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Re: Another old case recently uncovered

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Hi all. Since people are getting into typing up old cases from the archives, I thought I'd contribute a little something along this line, too. (I think it's a great idea, BTW, because a lot of classic cases are so far not available in electronic format for newbies to obtain via the web.)

This one is a bit different, though. This is a previously unknown case which was apparently reported to Project Blue Book back in 1954, but which was never filed by them. The case is contained in a letter sent to Ruppelt via TRUE Magazine, but was never acknowledged.

I received this letter from one of the original witnesses, after I appeared recently on a radio talk show about UFOs. He still had his own carbon copy of the original letter to Ruppelt, and felt that it should be recorded by someone seriously interested in case data. So, here is the complete text of the letter to Ruppelt, available to researchers nearly 44 years after it was written!

Selkirk, Manitoba
August 10, 1954

Capt. E. J. Ruppelt, U.S.A.F.R.,
c/o TRUE Magazine
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

It was with great interest I read your article 'What Our Air Force Found Out About Flying Saucers' which appeared in the May 1954 issue of True Magazine. I have read quite a few accounts concerning these unknown flying objects, but your article was by far the most interesting. Never having seen such objects, I was perhaps a little skeptical, but never considered them impossible. On July 22 however, I did see "something" and was fortunate enough to have three other people as witnesses.

I understand that you are no longer connected with this research, but I have taken the liberty of writing you, hoping that you will pass on the following report to those who may be interested.

On July 22, between 8.15 and 8.30 p.m. C.D.T. I saw what at first appeared to be five aircraft in the southern skies. It was a very clear sunny evening and these aircraft seemed to be reflecting the sun -- they were a very bright shiny silver in color. The angle at which they appeared in relation to directly overhead and the horizon would be, I judge, between 20 to 25

degrees (see sketch). I watched these objects for not less than three minutes, possibly six or seven -- unfortunately I did not think to time them -- did not realize what I was viewing. During that time they did not increase or decrease in size, all the while glowing a very bright silver in color. While watching, they appeared to 'drift', almost imperceptibly in a westerly direction. Suddenly four of the objects disappeared and the fifth (No. 1 in the sketch) vanished possibly 30 seconds later. They did not grow smaller and vanish, but simply disappeared, very much like a person turning off a light. At no time was any sound audible. These objects were in formation (see sketch) and as long as they remained visible, they did not alter their formation. As for the shape of these objects, I believe "round" would best describe them - they were definitely not square, oblong or cigar-shaped.

Whatever these were, they were also seen by people living in the Winnipeg area at approximately the same time. As Winnipeg and Selkirk are roughly 20 miles apart, these unknowns could hardly have been balloons. To have been seen from both places at the same time, it would seem to me that these objects would have to be at a very high altitude and also very large in size. Some of the people in Winnipeg who saw these strange objects, reported such to the two newspapers, The Winnipeg Tribune and the Winnipeg Free Press.

I am not by any means an expert on aircraft, but during the war I served with the Royal Canadian Navy and spent a few months with a British Aircraft Carrier.

The people with me at the time these objects were sighted were my wife, my sister-in-law and her husband. No doubt you have had many reports at different times from various people - believe me, I am not a "crank" looking for publicity, but I actually saw something which I have seen before and of that I am certain. If there is anything else, such as any further details concerning that which I have reported, I sincerely hope that you or someone will write, as I shall be only too pleased to try and answer. I am definitely very curious and interested to try and learn what I actually did see.

Yours very truly,
(named deleted by UFOROM)

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