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FOR THE FIRST TIME since the Zamora sighting in Socorro, New Mexico last year, my local newspaper, The St. Catharines Standard has made mention of UFOs.

In fact, the July 12 edition of almost every newspaper in North America -- and many elsewhere as well -- made mention of UFOs. A world-wide wave of sightings, which may well be the most exciting development in years, seems to be taking place.

With thanks to the YCers who have participated in this edition, I am pleased to say that I believe all readers will find the 2nd edition of the YC Newsletter to be a source of interesting and perhaps useful material which they may not come upon elsewhere.

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I have not heard from some YCers regarding the matter of subscription to the Newsletter. Rates are 3 issues for 50¢, for YCers and any other persons interested in UFOs.

Copies of this edition are being sent to all members of the Youth Council. Any Youth Council member who wishes to subscribe and has not yet done so, may send in 50¢ as payment for this issue and the 3rd and 4th editions, which will be released in the next couple months.

As the YC grows (and my information indicates that we can be expecting some new members shortly), I hope that this Newsletter will also grow...in its coverage, development of a distinct style, and participation; resulting in a cogent, informal publication, designed to provide a clear perspective on a subject in which we are all very interested. Brian Akers, Al Kaisher, and myself hope to serve the readers of the Newsletter in this capacity of organizers and distributors of information.

We are also hoping that, for the next edition, we will be hearing from members Linda Stone and John Blick, both freshmen YCers with whom we would like to become more acquainted.

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Till next issue,

Tom Mulligan

Tom Mulligan (YC Ontario)

YC Minnesota .....

Bill Shields has offered to do a series of short articles for the Newsletter, covering possible methods of UFO propulsion in light of the methods of propulsion which have been outlined by scientists for possible application to our space programs. Here is Bill's introduction to his forthcoming series:

To examine possible methods of UFO propulsion is actually to examine methods of space flight Man himself might use in the future. Thus, the essays that follow in the next three issues of the Newsletter will be based on breakthroughs Man hopes to make in the next 100 to 200 years.

I will examine UFO propulsion in three parts: 1) electromagnetic, 2) gravitic, and 3) reaction and other types. Included in electromagnetism will be planetary magnetic fields, planetary charges, and focusing magnetic beams. Under gravity will be propulsion according to Einstein's gravitation, propulsion according to modern theories of gravity, and extensions of these two concepts. Finally, in the last category, labelled "reaction and other types", I will study various rocket-type drives, such as a super-ion drive, and also various other propulsion systems closer to present-day knowledge.

In and after the essays, I will give e examples from the UFO EVIDENCE report, mention sources of researched facts, and recommend books for further reading on the topics discussed.

In closing, I express my hope that these essays will be informative to YC members, and that they will be worthwhile reading for anyone interested in the subject of the UFO.

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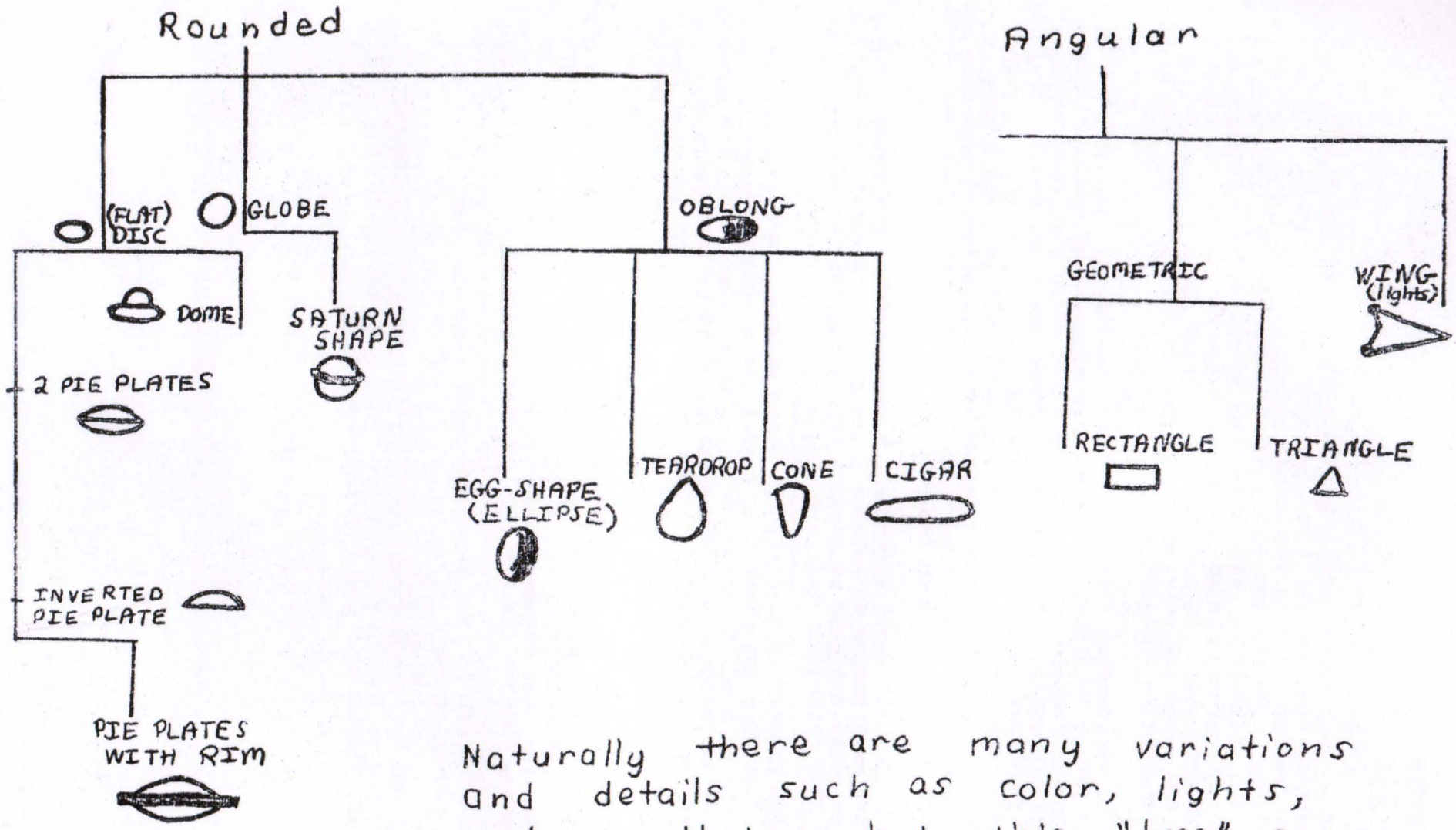
"FAMILY TREE" OF UFO SHAPES



Naturally there are many variations and details such as color, lights, and portholes, but this "tree" serves as a simple classification of UFO shapes.

M.K. Meeks.

YC Massachusetts Reports s

The Creatures -- Many saucer sightings are accompanied by reports of strange creatures emerging from the craft or examining the area around it. No doubt most of these creature reports are hoaxes, mistaken identities of animals, or hallucinations. (We are not even considering the type of contactee whose claims are ridiculous, often bordering on the mystic-religious cults.) However, there are many sightings of beings which do present quite a mystery, such as the Socorro case. Taking these perplexing cases as a whole, it is evident that the so-called "spacemen", if they do exist, definitely do have similar characteristics and actions.

One of the most outstanding features is their smallness. The beings' sizes usually range from 3 to 5 feet, although huge monsters or "people" of our own size have been reported. The small ones are often reported wearing a metallic-looking spacesuit with a helmet. Other small creatures, allegedly seen in many South American sightings, are animal-like, with glowing eyes. Of course, there are slight variations, but most fall into the categories I have mentioned. Often, these small beings have been observed exploring the earth and collecting material, always in a deserted area. They very seldom "speak", almost never in a known language.

It may be true that all these sightings of creatures are fallacies. But then, why did "little men" become so popular instead of giants? And why did a police officer stake his good reputation on a claim that he saw two beings around a UFO that definitely did land?

Is the Universe Finite? -- Recently Dr. Allan Sandage, an astronomer at Mt. Wilson and Palomar Observatories, formulated a theory concerning the origin, size and fate of the universe. The theory states that the universe is a finite, closed system that originated about 12 billion years ago from a gigantic explosion which hurled all matter outward. The universe then expands for 41 billion years (29 billion to go), and contracts for another 41 billion years; in other words, it pulsates once every 82 billion years.

Sandage bases his theory on several clues: the quasi-stellars; a new class of super-bright "blue galaxies" he has discovered, which may be the next stage of former quasi-stellars (these "blue galaxies" are estimated to be 500 times more numerous than the highly-unstable quasi-stellars); and the red shift of receding objects (faster they go, the redder their light becomes) -- Several distant ones have very fast recession rate indicating universe still is expanding, while some close ones have slow rate indicating the expansion is slowing down.

This big-bang theory, besides contradicting the steady state theory which says the universe is timeless and matter is being formed endlessly, gives us clues to the events that have happened and will happen in the mysterious universe.

-- Margie Katz

MINNESOTA BOY REPORTS UFO

From the Willmar, Minnesota Daily Tribune...29 April 1965:

NEW LONDON -- A nine year old New London boy claims to have seen what he described as a flying saucer about 5 pm Monday. At the same time his father heard an eerie noise that the youth said was caused by the thing. Gary Green is the boy who said the black machine descended noiselessly to within a few inches of the ground, then raised a "stick" resembling an antenna or periscope. The boy said that was when the noise began. His father, Edward, 51, was across the road in a silo doing chores. He described the sound as somewhat similar to a siren, but different. It was even at first but then changed pitch in a slow warbling manner. He stepped out of the silo and looked in the direction of the noise but could see nothing because of a grove of trees.

Gary said that after a minute or two the protrusion was withdrawn and the noise ceased. Then the craft lifted slowly to about the height of the barn. Then, as Gary described it: "Zoom, it was gone!" He said it shot off in a westerly direction.

The youngster, who will be 10 next month, said he had fallen off his bicycle at the end of the Green's driveway. When he was sprawled on the ground he chanced to see the thing in the air. As he sat there, petrified, it hovered on the side of a hill in the cow pasture (as indicated in the drawing) about 200 feet from him. Gary said it looked somewhat like two saucers placed lip to lip, and was all black. He estimated its size as about 5 feet in diameter.

Gary is the youngest of 8 children, and an avid science student. However, his father pointed out, the lad has never been known to make up stories. "And besides," the elder Green shrugged, "there must have been something because I heard it, too." The Green farm is located one mile south of Norway Lake Road about ½ mile east of highway 71.

FROM MY LETTERBOX:

Writing on June 26 of this year, Mike Freedman -- a YC alumnus who probably keeps more up-to-date on this subject than the rest of us put together -- gave a description of the frequency and whereabouts of UFO sightings as of late.

"According to reports that I've received, the U. S. flap seems to have been (as of late March-April) centered around the North Central U. S. Reports are from Ohio, Kansas, Illinois, Minnesota, Colorado, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and a few from Washington and California. There also appears to be general activity along the Australian coast (from Brisbane to Perth). Minor activity during this period (now running from March to May) along the eastern seaboard, except north of N. Y. State. Other reports indicate a flutter of a flap in Britain."

This serves to exemplify a long-held resolution of mine: If you wanna know something...Ask Freedman. It also illustrates that Mike is a natural for a very notable career -- T. V. weatherman.

YC CONNECTICUT REPORTS :

Mickey Epstein writes to tell us of recent sightings in his area:

At the beginning of December, 1964, a Plymouth, Conn. nurse, who lives in a wooded section and owns the nearby woods, was talking on the telephone to a friend when she noticed a bright white light descending into the woods (time: about 10:00 pm). She got into her jeep and attempted to locate the landing site of the light. On her way through the woods, she was unable to find anything, however, on her way back she saw a blinding white object about 50 feet in diameter hovering above the ground. Shielding her eyes from the glare, she became aware that she could hear no sound, not even that of her jeep. She wears a hearing aid and some unknown force, supposedly from the UFO, affected the mechanism of the hearing aid, rendering it ineffective. She then returned, after watching the object suddenly take off and zoom over her head, to her house, and, badly frightened, called her sister.

The sister and her husband, a Bristol, Conn. doctor, investigated the site alone and found two holes about 2 feet apart and 4 - 5 inches deep. They were rectangular and exact in form and were made in a rockhard soil that was quite frozen. Searching further, they discovered what appeared to be a freshly burned area near where the UFO was said to have landed.

Unfortunately, Mickey was not able to get down to the site, since he was informed of the sighting 2 weeks after it occurred, and a series of weekend snowstorms prevented him from making the trip, until it would have been useless.

Mickey also adds...

"In late January, there was a series of UFO sightings in the Hartford, Connecticut area. I investigated the one in my home town, West Hartford. Two teenagers heard a whirring sound and looked up to spot a silvery disk (time: about dusk) hovering in the sky, appearing to be in the background of a mountain 2 miles away. Suddenly, the object accelerated out of sight at fantastic speed. This sighting was quite similar to the half-dozen sightings during that week in January in Hartford, Glastonbury and Rocky Hill."

THE BULLETIN BOARD :-

Eric Oliver is a collector of the "banners" of newspapers. Anyone interested in negotiating a trade of any kind is invited to contact our Tennessee YCer.

Bill Shields has an extra copy of THE UFO EVIDENCE REPORT, in perfect condition, which he will sell to any interested YCer for 3.00 (a discount of $1.00). Any takers?

From The New York Times:

HOUSTON, June 9 -- Neither of the two satellites that Maj. James A. McDivitt reported seeing and photographing from the Gemini 4 spacecraft can be found on film, the space agency said today.

A careful inspection of all still and movie films returned from the four-day flight has failed to reveal "anything that resembles a picture of a satellite", a National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman said.

Major McDivitt reported last Friday that he had seen "for just a minute" a satellite that looked like "it had big arms sticking out of it".

"I got a couple of pictures of it with the movie camera and one with the Hasselblad", Major McDivitt reported to Maj. Virgil I. Grissom as the Gemini 4 passed over Houston.

"But I was in free drift and before I could get the control back, I drifted into the sun and lost it."

Later, Major McDivitt reported that the satellite seemed to be 10 miles or so away. He added: "I was close enought that I could see. . ." Then the transmission became garbled. Communications were resumed but no more was said about what he saw.

"I took a picture. I just hope it comes out," the astronaut said.

"So do we," his ground controller replied.

Saturday night the Gemini pilot reported seeing another satellite, quite a bit farther away than the first one had been. He said, according to a ground station, that "he took a shot with his camera."

"He doesn't know how good it will be," the spokesman added.

Reports have been published and broadcast in the last few days that what the Gemini pilot saw was a military reconnaisance satellite and consequently, that the space agency was saying as little about the sighting as possible.

Asked about these reports, a spokesman for the agency said today:

"We don't know what he saw. The North American Air Defense Command reported everything that was near him in the sky, and din't leave anything out.

"NASA would reveal and will reveal any knowledge it has or that shows up about what McDivitt saw."

The Department of Defense asked to have a representative look at the films and the space agency allowed him to do so, the spokesman said. He said that the Defense Department did not request that any pictures be withheld from the public.

.....(The article goes on to outline the astronauts activities and preparations aboard the carrier Wasp.)

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GT 4 -- shades of Faith 7 and the Cooper sighting of 1963.

Margie Katz, YC Boston, points out that, when the sightings were brought up at the nationally-televised Houston press conference, the matter was dealt with lightly and the subject quickly dropped. There is also the unconfirmed report that a Russian cosmonaut saw an unidentified object.

Since both the photos were reported to have been failures (although only one was explained) the public will probably learn nothing more of the sightings.

It would, however, be most interesting to know why the Defense Department should wish to examine pictures which have failed to show any "satellites".

From the Philadelphia Inquirer...Monday, June 28, 1965:

FLYING 'PLATTER', OR WHAT?

by John P. Corr

Suppose a flying sauc. . .

But nobody wants to say - those two words - when they talk about the funny goings on in South Jersey. After all, they say, it might be a hoax.

State Policeman Frank J. Caldwell says it may have been meteorite. Or, maybe a piece of construction equipment made those markings - although it is unlikely.

He won't say it was. . .one of those things. Mrs. Carol Tischuk, 30, of 58 Stage Coach rd., Hampton Lake, refuses to mention fly. . .refuses to speculate on what might have caused the strange markings.

She discovered a circular imprint on white sand in a clearing of a wooded area. The circumference of the circle is marked by a blackened, solid rim of fused sand.

The circle is depressed about 5 inches. It is 18 feet in diameter. It is "perfectly round" and has a deposit of odd, "crusty" material in the middle. There is an inner circle of what also looks like burned, fused sand, about four feet inside the outer circle.

Mrs. Tischuk was interested but thought nothing of the strange circle until, one night, a friend told her a story.

The friend, Mrs. Lorraine Moore, 34, of 136 Main st., Vincentown, was driving home one morning about three o'clock. She was cruising down Red Lion rd. when, suddenly. . .

"An oversized platter," she said, appeared above her car, slightly to the front and traveling at the same speed as the car.

She speeded up, but the "platter" remained in the same position. If she had been standing on the roof of the car, she said, she could have touched it.

It glowed. It had a sort of "cockpit" in the center. It had something like antennae and something like windows. It had a red light on it. Mrs. Moore went even faster. So did the "platter".

She pulled into her driveway and got out. There it was, above the car about tree top level. Mrs. Moore ran inside and got her husband. When they returned, however, it was gone.

Mrs. Moore said the thing was "flying" but she called it a platter. not. . . that other thing.

When some boys took a picture of the depressed circle in the sand, Mrs. Tischuk began to be "bothered". She took the pictures to the Red Lion Barracks of the State Police.

Trooper Caldwell looked at the picture, got into his patrol car and went looking for the circle. He took a dirt road off Holly rd., and found . . .it.

It had rained since the picture was taken but the circle was still there. Trooper Caldwell hitched up his belt and walked right up to it. It was a perfect circle. If a meteorite had hit, the circle would not have been so well defined, he thought.

Maybe a piece of machinery, he thought. But there were no tracks leading to it or from it. Besides, he thought, what kind of machinery would make such a mark? What about the fused sand? Also, there was no vegetation inside the circle.

The case is still "open", he said. He does not think it was a meteorite, or machinery or a hoax. He thinks it was. . ."something else".

YC New York Reports:

Bill Mitchell has handled several sightings in the past few months.

In one, there were 7 witnesses, most of them amateur astronomers. It occurred on December 19, 1964 (night of total eclipse of the moon) when observers at Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, N. Y. made three sightings, each 2 minutes apart. The first was at 9:13 pm.

The second sighting was also made at Brooklyn College, about 9:00 pm, in the middle of May, 1965. Several amateur astronomers sighted a UFO through a 40x telescope. It appeared as a star to the naked eye but through the telescope it was disc-shaped. It performed stopping and starting maneuvers as well.

The following is condensed from the N. Y. Times of May 2, 1965:

A group appointed by the National Academy of Sciences at the request of NASA reported in late April to the Academy: "Given all the evidence presently available we believe it entirely reasonable that Mars is inhabited by living organisms and that life independently originated there." The 36 member group, which included 3 Nobel Prize winners, contained skeptics; such as some who refused to accept spectroscopic evidence hinting at life. Their view on this matter is now widely accepted. The Panel urged that the close approaches of Mars at roughly 2 year intervals from 1969 - 1973, be taken advantage of. It urged that instrumented vehicles be fired into orbit around Mars starting in 1969, and that an "automated biological laboratory" can be landed at the planet's approach in 1971 or 1973. The group said that if life is found on Mars, it will indicate whether or not life has evolved on earth-like planets all through the universe. Otherwise, it is hoped that a record of the early phases of chemical evolution that culminate in the appearance of life will be found on Mars.

I must regretfully conclude by saying that Bill has written to tell me that is leaving the YC. He will be starting college at MIT in September. We wish Bill the very best and hope that we will be hearing from him on occasion.

Two newsclippings have been forwarded to me from a correspondent in Prince George, British Columbia, Mr. Bob MacLise. Both were taken from the local paper, The Citizen.

From The Citizen, June 8, 1965:

A Prince George man has reported sighting a strange object in the skies above the Central Interior late Sunday night (June 6). The man, who prefers to remain anonymous, and his two children in one car and his wife in a second car all spotted the object at about midnight 20 miles west of Prince George on Highway 16.

He said the object, which appeared as two bullet-shaped back-to-back sections joined by a dark area, travelled through his line of vision from south to north for about five seconds. The light sections, he said, acted as if activated by a light switch, brightening and darkening with no apparent pattern. He said the object appeared to be headed toward the ground on a 30 degree angle above the front of his car.

He said the tail-less object gave off a light about as bright as a standard flourescent tube light but with a "greeny-yellow tinge".

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Prince George UFO (Cont'd):

He said it occupied a space of about 10 inches across in the centre right portion of the car's windshield. The object was said to be travelling relatively slowly, "not as fast as a meteorite would go".

The sighting was reported to RCAF Station Baldy Hughes and in turn to USAF Unidentified Flying Object personnel in Seattle.

From the Citizen, June 9, 1965:

A Prince George man's report that he saw a strange object flash over the Central B. C. late Sunday night may have ended up in Washington.

But whatever the strange object was that the man and his family spotted at midnight Sunday, it has been around before. The man, arriving home after the sighting of the object about 20 miles west of Prince George on Highway 16, telephoned RCAF Station Baldy Hughes. From there, his call was "patched through" to McChord Air Force Base in Seattle, which is sector command post for Baldy Hughes in the North American Air Defence network.

McChord personnel in turn sent the report along to NORAD headquarters in Colorado Springs. Most unidentified flying object reports which stand up to careful scrutiny finally go to USAF headquarters for further study by a team studying UFO sightings.

And then a housewife, who like the man prefers to remain anonymous, said this morning she spotted an object at midnight Thursday (June 3), which closely resembled the one described in the original report.

She said she was looking out the window of her home in Prince George "and I thought I was seeing things". She said the balloon-shaped object appeared high in the sky "moving faster than a helicopter". She agreed with the man's description -- that the object appeared as two bullet-shaped light sections separated by a dark section.

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With this sighting we also have an account of the liaison between the RCAF and the USAF when it comes to UFO matters.