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## REPORT FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

On October 26th, 1978., an R.C.M.P. constable reported the observation of a UFO, after receiving a telephone call from a local resident reporting a **strange** object in the sky.

According to early reports, the sighting occurred around 1:45 a.m. (AST). The constable (whose name is being kept confidential), went outside and observed the object in the sky between Clarenville & Random Island (48° W 54° N approximately). He described the UFO as oval-shaped, with a triangular-like fin on top, and flashing lights.

During the incident, the constable viewed the object through a high powered telescope. He further observed the object to be metallic (sort of grey) with flashing red, blue, and white lights. The object appeared to be manoeuvring in a forward - backward - upward - downward motion. He estimated the altitude of the UFO to be approximately between 2,000 & 3,000 feet. The UFO disappeared by slowly ascending at an angle (moving at a speed estimated by the constable to be "about five times faster than an airplane would") for about 10 minutes. It then took-off similar to the characteristics of a shooting star.

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COLUMN 1

## N.R.C. & THE UFO PHENOMENON

The National Research Council of Canada (N.R.C.) plays an important role in the collection of UFO reports from across Canada.

The N.R.C. took over the collection of reports at the request of the Department of National Defence (D.N.D) 'which lacked qualified staff & facilities for adequate investigation of such phenomena' (1). Prior to 1965, the Air Defence Command conducted most of the investigations. However, most of the files collected by the A.D.C. were destroyed. The A.D.C. then passed the responsibility for UFO investigation to the Canadian Forces Headquarters. It is important to note here, that not all the facts are available on these early investigations. However, because of the work certain Canadian researchers, some of these early investigations are now becoming clear and hopefully new information will emerge.

When the N.R.C. took over the collection of these reports, they were filed and maintained in a separate file known as the 'Non - Meteoritic file'. These files consist of; telexes, RCMP reports, Canadian Forces UFO reports, reports from the Associate Committee on Meteoritics, and personal correspondents.

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COLUMN 2

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## NEWFOUNDLAND cont'd

It rises about midnight in mid-October, and is near the meridian at sunrise. Also several other stars including the planet Saturn are very bright in the eastern sky.

UFO CANADA is continuing its investigation of this case as well as the many other reports from the Maritime provinces - between October and November 1978. Furthermore, we are attempting to contact the primary observer (the constable) to obtain further details. A follow-up report will be published when available.

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## N.R.C. cont'd

Many of these files are incomplete and are difficult to read, unless one is familiar with military and police telexes (there are quite a few). Some files refer to enclosed or future additions to the file, however, most of the time these can not be found. There are some photographs, drawings as well as many newsclippings and personal letters of observations.

The system of filing, is quite simple. Reports are filed first on reference cards (see diagram on P. 3).

After these are filed, they are then placed together in a folder for that particular year - they are filed by the date of the report.

EXAMPLE: N78 / 087

Number of report for that year.

Non - Meteoritic/1978.

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## NEWFOUNDLAND cont'd

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

- There were several other observations reported before and not long after the above report in the Maritime region.

- According to the 'Globe & Mail' Oct. 31st, 1978., the UFO 'had blue lights at either end and a flashing red & white lights in the middle.' 'The bottom of the saucer was completely illuminated,..'

- According to the Res Bureaux Bulletin no. #41, Dr. A. McNamara, of the Planetary Science Section of the N.R.C. suggests that, because many of the reports are similar the objects being reported are most likely the planet Jupiter - which is quite brilliant this time of year.

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NON - METEORITIC SIGHTING		SERIAL NO. _____
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_____ Day		_____
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ADDRESS _____		
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DIAGRAM

Field investigations are not undertaken by the N.R.C. because, 'available details are normally communicated from the source. Further investigation if any, are done only if the scientific content appears to justify it.' (2)

During UFO CANADA's visits to the Planetary Science Section of the N.R.C. (where the non - meteoritic files are stored), we have found the policy on UFOs is quite open. UFO reports which are received are available for public inspection, by appointment only at the N.R.C. .

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However, before viewing these files, one is required to sign a form which states that the undersigned promises not to reveal the observer's name or address.

In conclusion, the N.R.C. serves as a vital source for the collection of reports in Canada. UFO CANADA uses the services offered by the N.R.C. to its full extent in attempting to accurately study UFO reports in Canada.

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No. 1 1976

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**REPORT FROM  
MANITOBA**

On March 11th, 1978., (0208z) two people near Teulon, observed a crescent-shaped object approximately one mile away. The UFO hovered in the area for 4 minutes, during which it appeared to ascend & descend towards the observers. The UFO changed colour from glowing white to glowing orange (was orange when first sighted) . The observers also noted some sort of black dots around the perimeter of the object. No sound was reported - the UFO disappeared into the clouds.

SOURCE: NRC/N78/066

# SPECIAL REPORT

A POSSIBLE PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR CERTAIN CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE UFO PHENOMENA

(c) September 1978 by Keith Basterfield

PART # 1

(The following article does not necessarily reflect the policy of UFO CANADA, but is published without prejudice)

## INTRODUCTION

Over the years we have seen a diversification of hypotheses concerning the cause of reported observations of Unidentified Flying Objects. Originally there was a very simplistic "extra-terrestrial" tag attached to the observations of disc-like objects in the United States. This spread to "hogwash", "ultra-terrestrials", hollow earth", "secret societies", "secret weapons", etc., etc., as years went by. These hypotheses have been put forward to explain certain characteristics of observational data.

It occurs to me that we may have overlooked a possibility that we are dealing with phenomena-not a phenomenon. A brief glimpse of the subject reveals a seemingly close knit group of observations which concern flying or landed objects and entities of unusual design. However, I believe this is deceptive for when on researches the subject, one finds explanations for reports which may be classed as "unknown", ranging from "a bright light landing in a paddock"(Venus) to "landing traces" (animal or fungi caused).

Many of the total number of incoming reports and a percentage of the until now "unidentifieds" can be satisfactorily explained as due to conventional or natural stimuli-although even today, not all UFO researchers wish to accept this as a fact. I believe that we should be dissecting the residue cases, and looking at both together and as individual categories, close encounters involving vehicles, close encounters involving single single report-

ers, and multiple reporter cases. It could well be that not all of these seemingly associated events have the same stimuli, although they appear to describe the one phenomenon. With this in mind I present the following material and welcome constructive criticism on it.

## A REPORT WITH A CLUE:

Several years ago I was involved in an investigation of a close encounter case which had all the ingredients of a really good case. The details were duely obtained and the report and investigation notes were published,(1) although my notes ended with the following conclusion:

"Taking all available details into consideration and given that at the moment we have not been able to interview the driver, we consider that there are reasons to query this observation as a part of the phenomenon we are studying. However, the details are related and documented for future reference."

This doubt in my mind was brought about by several features of the report which to me cast suspicion on either a misinterpretation of a conventional stimulus (I suggested an old oval shaped caravan), or a dream. Firstly, let's take a look at the report to see what was described. I will underline the points I wish to bring to attention.

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At about 3 a.m. on a day believed to be the 6th of September 1973, a Miss R. had been asleep for about an hour in the passenger's side of the cabin of a semi-trailer which was travelling between Adelaide and Perth, Australia. She relates hearing a voice telling her to wake up and look out of the window. She looked out and saw an object off to the left hand side of the road, stationary. As the truck continued on along the road at about 70-80 K.P.H. she closely studied what she states was clearly visible as an egg shaped object on the ground illuminating the surroundings. A "figure" was noted walking towards an opening in the egg, with another "figure" visible inside the object. Then the glow which had been surrounding the egg died down, leaving only one small white light shining. The whole event seemed to last for seconds only, then she asked the driver to stop. By the time he did so and they looked back a white light was the only thing visible.

THE OBJECT

As the semi-trailer travelled along the road, the object was on the left hand side, at an estimated distance of 15 metres, and stationary at all times. As Miss R. watched she firstly had an end/side view, then a front view and finally a view of the other end/side. It was on the ground with the bottom portion hidden by scrub. Appearing oval in shape, it had openings which Miss R. said looked just like a door and a window. The overall size was estimated as about 3m high by 5-6m long. The entire thing was "alight" with a white glow which seemed to come from all over and inside it. This glow illuminated the ground and air, gradually fading off as distance increased from the source. She is uncertain, but feels the oval may have been semi-transparent as she thinks she followed the movement of the one figure getting in and moving around inside other than by seeing through the door and window.

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## SPECIAL REPORT cont'd

THE "OCCUPANTS":

As soon as she noticed the object she also became aware of two figures. One was visible through the window, from the shoulders up, and the other was walking into the object's illumination. This second figure appeared to be looking at something held in his hand. He walked to the door & stepped inside, moved to the left, appeared to talk to the figure sitting down, then reached up one hand to the back wall, and then the glow surrounding the egg died down. This action of the glow dying down was described as completely unlike anything she had ever seen before. The glow seemed to shrink in size until just surrounding the egg, then dimmed to nothing.

DETAILS:

The illumination was good, something that Miss R. emphasises that remained vividly in her memory between the time of event and her relating the account to us, a period of 12 months. She was at a loss to compare the colour and glow to anything she could think of. Although her viewing time was short, she was able to notice a great deal of detail about the scene, including the two figures. They were of human height, about 190 cm tall, of average build with a neck, two arms and a body as ours. There were in fact, no difference between seeing them or a human being at that distance. The figure who walked into the glow was wearing a one piece loose fitting white or silver coloured outfit which seemed to be gathered in at the ankles and wrists. The figure sitting down, was dressed in the same way as far as could be seen.

REACTIONS:

At about 2 to 2:15 a.m. Miss R. had felt tired and had curled up on the seat intending to sleep for some hours. At about 3 a.m. she was asleep when she "heard" a male voice "warmly" and softly telling her to look out the window.

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## SPECIAL REPORT cont'd

In reaction to this she felt she woke up feeling fresh and immediately looked out of the left hand side to see the object and figures. Apparently at no stage was this visible to the driver. She is adamant that it was not the driver who woke her up, as he then asked her what she was doing when she woke and moved slightly to look out of the window. The driver did not mention seeing anything as the truck approached the spot, where presumably the object should have been as Miss R. awoke. Miss R. watched for several seconds wishing to take in all the details, and then when the glow had gone out asked the driver to stop. Her recollection as to whether they got out of the truck to look is vague. However, she does recall that the driver was not particularly interested in a white light that was visible behind them, so they drove on.

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Miss R. was English and 32 years of age, originally coming from East Anglia about 1971. Since then she had spent her time travelling around Australia just seeing the country and working in various places. At the time of the interview she was working in a town store. She related that she had heard stories of UFO "abductions" and said that she had been determined not to stop the truck, until the light went out.

A PUZZLE:

This case continued to puzzle me as I researched other close encounter cases. Firstly I took a look at events and made an arbitrary division into two broad categories-namely those which I termed "accidental" and "deliberate". I made this division as I was interested in cases where the phenomenon was encountered and it broke off the event (accidentally discovered) and cases where phenomenon seemed to instigate or continue the event (deliberate).

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## SPECIAL REPORT cont'd

These deliberate cases I broke into two sub categories-(a) those where the reporter was awake at the time and (b) those where the reporter says they were awoken to see the event, or awoke to see the event. Sub category (a) cases were found to occur at any time of the day or night whereas (b) events tended to cluster between 0130 and 0430 hrs. Of course, one would expect that cases where the reporter was asleep would occur, say between 11 p.m. & 6 a.m., however the cases fell in a shorter time span of 3 hours in lieu of a possible 7 hours. This I found of particular interest. Why in the small hours of the morning? In an article in the MUFON JOURNAL (Dec. 76), I speculated along the line similar to the above and included the suggestion that the reporters be regressed under hypnosis and asked to relate their experience as it happened, while their brain wave patterns were monitored. I put forward the idea that if their brain waves showed a predominance of Theta waves (medically associated with 'imagery') then the event might have been all in their mind, i.e. self generated. (2)

This article was followed by another in the Bulletin of the Australian Co-Ordination Section for the Center for UFO Studies (USA) (3) in which David Seargent and myself pointed out that there was a peak of certain close encounters between 1:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., and that there were six Australian cases where people had reported waking up and perceiving either an object and/or an entity. At least two of these, Ivy Tanks and Gum Creek, both personally investigated, were puzzling because of their dream-like qualities.

In July 1978 after collecting and publishing a source catalogue of summaries of 350 Australian close encounters (4), I saw that there were quite a few cases which presented data along the same lines.

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Reading the literature also brought up the seemingly parallel cases of "Bed-room invaders"(5) - reports where people awoke to find entities in their rooms. Sometimes reporters in these cases were "paralysed" and could do nothing but watch.

It seems that until now little has been done with these types of cases except to document them and treat them as genuine observations of UFOs. Some researchers have drawn attention to the similarities of this type of event and psychic experiences, but few seem to have sought a cause.

SPECIAL REPORTS cont'd

Recent reading of psychological literature shows that there is a strong possibility that our early hours of the morning cases where reporters awake are not related to UFOs, the extra-terrestrial hypothesis, and are not trans-dimensional, ultra-terrestrial or supernatural. In fact there is a known psychological phenomenon which seems to fit all the data in these instances. Firstly then, what is this human phenomenon?

PART 2 - Hypnogogic & Hypnopompic Imagery  
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## UFO/IFO SUMMARY - JANUARY 1978

The following is a summary of UFO/IFO reports received and compiled by UFO CANADA, for January 1978. The yearly delay, provides ample time for a complete summary.

NOTES:

a) The high number of reports from such provinces as: Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia - is due to the fact that, UFO investigation is well established in those areas.

b) When a report is classified as a UFO - this simply means, that presently the object or objects in question can not be explained in terms of natural or man-made phenomena.

c) When a report is classified as a IFO - this simply means that, the object or objects in question can be explained as a possible man-made or natural phenomena.

SOURCES OF REPORTS:

a) N.R.C. - Non Meteoritic files

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b) Canadian UFO Report Exchange Network(CUFOREN)

c) Newsclippings & Correspondents

REPORT DISTRIBUTION

<u>PROV.</u>	<u>UFO</u>	<u>IFO</u>
Yukon(Territory)	-	-
Northwest Territories	-	2
British Columbia	-	-
Alberta	-	4
Saskatchewan	-	2
Manitoba	2	-
Ontario	6	8
Quebec	3	6
New Brunswick	-	-
Nova Scotia	1	2
Prince Edward Island	-	-
Newfoundland	-	-

TYPES OF REPORTS

NL - 7    CE1 - 5  
DD - .    CE2 - .  
RV - .    CE3 - .

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TYPES OF IFOs

Aircraft - 11  
Fireball/- 5  
or Meteors

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Type of I.F.O.'s cont'd

- Satellite
- Debris - 3
- Insufficient Information - 2
- Weather Conditions - 1
- Flairs - 1
- Train - 1

TWO REPORTS OF INTEREST

# 1

January 18th, 1978 - 4:00 P.M. Local Haliburton, Ontario

While returning from Barrie(Ont.) two couples in a car reported observing an odd looking object.

One of the observers, described the object as rounded except for the front which was flat and looked like the back doors of a large tractor - trailer. There seemed to be a barrel shaped object with a rounded end sticking out of the side, about 5 ft.

The object was estimated to be 60 feet long and amber in colour. It cruised low (approx. 150) above the ground and parallel to the path of the car.

The UFO had no lights and did not make a sound. No further details are available .

UFO CANADA file - C78/015

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YOUR SUBSCRIPTION HAS EXPIRED IF A RED 'X' APPEARS IN THE BOX



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#2

January 30th, 1978 - 0141 z Wolfville Highschool, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Two male observers, witnessed an object defined only as - four lights - 2 in the front, 2 in the rear.

These lights appeared to be equal in size and intensity and maintained a position relative to each other.

The yellow lights remained steady when approaching the observers. As it passed overhead, it seemed to be rotating and firey red in colour, one witness described.

The object proceed in a easterly direction. A short time later, a glowing object fell from the rear lights. This object immediately extinguished itself as it descended. No sound reported. No air traffic in the area.

UFO CANADA file - C78/036

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 \* NOTE TO READERS \*  
 \* During the summer of 1978, \*  
 \* UFO CANADA had cancelled \*  
 \* its monthly edition in fav- \*  
 \* or of a Quarterly Report. \*  
 \* However, we received many \*  
 \* letters from concerned \*  
 \* readers, who suggested \*  
 \* that we remain monthly. \*  
 \* Because of this response, \*  
 \* UFO CANADA will return \*  
 \* to the monthly editions. \*  
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