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CARIBOU

MAINE

04/1930 EST

04/2030 Z

2 AF pilots

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250°

Two pilots sighted "bright dancing light" from T-66 over Caribou, Maine.

REB44 C

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TYDB62

TDBB36

CEB372

TMB339

JEPBN 335

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P 050130Z ZNJ

FM CO 74TH FTR INTCP SQ PRESQUE ISLE AFB MAINE

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INFO ZEN/CG 4711TH DEF WG PRESQUE ISLE AFB MAINE

/ [REDACTED] /FIS74 560Z FLYCBRPT. /ATTN CLN ATIAA-2C WRIGHT

PATTERSON AFB/ATTN CLN DCS/I ENT AFB/ATTN CLN EACIN STEWART AFB/

1. ONE BRIGHT DANCING LIGHT 10 MILES EAST OF CARIBOU CMA MAINE

ON A HEADING OF 250 DEGREES MG. ALT UNK.

2. TIME 34/2230Z

3. VISUAL OBSERVATION.

4. OBSERVER 2 PILOTS CMA T-56 CMA 5000 FT CMA 150K CMA OVER CARIBOU
CMA MAINE.

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5. WEATHER 4000 BROKEN CMA 20 MILE VIS.

6. RELIABILITY C-1.

7. ACTION TAKEN NOTIFIED GCI CONTROLLER BUT NO RADAR CONTACT MADE.

PD END

35/2215Z NOV JEPBN

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SUBJECT Report of Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Presque Isle, Maine	FROM (Agency) 74th Ftr-Incp Sq, Presque Isle AFB, Maine	
DATE OF REPORT 5 Nov 52	DATE OF INFORMATION 4 Nov 52	EVALUATION A-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) 2d Lt Donald K. Gregoire, Intell O.	SOURCE Capt Leon H. Pagan, AO 781035 1st Lt Charles E. Young, AO 190281	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TWX, F1374-5608		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

The information contained in the inclosures was reported by TWX in accordance with AFL 200-5 (Dated 29 April 1952). The object was sighted at times ranging from 04/2230Z to 05/0230Z. Random remarks from some observers stated that it was difficult to differentiate the light from a bright star. The Northeast Airlines dispatcher at Presque Isle, Maine stated that the GAA tower operator at Millinocket, Maine also sighted the object; it is unknown to this agency if the sighting was reported to higher headquarters.

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Intelligence Officer

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1. Statement of Capt. Pagan
2. Statement of Lt. Young
3. Statement of P.I. Tower Operator

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STATEMENT OF T-6 PILOT

At 1728 E.S.T. on 4 November 1953 I was flying in the rear cockpit of a T-6, altitude was 2,500 feet, atmospheric conditions were clear. The weather station was reporting 1500 feet scattered and 4000 feet broken to overcast.

I observed a bright light as we were flying on a heading of approximately 360 degrees. Our position at this time was approximately 20 miles North of Presque Isle AFB. The light appeared at a 7 O'Clock position, elevation approximately 25 degrees. Upon initial observation of the light it was white in color and appeared to be an aircraft position light. It soon became apparent that the light was not an aircraft position light but appeared to be stationary or moving very slowly. Its bearing was approximately 250 degrees from Limestone AFB and approximately 245 degrees from Presque Isle AFB. These headings were determined by turning the aircraft to point toward the light and reading the aircraft compass.

The light descended toward the horizon and disappeared after having been under constant observation for a period of approximately 35 minutes. The color of the light changed from red to orange to blue-green to white. The sequence of color change was not recorded.

Later, I observed a star enter the haze layer and although its light was not as bright as the original light, it resembled it very much. It is my opinion that the light I observed originally was a star or planet with the light refracted through the earth's atmosphere.

Leon H. Pagan
LEON H. PAGAN
Capt USAF
AO 781035

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STATEMENT OF T-6 PILOT

On 4 November 1952 at 2230Z while flying a T-6 aircraft at 2,560 feet in the vicinity of Caribou, Maine I observed a bright light to the West just above a bank of low clouds. The light appeared to change colors from red to blue to white. I queried Captain Pagan who was flying with me, and asked him if he saw it too; he did. I then contacted the GCI controller at Caswell, Maine, and reported the situation to him. He claimed that he had no targets in that area (approximately 250° magnetic from the city of Caribou). I flew about forty (40) miles in the direction of the light, and then returned.

I have no idea of the size, shape or altitude of the object except that it appeared approximately 10° above the horizon. I do not know how far away it was, or if it was moving.

Charles E. Young
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STATEMENT OF SENIOR CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR, PRESQUE ISLE AFB, MAINE

I first came into contact with the strange light at 1736 L when a T-6 flying in the local area at Presque Isle advised the tower that to the West of the station there appeared to be a bright light of various colors. To me it appeared too large to be a star, and the colors of red, amber and green stood out very sharp. I thought at first that it could be a flare, but it appeared too large for that.

Northeast Airlines flight 12 coming into Presque Isle also observed the light, but later said it was probably only a star. Within the time that I observed the light it disappeared and reappeared several times; this fact made me disbelieve it was a star. For a while it was stationary, and then it appeared to move and change altitude very rapidly. I could in no way determine its altitude or distance from the station, but saw it first in the West, and then in the Northwest.

Earl S. Goldsen

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