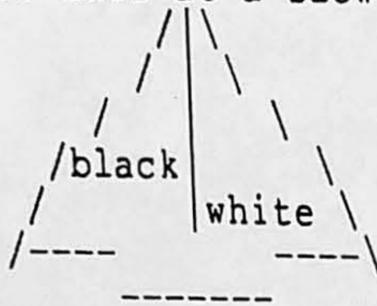


Subject: Re: UFO Sighting - Nitassinan
Date: Mon, 9 Jan 1995 20:09:50 -0600 (CST)

> Please address the following sighting, which occurred in Sheshatshiu,
> Labrador on January 3rd, 1995 between 8:00 and 8:15 am (Atlantic Standard
> Two people were walking to work when they saw an object hovering over the
> treetops at the top of a hill. It was "about half as big as a house", cone
> shaped and black and white in colour. The object was spinning around its
> centre axis at a slow rate.



> Significantly, the object made no noise. The two individuals watched it for
> a few minutes, but when it seemed to move towards them, they ran away. A
> few hundred feet later, they looked back to see the object flying away from
> them. It rapidly disappeared into the distance.
> Any insight that you would have into this sighting would be appreciated.

Given the included information, I am at a loss to explain the event. I can certainly speculate and offer some suggestions, however.

Assuming the witnesses were not prevaricating, there are a limited number of possible misidentifications. Given that various governments fly training missions over Labrador, my first reaction is that it might be related to these in some way. The reported shape is not unlike the appearance of a delta-winged Harrier jump jet, for example, illuminated on one side only facing the Sun. The lack of noise is not necessarily a problem, because there could have been some other ambient noise or the jet might have been using low power. However, I would also assume that such a close approach would be inconceivable to a populated area, and that the witnesses would have been able to identify such a jet at close range.

A weather balloon would not disappear rapidly into the distance. (More information about the weather at the time would be useful, though. Was it windy? Where was the Sun? Clouds? etc.)

You are obviously much more familiar with the area than I. Is there anything in that immediate region? Is it near any flight path? Could it have been a kite?

I am not trying to "debunk" this report in any way, incidentally. I would just like to ensure that there are no possible conventional explanations before declaring it an "unknown."

(And just because it might be labelled an "unknown" does NOT mean it was an extraterrestrial spaceship. Until we have further evidence, an "unknown" remains just that - "unknown".)

It would be useful to obtain a narrative of the event in the witnesses' own words. Would this be possible?

It would also be useful to inquire of any other unusual experiences or sightings of odd things in the area. Could you inquire of the Innu whether anyone else has had such experiences or observations, either in the last few weeks or in 1994?

I'm sorry I cannot give you a more definitive answer, but I hope that