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On January 11, 1966, an interesting UFO mass-sighting took place on the Wanaque Reservoir in New Jersey.

The mayor, a councilman, policemen, media and residents all witnessed what was describe as a very bright and silent object hovering over the reservoir from 6:20PM until 8:58PM that evening.

One policeman who was dispatched to the scene after a flood of reports was Officer Joe Cisco. "I saw a bright light. You tell me. I don't know what it was."

"It stayed in the air, there was no noise. I was trying to figure out what it was." (1)

Others reported over the radio that the light was burning a hole through the ice which was found later.

The current Mayor of Wanaque, Warren Hagstrom was there. "We didn't know what it was," he said. "We thought it was a helicopter, but we didn't hear a motor; it looked like a helicopter with big landing lights on. We got goosebumps all over when we saw where the hole in the ice was. None of us ever said it was a flying saucer, we just saw a bright light."

"It was there. I saw it, a brilliant white object and the color kept changing. We watched for a good half hour then it zoomed away," said another councilman.(1)

The case is interesting because of air force and government people tripping over each other with copious and contradicting debunking explanations of the light. The following description of official reaction is by John R. King:

"Stewart Air Base reported no military aircraft in the area. Later, McGuire Air Base said that the UFO was a weather balloon which was launched from Kennedy International Airport. A weather observer at Patterson, N.J. then said that the UFO might be the planet Venus or an aircraft. Then Stewart Air Base said that an Air Force helicopter with a powerful beacon had been on a mission in the area. McGuire then called the local police and rescinded their balloon explanation. A Major Sherman then called from Stewart Air Base and denied the earlier Stewart explanation of the helicopter. he said that there were no aircraft from Stewart in the area. This call took place after several aircraft were seen over the reservoir. The next day, the Pentagon announced that the UFO was a helicopter with a powerful beacon. Shortly thereafter, Wright-Patterson made the announcement that the UFO could be attributed to the planets Venus and Jupiter and an

Air Force Helicopter."(2)

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