

Close look at UFO in New Hampshire

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At about 9:30 on Thursday evening, June 6, Vivian Stevens of Locust street, South Hampton, left a PTA meeting at the South Hampton Elementary School with her niece, Helen Mispilkin, and two of her children, Richard, 11, and Barbara, 10.

Heading home in Mrs. Mispilkin's dark green Volkswagen station wagon, they proceeded down Fern avenue and turned left on Route 150, also known as Exeter road.

As they came around the corner, Richard, who was sitting on the right side of the car, saw something in the sky.

"Look at that bright light up there," Mrs. Stevens recalled her son saying.

The other occupants of the car also saw the bright object.

At first she thought that it was a light on a tower, Mrs. Stevens said later. But it seemed to follow the car north along Route 150.

As the Volkswagen approached Locust street, the thing appeared closer and larger.

"When we came to take a right hand turn to come down here, it shot over," Mrs. Stevens said, indicating that the object crossed the angle between route 150 and Locust street.

"It got ahead of us and stayed in front of us, right over the tree in the pasture."

As they reconstructed the scene Monday afternoon, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Mispilkin pointed out a prominent elm tree in an overgrown pasture which was on their left as they turned on to Locust. The tree is about 100 feet from the road.

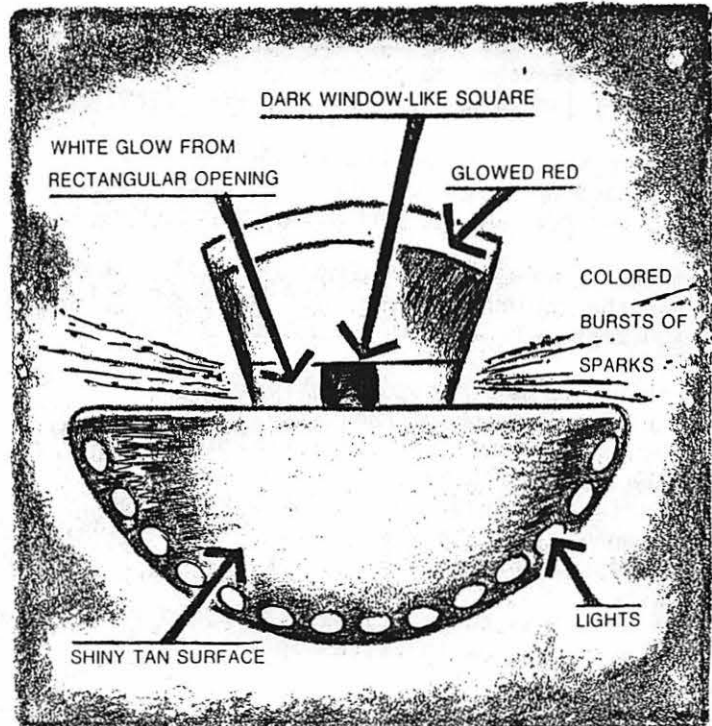
"There was no sound at all to the thing," Mrs.

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cally healthy, a good worker, cheerful, likeable, and a serious Christian. He claims never to have read any UFO books and, in fact, says the only book he reads is the Bible. Oswald does not believe that such a simple person could fabricate a UFO report with all the detail and "classic" UFO character reported.

The witness' older report occurred again on an isolated beach, this time on Lake Champlain near Burlington, Vt. The UFO was chalk-white and landed in daylight on the beach. It was shaped like a double convex lens and also had legs. He observed it for 30 minutes to an hour before the UFO took off. No occupant was seen.

John reports the witness is willing to take a lie detector test. John is continuing his investigation, concentrating on the man's back ground. Obviously many questions still remain.



UFO sketch derived from witness descriptions

Stevens said.

"There were all colored lights on it. A red light would come on and a green light would come on."

Mrs. Stevens made a drawing of the object she saw. It was like a child's top, she said, except that the bottom was round instead of pointed.

The bottom part was like a bowl, perhaps 15 or 20 feet across, "not quite as big as my swimming pool," Mrs. Stevens said.

The round pool in her yard is 24 feet in diameter.

On top of this was a smaller section which appeared to be about five feet across.

There was a red light on the top part. The bottom part seemed to have brilliant lights around its edge. The red lights seemed particularly bright.

"It was red, then it was blue, then it was green, then all colors at once," Mrs. Stevens said.

In the center, between the two parts, there was a white light that seemed to shoot sparks.

"I could kind of see something in it, spinning around," Mrs. Stevens said.

The two women and the two children went into the Stevens home, a small white house about 200 yards from the corner. They told Mrs. Stevens, son, Todd, who was graduated this Sunday from Amesbury High School, and his girlfriend, Kathy Ouellette, about what they had seen.

Todd and Kathy left soon after the others arrived. They did not see anything unusual on the way to Kathy's home in Amesbury.

Todd left Kathy at her house on High street. As he turned down Locust street on his way home, he saw the same bright object, still above the

elm tree in the pasture.

"He came in and said, 'Mama, it's still there,'" Mrs. Stevens remembered.

"So we all jumped in the car and went down to see it."

This time they crossed Route 150 and went a short distance up Highland Road, which goes up a hill past the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cynewski Jr.

From their vantage point on the hill, they could see the object clearly. It appeared to be about 400 feet away at this point, still near the big elm.

The thing was not entirely motionless.

"It just stayed there and kind of wavered," Mrs. Stevens said, describing a kind of fluttering motion with her hand.

The various observers had diverse reactions to the phenomenon that they watched. Mrs. Stevens, a widow and mother of five, thought that it was exciting.

"That thing was so beautiful," she said later.

"I'd love to go up in it, as long as they brought me back."

Mrs. Mispilkin admitted that she was frightened by the thing. Todd Stevens seemed unimpressed.

As they watched the thing from the rise on Highland road, Mrs. Stevens decided to go into the Cynewski's house and tell them about the object.

Just as she left, an airplane approached the area and the thing began to descend on an angle into the pasture or the sandpit which lies behind the field.

"It didn't move smooth. It would waver like and jet like," Mrs. Mispilkin recalled.

As the object sank from view, a bright red glow lighted the field from somewhere behind the elm.

Todd Stevens noticed that the plane seemed noisy in contrast to the thing they had been watching, which was silent.

By the time Muriel Cynewski came out of her house with Mrs. Stevens, the object had disappeared. There was nothing unusual to be seen except the circling aircraft.

Mrs. Stevens and her family returned home. They went outside again about 11 p.m. and heard what sounded like more than one aircraft, still circling the field where the bright object had disappeared.

None of those who saw the strange object reported the incident at first because, Mrs. Stevens said, they felt that no one would believe them. On Monday, however, Mrs. Stevens called Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, hoping to obtain some information about what she had seen.

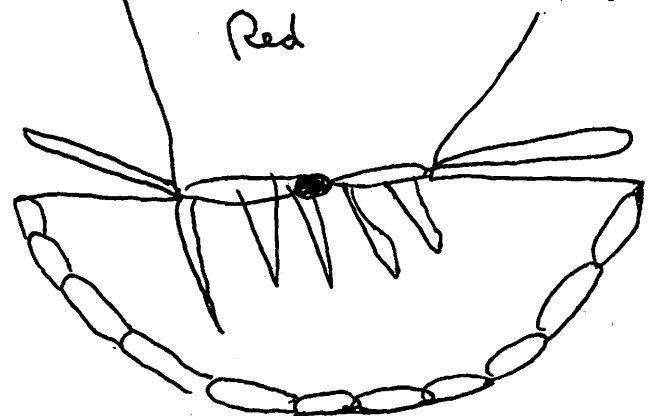
But the Air Force did not tell her anything, Mrs. Stevens said. Instead she was asked to describe what she had seen and advised to report the incident to the local police, which she did.

Her account of the sighting was tape recorded by the Air Force, Mrs. Stevens said.

Word of the incident was passed on by the press

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How Mrs. Stevens drew the object



to Raymond E. Fowler of Wenham, who belongs to the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP).

"They have given a perfect description of what many other people have seen" Fowler told the News Monday night.

"For some reason or other, the southern New Hampshire area has been a hotbed of sightings," he added.

Mr. Fowler contacted John Oswald of North Hampton who has long been active in the effort to obtain scientific information about strange objects like the one seen by Mrs. Stevens and her family.

Oswald spoke to the five witnesses to the incident for several hours Monday night and again Tuesday morning. On the basis of these interviews, he concluded that they saw something which is unknown on this planet.

"I don't see any reason not to take their story at face value," Oswald commented later, noting that three adults and two children had viewed the object over a prolonged period of time and from a fairly close range.

"Information from their viewing pretty much rules out anything of terrestrial origin," he added.

Oswald noted that UFO sightings in the Exeter, New Hampshire, area routinely involve a brightly lighted flying object which follows a car and then hovers over a field before disappearing.

But he felt that the thing seen by Mrs. Stevens and her family had some unique features.

"It was quite an unusual UFO, a rare bird," he said.

He said that he preferred not to comment further until he had discussed the results of his interviews with Raymond Fowler and others knowledgeable on the subject.

Oswald said that the aircraft which arrived on the scene of the sighting could have been directed to the area by radar operators at Pease AFB who had picked up an unidentified object on their screens.

But it would be impossible to confirm this theory, he added. The Air Force routinely refuses to release information on such incidents.

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South Hampton low-level UFO

This report, entitled *Another UFO Experience? Mystery in rural New Hampshire* under the signature of Staff writer Stephen Webbe, was published in the *Christian Science Monitor* of August 2, 1974. We here reproduce the account in its entirety,—

"The UFO mystery has surfaced again in southeastern New Hampshire. This time with the reported sighting on June 6 of an 'unidentified flying object' by a family in South Hampton.

"The 'large, red, dome-shaped object' described by the witnesses to an investigator for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) — a private, nonprofit, investigatory body based in Kensington, Md. — is similar to UFOs reportedly sighted in the same area in past years.

"Four persons claim to have seen the UFO land and douse its lights, apparently to avoid detection by a pursuing aircraft.

"According to the report compiled by Raymond E. Fowler, chairman of NICAP's Massachusetts subcommittee, Mrs. Vivian Stevens of Locust Street, South Hampton, together with her son Richard, daughter Barbara, and Niece Helen Mispilikin were traveling along Route 150 at 9.30 p.m. when they spotted the UFO.

" 'Beneath the dome, there was a bright white rectangular-shaped opening with something like blades spinning round inside,' Mr. Fowler states in his report. 'The blades seemed to protrude outside as well.'

"He says that a dark square, 'like a darkened window,' was centered in the rectangular opening and that white, blue and yellow sparks spewed out from the base of the dome and appeared to radiate from the rectangular opening as well.

"Mr. Fowler, a project supervisor on a Minuteman missile program near Boston and author of *UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors*, recently published by the Exposition Press of New York, says that at first the group thought the object was some kind of helicopter.

" 'However, then they realized it was noiseless and very unusual, they became frightened and sped off,' he explains.

"When the party reached Locust Street, Mr. Fowler says, the UFO hovered with a 'bobbing, fluttering motion' over a 90-foot elm tree in an adjoining field. At this point Helen Mispilikin stopped the car and got out.

"As she did so, says Mr. Fowler, a band of soft-glowing coloured lights, like 'a string of beads,' appeared on the object and began to flicker on and

off. Mrs. Stevens and her two children watched from the car.

"All four witnesses noted that the lights changed from greenish-yellow to deep red to pinkish red and then passed through dark green to deep blue. Mr. Fowler notes that the reflection from these lights revealed the shiny tan surface of a bowl-shaped section beneath the dome.

"He also observes that after flickering for a few seconds the lights all came on in a single bank — first red, then blue, and then green. Mrs. Stevens told him it was 'a beautiful sight to see.'

"The UFO then began to descend.

"This was too much for the witnesses,' Mr. Fowler declares. 'They thought it was going to land. Barbara was so frightened that she crouched on the floor . . . as Helen jumped back in the car and drove fast up Locust Street.'

"Later that evening Mrs. Stevens' eldest son, 17-year-old Todd, spotted the UFO hovering near the elm tree as he returned home from Amesbury, Mass.

"According to Mr. Fowler he alerted the rest of the family and, together with Helen Mispilikin, they all drove to the crest of a nearby hill to watch the 'silent, hovering, bobbing' object.

"After a few minutes they drove down the hill and Mrs. Stevens hurried off to tell a neighbour about the mysterious UFO.

"While she was away Mr. Fowler asserts that Helen and the children saw a 'low-flying aircraft come over the east side of Route 150 . . . seemingly heading directly for the hovering object.'

"As soon as the plane approached,' he reports, 'the object began to move about with jerky motions and descended in a . . . step-by-step motion into a swampy area where it seemed to settle on or near the ground.'

"He states that all its lights went out

except for 'a red glow which could be seen momentarily through the underbrush until it too faded away.' Mr. Fowler claims that the aircraft made half a dozen sweeps of the area before departing. When Mrs. Stevens returned the UFO had disappeared.

"Thinking that the aircraft might have come from Pease Air Force Base near Portsmouth, N.H., Mr. Fowler called the base but was informed that none of its aircraft had been involved in an attempt to pursue the object.

"Because of the UFO's reported appearance and maneuverability Mr. Fowler rules out the possibility that the witnesses, whom he finds honest and reliable, were observing a star or some form of balloon.

"Stressing that, as far as can be determined, there is no indication of a hoax, he concludes that the object cannot be explained in terms of conventional objects or natural phenomena."

Credit: K.F. Lazarus of West Lafayette, Indiana, — and others.

U.S.A./Pacific Ocean—Kwajalein

Missile-tracking radar detects UFO

From the *London Evening Standard* (Edition 5, but not in evening editions) of July 9, 1974, we take the following Reuter report from Huntsville, Alabama, "Experts at an army missile base are puzzled about strange 'ghost ships' picked up by powerful radar scanners in the Pacific during a tracking exercise last summer.

"There has been little official comment on what the scientists found during the exercise. But Major Dallas Hoose, the army's base spokesman, confirmed recently that 'some unexplained aerial phenomena' were observed during the exercise last August.

"Scientists, many of whom are reluctant to be named in interview because of general public scepticism

over unidentified flying objects, say, privately they have been unable to find any explanation for the 'ghost ships.'

"We have never seen anything precisely like this before,' said one ballistic missile defence expert, who works for an army agency and is familiar with the advanced radar used to test missiles and warheads.

"Huntsville houses the army's ballistic missile defence systems command, which analyses results of missile tests in the Kwajalein Atoll region of the Marshall Island trust territory.

"Last August, the air force launched a Minuteman inter-continental ballistic missile (ICBM) from Vandenberg aimed for the Kwajalein missile range, which is used by the army, air force and navy.

"When the ICBM was screaming toward the Pacific test site, it began its descent on a normal ballistic trajectory, scientists say.

"The nose cone had separated from the third stage of the missile and was entering the atmosphere at 22,000 feet per second.

"Radar scanners were tracking the nose cone routinely. At about 400,000 feet, the radar experts in the Pacific found they were also tracking an unidentified flying object next to the ICBM's nose cone.

"Radar picked up an inverted saucer-shaped object to the right and above the descending nose cone and watched it cross the warhead's trajectory to a point which was below and to the left of it before the phantom ship disappeared.

"The ghost ship was described as being 10 feet (three metres) high and 40 feet (12 metres) long.

"So far, none of the experts here believe the ship was a natural phenomenon caused by freak weather conditions or echoes commonly seen on radar screens."