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FLAP CONDITION ANYONE?

On January 28, 1962, near Park Rapids, Minnesota, at Eagle Lake, a 71-year-old man named Charles Jude was tumbled out of bed by a hissing noise, followed by "a kind of muffled detonation" and a terrific concussion. The next morning he noticed a peculiar cone-shaped hole in the ice. There had been a light snow, and he could find no tracks around this hole. The walls of the hole were described as being very smooth.

Mr. Jude notified Sheriff R.J. Potter, who, with a deputy, Frank Town, made an investigation. They were informed that Park Rapids is north of the Minneapolis-Fargo, North Dakota, bomber run. About a week later three professional skin divers searched for the object, but said that silt made it impossible to see.

In the Minneapolis Star for February 19, 1962, Sheriff Potter is quoted as being "more confident than ever" that something would be found on the lake bottom. This belief, he said, was based on "something we've found."

Thinking that there might be some connection between this incident and UFO activity, Interplanetary News Service Minnesota District Representative Jerome Clark wrote to Sheriff Potter and inquired about new developments in the case (this was in early April). He replied that nothing more had been done, as he was waiting for the ice to thaw, although anyone could look for the object as long as they informed Sheriff Potter.

Another letter was sent to the Sheriff in mid-May, however no reply was received.

A few weeks after the letter was sent to Mr. Potter, our Representative found out that a resident of Canby, while driving in the Park Rapids area on January 28, late at night saw a huge ball of fire, so brilliant that it lighted the whole sky. It fell to earth near Eagle Lake. He stated that he did not believe the object was a meteorite.

A report of this occurrence is being sent to NICAP, which is much better equipped to investigate the case than us.

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On Friday afternoon, May 25, 1962, between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. four Bay State men while working on a house in Burlington, Mass., were eyewitnesses to an elusive "flying saucer." They were able to obtain four photographs of the same object as it flew over the home.

All persons involved preferred to remain anonymous at this time, because of fear of ridicule. They were able to take four photos of the object in 30 seconds by using a Polaroid Camera with 3000 speed Polaroid Land Picture Films, Type 47. The photos are in the hands of Advisory Board member George D. Fawcett at present.

The photographs, though badly underexposed, showed a circular dark 'saucer-shaped' object and in one print shows a hillside and trees, where the UFO was seen moving from the direction of Hanscom Air Force Base.

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From the local UFO group NJAAP (15 Tyndall Road, Kendall Park, N.J.) comes reports of saucers over New Jersey on June 1. One report stated that a Trenton resident reported seeing a "high flying bright object" shortly after 10 p.m. The sighter telephoned SAGE headquarters at Mc Guire Air Force Base, where his report was taken by AF officers. He believes that the object is a new Russian satellite. He was able to take a photo of the visitor.

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On June 13, 1962, at Berlin, New Hampshire, two employees of Radio station WMOU reported sighting four round brass door knob-shaped objects, changing direction and moving rapidly toward the north toward the Canadian border. The story was covered by UP.

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