

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 Nov 66 9/0600Z	2. LOCATION Saginaw, Minnesota one witness
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Unidentified
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	Observer was driving along a road when she noticed a group of lights that were white, yellow, orange, and blue in color. The lights were flashing and changing colors. The lights appeared to be almost touching the ground. The lights would abruptly vanish when the observer would get closer.
7. COURSE N/A	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	The description of the object could fall in the category of unusual atmospheric phenomena such as ball lighting. The object could well have been attributed to a quite similar phenomena however there is a lack of data to substantiate such an evaluation.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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HEADQUARTERS 29TH AIR DIVISION (ADC)
DULUTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
DULUTH, MINNESOTA 55814



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 29OIN

10 November 1966

SUBJECT: Follow-Up Report on UFO Sighting (29ADiv Msg, 29OIN 11007, 10 Nov 66)

TO: FTD (TDETR)

1. The observer, [REDACTED], was driving home near midnight, Tuesday, 8 November 1966. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], own a small boarding house off a country road, about [REDACTED] of Highway 33, about twenty miles west of Duluth, Minnesota.

2. On the morning of 9 November, Mrs. [REDACTED] called the Air Base, and the call was routed to the 29th Air Division (NORAD) Intelligence Office. Mrs. [REDACTED] gave the names and telephone numbers of several people in the area who had sighted the light on previous occasions. The Intelligence Officer telephoned Mrs. [REDACTED], who said she and her husband had seen it at the same place (see drawing) that [REDACTED] saw it. She could not remember the time of the sighting, only that it was "a few weeks ago". The [REDACTED] had been driving west at the time, approaching the [REDACTED] home. A Mrs. [REDACTED] who lives north of the [REDACTED] on Highway 33, said she saw it from her house, in the distance, looking southwest toward the [REDACTED] home. She had seen it "a few nights ago". These were the only people the Intelligence Officer actually spoke to, but they all said that many other people in the area had seen it on numerous occasions, always late at night.

3. On the afternoon of Wednesday, 9 November, personnel from the Intelligence Office visited the area and interviewed Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was not present, and has not been questioned by Intelligence personnel. The area was forest of birch and fir, with low ridges roughly at right angles to the unpaved road. There were a few inches of snow on the ground and the road, and there had been snow the night of the sighting. Prior to that time, the only snowfall in the Duluth area that didn't melt before covering the ground was an eight inch snowfall of 15 October, and this was all gone in less than one week. Hills and trees completely block the house from the UFO sighting point. Nor was the house visible from the hill the car was on when the UFO was seen. No other cars were in the area at the time of the sighting, and the only power line was the one west of the house (see drawing). No other houses are on the road east of the [REDACTED] home, and no light sources of any kind. Highway 33 is not visible from the house, the UFO sighting point, or the low hill where the observer's car was. The trees average 25-35 feet in height and are fairly dense.

4. The [REDACTED] class and both [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. They are in their late fifties or early sixties. They are probably [REDACTED] but seem to be of average intelligence.

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TDETR, AFRDC, SAF-01. SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.
REFERENCE AFR 80-17.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

- A. GROUP OF LIGHTS, VERY BRIGHT.
- B. ABOUT TEN OR FIFTEEN FEET ACROSS.
- C. WHITE, YELLOW, ORANGE, BLUE-WHITE.
- D. ONE.
- E. NONE.

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F. LIGHTS FLASHING AND CHANGING COLOR.

G. NONE.

H. NONE.

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I. NONE.

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

A. SEEN FROM CAR ON ROAD AHEAD.

B. ALMOST TOUCHING THE ROAD.

C. SAME AS ABOVE.

D. STATIONARY. ONE WITNESS SAID IT SEEMED TO RECEDE AT TIMES.

E. ABRUPTLY VANISHED.

F. LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

A. GROUND VISUAL.

B. NONE.

C. NONE.

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

A. ZERO NINE SLASH ZERO SIX ZERO ZERO NOVEMBER. (09/0600NOV)

B. NIGHT.

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: ABOUT TWENTY MILES WEST OF DULUTH MINN

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6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: CIVILIAN, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], SAGINAW, MINNESOTA, TELEPHONE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] A RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATE. ADDRESS IS
THAT OF HIS PARENTS, LAST NAME IS [REDACTED] IT IS A RURAL AREA AND
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MANY OTHER PEOPLE IN THE AREA HAVE SEEN IT IN RECENT WEEKS, INCLUDING
MR [REDACTED], TELEPHONE [REDACTED]
AND [REDACTED] TELEPHONE [REDACTED]
ALL LIVE IN RURAL AREA WEST OF DULUTH, AND ALL TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE
[REDACTED]

7. WEATHER AND SINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

A. COLD, DARK, SNOWING.

B. AWS ACCOUNT OF WIND DIRECTIN AND VELOCITY:

(1) 100/08

(2) 100/05

(3) 290/05

(4) 250/45

(5) 240/80

(6) 250/80

(7) 250/30

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(8) UNKNOWN

- C. TWO HUNDRED FEET, SCATTERED.
- D. TWO MILES.
- E. COMPLETE.
- F. NONE.

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G. SURFACE TWENTY-ONE DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. THREE THOUSAND FEET, FOUR DEGREES. FIVE THOUSAND FEET, TWENTY-TWO DEGREES.

SURFACE 21 °F
3000 4 °F
5000 22 °F

8. ANY OTHER USUAL ACTIVITY OF CONDITION: THE INVERSION WAS WELL ABOVE THE CLOUDS AND COULD NOT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING.

9. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: NONE.

10. AIR TRAFFIC OR BALLOON RELEASES IN THE AREA: UNKNOWN.

11. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENT OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. [REDACTED] LIVE ON COUNTRY ROAD WEST OF HIGHWAY. POWER LINE RUNS ACROSS ROAD JUST WEST OF HOUSE. BRIGHT LIGHT ON POST IN FRONT YARD AUTOMATICALLY GOES OFF AT SUNRISE. THIS LIGHT ALSO WENT OFF WHEN UFO WAS SIGHTED. SEEN FROM CAR HEADING WEST COMING OVER HILL ON ROAD, LOOKING DOWN AT OBJECT IN SHALLOW GULLEY, ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FEET AWAY. POSITION OF OBJECT ABOUT ONE THOUSAND FEET EAST OF [REDACTED] HOME. REFRACTION OF PORCH LIGHT OR DISCHARGE

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FROM POWER LINE POSSIBLE, BUT IMPROBABLE DUE TO DISTANCE, LOW HILLS
BETWEEN, AND HEAVY SNOW FALLING. REFLECTION OR HEADLIGHTS POSSIBLE,
BUT UNLIKELY TO HAVE DECEIVED SO MANY PEOPLE. ALSO, HEADLIGHT OR
PORCH LIGHT REFRACTION WOULD NOT EXPLAIN THE FACT THAT NO SIGHTINGS
OCCURRED UNTIL RECENTLY. ALWAYS SEEN LATE AT NIGHT, NEVER LEAVES
TRACE ON ROAD OR SNOW, AND VANISHES AS OBSERVER'S AUTOMOBILE

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APPROACHES. POSSIBLY SOME AS YET UNKNOWN ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMENA,
SIMILAR TO BALL LIGHTNING. WILL SEND FOLLOW-UP REPORT AND MAPS.

12. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: NONE.

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None of the people interviewed had any explanation of the light. They were obviously not saucer cultists.

5. Mrs. [REDACTED] said her son heard nothing when he saw the object, but later that night he was kept awake by a whirring sound which no one else heard.

6. The light has only been seen in recent weeks, and some of the sightings occurred when there was no snow. The light leaves no trace behind. It did not melt the snow.

FOR THE COMMANDER

William B Stoecker

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Intelligence Officer

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Area Drawing of UFO Sighting

