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I'll pull a and post a DND document, with some deletions to preserve anonymity:

(This was received today and concerns a UFO seen last night.)

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TO: SENIOR CONTROLLER WINNIPEG ACC
FROM: PRINCE ALBERT FSS
CIRVIS

RECEIVED CALL AT 2AM (0800Z) FROM ##### (###-###). HE WAS CALLED OUT TO SANDY BAY RESERVE WNW OF CANWOOD (APRX 4-50MILES NW YPA) BY RESIDENTS TO REPORT A SAUCER-SHAPED OBJECT IN THE SKY. IT WAS FIRST SEEN AT 11PM (0500Z) AND WAS LOW IN THE SKY DUE EAST, APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF 5-6 HOUSES. A RING OF PORTHoles COULD BE SEEN AROUND IT WITH THE BRIGHTEST PORTHOLE IN THE CENTER. MIDDLE AREA WAS BLUE/GREEN, AND YELLOW WHERE THE PORTHoles WERE. IT APPEARED TO BE SPINNING. BY 2AM IT MOVED SLOWLY TO THE SOUTH, DISAPPEARING FOR APRX 1/2 HOUR, IS FARTHER AWAY, HIGHER IN THE SKY AND NOW APPEARS STATIONARY. ##### SAYS NOW WITH THE NAKED EYE IT APPEARS AS A BRIGHT LIGHT, BUT THROUGH 10 POWER BINOCULARS HE CAN SEE THE COLORS IN IT.

END REPORT

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My assessment:

Given the duration of the sighting, it's likely it was something astronomical. I thought it might have even been the Moon, but it's too late for that. The fact that the UFO rose in the east and moved south really makes it seem like a star or planet. Using a basic planetarium program available on the net, I found that for the coords, Procyon is just about right (there were no planets in the area). Now, Procyon isn't one of the brightest stars around, but it's decent at +0.4, so that low on the horizon, it would be flashing pretty good.

But given that a number of people reported portholes and a spinning motion, the scintillation must have been incredible that night.

If it *wasn't* Procyon, I'm not sure what it might have been.