

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 19 August 65 20/0020Z	2. LOCATION Cherry Creek, New York
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Object description and details of the sighting not consistent with usual phenomena.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 - 5 Minutes (?)	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Silver object fifty ft long 20 ft thick. Saucer shaped like 2 plates back to back. Moved in and out of clouds. Sighting at dusk. Several 15-16 yr old youths made sighting. Sequence of events dubious. SEE CASE FILE.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Up and Down & Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Capt Dorsey, Niagra AFB, phone autovan 231-3860; commercial area code 716- 297-4100 ext 351.

He received UFO report from State Police, Chautauqua County Police Barracks, Fredonia, New York. Object sighted near Cherry Creek, New York.

Object initial seen 2020 EDT, ¹⁹⁴⁰⁻¹⁹⁴⁵ (few minutes after sunset). Saucer shaped object, looked like two dinner plates held face to face, silver, very shiny, 50 ft long, 20 ft thick. Landed in farm field about 400 feet from barn. (At least it appeared to land). First observer [REDACTED] 15 years old, Aldrich Hill Road, Cherry Creek, New York. Had a radio on in the barn and had unusual interference, went outside, beep-beep on radio. When he went outside the object rapidly ascended into the clouds, clouds turned green (color of tree leaves) emitted red streak, had unusual odor, like a city. 4-5 minutes later object descended down, slowly ascended into clouds, clouds turned green like trees, it was still light outside. This observation a [REDACTED], Jamestown, New York, 16 years old. At 2100 object descended (this was about $\frac{1}{2}$ hr later from first observation) 1000 ft away from barn, ascended back into clouds, went to the South-southwest direction, emitting yellow streak, descended and ascended several times. Last time the observation was also made by [REDACTED] Jr 17 years and [REDACTED] years old (brothers) no adults. Parents were in house. [REDACTED] described smell as white gas burning. Parents confirmed that the dog was barking, the cattle gave $2\frac{1}{2}$ cans of milk ordinarily and last night they only gave 1 can, they had a bull in the field and he was upset. The State Police impression was that it could be a hoax but he did not feel that it was a hoax as the people were rural people. State Patrolman E J Haas was the interviewer. Couldn't see any marks on the ground it was dark when he got there, low clouds in Niagra area, 1,800 - 2,000 broken overcast. There was a woods behind the object. Thought the kids were stunned by observation. They will send a TWC.

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The witness was working in a barn when he noticed unusual AM radio interference plus a beeping sound. When he went outside he saw an object which he described as being saucer shaped like two plates lip to lip. The object was described as 50 feet long and 20 feet thick, its color was shiny silver with red glowing streamers projecting downward from the entire perimeter plus a trail of red to yellow color. The object was reported to have appeared to land near the farm and when the observer sighted it, the object rapidly ascended into the clouds. The clouds then turned green (color of tree leaves) and an odor like burning gasoline from the object was also noted.

Four to five minutes later the object reappeared descending slowly from the clouds over a wooded area and then rose again into the clouds emitting a dim red trail. The clouds again turned green near the object. The object reappeared at 2100 hours, descending toward the surface. It then rose to a height below the clouds and moved away SSW, while emitting yellow trail.

The object was reported to have caused reduction in the milk from the farmer's cow from $2\frac{1}{2}$ cans to 1 can, disturbed a bull in the field, and caused a dog to bark.

COMMENTS

The State Police patrolman who interviewed the witnesses said it was his impression that the sighting could be a hoax, but he did not feel that it was, as the people were rural people. Also, the investigating officer and three technicians were convinced that the sighting was not a hoax or fabrication. One technician remained unconvinced.

No physical evidence of a vehicle or landing was found except an oily substance which was found to be a combination Vio strigent or Gentian Violet plus 3-in-one oil, which is not believed to be connected with this sighting.

Although the sequence of events are dubious, the sighting is carried as unidentified by the Air Force since there is no definite concrete explanation.

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UFO REPORT

A. DESCRIPTION

- (1) SAUCER SHAPED AS TWO PLATES LIP TO LIP
- (2) EAT 50' LONG, 20' THICK
- (3) SHINY SILVER
- (4) ONE
- (5) N/A
- (6) UNK
- (7) DIM RE/YELLOW STREAK (TRAIL)

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(8) CAUSED UNUSUAL INTERFERENCE ON AM RADIO PLUS A
"BEEP BEEP."

(9) WITNESSES REPORTED ODOR LIKE BURNING GASOLINE FROM
OBJECT.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

(1) WITNESS WORKING IN BARN, NOTICED UNUSUAL AM RADIO
INTERFERENCE PLUS BEEPING.

(2) NEAR GROUND APPREX 400 FEET AWAY APPROX 0020Z
20 AUGUST 65.

(3) DISAPPEARED VERTICALLY INTO CLOUDS AFTER OBSERVER
STEPPED OUTSIDE. CLOUDS TURNED GREEN COLOR IN IMMEDIATE
VICINITY OF OBJECT.

(4) 4 TO 5 MINUTES LATER OBJECT REAPPEARED DESCENDING
SLOWLY FROM CLOUDS OVER WOODED AREA THEN ROSE AGAIN INTO
CLOUDS EMITTING DIMM RED TRAIL. CLOUDS AGAIN GREEN NEAR OBJECT.
REAPPEARED AT 0100Z 20 AUG DESCENDING TO SURFACE. ROSE TO
HEIGHT BELOW CLOUDS (NO GREEN HALO) AND MOVED AWAY SSW. EMITTED
YELLOW TRAIL.

(5) AT FIRST, RADIO, VERTICAL ASCENT INTO CLOUDS. LAST

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SEEN MOVING SLOWLY AWAY TO SSW ASCENDING AND DESCENDING.

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(6) NET DETERMINED

C. MANNER OF OBS

(1) GROUND-VISUAL, ALSO MOMENTARY FPS-6 TGT (GND ELEC)

SIGHTED NEAR UPPER LIMIT BETWEEN 0000-0030 Z 20 AGU BY 763

RADRON LOCKPORT AFS N.Y. SGT. G. A. REGGIE. ?

(2) N/A

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE

(1) 0020Z, 20 AUG 65 FIRST SIGHTING

(2) DUSK

E. CHERRY CREEK, N.Y. EXTREME WESTERN NY STATE

F. INFO ON OBSERVERS

(1) [REDACTED]

CHERRY CREEK, N.Y. STUDENT, UNKNOWN, [REDACTED]

16, [REDACTED] NY. STUDENT, UNKNOWN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Y CREEK, STUDENT, UNKNOWN. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], 14 SAME. RELIABILITY OF OBSERVERS NOT ESTABLISHED BUT

STATE TROOPER E. J. HAAS, CHAUTAUQUA BARRACKS, FREDONIA NY

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FOLK OF GOOD REPUTE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS. ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE
OF SIGHTINGS:

(1) CLOUDY

(2) 320/20 SFC, 250/20 14,000', 270/40 20M, 240/20 30M,
240/50 35M, 260/60 40M, 260/40 50M.

(3) BUF 2400Z M31 OVERCAST 7 FUNNEL CLD SW MOVE.

BUF 0100Z E 30 OVERCAST 7 FUNNEL CLD ENDED 10 MOV E.

(4) 7 MI PLUS IN AREA

(5) BROKEN

(6) CB TOPS 10 TO 18,000' REPORTED 2300Z IN AND S OF BUF

(7) NEI OBTAINED

H. NONE

I. N/A

J. NONE

K. OPERATIONS OFFICER, NIAGARA FALLS MAP NY. PRELIMINARY

ANALYSIS REVEALS OBJECT NEI EXPLAINABLE IN CONVENTIONAL TERM,

*Funnel cloud is a
tornado that does
not touch the ground.*

*Buffalo overcast measured at 3100 ft.
was 7 mile
at 2400Z the funnel cloud was SW
of the station
moving east*

*↑
by station 15 min later*

*at 1000Z overcast estimated 3000 ft
was 7 mile
funnel cloud ended 10 min after
hour and was moving E*

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OBJECT CAUSED REDUCTION IN FARM COWS MIL FROM 2 1/2 CANS TO 1

CAN. DISTURBED BULL IN FIELD. CAUSED DOG TO BARK. FOLLOW

UP REPORT ASAP

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L. UNDETERMINED.

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We wish we could thank by name all the NICAP investigators, sub-committees and affiliates and other members who have worked so hard to investigate the many recent sightings. Without their aid, we would not have been able to check many important reports.

We regret we cannot personally thank all of you who have sent in newspaper clippings on sightings. We appreciate this help very much, and it will be especially important now since we have had to cancel our clipping service. (During the recent months, we had expensive overcharges when hundreds of clippings on the same sightings were sent to us by the clipping bureau.)

When you send in clippings, please give the name of the newspaper and date of publication, either in the margin or on a separate card or slip.

Because of the flood of recent sightings it took extra time to select and write up the details for this issue, causing a ten-day delay in going to press. We are starting on Vol. III/5 at once and will do our best to mail it well before Thanksgiving.

ately and quote Adm. Hillenkoetter's January 8th letter to get the facts on record.

We do not have space here for the admiral's signed statement cited in paragraph four, but if it becomes necessary we will print it in a later issue.

Recent Chicago broadcast, Harvard astronomer Donald H. Menzel, a violent attacker of UFO witnesses and believers, made the following claim in regard to Vice Adm. Hillenkoetter, former NICAP Board Member:

"Adm. Hillenkoetter has read my book [The World of Flying Saucers] and has told me he fully accepts all my explanations." Menzel rejects all positive evidence, insists UFOs are only natural phenomena, errors in identifying planes, meteors, etc.) Menzel's statement apparently was an attempt to discredit NICAP. An affiliate member quoted Hillenkoetter as holding a contrary view.

The first time Menzel made this claim, as far as we know, was on Boston station WHEI, late in 1964. Adm. Hillenkoetter was on record, in a signed Board Member statement, as supporting the UFO problem's importance, the risk of accidental war from mistaken identification of UFOs as a secret Soviet weapon, and the urgent need for a Congressional investigation. A complete reversal of these views was incredible, NICAP's director, a Naval Academy classmate and personal friend of Hillenkoetter, wrote him about the Menzel claim.

Adm. Hillenkoetter's reply is reproduced below. (The reference to Maj. Hart was not concerned with Menzel.)

January 8, 1965

Mr. Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.)
National Investigations Committee
on Aerial Phenomena
100 Connecticut Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

January 8, 1965

Dear Sir:

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter of December 13th. For part of the time over the holidays I was up in Massachusetts.

I think you were misinformed about some of the things you mention. As far as I can remember, I never talked to Major Hart nor, as far as I remember, I have never met him and would not know him if he walked in the door.

I saw Dr. Menzel at a dinner in December but other than saying "Merry Christmas" there was no conversation and I never carried on any conversation with Menzel about NICAP or UFO. I have no copy of his book for which I thanked him but took no action on the statements he made.

I hope my apologies again for being so long in answering your letter and with best personal wishes to you, believe me, as ever

Sincerely,

Admiral Hillenkoetter

A. H. Hillenkoetter

In spite of Dr. Menzel's unfounded attacks on NICAP, we could not believe he would deliberately make a false claim about Adm. Hillenkoetter. Since he was on a quiz program, arguing under stress, we could only assume he had confused Hillenkoetter with some one else.

For this reason, we refrained from publishing the letter. But now Menzel is now repeating this claim, we have no choice.

During his five years on the Board, Adm. Hillenkoetter strongly supported all NICAP policies, including our views against unwarranted secrecy. When he left the Board, there was no ill feeling, as Dr. Menzel has implied. In a letter to the director, he told us we had reached a stalemate. He said he knew the government were not secret U.S. or Soviet devices, and if they were we could do nothing but wait for them to act. If we did not agree there was a stalemate, we did not agree at the point. A majority of our Board, advisers and members believed a great deal can be done to prove UFO reality and to prepare the public for whatever develops. We believe the facts of this past year have proved this policy correct.

To our members: If you hear the above claim broadcast again, tell Menzel or anyone else, please phone the station immedi-