

1969: Dartmouth, MA

CEI creates snow swirl

UFO SUMMARY REPORT FORM

Sighting Date: 10 FEB 1969

Date of Report: 18 FEB 69

Location: DARTMOUTH, MASS.

Investigator: Ray Fowler

Time: From 8:30 to 8:32 PM E.S.T.

Category: UNKNOWN

Weather: Visibility 15 Miles/ceiling 5/10 cover

(possibly Venus)

\*-Witness stated sky clear at 3000! \*

Witnesses: with bright stars. Remarked it was exceptionally clear.

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
<u>Robert Sylvia</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>HS (2 yrs)</u>	<u>Oil Burner</u>	<u>250 Tremont St.</u>	<u>992-6804</u>
			<u>Repairman</u>	<u>New Bedford, Mass.</u>	

Apparent Size: cf. star \_\_\_\_\_ cf. full moon not quite Est real size: ?

Elevation: 20° Est. Altitude: 500 ft. Direction: seen S moved N to S

Color: White Sound: None Shape: Glowing Ball

UFO passed in front of No at \_\_\_\_\_ ft/mi - passed behind No at \_\_\_\_\_ ft/mi

SIGHTING ACCOUNT

I received the attached newsclip on 2/18 and called the Dartmouth police who gave me the name of the witness' company noticed on his truck. The police logged the report in at 9:11 PM and stated that the witness was very apologetic for even reporting the UFO to them but felt he should. He was sincere. I phoned Vargas Oil Company, Rockdale Avenue, New Bedford (993-6592) and talked to the manager who refused to identify the witness because apparently he had mentioned the event and was being ridiculed. However, I assured him that we desired only information and asked him to have the witness phone me collect. The witness phoned me on 2/19 and very hesitantly gave me his story as long as I promised to keep his name confidential. He stated that he was on the way to a service call when he noticed a ball of fire hanging over the trees about a 1/2 mile from Division Road on Slaters Corner Road, Dartmouth. As he approached to a point diagonal to it he stopped the car about an estimated 200 feet from the fiery ball. It was as bright as a full moon and almost as large, silent and did not cast a glow on the trees underneath it. The area was desolate and ~~was a heavily-wooded~~ heavily-wooded. He got out of the truck with a flashlight and began walking toward it when suddenly it lifted up and away from him at a 45° angle leaving a swirl of snow from the seemingly affected tree-tops directly under the object. He stated that in just a few seconds it was lost among the stars. He stressed how close he was to it.

REMARKS

There were no physical/electrical/mechanical effects other than the disturbance of the tree tops. No smell. No vapor. No heat.

Although the witness disclaims Venus, it is still very possible that he saw Venus disappear quickly behind distant cloud cover giving the impression of moving away. Wind could have caused tree-movement and swirling snow. It is significant that he did not notice Venus. The direction was estimated so he could have been looking westwards. Venus would have been low on the horizon. He claims that it did not go away straight but lifted right up at a 45° angle and that there were no clouds. This is a low-weight borderline case.

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PLACE: DARTMOUTH, MASS.

WIND DIRECTION: NNW

TIME: 8:30 PM E.S.T.

WIND SPEED: 16 MPH

WITNESSES: 1

VISIBILITY: 15 MILES

OBJECTS: 1

\* CEILING: 5/10 cover/3000'

JACQUES VALLEE  
CLASSIFICATION  
(Ref. 4 below)

TYPE: I

CLASS: A

WEIGHT: "

\*-Witness stated it was remarkably clear/bright stars.

**Truck Driver Sights UFO**

An unidentified flying object was reported sighted last night by a driver of an oil truck who requested his name be withheld.

The driver told Dartmouth police a "brilliant, flashing, ball-shaped object" hovered above tree tops in a wooded area off Slades Corner Road, a half-mile north of Division Street.

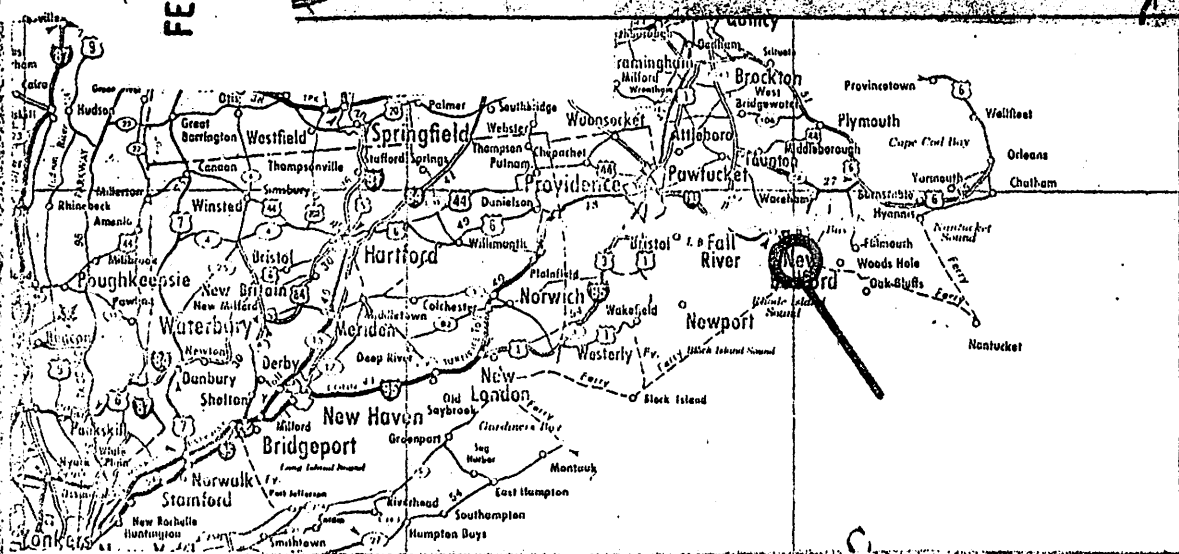
The informant, police said, spotted the object shortly after 9. He got out of his truck to get a better view of the object, using a flashlight.

At this point, police reported, the bright object whirred off. The truck driver told police the exhaust of air from the object "shook the trees and blew up a cloud of snow, making it impossible to tell which direction it headed."

No one else reported sighting the object, police said.

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1 = Sent one-page summary  
 2 = Sent detailed summary  
 3 = Sent with signed Questionnaires and detailed back-up material  
 4 = Reference Appendix 2 in the book "Challenge to Science" by Dr. Jacques Vallee.