

Case XII (Serial 3461, 66)

At 0510 on the morning of August 29, 1952, a musician for a radio station was driving to work from his home when he noticed an object hovering about 18 feet above a field near the road along which he was driving. As he came abreast of the object, he stopped his car and got out to watch. Having an artificial leg, he could not leave the road, since the surrounding terrain was rough. However, he was within about 300 yards of it at the point he was standing on the road. The object was not absolutely still, but seemed to rock slightly as it hovered. When he turned off the motor of his car, he could hear a deep humming sound coming from the object. As he got out of the car, the object began a vertical ascent with a speed similar to "a large crowd of quail starting to fly at one time". The object ascended vertically through broken clouds until out of sight. His view was not obscured by clouds. The observer states that the vegetation was blown aside by the object when it was near the ground.

Description of the object is as follows:

It was about 75 feet long, 45 feet wide, and 35 feet thick, shaped like two oval post planes placed together. It was a dull aluminum color, and had a smooth surface. A medium-size continuous light shone through the one window in the front section. The head and shoulders of one man, sitting cross-legged, facing the forward edge of the object, were visible. In the midsection of the object were several windows extending from the top to the rear edge of the object; the illumination of the ship had a blue light which gradually changed to different shades. There was a large amount of activity and movement in the midsection that could not be identified as either human or mechanical, although it did not have a regular pattern of movement. There were no windows, doors or portholes, vents, antennas, etc., visible to the observer in the rear section of the object or under the object (viewed at time of ascent). Another identifiable feature was a series of propellers 6 to 12 inches in diameter spaced closely together along the outer edge of the object. These propellers were mounted on a bracket so that they revolved in a horizontal plane along the edge of the object. The propellers were revolving at a high rate of speed.

Investigation of the area soon afterward showed some evidence of vegetation being blown around. An examination of grass and soil samples taken indicated nothing unusual. Reliability of the observer was considered good.

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