

All of the prints were outside of the circle and they extended to 20 to 25 feet from the circle. All of the claw prints were pointed in the same direction, as opposed to a normal animal where the claw marks would be pointed in all different directions.

There were 12 to 18 husks checked where the prints were and they were all missing the ear of corn. When I interviewed Bill in probably 1977, I asked if they had kept one of the stocks that was missing the ears or one of the burnt stocks. Bill said they hadn't. It had been the busy harvest time and they just drove over the circle after looking around.

Neither Bill, his father Roger, nor Faester had seen any of the UFOs. They did admit they had heard many stories about people in Roland (three miles away) having seeing "the lights."

Roland Central

During the midst of the 1975 flap there was a landing right in the town of Roland. The landing occurred on the night of a very violent thunderstorm in the area. The brilliant red light hovered low in the town and some witnesses actually thought there was a fire caused by the thunderstorm. The emergency fire volunteers were called out to put a fire they couldn't find.

The next day on the corner of one front yard there was found a burn mark that looked somewhat like an "X." When I went out to see it months later the "x" was still visible. It indicated an object that was not too big, more the size of a car than a house.

Portage la Prairie, Manitoba (20 miles north of Carman)

Mrs. Betsy Clinton found two horseshoe burns in a pasture near her home. They were 13-14 feet in size, and were clearly defined. The grass on either side was tall and unscathed by whatever had burned the horseshoe print. They simply appeared one day.

Morden (Right on US/Canada border)

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This landing is discussed in detail in "And now others see" section inside the Charlie-Red-Star chapter. This landing location would have been very close to a Mount Carmel nuclear missile silo on the northern edge of the Grand Forks missile range.

Halpstad Manitoba (Right on US/Canada Border)

This landing occurred in June 1975 right at the peak of the flap in the Red River Valley. The incident occurred in the early growth of a sugar beet field. The site was discovered when the farmer, Elmer Friesen, found a 30+ foot wide area where the beets were either dead or withering as one moved out from the center of the circle.

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On closer inspection Friesen discovered three peculiar markings in the shape of a triangle at the one end of the circle. The pod marks were 17" across and three inches deep.

Three members from the Winnipeg Planetarium; Dennis Targ, Elliot Slater, and Tibor Bodi investigated the site. They discounted fertilizer burns, lightening, and a host of other possible causes for the strange dead section in the middle of the field.⁵³

The team found no radiation at the site. This was in contrast to the Carman site that the (See the CKY Landing Film) ~~on the next page.~~ *publishing may now put it on the next page.*

The CKY Film Landing Site

The complete story of the CKY film is told in the Chapter "Cameras, Photographers, and Charlie-Red-Star". Eight days after the event, Slater and electronics technician Targ went out to the spot north of Carman to check the area for any signs that an object had been there as the 10 people involved in the TV film had claimed.

Bishop led them to the site where he had seen the object. He had previously described it as "smoky red, a hazy glow, and not higher than the trees, maybe fifty feet tall. It was about twenty feet thick and sitting on an angle of about forty-five degrees. The edges were fuzzy and not sharply defined. It was much like seeing a drive-in movie screen from the side."

⁵³ Penner, David "Strange markings Studied" from The Red River Valley Echo, July 16, 1975 Page 1

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After getting his bearings, Bishop pointed to the area he believed the saucer had been in. The farm was owned by Kenneth Roth. Targ took background radiation counts and found that it was 10 milliroentgens. As he examined the rest of the field he came up with four hot spots. "In the center of these four particular spots, Targ said, "I had readings of 38 to 40 milliroentgens, dropping off to 25 in the outer edges of the circles. These patches were about 50 feet in diameter and were 75 to 100 feet apart. They were not in an absolutely straight line but were in a little swoop as if they were part of a very large circle. That was the first time I found readings that high."⁵⁴

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All possible alternate explanations for the high readings were considered and rejected.

On June 8th, two weeks later, Roger Haskins, a geologist with the Mineral Resources Department of the government, his wife Susan (also a geologist with the same department) and Dennis Targ from the Winnipeg planetarium made a second trip to the spot Bishop and Kaelin had identified as the place where the 50' saucer had been sitting at a 45 degree angle on the night of May 13th, 1975.

The farmer had since planted and there had been a couple of major rain storms. Reading taken in the circles showed radiation readings only slightly higher than background. The radiation that had been there previously had washed away.

⁵⁴ Bob Pratt report to the National Enquirer June 17, 1975

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GROUND LIGHTS

In 1976 we started to discover what we referred to as ground lights down many of the mile roads in the UFO flap area. We gave them the name ground lights. Years later the same sort of object would be described by other researchers, on other part of the world as orbs, spook lights, and monitors. *: Colon is needed*

A lot of work went into researching these ground lights to see if they were connected to the large UFO objects and if so what their role was. As the research progressed there were many theories raised as to what the objects were.

Possibilities

Distant Cars -This was a possibility that was given a lot of study. Of the 100+ people who had seen Little Charlie the only people who would continue to insist, after seeing the phenomena, that the phenomena was car lights were Carl Bachanek and Paul Dawkins. They were the two men who had seen Charlie Red Star, and who had brought a 60x telephoto lens to the road for an attempt to film Little Charlie.

This would be the only night that someone would insist that Little Charlie was a natural phenomenon. When we arrived, Little Charlie seemed to know what was about to happen. He had moved way down the road. He could barely be seen by the naked eye. Even with the powerful telephoto he appeared no closer than usual.

Carl and Ron, however, had never seen the light before. They were convinced that what everyone was looking for was nothing more than approaching car lights 20 miles down the road.

An argument ensued between Britain and the two photographers about how far one could see down the road before the horizon became a factor. When the two photographers insisted a car could be seen on a flat road 20 miles away Anthony got so upset, he and his wife Rachael left. I stayed with the two photographers for another 45 minutes but Little Charlie did not flare a single time. It was black at the end of the road most of the time.

I was greatly disturbed by the fact that Ron and Carl assumed the object to be car lights. I spent some time checking into how far the actual horizon would be. A human's eyesight would be about 5 feet, but for the skeptic's sake let us make it 2 meters (or 6.5 feet). A car's lights would be about two feet off the ground, but again for the skeptic's sake let's make it 2 meters. (6.5 feet).

The point at which the lights would disappear over the horizon would be 5 kilometers, on 25 % of the claim being made by Ron and Carl.

Ron and Carl were not the first people to claim we were watching cars coming at us. Usually I would ask them how far down the road they thought the object was. When they guessed, I would ask how fast they thought the car might be moving. The usual guess was 40-50 miles per hour.

A quick calculation would give a time when the car would then pass us. After the object didn't come 15 minutes after the person's prediction, almost everyone would quickly admit their car theory had been wrong.

The other reason we ruled out cars was because we had already determined from past experience and observation that the ground lights were dead lights. It was very easy to tell there was no car coming when looking through the high-powered telephoto like the one that had been brought by Ron and Carl.

As was mentioned in the Second Film section of the Cameras, Photographers, and Charlie Red Star chapter, the first night I was able to get close to Little Charlie I noticed that although the object was very bright it did not cast light outward like a normal incandescent light. It was more like a light that had been placed inside a bag.

Later when viewing both Little Charlie and approaching cars in binoculars I noticed a distinct difference. Car headlights were built to cast light down the road in order to light it up. In binoculars the actual beams of light could be seen.

When viewing Little Charlie these beams were not visible. The light might be very bright, but it was more like a self-contained glow. In later observations with ground lights that would sit on other roads, it was possible to tell exactly when a car would be approaching from behind the object. The beams of light would suddenly appear, and we would know there was a car behind the object.

The object would move off the road and within a couple minutes a car would pass us. The ground light would then move back on the road and flare up.

After a number of years of taking tours of people out to the road, I had exhausted my ideas and patience. After hearing the stories of the lights, many people would propose an idea to get close. Usually it was something we had already tried. In the end I would draw a map for the people of where the road was and when to go.

Ground Light Collision

One of the more spectacular sighting of the two years I was in an around the area where the UFOs were being seen occurred in the summer of 1976.

I was with the regular group of students who often came with me. (Rob Wheeler, Danny Penner, and Toby Penner) We had been up in the Pembina Hills looking for a high vantage point to look down over the valley to see if anything appeared. After a couple hours of seeing nothing, we headed back east towards the city. The time was very late – well past midnight.

As we passed Sperling we turned south to see what “Little Charlie” was up to. This time rather than going two miles east and then three miles south to where he usually sat, I went three miles south and then two miles across hoping that by coming from the side we would catch him off guard. The plan worked. As we crossed over the 2nd mile road there he was - brilliant and appearing to be only one-quarter mile down the road. I quickly set up the tripod and took a picture. By then he had moved back but was still pretty close.

We thought that we were on to something. This led us to continue driving one mile east so that now the object was south west of our position. It was still bright and appeared to be no more than a half mile down from where we had taken the picture.

We stopped to watch hoping that we could perhaps walk the mile across the field and sneak up on the object for a second time. It was at that point I noticed another

object traveling down the road from the north on Little Charlie road heading right for him.

At this point we could not tell if the object was a car or another ground light. I scrambled to put the camera on the now folded tripod that we had just taken down moments before. For those who have not shot a camera in pitch darkness think of it like trying to set the whole thing by feel. Everyone knew what to look for. As the object passed the east west mile road we were on everyone to look for red as a car moving across the field of vision will have red tail lights.

As it passed everyone called out at once that it was not a car, but another ground light heading right for Little Charlie. I scrambled to get the camera ready but there was no time. As the two objects came together I stopped my fight with the camera and watched.

It was an incredible sight, and a vision, which is as clear as if it had occurred yesterday. As the two lights came together there was a huge explosion with the light intensity increasing by at least 10 times. However, there was absolutely no noise whatsoever. It was like watching a film of an atomic bomb going off without the sound on.

The intensity immediately dropped down but stayed much higher than normal. By this time I was able to get the camera ready and shot a picture.

Now we had experienced two unique sightings one after another. Everyone was walking right up on the object while it wasn't looking.

The trip across the field, however, was not an easy one. ^{THE FIELD} It was wet in the field and we were picking up lots of mud on ^{OUR} shoes. It was a very slow journey but everyone was determined to finish.

Just like trying to drive up to Little Charlie with a car, we didn't seem to be getting any closer as we made our way across the field. When he finally got across the field, the object still seemed to be across the next field. We concluded that we might have been looking at a farm light. Disappointment set in as no one was prepared to walk through yet another muddy field. We prepared to head back to the car and end the night of searching.

Something wasn't right where we stood however. There was a large buzzing noise. Buzzing under a hydro line is not uncommon but this was very loud. It was like being inside a beehive. Mrs. Frost, who lived only one mile east of where we were had mentioned the loud buzzing sound connected to the appearance of UFOs. She had had many sightings and had recorded them in a book.

We were standing right under the hydro line, which actually ended only a few feet south of us. I looked north and south down the road and could see nothing, yet there was a strong feeling held by all that something strange was around.

At one point I stepped out from under the hydro line towards the road and there it was. The object, a small brilliant white ball of light, was sitting just over the inside lines of the hydro line 7 poles south of my position. (A couple hundred feet) It was only visible for a couple seconds and then it was gone, as was the loud buzzing noise.

The light exhibited a strange characteristic of the light that I was already aware of. It could only be seen from certain angles. From where we were under the hydro line there was nothing blocking the view of where the object was, and yet it was not visible. Moving three feet in another direction made it visible.

We had seen this characteristic while watching Little Charlie on the road. From the middle of the road the object was visible, but just moving off to the shoulder of the road sometimes made the object disappear. It was just one more mystery that we were never able to explain.

Charlie Fights Back

Without a doubt the scariest moment of the entire flap for me came on one night in April 1976 when chasing a ground light south of the town of Brunkhild Manitoba. Brunkhild is a town on Highway 3 about in the mid-point of Highway 3 between Carman and Winnipeg.

On the night in question we had been tracking the triangles that had been flying around for a couple weeks. McKenzie was in the front seat busily writing down the description of one object after another. Danny Penner, Toby Penner, and Rich Willow sat in the back seat.

We were following around large aerial objects that were flying around near the Brunkhild tower. One of the objects was a triangle with two red lights in the front and a green light in the back. It flew off into the south west. We headed south from the tower and away from the highway when I noticed there was a pair of ground

lights right in front of the car. (The ground lights usually came in pairs- ^{one}one bright and one dim), It suddenly became our center of attention.

I drove down the road with lights on and lights off until I came to a point eight miles south of the highway where the gravel road ended and dirt started. There were deep ruts in the road and I assumed it was safer to stop here than risk getting stuck in mud far away from any town.

I left the car with Toby Penner to walk towards the object and flash my flashlight at it. I told the others to remain in the car, and that we would be right back. As we approached I discovered some strange white impact marks in the mud (4" long, 1.4 inches wide, and 1.5" deep). There was white outlining the holes and white spots in the bottom of the hole. It would be another mystery we would never solve. Turning back to the lights at the end of the road an incredible story began. I will simply quote the story from the notes I took that night.

I saw that they were still there but that the less intense one was on the left. I gave three flashes of light from my flashlight towards the one that appeared to be on the ground. After about three seconds, to my great surprise, the object pulsed back three times. What is meant by this is that during a period of about 1.5 seconds the object would rise and fall in the intensity of its light. This the object did three times without moving.

Next I took the flashlight and made a long vertical line up and down in the air. In response, after a few seconds the object rose to double its height and then dropped back down.

I took the flashlight and made a long vertical line back and forth along the horizon. In response the object moved back and forth across the road in a motion resembling a falling leaf.

I repeated all the motions, 3 flashes, this time two up and two across. The object repeated all the motions.

Suddenly the thing started to make noise. Although there was a small breeze the sound was very clear. It sounded at first like Morse code. The start was a short-short-pause-long. At this point Glen said "Look he's doing everything that you are doing." I told him to listen to the noise.

The noise was still there. It was short beeps like a type of code but now I realized that instead of using beeps it was using a whistle noise. Later, Glen and I discussed the sound and concluded that it was a beep and a whistle at the same time.

Glen started back to the car and I asked him to send out one of the other people to watch the objects. The noise had now continued for about 20 seconds, but I was not paying much attention. This is because I had begun to think that I was losing control of the situation. The object had been responding to the light, but now with the noise it was doing things I had not ordered.

It appeared that this was some kind of small observation craft or a monitor, and that I had annoyed it. The noise stopped, and I heard Glen yelling at the car. I quickly turned and ran back to the car to find Glen telling everyone about the amazing stuff that was going on down the road.

I took Danny, Toby's older brother next to see the object. I was hesitant to get as close as the first time and stopped at the white holes in the road. I repeated all the

flashlight motions – flashes, up/down, and sideways. The main bright light repeated all the actions.

I suddenly got the distinct impression that we should return to the car, and we did. When I got back I related to the others what had occurred. As I talked I suddenly noticed a familiar object visible in the passenger back window – a bright arc welding light hovering low on the horizon. It was flying east along the southern horizon very close to us. He appeared headed right towards the two objects on the road.

From the time I first saw the object till it arrived at the two objects I did not watch. I was too busy panicking. All I could recall, as I stared out the front window was Danny, Toby, and Rich fighting for one of the two sets of binoculars in the back seat. It sounded like they were having a great time. Later the kids who were watching said that the object started to pulse red as it came to the two ground lights.

I looked just after the object had crossed south of us. The object seemed to pause for a minute and then continued east. I said to the four boys, "Are you ready?"

Someone said, "Ready for what?"

The object started to brighten. I said, "Here he comes.

The fight for the binoculars was continuing on and one set was now missing. (It turned out someone was partially sitting on them.)

I did up my seatbelt, why I don't know. I was extremely frightened by the whole thing because it seemed like a bad dream coming true. I could do nothing, and this object was now calling the shots.

I distinctly recall that only Wheeler and I in the front seat were upset by what was happening. Wheeler was not even happy that we had walked down the road after the two objects. He had said, "I wish we'd leave it and go the other way."

The object as feared stopped going east. It had made a turn north then west and was now coming down the road right at us.

I could hear someone say in the back seat, "This is neat, eh."

I asked for my set of binoculars and held them up against the front windshield of the car. This was necessary because my hands were shaking so bad I couldn't hold the binoculars still.

The triangle object was quite familiar to me. There were two red lights in the front and a green light in the back. I had seen the object twice before. 1) Earlier that evening moving over the Brunkhild tower headed southwest. 2) A few weeks earlier when Reg Peters and I had seen it east of Carman. The lights appeared in formation but I was sure they were attached to the same craft.

The object appeared to be tilted with the far side down and the front of the object tilted up. I don't know how. It just appeared this way. It was coming at us and it was not very high up – maybe 500 feet.⁵⁵ There was a wild party going on in the back seat with kids yelling.

It continued coming until it appeared about one quarter mile in front of us. I was looking almost straight up at the object. I have never been as scared in my life. It paused for a second, shifted a bit to my left, and then started to move north. As it

⁵⁵ At night it is hard to determine size and distance because there are no reference points. This object was either very low or very big based on the field of vision in the binoculars.

made the slight shift, like a small jerk in a film, the fear instantly left. I went from being more afraid than I can ever recall to no fear at all.

I put down the binoculars and stopped watching. I heard Danny say, "That's the same one we saw earlier.

"Do you think it was the same one?" Danny asked, "Or another one with the same lighting."

"Same one," I said.

"It came from same direction that we saw it go," Danny added.

"Probably the same one," I repeated.

"That's the same one I saw, he said. "Remember Grant-~~that~~ that is the one I saw before you."

"Yah," I said.

"Let's stay all night," someone in the back said.

In describing the object I recall that it easily took up the majority of the field of vision in the binoculars. As with the two prior sightings of the object, nothing appeared visible between the three lights. There were "gaping" spaces between the lights. The lights were huge.

The whole events seemed to take about 20 minutes from the time the object left the two small ground lights until it left the front of the car to go north, but it was probably only a couple minutes.

Suddenly there was a bright white light behind the car, and the inside of our car was lit up. I got out and saw that it was the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"Trouble," he said.

"No," I replied.

He turned on his flashlight and shined it in the windows of my car. "OK, what's going on here," he said.

I said, "We are just watching these two lights at the end of the road."

"What lights?" he said.

"Well turn off your car lights and I will show you," I said. "You can't see anything with those on."

He walked back to his car and turned off his car lights. The four kids in the car got out. It had only been a minute since the triangle of lights had flown over, so I pointed to it as it flew towards the Brunkhild along with another that had appeared.

"Do you see those two objects there," I said.

"Yah," he said.

"OK," I said. "Take a look at this." The kids were very excited knowing what was about to happen.

We moved down the road and only one of the objects was visible; and then only barely. I took my flashlight and make a long vertical line into the sky. The object moved up into view and then dropped down to the left side of the road.

"Are you sure it is not a farm light?" he asked.

"We have been chasing it for six miles," I said. (It turned out to be eight miles when he measured it out later.)

"Oh well," he said. "It's probably just a couple of guys down the road having a couple beers."

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"It's not a couple guys down the road having a couple ^{of} beers," I replied. "We've been following it for miles."

He started moving back to his car. "Oh well," he said. "I'll see you guys around."

He hopped in his car and pulled away.

"Don't let him get away," I said. "Get his license plate."

A couple of the kids ran after him pointing their flashlights at the car.

"Got it," said Rich. "BLT-147."

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I made plans to interview the officer after finding out what detachment he had been at, but backed out thinking it would be hard on the federal officer to have to explain the lights in the sky and on the road that he had witnessed.

The Monitor Connection

While researching the UFO flap, I was also working on the story of Wilbert Smith who had headed up the official Canadian government flying saucer investigation from 1950 to 1954. I had received the story of Smith and his activities from a radar technician, Ernie Epp, who was working at the Department of Transport in Winnipeg. He had worked as a technician for Smith in a flying saucer detection building that Smith had constructed on Department of Defense property outside of Ottawa. He had experienced a UFO sighting after traveling to Carman during the flap.

The Smith lead had encouraged me to travel in 1977 to Ottawa to meet with Wilbert Smith's widow, Murl Smith. She had in turn put me on to a defense research

scientist who had worked privately with Smith from 1956 till Smith's death in December 1962. The man, Art Bridge, was now living in Morden, only twenty miles south of Carman.

I had a number of secret meetings with this man. Art was still interested in the subject, but had no intention of going public with what he had done for Smith or what he had done for the Canadian military. In the seventies when I talked to him he was not even doing anything related to science.

During one visit with the former scientist, I brought up the grounds lights that were being seen and told Bridge about our attempts to capture, film, and explain the ground lights.

"You mean monitors?" he replied after hearing my story. I had absolutely no idea whatsoever what he was talking about, but I pretended I did.

"Yes, monitors," I replied.

"We had those things all over in the time I was in Ottawa. They were tracking what Wilbert and the rest of us were doing," he said.

He then told me about the time they spotted one hiding in the ditch in front of the house. It is the same story I would hear Wilbert Smith tell on an audio tape years later.

*We saw one of the monitors do exactly that trick. We did believe that a certain conversation we were having was being monitored by one of the little fellows. So when we came out of the house we made a definite effort to locate it. We did. I was down in
down in the ditch right in front of the house, and as soon as we spotted it, apparently*

the people who were controlling it became aware of the fact. As soon as we spotted it, we saw what appeared to be a heat wave about a foot in diameter and what popped right out of it was a little disk and it just took off, and disappeared into the great blue yonder. I think the whole operation took place in less than about two seconds. We were looking right at it. There were three of us, and we all saw the same thing.

It suddenly occurred to me that Murl Smith had talked about these monitors as well but I don't recall her using the name monitors. She basically told me that the objects made a nuisance of themselves around the yard. One of the things I recall her saying is that they burned out a whole row of beans in the garden one time. I also recall they had done some damage to a neighbor's tree, which led the neighbor to say to Smith, "Wilbert, I don't know where your little friends are from, but could you please tell them to stay out of my yard."

She stated that they were around all the time. It was probably these monitors that led to the stories inside the Department of Transport that Wilbert was losing touch with reality.

Epp who had put me on to Wilbert had stated he asked Wilbert about the aliens and Wilbert had said they were landing in his yard all the time. The fact was monitors were in the yard and the radar technician, unfamiliar with monitors assumed big flying saucers were landing and visiting with Smith.

James Smith, Wilbert Smith's oldest son also spoke of the monitors. He was 17 when his father died in 1962 so he remembered many of the strange events that occurred in and around the house as he was growing up.

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In an interview with Errol Bruce-Knapp host of the show "Strange Days...Indeed" Jim recalled the monitors.

At our home when this flying saucer club met in the basement there were ~~basement~~ windows, and on many occasion there would be small monitor saucers looking in the windows listening to what was going on. In terms of size they would have been about 30-36 inches across and a foot thick looking very much like a jelly donut.

I came out of the porch steps one evening just after dark. There was one sitting about three feet out in the front lawn, where it could look in the front window and monitor what was going on. We just stood there and looked at each other for about 20 or 30 seconds and then it just took off straight up. The grass underneath it was virtually sterile for the next 10 years. Nothing would grow. There was this great patch of nothing. Similarly the trees at the side of the house again with access to a window, our neighbors used to complain. Smith, keep your saucers in your own trees because these things would sit up there and virtually burn all the leaves and branches around them. There would be this dead clump, this dead hole in two or three trees that has access to the windows.

Whether or not the objects on the ground in Southern Manitoba were the same thing as the objects that Smith had seen in Ottawa in the late fifties is hard to determine. The same would go for the small balls of light that have been reported in British crop circles throughout the 1980s and 1990s.

The British crop circle lights looked very much like what we had seen. Like the Manitoba balls of light, the British researchers were not able to determine much beyond the fact that the lights were a real phenomenon associated with the crop circles. Further investigation into these lights will hopefully produce an answer some day.

The other key place that the ground light /monitors were being reported was in Wilton, North Dakota, near the Minot Missile Base. The local newspapers had done articles on these strange balls of lights, but could come to no conclusion.

I travelled down to Wilton in 1977 to show my slides of the balls of lights that we had chased around the roads of southern Manitoba, and it appeared from the reaction of the full room of town people who showed up to the lecture that we were both seeing the same thing.

The Nuclear Connection

"Since 28 Oct 75 numerous reports of suspicious objects have been received at the NORAD CU; reliable military personnel at Loring AFB, Maine, Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan, Malmstrom AFB, Mt, Minot AFB, ND, and Canadian Forces Station, Falconbridge, Ontario, Canada have visually sighted suspicious objects." **The Commander-in-Chief of North American Air Defense Command, November 11th, 1975.**

Most researchers in ufology know and accept the close connection of UFOs to nuclear missiles. Researcher Robert Hastings, in fact, has written a whole book on the connection called *UFOs and Nukes*.⁴ In 1975 the connection was not as well known.

While the sightings were going on in Manitoba I knew that we were not the only place that was experiencing a lot of UFO sightings. Four states that bordered Canada — North Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, and Wisconsin⁵ were having huge numbers of sighting in 1975. The province of Ontario was also seeing more than its normal share of UFO sightings.

I knew these were connected because I was the background researcher for the ^{ITALIC} Daniel Coleman at the National Enquirer newspaper who was working on UFO stories in each area.

⁴ Footnote as to publisher

When I returned to Carman in 2004, almost 30 years after the UFO events I expected that everyone would be ready and willing to give me insights into what the UFO flap had meant, and how it had changed their life. This didn't happen.

Only Britain seemed eager to reflect on what had occurred. When I asked him why the UFOs had been in Carman he stated he stated, "You know why they were here."

"No I don't," was my reply.

"I told you all about it," he said.

"Anthony," I continued. "In thirty years I have never known why they were here."

"The missiles," said Britain. "I told you we would sit in the hills and watch the object coming in from the United States."

As soon as I heard the word missiles I knew he was right. By 2004 researchers had become aware of the nuclear connection. It all made sense.

Growing up in Winnipeg we all knew about the Grand Forks and Minot AFBs in North Dakota and their Minuteman 3 Inter Continental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM) silos. We knew that if there was ever a nuclear exchange between the Soviet Union and the United States that we would be the first to go. Every 10th Soviet missile would fall short right on top of us.

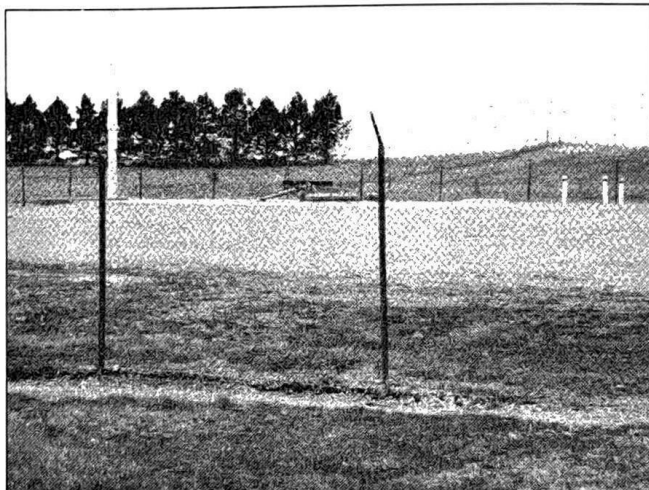
We also knew there were 300 ICBMs, each with three warheads, in North Dakota. That meant that if North Dakota had been a country in 1975, it would have been considered a nuclear super power.

Britain reminded me of the conversation he had with a ~~U.S.A.F.~~ ^{USAF} pilot at Jack's Place Bar in the town of Windy Gates on the border.

The pilot was from Minot AFB. He told Britain that he had been on a mission with an order to ram. This was all confidential. He said four pilots ran into one of these things sitting over a silo. It came right up through the formation, and he said it wasn't going to veer away. It was coming right through and he was in the way, so he pulled out of the way and let it come through. He said he wasn't going to die for that.

I knew of the highly publicized Sandy Larson abduction case in August 1975. It had occurred very close to two Grand Forks AFB missile silos outside of the town of Buffalo, North Dakota.

Then there was the story of UFO abductee Kelly Gessner who told me of an encounter with a UFO at the A-10 "Blitzkrieg" missile silo $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile north of Karlsruhe, North



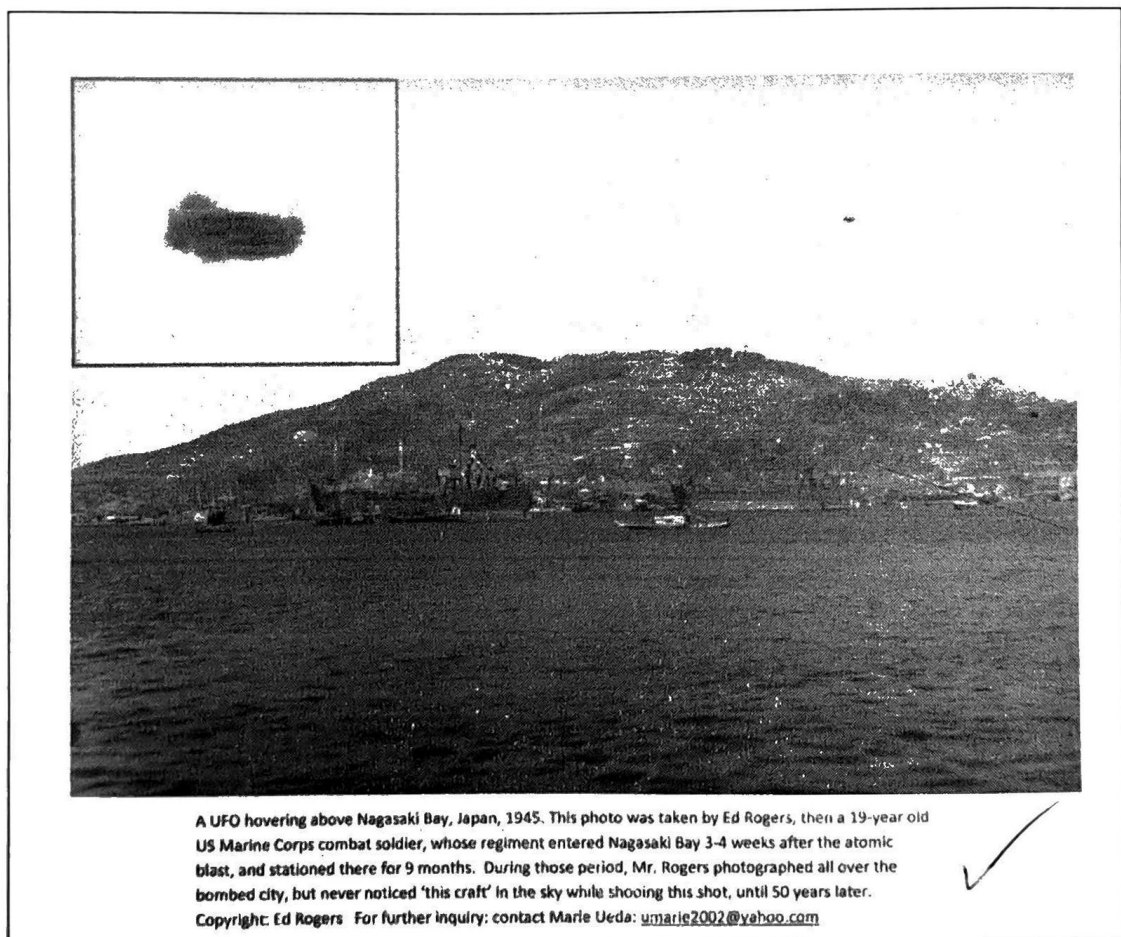
Karlsruhe Missile Silo

Dakota. Kelly was about nine at the time. She and two friends were outside the gate of the silo when a UFO rose through the metal lid that covered the missile. The perfect spherical ball object the size of a garbage can lid rose twenty-five feet into the air and was spinning. The color was a shiny metallic bronze color with burnt marks on it. It had a little glow that could have been from a reflection from the sun. It hesitated and quickly flew away.

Finally, there were the same ground light type objects that we were seeing in Manitoba that appeared just south west of Karlsruhe around a town called Wilton. In 1977 I travelled down after the local newspaper did a story on these small balls of light that were being seen on the nearby roads following cars around. When I did my lecture in Wilton the room was full. Many who had seen the Wilton ground objects agreed that that they witnessed appeared similar to what I was showing on slides of the objects being seen in Canada.

UFOs have always seemed to be interested in nuclear weapons and power plants. This connection goes back to 1945 when the modern UFO era began.

1945- A couple weeks after the atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki in 1945 a



young marine by the name of Ed Rogers arrived by ship to the devastated city. He took a series of photos. In the 1990s that it was discovered there were UFOs in many of the photos. He arranged that the pictures not be released until after his death which happened in 2014.

1947 – A UFO crashed outside of Roswell New Mexico. At the time the Roswell Army Air ^Bbase was the only operational atomic bomb unit in the world. The pilots from Roswell made up the crews that dropped the two atomic bombs on Japan. In addition, the first atomic bomb test took place only 120 miles to the west in July 1945.

1947 – 1952 - In the years following World War 2 UFOs continued to show a great interest in nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants. The correlation was first made public by Captain Edward Ruppelt, who directed the ^{USAF}U.S.A. F. investigation ^{ITALIC}into UFOs at that time. He reported to Life Magazine that when viewing a folder of 63 unexplained UFO reports that had been plotted on a map of the United States discovered that it showed an ominous correlation with the location of various atomic energy installations. "These sightings were pinpointed on a map. Soon afterwards, it was seen by a Pentagon representative who noted that a number of concentrations duplicated exactly the area of atomic energy installations. The Pentagon man excitedly reported back to his headquarters. A conference was called immediately in Washington. Intelligence had to tell the Pentagon that they had no evidence that the flying saucers are spying on or threatening our atomic program. But this fear still lies deeply in some responsible minds."⁵⁶

⁵⁶ Robert Moskin, "Hunt For The Flying Saucer," *Life Magazine*, July 1, 1952

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1952 - On November 20, 1952, only three days after the New York Times announced to the American people that the first hydrogen bomb had been tested George Adamski appeared. He would go down in history as the first contactee (a person claiming to have talked to the UFO occupants). Adamski said Orthon, the alien he communicated with, was worried that the atmospheric nuclear bomb tests would kill all life on Earth, spread into space, and contaminate other planets.⁵⁷ Other contactees in the 1950s and 1960s would come forward with similar nuclear messages.

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1979-1980 - Paul Bennewitz, a physicist who operated a small electronics company called Thunder Scientific Corporation outside Kirkland AFB, reported UFOs over the main United States nuclear weapons storage site, Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility. His reports circulated widely inside the UFO research community. The USAF intelligence people at Kirkland met with him about his sightings, and then set up a program to discredit Bennewitz and what he was seeing.

1980 - On three nights December 26, 27, and 28, the twin air force bases of Woodbridge and Bentwaters, England were visited by a series of UFOs that shot beams of light down into the nuclear weapons storage area and reportedly affected the tactical nuclear weapons stored there. A connecting factor seemed to be the American military being on high alert as at that time as Soviets had moved troops to the Polish border in a possible move to reinvade Poland. The nuclear weapons

invade for the second time

⁵⁷ It was not until the hydrogen bomb was developed that it was possible to destroy the world. Physicist Herbert York summed up the implications of the first test of a hydrogen bomb test: "the world suddenly shifted from the path it had been on to a more dangerous one. Fission bombs, destructive as they might have been, were thought of [as] being limited in power. Now, it seemed we had learned how to brush even these limits aside and to build bombs whose power was boundless."

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stored at Bentwaters were the types of weapons that might have to be used if there was a superpower battle for Poland.

1986 --During the Chernobyl nuclear power plant meltdown on April 26, 1986, there were reports that a bronze colored fiery sphere coming to within 1,000 feet of the damaged Number 4 reactor during the worst of the fire. It reportedly shot out two bright red rays at the reactor. The radiation levels reported fell from 3,000 milliroentgens/hour to 800 milliroentgens/hour. After three minutes the UFO flew away into the northeast.

The Nuclear Connection

For the purposes of this book the most important nuclear connection came in 1975 following the American military loss to the communists in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia.

It was a very unstable moment in America foreign policy. The predominant political theory was the domino theory which looked at the fear that one country after another would fall to the communists until they controlled the world.

After the Vietnam defeat American military planners would have been trying to figure out which country would be next. Would the communists move to take South Korea, the Philippines, or Indonesia? Because there were insufficient American troops on the ground in these areas, would nuclear weapons have to be used to draw a line in the sand and stop the spreading communist advance? It is very likely

that when the Vietnam War ended in disaster in April 1975, the status of the ICBMs would have been secretly raised.

Whatever the status the records show a great interest in nuclear weapons in 1975. NORAD Command Director's Logs show numerous encounters with UFOs in or around the nuclear weapons storage areas at various Strategic Air Command (SAC) Bases along the Canadian border. These bases had stockpiles of nuclear weapons and also headquarters the huge B-52 bombers loaded with nuclear weapons for their daily Cold War-era deterrence missions.

Consider, for example, the written record of UFO encounters at Loring AFB in October 1975. The SAC documents referred to the objects as helicopters, as if someone was able to get a helicopter inside the weapons storage area and get away unscathed.

The initial incidents at Loring created concern at the highest levels of the American government. "The incidents drew the attention of the CIA, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Secretary of Defense. Though the Air Force informed the public and the press that individual sightings were isolated incidents, an Air Force document stated that "Security Option III was implemented and that security measures were coordinated with fifteen (15) Air Force bases from Guam to Newfoundland."⁵⁸

The UFOs spotted at Loring "penetrated the nuclear weapons storage area at an estimated 300 feet altitude. The event went on for two nights and one incident went on for at least forty minutes. On both nights the events ended with the object flying away towards the Canadian border, twelve miles to the east.

⁵⁸ Air Force Security Police [AFSP] message to 15 Air Force Bases, November 10, 1975

Another case highlighted by the NORAD documents was an encounter at Wurtsmith AFB right on the Michigan-Ontario border. The base Wing Commander, Colonel Boardman, ordered a KC-135 in the area to intercept the object. The intercept failed.

Then there was Great Falls, Montana where Sabotage Alert Teams guarding the nuclear weapons at Malmstrom AFB were dealing with UFOs a few weeks later. As with the incident at Loring AFB, the UFOs did what they pleased. F-106 interceptors were scrambled in response to multiple reports of UFO visits to nearby missile sites near Moore, Harlowton, Lewistown, and several missile sites around Malmstrom AFB. Most strikingly, it was also reported that computer codes in the missile warheads had been altered.

Then on November 10th, there was an encounter at Minot AFB, directly south of Carman. They had their encounter with a mysterious automobile sized object.

At the same time there was also activity on the Canadian side of the border. Police officers, military officers, and NORAD radar saw and tracked UFOs that alternately hovered and darted around at high speed at Falconbridge Air Force Station NORAD radar station near North Bay, Ontario. As in the SAC incurrences NORAD scrambled two F-106 jets to no avail. The Defense Headquarters in Ottawa became involved.

In the middle of the all the visits to the nuclear bases Travis Walton claimed to have been abducted in Snowflake, Arizona. It went down as one of the most famous abduction stories ever. The story made headlines all around the world and is still

the subject of numerous documentaries, because it lasted for five days instead of the normal one or two hour.

The abduction almost seemed, like hovering over the nuclear missiles, to be some sort of dramatic alien warning to the government that would get a lot of publicity and could not be denied.

So how does all the SAC bases nuclear incursions along the border tie into the long series of sightings in Carman?

As mentioned earlier Britain had maintained that the Carman sightings were tied into the Minuteman 3 missiles at the Grand Forks and Minot missile fields, and that he had talked to one USAF pilot who had been involved in a jet scramble involving a UFO over a silo.

On July 3, 1974 the Soviets and the Americans signed an additional protocol to the SALT I treaty which stated that each country could build an anti-ballistic missile (ABM) site to shoot down each other's intercontinental ballistic missiles. This was the ground based version of what would later become the Star Wars antiballistic missile shield. Each country would be allowed 100 new nuclear missiles.

The U.S. selected their site near Nekoma, North Dakota, about 80 miles as the crow flies directly south of Carman Manitoba. Soon there would be 400 nuclear missiles within a couple hundred miles of Carman.

In the center of the missile complex was a huge pyramid with the top cut off it. The structure was built to house the most advanced radar unit in the world. It was built to withstand the direct effects of a nuclear weapon. Inside the pyramid was a huge complex which housed the Missile Site Phased Array Radar (MSR) and

computers necessary to track and destroy incoming Soviet ICBM warheads. The local referred to the building as Nixon's pyramid.

Separate long-range detection radar was located almost on the Canadian border near the town of Cavalier, North Dakota. This radar was only a couple miles from the Halpstad UFO landing site.

The six billion dollar ABM base became known as the Stanley R. Mickelsen Safeguard Complex. It would become the only ABM unit ever to go into official operation in the United States.

The installation of the missiles began early 1975 at the same time as the sighting began north of the border. The plan for the missiles was that the Spartan 5mt missiles would try and intercept the Soviet ICBM while they were still outside the atmosphere. This this failed the much faster 1mt Sprint missiles would be launched to intercept the Soviet ICBMs as they approached the North Dakota missile fields.

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By April 1975 8 Spartans and 28 Sprints nuclear missiles became operational. Then as the UFO intrusions at the SAC bases began late in 1975 "the full complement of 30 Spartans and 70 Sprints became operational."⁵⁹

By November 18, 1975, both the House and Senate had voted to take the Safeguard site off alert. It was determined that with high costs and the Soviet use of multiple warheads the plan was doomed to fail. The idea of mutual assured destruction (MAD) seemed to be a better plan to deter a Soviet first strike.

The decommissioning of the site began 10 February 1976, and as the 100 nuclear missiles were removed, the UFOs stopped being reported in Carman. The records

⁵⁹ Robert Johnston "MULTIMEGATON WEAPONS: The Largest Nuclear Weapons, April 6, 2009, <http://www.johnstonsarchive.net/nuclear/multimeg.html>

show that they left and never returned. It was as if some intelligence agency had placed UFO drugs in the Carman water in March 1975 and took it out in early 1976.

I asked Britain in 2010 how many UFOs he had seen in the 1975-76 time period as he was out every night with visitors, researchers, newspapers, and film crews. He estimated he had about 150 sightings. Asked how many UFOs he had seen in Carman in the 35 years after the flap he replied "None."

The UFO flap in Carman was over. Charlie Red Star appeared to have left for good, and the citizens of Carman went back to their normal lives.

I, on the other hand, fell down the UFO rabbit hole and have been chasing the mystery ever since.

Appendix 1

Carman Poll Evaluation November 30, 1976

This poll was taken at the Carman High School.

→ *You should put the Poll here - then explain it.*

The results of the Carman poll were very much the way I expected them. The sightings were more numerous than in Sanford (a town 20 miles east that experienced many sightings as well), and were of a much higher quality.

This is shown in the high number of responses to questions 4 and 5. In fact almost 50% of the sightings were reported close enough to actually see an object, rather than just a light in the sky (which usually accounts for most UFO sighting reports).

The most stunning result, however, was the in the comparison of the responses to questions 3 and 9. According to those polled, more students claimed to have seen UFOs than Boeing 747 jumbo jets.

Of those polled it was found that 85% of the students had either seen a UFO themselves or personally knew someone who did.

The results were so strong in Carman that they dwarf other Manitoba rural areas. A comparison to the national poll shows that personal experiences in Carman are six times the national average. Nationally, only 11 % claim to have seen a UFO, and only 54% believe in the possible existence of UFOs.

The numbers seem to back up the statement that in 1975 and 1976 at least, Carman was the UFO capitol of the world.

Poll Questions

1) How many of you believe (without having to decide what their origin might be) that there is such a thing as a flying UFO?

No 9.6% Yes 72.1% Undecided 17.3%

2) How many of you believe that you have seen something in your lifetime which could be classed as a UFO?

No 36.5% Yes 62.5%

3) How many of you believe that you have in the past two years seen something which could be classed as a UFO?

No 46.2% Yes 52.9%

4) Of those [?] of you who answered yes to questions 2 or 3 or both, were you close enough to actually see an object as opposed to a light in the sky?

No 76.0 Yes 23.0%

5) Of those of you who answered yes to questions 2 or 3 where you within 100 yards of the object?

No 90.4% Yes 9.6%

6) Of those of you who answered yes to questions 2 or 3, did you see any people in or around the craft?

No 98.0 Yes .96%

7) Of those of you who answered yes to questions 2 or 3, after seeing the UFO did you experience a time lapse ~~~~~ a period of time where you couldn't account for what happened?

No 91.3% Yes 7.7%

8) Do you know of anyone else (other than the people in this school) who have seen a UFO?

No 63.5% Yes 35.6%

9) How many of you have, without the aid of mass media, TV, or newspapers have ever seen a Boeing 747 jumbo jet. That is how many of you have actually seen one in person or on the ground?

No 44.2 Yes 54.8%

10) Have you ever read a book on UFOs ~~~~~ this includes Von Daniken?

No 42.3% Yes 47.1%