when I turned around, so I couldn't really say what it did.

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A. We were monitoring Drolson over our portable radio on the tower.

Q. Did you hear the swooshing sound when it passed over him.

A. Well, we heard it but I don't know what it was. We heard a whooshing sound on the radio and then I heard our base after a while talkin to him. I couldn't hear him.

Q. Could you hear him talking before this?

A. He was on the radio before. That's what we were listenin to.

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A. Since we seen that we've been seeing a lot of things because we've been looking, but I'm not sure what we're seeing.

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A. Later on that night, from the tower, we seen an object moving across the sky at quite a distance . . .

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Deputy Peter Drolson, Ashland County, Wis., 715-682-4947 (works 6 pm to 2 am shift, central daylight time) 5/2/75

I was on Waverly Beach Road, (where ^{in relation to?} Ashland) on 4 or 5 miles west of Birch Hill, (what time of night, can't remember offhand (roughly between 10 pm and midnight) it was after 10. got complaint from Baker family, undersheriff went down to check it out and then the sheriff sent us all out ~~to~~ to different locations to see if we could see anything. there were two officers up in the fire tower ~~i~~ on Birch Hill -- ^{Majors} Whitebird and ^{John} Lemieux -- everybody was seeing them ~~and~~ I wasn't until -- they just looked like lights at first. when I finally did see them I was parked at the end of Waverly on the lake (superior) ^{looking out over the lake} then when I finally did see them, I said they were way far away from me. they're way over by Saxon Harbor, I could see one of them. and then I lost sight of it. I didn't think much of it and I was looking out over the lake and then the ground got real bright. I was talking on the radio to the sheriff at the time. I could hear this -- it got bright, the ground, you could have read a newspaper, that's how bright it got. (how wide an area lit up) I don't ^{know} ~~know~~ I could see my shadow.

(you standing outside car?) yah, I was leaning up against it with the microphone in my hand looking out over the lake, and what it did, it came behind me (from which direction) west of me, heading in an easterly direction (where lake?) north, ~~it~~ came from left, going behind me. I saw the light and turned to my left to get a better look at it. all I could see was this bright glow (how far away from you was it?) maybe a couple of blocks behind me at tree-top level or a little higher. see anything distinct? no, it was big, I can tell you that but I couldn't tell you what form or anything like that. (couldn't estimate size?) all I know it was pretty big to light up the ground like that. and when I went to turn to the left, the microphone cord became taut and I ^{couldn't} ~~couldn't~~ couldn't turn to the left any more so I turned to the right real quick

to look over my right shoulder and it had already gone over the tree tops. and all I could see was a big glow going over the trees.

(how long did it take to pass over, just seconds?) ya, maybe 10 seconds (not too fast then?) not real fast (did it pass directly over you or) it would have been directly behind me, maybe a block and a half or two blocks. it was perpendicular to me. I talked on the radio the whole time and they heard the whoosh on the radio, sounded like a big gust of wind coming thru the woods. they heard that, I just kept on talking and I lost radio contact, my radio went off but I didn't know it. they told me after (what noise did it make?) it was just like a big gust of wind going thru the woods. (did you feel anything?) no, nothing at all (how high?) a little over tree top level. (this pretty hilly area?) yes, it's wooded pretty bad. the road is just a road they cut to the lake. it isn't really a beach. (temperature) pretty cold, 20s. real clear (moon?) don't believe so. (what did you think?) I didn't think much, just thought about getting back on some highway /laughs/ I went back up to the highway and then I went up to Birch Hill and we observed two more up there (how far were you from birch hill tower?) 4 or 5 miles (~~where~~ is tower near lake?) well, you can see the lake and you can see ashland and all around because you're so high in the air) (how far ^{between} birch hill and ashland?) maybe 10, 11 miles (whitebird and lemieux already up in the tower?) yes, they were up in the tower the same time I was at the lake. (did they see what you saw?) yes, but no they didn't see the one that went over me. . . . (how tall tower?) maybe 90 feet . . . (back at tower you saw two more?) yes, they were way far off tho. they looked like a big bright light (white?) white and then they had some green and red on it . . . you could see them real clearly, they'd go to the left real fast and then to the right and then they'd kind of bounce around, go down, back up. (how long you watch them do this?) a good hour or so

drolson--3

when we left they were still there (just moving around) yes (seem
to be operating independtly) ^{ea?} right (other sightings that night)
a lot of people seen them ^{that night.} as a matter of fact, we had people parking
up on the waysides, and after word got out the next couple of nights
there were people all over (more sightings following nights) not that
I can remember. . . . deputy 2 yrs, 24 yrs old. (on patrol that night)
yes. (feel any fear or anything when you saw that light) well,
it surprised me. I wasn't really ready for it (you could see a
distinct glow above the tree tops, wasn't partially obscured was it)
no, it passed over--you see, there's ~~t~~rees on both sides of the road
. . . (and all you could see was a glow, a very bright glow ~~that~~ that
lit up enuff to see shadow) right . . . (what were you telling the
office) what I was observing, but my radio went dead . . . (other
deputies) Ed Dunn was on 77, (did any other get as close a look as
you did) I don't think so. . . . I don't really know what it was
If it was an airplane or something I would have heard the noise.

(no such noise) no.

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Ashland County Undersheriff George Lee, Ashland, Wis., 715-682-2075
(home in Wellen, 715-274-5372) 5/2/75

neighbor Philip Baker called, said an object had landed on his farm.
he was very excited. . . . I went over and by then it had gone. later
on I went home, two more deputies came on the scene and . . . they
went down Hwy 77 to look around. they ~~did~~ and spotted two objects in
the air. they radioed back to the office and office called me out
again, so . . . this occurred in Iron County near Ashland County,
an Iron County car with 2 deputies came. another object came from south
going in northerly direction. this was second one. this one was a
little lower. we watched those two, lost track of time, maybe half
an hour. then a third came from north going southerly direction. that
one was the lowest. we could see the different colored lights on it.
that one stayed in the air for approximately 10 or 15 minutes. (the
(what doing?) moving, sort of doing the jig, going up and down
making a big, big U, it would go up, down, and then in the meantime
we had two more cars dispatched on US 2, that's on the Iron County-
Ashland County line near Birch Hill, a very high hill, and I was
transmitting to deputies location. 3 ~~deputies~~ were watching on Birch Hill
when one of these objects took off at a very very high rate of speed.
and I radioed a deputy and said it's going your way, and all of a
sudden, the deputy saw it coming and said, 'I see it coming' and
then his radio blanked out. it didn't knock out his radio, it just
blanked it out for approximately, maybe 30 seconds. he was talking
on the radio all the time, the sheriff was in the office, but it was
just a blank . . . Deputies Peter Drolson, Maynard Whitebird
and John Lemieux on Birch Hill (where, relation to Ashland,) easterly
direction toward Harley, Wis and Ironwood Mich. (which one radioing)
Drolson, car 12, (could read from light) yes (describe light) very bright
white light.

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(did you see these objects) yes, we saw the fourth object. we all decided around midnight we were going to turn our cars around and go back into Mellen and one of the deputies looked up and saw the 4th one, westerly direction out of Mellen (where were you at that time) oh, we were still in Iron County east of Mellen, just over the Ashland County line. two nights later, professor^{a.} --lundholm--and some other gentlemen came down to my house, asked questions, talked to ^{Phil} Baker, Iron County officers, ate and on the way back they stopped at Birch Hill on US 2, and they observed ^v ~~they claimed 10 or 12 sightings~~ ^{something}. This was on a thursday that I saw them, or Wednesday. and it was on a friday night or early Saturday morning when ~~A~~ Lundholm saw them (can you describe ~~a~~ object, how far) just very bright lights (distance?) first one was very high, second a little lower, third one lower yet--the third one we saw came from the north going to the south and was the lowest and we saw the different colored lights. the fourth one was very high. (could see individual lights) on the third one, yes (color) to me they were red, white and blue. some of the deputies disputed me and said they were green. I don't know they said I was color blind. (number of lights?) ~~the third one was~~ first one 2 would flash on and it would change color it would flash red, white and blue, different flashes at different interval (row of lights) no (the lights would just change colors) yes (time) about 10 p.m. till midnight, (you went over to Baker's house and talked to him) right (what kind of mood or state of mind was he in) they were a frightened family. they were frightened. he said this object was down on the road and flashing different colored lights, had a big halo around it and they just didn't know what it was, and all of a sudden, he said, it just started making a weird high-pitched sound and sound got higher and higher, to a higher pitch, the way he described it to me, and all of a sudden there was a boom, a bang, and it was gone.

(did you inspect spot where it came down? yes I did, myself, other
 deputies. there was Civil Air patrol, we had 3 or 4 men down there.
 the following morning and there was nothing we could see. (nothing
 at all?) I inspected it that night with Mr. Baker. we drove down with the
 squad car (to the spot where he said it was? yes (snow on the ground
 then?) yes (did you see anything in the snow?) no sir (no evidence
 that anything had landed there?) no, sir, we could not (birch hill?)
 just a big large hill (how many miles from ashland?) about 15 (when went into
 Iron County, how far from Ashland) approx. 6 and 7 miles east of mellen,
 (where mellen?) 25 miles south of ashland (four ashland deputy?)
 3 and myself . . . (how long been an officer?) 8 yrs, 53 yrs old (how far live from
 Baker) 3 to 3 1/2 miles (he called around 9 pm?) yes (how long take to get
 over) 5 minutes maybe (he was pretty agitated?) yes (how did he
 describe it to you on the phone) he said it was a ~~glit~~ glowing object
 on the ground, had different lights, very bright . . .

Undersheriff George Ree--second call, 5/5/75

known Baker all his life. ^{He was} born right up there in that same area.

(any re--what you think of his story) I don't know what to tell you.

no, I don't know. when I got there, those people were excited, the Mrs.

was scared. (they were frightened) right (and wasn't faked at all) I doubt it (something really frightened them then) yes. when they called

me on the phone, I told them, 'now, just, just take it easy. cool down. just tell me what it is.' he was ~~was~~ very upset. I said, 'Tell me, you know, I wanted to know what I'm getting into too,' so I

finally talked, finally made them realize not to get so doggoned

excited, and then he told me the situation. so I went out there.

(Mrs. Baker quite frightened) she seemed that way to me, she wouldn't come outside. (do you have any reason not to believe him) no, I do not.

I think he's trying to tell us what he actually saw was true. I have no reason to disbelieve him. (he's a pretty reliable, dependable person then) yes, yes (do you know his age) about mid-30s I would say.

. . . (Drolson--did you hear whoosh sound over radio) I heard the whish and the radio went blank, I was standing by the car. there were also two other cars--actually four squad cars, in Iron County ^{near}

^{the} ashland line (talked to Lundhom--saw objects go over---lot of sightings whole upper wisconsin area) right, for a week to 10 days many many sightings

Mrs. Phil Baker--715-274-2701 (by phone 7/1/75)

I really didn't see too much because I just went to the door and I ~~looked~~ looked out. I didn't see anything, really.

Q. Kitchen door?

A. Yeah. All I saw was lights and I heard the noise. I can't even describe the noise, it was so long ago.

Q. What did lights look like?

A. Kind of flashing. I thought they were kind of ^f greenish, or greenish-blue and reds. Alternating colors.

Q. Why didn't you go outside?

A. I don't know. There was a lot of snow--and I didn't know what it was, and it was kind of icky out. I just didn't feel like going out at the time. And I told Monty, and he said it was nothing, so I said, OK, I won't go outside then.

Q. How long did you watch this thing?

A. Well, I more or less went to the door, looked at it for a while and then went upstairs and watched it from upstairs, watching the lights for a while. I didn't watch it all the time. I don't know why.

Q. Did you hear the noise it made when it left?

A. No, I didn't. I was down here by Phil, standing in the kitchen by Phil when he was talking to the sheriff. . . . Monty heard the bang when it left.

Q. Did this disturb you at all?

A. I don't know. It I was kind of curious but I wasn't really too shook up. I was kind of excited about it but I wouldn't say I was really too nervous about it. I never even gave much thought about flying saucers or anything like that.

Q. What was your impression as to what this was--you didn't have any idea what it was, did you?

A. No, not really.

Q. Did you have any inclination to go up there or have someone go up there and see what it was?

A. No, I told everybody to stay away from it.

Q. Why did you say that?

A. I don't know, because I really didn't know what it was, and I was kind of hesitant about anybody ~~came~~ ⁱⁿ to go and see what it was. I can't really say. It was something ~~x~~ different that I didn't know what it was.

Q. You heard the banging noise?

A. No I didn't. I was in the kitchen.

A. I'll tell you one thing. If it came back again, I think we'd
be more curious and get a little closer. But you just ~~xx~~ don't
know how close you can go to something like that.

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Jane Baker, 15

A. Well, I went outside to put out the cats (Scamp and Babe) and when I got between the house and our garage, the sky was all lit up and I looked--there were these weird noises--so I looked over there and there was this object that was blinking red and green, greenish-blue lights, and I got scared and I didn't know if I should put the cats in the garage or go back to the house. So I just threw them in the garage and ran into the house, got my dad and he went out there and I followed him and my brothers. And he (Dad) saw it and he went back in the house and got his shoes on and went back out and we were looking at it and we didn't know what to do. Then he came back in and called the undersheriff and he came and while Dad was calling I heard a boom and I went out there and it was gone.

Q. Where were you when you heard the boom?

A. I was by the door, just standing there.

Q. Was the door closed then.

A. Yes.

Q. When you first ^{heard} had this you had the cats in your arms?

A. Yes.

Q. You did put the cats in the garage when you heard the noise?

A. Yeah.

Q. When you heard this noise, what was your first reaction?

A. Curious--and then it changed from curious to scared. Then I got frightened.

Q. Did the cats notice anything, did they do anything unusual?

A. They usually hiss at each other but they didn't do nothing when I threw them in the garage.

Q. And you ran right back in the house and told your dad--do you remember what you said when you went in?

A. I can't remember.

Q. John said you ran up the stairs--

A. I said something to my dad and then I went upstairs.

Q. Where was your mother all this time?

A. She was sitting by my ~~xxx~~ dad.

Q. You went back outside with your father--I understand the thing had changed somewhat by then. Is that correct?

A. Yeah, when I went back out it got duller and the colors, they were still red and green lights. Then when we went back in when my dad got his shoes on and went back out, there was like an open door in the middle of it, you know, when you open a door and a light shines out.

Q. But the door wasn't there before?

A. No, it wasn't there at all.

Q. You said it was making weird noises when you first saw it. What kind of noises was it making?

A. Whining. It was something I never heard before.

Q. When you were out in the driveway, was it pretty cold?

A. I didn't really notice that at all either. I was scared. I didn't notice nothing. I was just looking at ~~it~~ this thing. I couldn't tell you if there were stars or what.

Q. Your father said there was a banging noise. Did you hear that?

A. Yeah, I heard something like that.

Q. What did you think of that--did it bother you even more or what?

A. No, it didn't.

Q. Can you describe the banging noises?

A. It was something like when you go into shop class at school, and kids are working on cars and things and they're hammering on metal.

Q. When your dad went in to phone the undersheriff, everybody went in with him, right?

A. yes.

Q. When you were standing by the door, were you looking out the window or just watching your father?

A. I was watching my dad.

Q. And you heard the boom, right?

A. Yeah.

Q. Was it a loud bang or a muffled boom or what.

A. Just a BOOM! (sort of soft but firm)

Q. Did you look out the window then?

A. Yeah, I ran out and looked out the shed window. You go in the shed before you come into the house.

Q. You looked out the window and what did you see, nothing?

A. Nothing. It was gone.

Q. You didn't look in the sky did you?

A. No, I forgot to look in the sky.

Q. Now, you had an experience with your dog the next morning?

A. Yes. Mr and Princess, we went outside when I woke up real early, around 7 o'clock and we went out there (on the road) to see if we could find any trace of it (the object). I got there where it was and I couldn't notice nothing. And, so I was starting to walk back and Princess she started barking and actin funny and I looked toward the swamp (to the west) and and above some trees (evergreen I saw a silver

object. I didn't know what it was, so I went back to the house and got on longer pants, my jeans and my boots, and I started walking towards the swamp, and I got halfway there and the dog gave a yell like a loud YIP and then, just like it faded it was gone. The dog was hitting its ears.

Q. What did this object look like to you?

A. I only saw the top of it because the evergreen trees were covering it.

Q. How far away was it?

A. I don't know.

Q. Which direction from house?

A. West, toward Mellen.

. . . .

A. Then when I got back to the house, Monty and the others and I walked up there (where the object had been thenight before) and Monty was the one that noticed the ~~xxxx~~ blown snow. I didn't. I didn't know what I was looking for.

Q. And you saw whwre the bicycle tracks disappeared in the snow.

A. Yes, after Monty showed me and I could see what he was talking about.

Q. If you saw this thing again, would it scare you again?

A. I'd probably act the same as I did before.

Q. You'd probably be scared again, eh?

A. Yeah.

Q. Did the whole family get scared or excited or frightened?

A. I don't know if they were disturbed but I know I was, because my legs kept on shaking. I could hardly walk.

Q. How long did this last?

A. All night long.

Q. But when you saw the thing in the morning, you didn't hesitate to go out and see what it was, did you?

A. I wasn't scared in the morning. I don't know why.

Q. Did you tell anybody else what you saw and ask them to go with you?

A. No, I didn't tell anybody. I just went out alone. Everybody else was sleeping yet.

10th grade this fall

John Baker, 13 (on 7/4/75)

Q. Where were you when all this happened?

A. I was upstairs listening to the ballgame with my brother and when all of a sudden my sister came running upstairs and said there was a flying saucer up the road and I went to the window in my mom and dad's room and looked out the window. I could see this thing. It was just real bright. It was a real big bright light, one big thing so bright it was burning your eyes.

Q. Any colors?

A. Yes, they were quite dull. Like green and blue and red around it, dull and then there was one big bright light that lighted up the whole thing.

Q. Were the red and blue lights individual lights?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you go downstairs and go outside?

A. I went downstairs, put my shoes on and my dad was going to go outside and I went with him down to our driveway and we walked about that far.

Q. Maybe 30 feet from the house?

A. Yes.

Q. You and your dad and who else?

A. My sister and Jeff too.

Q. Did you go into the road at all?

A. No, we just went into the driveway.

Q. Was it pretty cold?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you see from the driveway--did you get a better look at it?

A. Yes, a better look. you could kind of make out the shape. It was just like a dome like.

Q. Could you see the bottom at all?

A. No, the light was too bright. It was kind of shining up the snow

Q. Was the area round the thing lighted--could you see the trees

A. Yes, the trees that were close to it.

Q. When you got up a little closer in the driveway, you say dome shaped

A. Yes.

Q. And what did the lights look like from there?

A. There was a big bright light, like in the middle of it, like a doorway.

Q. And light was coming from inside of this thing then?

A. Yes, in the middle of it.

Q. How big was this. was it like a regular door or was it rounded

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on the corners or what?

A. It was quite big.

Q. As big as half the size of the object?

A. No, it was just a part of it. Just a door.

Q. But the light coming from that was bright enough you couldn't make out the bottom of the object?

A. I didn't really look at it like that.

Q. What kind of a noise was it making at this time.

A. Kind of a screeching noise.

Q. Did you hear the banging sound?

A. No, I was here with my dad when he was phoning the sheriff.

Q. You mean when it left. But your dad mentioned a banging sound, like someone was hitting something with a hammer.

A. Oh, yeah. My sister and my brother Monty heard the boom when it left. The rest of us were in here around the phone.

. . . .

A. (banging sound) Oh, yeah. Out toward the doorway there was a clanging ~~xxx~~ sound, a banging sound. like tin hitting against tin.

Q. Were there very many of these clanging ~~xxxxx~~ noises?

A. Oh yeah, like they were repairing somethin, it kept on doing it.

Q. How long did you stay outside watching this?

A. About 5 minutes.

Q. Was it pretty cold that night?

A. Yeah, very cold

Q. But it was clear.

A. Yes, it was clear. you could see the stars.

Q. Was the moon out that night?

A. I don't know.

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Jeff Baker, 11

Q. where were you when this happened?

A. I was in the kitchen making a peanut butter sandwich.

Q. And Jane came in the ~~kic~~ kitchen door?

A. Yes. She said there was something on the road.

Q. what did you do?

A. My dad up and went out and I put my slippers on and went out.

Q. what did you see?

A. Just a bright light, with a dome shape.

Q. Did you see the different colored lights around the side?

A. No, just the bright light.

Q. What kind of noise did it make?

A. Kind of a whining sound.

Q. Was there a banging sound in there?

A. Yes, a kind of tapping.

Q. When your dad went in to call the sheriff, where were you?

A. We were all inside then?

Q. Did you hear the noise when it left?

A. No.

Q. Did you go back outside after the phone call?

A. Yes.

Q. When the sheriff came, did you go up there to see what it was?

A. No.

Q. Did anyone go up there?

A. Just the sheriff.

Q. And he didn't see anything?

A. No.

Q. Did you go up there the next day?

A. Yes. The snow was all fluffed up and the bicycle tracks were erased.

Q. Any shape to this fluffing. Was the snow very deep there?

A. No.

Q. Whose bicycles, yours and John's?

A. Yes.

Q. Had you ridden up there the day before and this is what made the tracks.

A. Yes

Q. And this thing had set down and erased the tracks?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there any shape to it or just fluffed up?

A. Just fluffed up.

Q. The snow wasn't pressed down was it?

Q. I understand you were too interested in the basketball game in on radio to pay much attention to what happened outside--what game were you listening to?

A. The state basketball tournament. Washburn and Lock high schools.

Q. You looked out the window, though, right?

A. Yes, I looked out the window and I came downstairs for a while but I didn't go outside. I guess I wasn't that curious.

Q. What did you see out there through the window?

A. At first I thought the hill was lit up. You could see something was there. I came back upstairs while my dad was on the phone and when I was back upstairs I heard a boom and I looked outside and it was gone.

Q. Who else heard the boom? Jane?

A. Yeah. we were the only ones.

Q. You didn't look out the window much at all?

A. No, I was on the wrong side of the house

Q. So to look out at it, you had to go into your parents' bedroom?

A. yeah,

Q. Did you go up there the next morning?

A. Yes, early the next morning.

Q. And what did you see.

A. At first I didn't see anything, but after looking a little while I could see one part. The sheriff's tracks were there but in one part the bicycle tracks had been wiped out.

Q. How far were they wiped out?

A. About 12 feet, 12 to 15 feet.

Q. How far did the sheriff go?

A. He went to the end of the road and came back.

Q. But you saw his tracks all the way?

A. Yes.

Q. And he'd gone right thru the spot where the bike tracks were erased

A. Yes.

Q. How far does the road go beyond your house.

A. About half a mile.

Q. Nobody else lives on that road, right?

A. No.

Q. and your nearest neighbor up on Rt 77 is how far away?

A. About a third to half a mile.

Q. What year you in in highschool

A. I'll be in the 12th, at Mellen Public High School.

Q. Did anybody else come out the next day?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you take them up there to see the tracks (yes.). And what did they see?

A. It was kind of melted. It was a hot day the next day. Not real hot but enough to melt the snow.

Q. Was that George Ree or somebody else?

A. George Ree and several other guys, two college students and a guy from Civil Defense

Q. Did they see the tracks?

A. Yes, they could see, it was partly visible.

Q. The guy from Civil Defense, would that be Bob Ante

A. Yeah.

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(read quotes)

"that evening--approx 400 feet--

A { brain what seeing" that's an accurate quote. I didn't want to believe what I was seeing because, well, what would you think.

3 { "He thinks it was a circular. . . (just an aside here, it's a door. was this a very sharply defined door) well, that is what the appearance was, an object like a doorway in which this light was coming from the inside. instead of being an outside light, it was a light from the inside. (was this an opening like you could look inside the object) I would say yes. if I could have gotten closer I could have looked inside the object (what you couldn't see any detail inside the object) no, not from where I was. the light was so brilliant that you couldn't see.

"I have a camera etc.

"suddenly, pounding noise . . . right (just a loud pounding noise, like consecutive pounding) it sounded like somebody was hammering with a hammer on a piece of metal or something repairing something. (Was there a rhythm to it or just) no rhythm, just like somebody hammering. Like a signal, no I wouldn't say it was exactly like a signal (just sort of a bang, a bangbang a bang) it wasn't like a clock ticking (how many times, endlessly or what) it was maybe 20 times (rapid succession or spaced out) no, it was a kind of bang--bang bang--bang--bang. some were louder than others. like somebody repairing something, maybe a lighter tap and then a heavier tap

"I didn't know what to expect . . . but the dog fell to the ground etc (what kind of dog) mixed up dog, part norwegian elkhound and half --Princess--beagle. a female.

"she had to carry her back . . . (how long dog stay this condition) I was at work at the time. I understand that as soon as she brought the

dog to the house, she went back out and the object had disappeared.
and the dog was OK. (just a matter of a minute or so) I would say so.

"baker said the only evidence) (several boys) I have three boys altogether
end of quotes

/baker asked what george ree said/ (did Ree go back) he was back here several times. he came back the evening of the next day and the snow had melted some

/did he say anything about what he saw/(yes, drolson stuff)

it was quite a weird experience and we're trying to forget the whole thing . . . I only ~~xspeak~~ speak about it to certain people because now different people in the area have come up to me and told me about experiences they had on the same line, seeing objects in the sky and so on and you'd be amazed ~~xxxxxx~~ many people have seen different things . . .

some people make fun of you . . . (Lundholm come down and talk to you) yes . . . I had different research centers make different comments about it and I'm left in a little confusion . . .

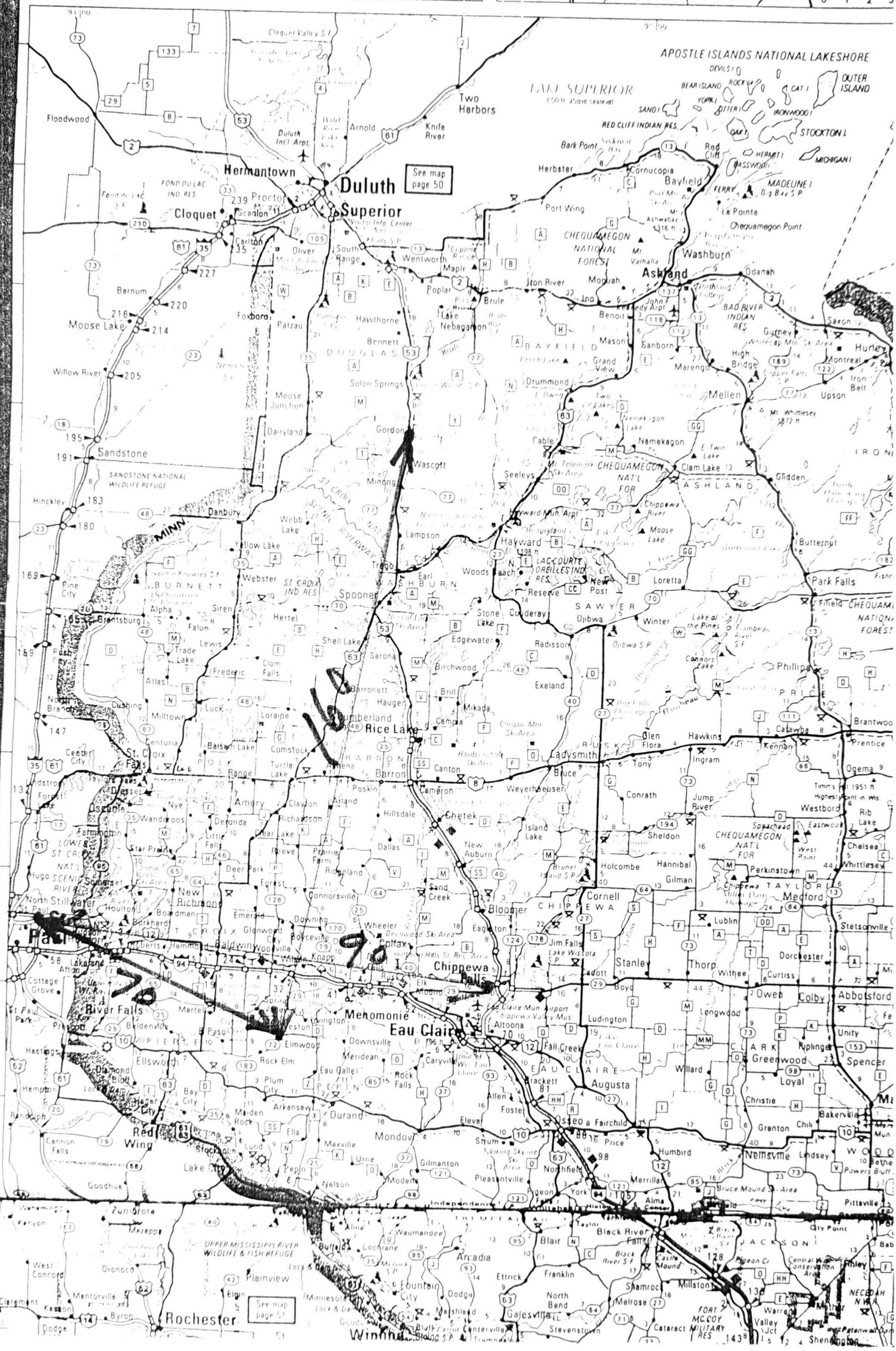
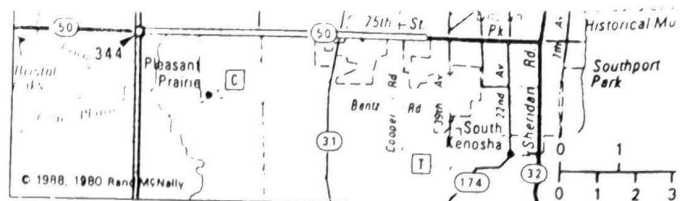
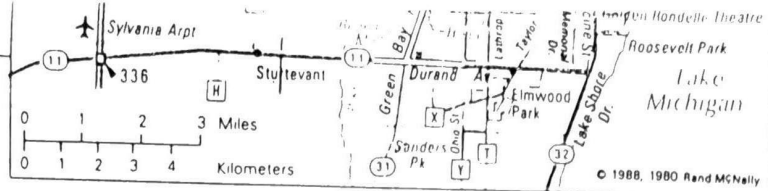
(how did Jane spot the object, she hear a noise) she always puts the cats out in the garage every night, and when she got by the garage and all at once she looked to the north and everything was all lit up. just the whole area was lit. and then she heard noises. she said ~~sk~~ when she first heard it was making more of a beeping sound and when she first saw it it had the lights around, a row of lights around the center of the thing, and then when she came in and we went back out she said it had changed, the door hadn't been open before. she said 'it's changed, it's different now.' that's what drew her attention. before it was just a row of lights around. red and kind of blueish-green lights, and when I got out there it had this real brilliant light coming from the inside. when I first saw it I didn't know what

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to think because, well, you just don't expect those things to happen.
to be very frank with you, up until March 13 I had observed something
before in the sky, but they had explained just flares or the Air Force
was testing something. that was ~~a~~ 4 yrs ago and I was kind of es
excited about that, but then they said it was testing flares and many
people had seen it, I just dropped it. I used to think--National
Enquirer, Midnight and all those junk magazines, foolish stories,
I wouldn't buy them but they occasionally got in house, neighbors.
weird stories, just junk. now when it happens to me, I don't know
what I would say . . . (how old) born 1928, may 9. . .

(how many cats) two (live ner mellen) about 4 miles east (nr Iron
County line) yes, approx 2 miles (wife saw this) yes, all six of us
but my oldest boy was upstairs liste ng to the basketballgame
and he never did go outside until afterwards, he looked out the window
upstairs (he looked down) yes, the obejvt, the road goes up as slight
hill, a town road, deadend road (the other 2 boys saw too) yes, they
went outside, the two youngest, James and 2, my wife was standing by
the doorway and Monty (?) my oldest boy, he was upstairs--he's quite a
sports fan and of course sports comes before anything, he sed, aw,
it's a weather balloon or something, you people are imagin ing stuff.
he said he saw the lights and everything, but he didn't hear the
explosion when it s disappeared, but he still didn't exactly want to
believe it.

Phillip Baker



Q. You heard Wheeler on the police scanner that night?

A. Well, all he said at the time was 'It's another one of those UFOs.' He started to explain what he was looking at and he didn't give too much of a detailed explanation at that time when everything went blank on the radio. And then there was--I was monitoring on my own radio at my house. The sh riff dept was ~~trying~~ ^{train} to get him a couple of times and I tried to get him on the radio here a couple of times and then decided I'd better go up and investigate, and as I started to leave, he came back on the radio and said, 'Get somebody up here--I've been hit.' . . .

Q. When he was talking the second time (UFO) was he cut off in mid-word?

A. Well, at the time he was describing it and all of a sudden there wasn't any more. We assumed by listening to him he probably got out of the car but we found out later he didn't get out at all.

Q. How far do you live from where he was?

A. Not more than a quarter of a mile.

Q. So you got there fairly quickly?

A. Oh yes. One other car had pulled up behind him. By the time I got there he had just gotten the door open on the squad car and he was making all kinds of motions, arms and legs, like he was having some kind of seizure. He was trying to calm George down and all George could say was 'help me get to the radio.' He was having trouble starting the car. At that time, he finally did it and got it started and transmitted. That was when I was just leaving. And I got there in a couple of minutes. and when I arrived he was sitting in the squad car with his feet on the pavement and--

Q. Was the car in the highway?
the side of

A. It was on the highway but it was actually blocking part of the highway part of the lane. when I got there, the lights were not on and the ignition switch was off. Everything was dead, which is unusual. and it was the same when the other guy (Mots) pulled up behind him. I tried to determine whether the ignition switch was cut off but there was no way we could determine that. I got in the car because George left then to go to the doctor and he was just scared. He was just wanted out, to get away from the place. I've seen him under many different conditions and I've never seen a man so scared as he was that night.

Q. How long have you known him?

A. About 7 years.

Q. You've worked with him all that time?

A. Yes, he's worked with me off and on in police work. And I've worked with him under various conditions--we've had fights and high speed chases and

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various things and I've taken him to the hospital three or four times--

Q. Because of his heat condition or something? And you've never seen him as scared as he was this time?

A. Oh no, He was actually scared. I can't believe it was--I heard him on the second transmission describing the UFO and at that time he was not shook up, so on seeing ^{upon} it he wasn't excited. but after whatever happened, aftee the blank part on the radio, he was really shook up.

. . . he doesn't recall, and we went ovet the whole area with a geiger counter and afterwards I went down to his house about an hour afterward and I talk to him for better than an hour and a half before taking him to the hospital, and we went over everything detail by detail and he doesn't remember talking to me. He described the thing down in detail. In fact, my own feeling is that a lot of the detail he's bringing out now is what I relayed back to him. Because he told me that and his wife was sitting there and we had another guy sitting there and I went back through it from the very first communication (glow and fire onhill) right through it all, and he was talking to me but he doesn't remember a thing that he described. What he described a blue light, he said it was a bright light that you didn't want to look at because it was hard on the eyes, yet you couldn't turn away from it. It was like the blue light kept coming at you--and that's when the blank spot came. Now this was in talking to him immediately afterwards.

Q. Did he goe to the hos ital that same night?

A. Yes, Meneminee and I also took him to the hospital the second time.

*Q Did the doctors tell you what was wrong with him?

A. The doctor checked him within a fewminutes afterwards and the doctor did say he was one scared man, his pulse rate was higher--the doctor has worked with the man for years and said he'd never seen his pulse rate that high The doctor felt that basically something shook him up to get his pulse rate that high because he could never ge it that high. But basically, both times now he's been inthe hospital--they've done various tests--all the word I've gottne back is that they really haven't found anything wrong with him Nothing wrong with his heart, and the only thing is I talked to the doc when I took him the second time, and I think just thin ing about it he woke u, havir a nightmare about it and I think at his age, it all just got to him.

Q. Did you talk to any of the neighbors about TV sets being out?

A. Yeah, the house right close by (OBrien) their television set went out about that time. Then the neighbor, Keel, up the road, their television went out that night and their dogs were barking. . . . also

the dis,atcher here the night also saw something u, in the sky . . .

Q. Wheeler also said something about plugs and points being burned out

A. Yes, since then we've had all new plugs and points put in and the starter going bad, which we just had a new one earlier. I checked back and it wasn't too long ago that we had it tuned up. It really shouldn't have been due, but we had new plugs and points put in and the starter has been acting up ever since.

Q. Since this occurred?

A. Yes.

Q. But not before?

A. No.

Q. And you had had it tuned up not long before?

A. Yes, it really shouldn't have been due. The point is, we've had points and plugs put in before but this time they were burnt right out of it.

Of course, you know they get quite a lot of idling, and you can't say that's what caused it, but you wonder, too.

Q. Was the s condenser burned out too?

A. Yeah, it was all done at the same time.

Q. And the starter was pretty well shot?

A. Well, we still have the same starter, but I haven't bothered to have it fixed.

Q. Who does your work for you?

A. Well, there are various garages and stations in town plus the Ford garage and it goes back and forth between them. They all work on it.



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(Wheeler's UFO experience night of 4/22/76)

Q. George Wheeler told me you ~~were~~ were one of the people who also saw something that night--is that correct?

A. Yes, I really don't know what it was. But it was just a little different from what I have seen . . .

Q. Can you tell me what you did see?

A. Well, it was shaped like the moon and maybe a little different, and it was a real bright orange. And it was a lot f different color than the moon is.

Q. What time of night was this?

A. Around 11 o'clock, the same time George Seen it. I usually get ~~x~~ up about that time to take some pills and stuff and I happened to see it that night....

Q. You just happened to look out the window?

A. Yes, I just happened to look out our picture window and it was just right directly over out kitchen window. It just showed right in our kitchen window. It was up on the hill like. I could see it real good. Whatever it was. Maybe it wasn't the same thing, but from what he said it must have been.

Q? Where was--he saw it near Tuttle Hill--do you live near there?

A, Just a little ways from there, kind of southeast.

Q. And do you look out toward Tuttle Hill from your kitchen window there?

A. Yes, uh-huh.

Q. So it was in the same general area where he saw it?

A, Yes it was.

Q. Would this be maybe 2 blocks away or 3 blocks or what?

A. A little farther than that. We live about a mile out of town.

Q. How far ~~x~~ away ~~f~~ was the object when you ~~xx~~ saw it?

A. Well, it was up on top of the hill

Q. How large would it be in comparison to the moon?

A Well, it looked like the size of the moon or even bigger.

Q. And what color did you say?

A. Real bright orange.

~~x~~Q. Much brighter than the moon?

A. Oh, yes. Much brighter.

Q. Was it moving or sitting still?

A. Sitting still.

Q. How long did you watch it?

A. Just a few minutes. I've seen objects before but this time I didn't pay too much attention to it. I just went back to bed.

Q. You didn't call anybody's attention to it or tell anybody at the time?

A. No. I've seen things before and I've woke up my husband and he's said go back to bed because it's just the moon, so this time I didn't wake him. But it was different than the moon, all right. I've looked at the moon since and it was a lot different color than that.

Q. What did you think when you saw it?

A. Well, it looked something like a fire from a distance away.

Q. Was it a solid color?

A. Yes, it was a solid bright orange.

Q. Have you seen that color of orange before?

A. Not that bright.

Q. Just seemed to be glowing, did it?

A. Yes.

Q. How high above the ground did it seem to be?

A. Well, you see, we live down in this--and it was up on the hill and it appeared to be just above the tree tops.

Q. In the same general area where he (Wheeler) saw it?

A. Yes.

Q. You say you get up at 11 (to take medicine). Do you have a clock you get up by or what?

A. It was around 11.

Q. Do you set your clock to wake up at that time?

A. No, we have a coo-coo clock and I usually hear it.

Q. And you have to take some medicine about that time?

A. Yes, I have been.

Q. And you just happened to look out the window?

A. Yeah. . .



he was just feeling very bad.

Q. Did you check his eyes that night?

A. There was nothing unusual about him at all.

Q. You have treated this man for some years?

A. Yes, for 25 years or so, about that

Q. And there was nothing you could see medically that would have caused this that night?

A. No, unh-huh. He has a heart ailment, but he's had that a long time and it's been stable and that was the only thing physically wrong with him. Emotionally and mentally, he just seemed to be very disturbed mentally, that's all. And he had this bad headache.

Q. Did he have a history of headaches?

A. No.

Q. Did he tell you what happened to him that night?

A. Well, he told me what he had seen and what happened. He said that he'd seen this light and went up and investigated and saw this object ... and then he said that, as I remember, some sort of blue light came off it and stopped the electrical system in his car ...and I think he said he couldn't remember anything for a few minutes.

Q. He told me he just blanked out for several minutes until some man came along. . . . Later the next day did he remember going to you or your office?

A. He didn't go to my office--

Q. --or home

A. He went to the hospital that night. After he had this experience. I gave him a shot and sent him home, and the shot didn't relieve the anxiety so I sent him over to the hospital. I don't have my notes and all I can do is go by what I remember now.

Q. I was curious because Helmer said he went over this story with George at his home and later George didn't remember talking to him and--

A. Well, he told me he doesn't remember anything. He told me later, the first day or two, I don't remember how many days, but he has no memory of--

Q. That this occurred?

A. --That's what he told me, yes. But I have no way of verifying this. He was rational and everything in the hospital. It wasn't a matter of his being irrational or disoriented or anything like that, other than the fact that he was having headaches and things like that. Otherwise he was acting normally.

Q. How long did the headaches last, all the time he was in the hospital or what?

A. Well, they lasted almost all the time he was the hospital and then, well, then a day before or two days before I sent him home they went away. I kept him in Intensive Care for a while because I was concerned about his heart. Then he began to feel better and I sent him home. As I say, I don't remember how many days that was and since that time he seems to be all right. He called me a few days ago and told me you would be calling . . .

Q. He said that, after the first 3 days he went home, but had some nightmares.

A. Well, he woke up in the middle of the night and he had this severe headache and was, yeah, I guess he'd had some kind of a nightmare, some kind of frightening feeling, and she called me so we put him back in the hospital. And that was when he was really having the most headaches

Q. The second time?

A. Yes.

Q. How long did they last that time?

A. However long he was in the hospital, until a few days before he was discharged. How long was he in the hospital the second time?

Q. 11 days.

A. Well, he probably had them 8 or 9 days then.

Q. That is very unusual then, these headaches. For him, anyway?

A. For him. I have no recollection of his having headaches before. it's never been any prominent symptom of his

Q. And you say you've been his doctor for 25 years?

A. Well, I delivered his last child, his last girl~~xx~~, and that must be damned near 25 years ago . . .

Q. Let me recap briefly. You say you could find nothing medically wrong with him to cause this anxiety and headaches?

A. No, I couldn't find anything wrong.

Q. And he seems to be all right now and his heart was not affected by this, correct?

A. No, his heart--as I say, he has a heart condition and his heart condition is stable but it wasn't affected adversely by this . . .

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There have been several occasions (on which saw UFO) so I'd have to know which one you're talking about. . .

Q. This was night of April 22 and George Wheeler apparently saw what he thought was a fire up on Tuttle Hill and something happened to him . . . and I believe the dispatcher called you, right?

A. Yes, the ~~xxxxx~~ dispatcher's wife **GAIL MILEY** called me ~~x~~ and asked me to go to our front porch and look out the window and see what I could see, and there was a glow that Wheeler had described, and I went and I saw what appeared to be an orange glow, like a half-moon, like a moon cut in half, and I knew it wasn't a house burning because there were no flames leaping and it was just orange, and then I went back to the telephone. by that time, Mrs. had got out of bed and we went back, I'd say maybe the extent of 3 to 5 minutes, when I got back there it was just gone, and there was just the yellow haze from the village that we could see. We live up on the hill above the village. And we figured out today, I was talking with one of our congressmen today about it, and what we figured out about it was that that ship at that time probably unbeknown to me was about to take off, because when we got back there it was gone and everybody says that, the ones that have seen it, say it glows orange before it takes off. But that's only speculation on my part. I did not see it take off and at that time I only saw the orange glow.

Q. Where do you live in relation to Tuttle Hill?

A. About $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile due east. We would be looking due west when we would have looked at it (the object).

Q. Were you in bed at the time they called you?

A. Right.

Q. And who was it that called you?

A. The wife of the other policeman in town, * Gene Helmer's wife.

Q. And you went to the window and looked out toward Tuttle Hill?

A. Right, I looked toward the top of Tuttle Hill.

Q. And you say 'like a half moon,' right?

A. Right, ~~xxxx~~ just like you'd take an orange and slice it in half and put it on the horizon and that's what it looked like.

Q. With the flat part on top?

A. No, the round part on top.

Q. Round part?

A. Well, you know, the concave--if that's what you call it. But anyway, that's all that was seen by me on that night . . .

Q. Were you the only one who went to the window at that time?

A. At that time, yes. But then Missus and I went back but by then it was

~~scraped gone~~

already gone.

Q. OK, now you ~~sai~~ said you saw something once before, is that right?

A. That was in October last year. We were coming by--I'd worked overtime and my middle boy, who's 15, was with me, and we were coming up that same Tuttle Hill and we were looking eastward right over the top of our house and my boy said to me, 'Dad, is that the new moon or the full moon coming up?' And my first impression was that it was, and then I saw that it was moving rapidly coming up from the horizon from the east to the west, and we got to the top of the hill, and I said, 'Oh my gosh, that's one of those possible UFOs.' We parked the car quick on the top of the hill, shut off the lights and jumped out right in front of it. Well, he (the boy) saw more of it than I did because I had to handle the stopping of the car and getting out and everything, and he said he saw a blue and green beam out from the side of it but I only saw this big brown huge orange light that was straight towards us when it was down towards the horizon. Then when it got above us it was more straight out in front. It didn't shine down to us. And when we looked up as it passed right over the top of us, the bottom was like a gray plate. I would say it was roughly, just estimating, 100 feet across, a gray plate, nothing else underneath except just as if you held your plate up and it was painted gray. And then, it passed right over head and it made no noise until it got right overhead. ~~then~~ Then it made a kind of roaring ~~noise~~ sound, There was no sign of any motors, no sign of any props or jets, and all I'm saying is, to us it was an unidentified flying object.

Q. How far above you do you think it was?

A. I'm not a judge of height, but it could maybe, using what powers I have been 1,000 feet, maybe not that much. Maybe between 500 and 1,000 feet

Q. Was this a loud roaring noise?

A. When it got right overhead, yes. It was a roar, like the roar of a waterfall more than the roar of a motor.

Q. When it was right overhead--

A. --we could hear it, but we could not hear it when it was at any angle leaving us or approaching us. And the moment it got past, just 5 percent of the angle, we heard no more when it was going west, and it faded out so quickly.

Q. You mean faded from sight quickly?

A. Yes, we couldn't follow it like we could a plane. we couldn't follow it until it disappeared. It seemed to disappear from sight just a few miles away. We kind of attributed that to the fact that there wasn't any light in the ~~bk~~ back . . .

Q. You think this was about 100 feet across?

A. I would say approximately from 75 to 100 feet across.

Q. And what time of night was this?

A. This was approximately between 10 and 10:30 at night. It was a mile and a half from where I work up on the hill, and the boy had come from downtown up to ride home with me.

Q. Do you remember the exact date of this?

A. It was in October, the exact day I would say somewhere around the 20th. I didn't write it down.

Q. What's your son's name?

A. Mark.

Q. And he was 15 at that time?

A. Right. He's still 15.

Q. And when it was overhead and you said it looked like a gray plate--did you see any lines or--

A. The bottom looked just like a plate.

Q. Was it smooth or did it have any ridges or anything?

A. No, in fact, it looked like a gray plate. It had this round ridge, you know if you hold your plate up and look at the bottom to see what kind of china, just like a house plate.

Q. But with a ridge inside the--

A. With a ridge that went around--where you set the plate down.

Q. But not around the outer edge?

A. No, no. No color or lights that I saw on the underside at all.

Q. But when it was coming towards you, what color was it?

A. When it was coming the color that I saw was, it was round like a complete circle of orange. The brightest orange you've ever seen in your life. And the boy said that while I was parking the car and jumping out said that he had seen this blue-green light shoot out from ~~the side~~ one side, but I never saw the blue-green light.

Q. Did he say it was like a beam of light?

A. Yeah, like a beam of light, like somebody with a, trying to get a finding or a fix or something, like 'how high up am I' or something. That's what it seemed like.

Q. It was just a momentary thing, then?

A. Right. . . . There have been several others in the area here. (There've been snowmobilers chased across the field, there has been a pregnant woman with two little children in the car--

Q. That was last April a year ago--

A. Yeah--she was chased almost to a farmer's door in this area, so I don't know if it was the same type of thing or not. You'd have to talk with them.

Q. Yes. I remember looking into that last fall when Wheeler had his first experience. Did you, when you saw this thing in October did you tell anybody about it the next day or that night?

A. No, we told it at home but we didn't--well, I have a job that such as, well you just, we just didn't make an issue of it because people have a tendency to think, 'well, gee, has he gone off his rocker' so we just kind of--I don't know what the boy told at school. It just kind of died down. We didn't do much about it. I'm not a publicity hound anyway.

Q. Did you make any discreet inquiries to see if anybody else saw anything that night?

A. Yes, we did. I--this must not be on the record, though--I (he then told about another person who saw something, not that night but on another night around that time; he didn't want to identify because the person is associated with him in such a way that he feels he cannot reveal the identity.)

So I know there's others that have seen things. I know there's something up there. Like others, I'm interested. I don't want to be laughed at or made fun of or anything. I'm just scientifically curious and interested.

Q. There is no doubt in your mind that what you saw last October was a real, physical thing.

A. It was a real, physical thing. I ~~was~~ have heard nothing from our Air Force that it could have belonged to them. and we saw nothing that disproved it in the paper, so it must have been truly a UFO.

Q. Which direction did you say it was moving?

A. It was moving east to west.

Q. So it went right across the ridge--

A. It went right over the top of ~~us~~ us. In fact, when I first looked it was so over our house that I was really surprised but the boy called it a moon and then when I saw the rate it was rising, I knew that couldn't be the moon. . . . Another reason I didn't come out with this last fall was, well, the reason we came out now instead of last fall was, there's been so many people disproving or--lambasting George Wheeler, and he seems like a pretty nice guy and I thought, well, it's time to stand up for him a little bit. he's been a reputable citizen and all that. I feel he really saw something and went ~~through~~ through something. . . .

Q. Do you recall what time of night they called you (on the Wheeler sighting)?

A. 10 after 11.

(administrator of nursing home in Elmwood for 2 years)

Q. How did you happen to stop at his car. It's not uncommon for a police car to be parked alongside the road, is it?

A. Well, I had taken a babysitter home a few minutes before that and I saw the car parked at a different spot with the lights on and everything, and a few minutes later I came back up the hill and he was in a different spot and his lights were all off and he was right in the lane of traffic. Up here, you never find anybody doing that.

Q. It was in the highway itself, then?

A. Right on a county highway.

Q. In other words, he hadn't pulled off the road at all?

A. No.

Q. And his lights were off--what was he doing?

A. He was trying to get out of the car when I came up on him. He started to get out of the car and I could tell something was wrong with him.

Q. What did he look like?

A. Well, he has a heart condition, I understand, and I thought he was having a heart attack. We're local people and we know one another pretty well, and while I don't know him that well, I do know he had a heart condition, and I thought he was having a heart attack. I stopped and asked him what was wrong. And he told me he'd been hit. And I responded by saying, 'hit by a car?' That was the first thing that came to my mind. And he said, 'No, one of those UFOs.'

Q. What did you think about that?

A. Well, I've never seen one. I know a lot of people have seen them in this area, been a lot of reports right in this area, not so many this year but I guess about a year ago, and I know a lot of these people personally and I know they aren't pulling my leg or anything. So they are seeing something, that's for sure. I had just been through there and hadn't seen anything, so it hit me kind of funny there for a minute.

Q. How long before did you pass through there?

A. Well, I just took the babysitter to town, to her folks' place and dropped her off and came back up the hill--I don't know, 5 minutes or so.

Q. You got out and went up to his car and he was just trying to get out of his car, is that correct?

A. Right.

Q. Did you stay there very long?

A. I stayed there until Chief Gene Helmer came along. And George Wheeler's

wife.

Q. How was he acting during this time?

A. Oh, as if he were in a kind of dazed condition, I guess.

Q. You had seen him many times before? You know him fairly well?

A. Sure.

Q. So this was kind of unusual behavior was it?

A. Oh, yeah.

Q. What was your reaction at that moment? Did you believe him when he said he'd been hit by a UFO?

A. Well, no I didn't, to be honest about it, no I didn't. In fact, I asked Chief Helmer if he was all right. And he said, 'Well, he was reporting to me right over the radio what was going on.'

Q. How far away do you live from that spot?

A. About 2 miles, $2\frac{1}{4}$.

Q. That's southeast, right?

A. Yeah. . . .

Q. You have never seen anything yourself in the way of UFOs?

A. No. There have been a lot of reports near here, right near here. Of course, going the other direction, southeast of me, down in the valley, I live on the hill here, but no, I have never seen anything.

Q. Some of the people in that neighborhood said their TV sets went out about this time. Were you aware of that?

A. Not until I ~~xxx~~ read it in the paper, no.

Q. Do you know any of these people?

A. Yes, but not very well.

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