

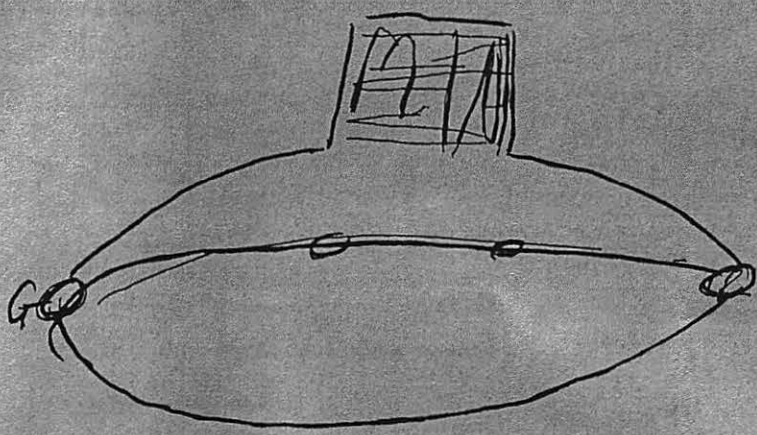
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Mountain Lakes, New Jersey

# Close sighting reported by couple

LOCATION OF SIGHTING: Mountain Lakes, NJ.  
DATE OF SIGHTING: July 4, 1975  
INVESTIGATED BY: Ted Bloecher.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is termed an "interim report" by Bloecher, who said on Aug. 16 that he cannot prepare a final report "because several basic facts regarding this observation are still unknown," including reports by possible collaborating witnesses.



This is the initial sketch made by Miss Jane Tiger at the time she reported the sighting to the Parsippany, NJ, police.

Tom Cahill, a political science major at Boston College, and Jane Tiger, 18, of Lake Hopatcong, NJ, were westbound at about 60 m.p.h. on Highway 46, from Loews Theatre in southeastern Mountain Lakes, NJ, at approximately 12:05 a.m. on July 4, 1975. Just east of the Hess service station, they observed red, green, and white lights about 300 feet above the ground, approaching the highway.

### It Was Not a Plane

"It was so low," explains Jane, "that if it were an airplane they should have been really worried...It looked a little smaller than a plane. As we got closer we noticed that it wasn't a plane, and it wasn't a helicopter--we could see it very clearly. It was coming down toward the highway."

Jane says that as the couple got in front of it, "I'd say it wasn't more than 100 feet above us, and at that time we could see a lot of the details on it."

Tom adds that the object "had a bluish-green light. It was ovular-shaped with bluish-green lights on each of the ends. It had one or two red

lights closer in toward the center, and it had two white lights just off center. On the top it had a cylinder turret-sort-of-thing, and it was a washy-green color. There was a band of washy-green color around the bottom of the turret and the rest of the turret was illuminated, but not as bright. And I really couldn't say whether it was illuminated or whether it was reflected--the top part was a reflection from the bottom band, which I said was the brightest."

Jane described the object as "the typical flying saucer kind of shape, kind of ovular on the bottom and, um--curved--the bottom sort of curved, like this (gesture with hands indicates upward or inward curve--concave). And on the top--in the center, on the top, was a little turret-like thing. It had metal strips going vertically all around it, and in between these strips, when we got right close to it, when I could see it best, I could see it was like greenish, like a greenish fluorescent light, kind of--almost--and it was inside it, but it looked--it's so hard to

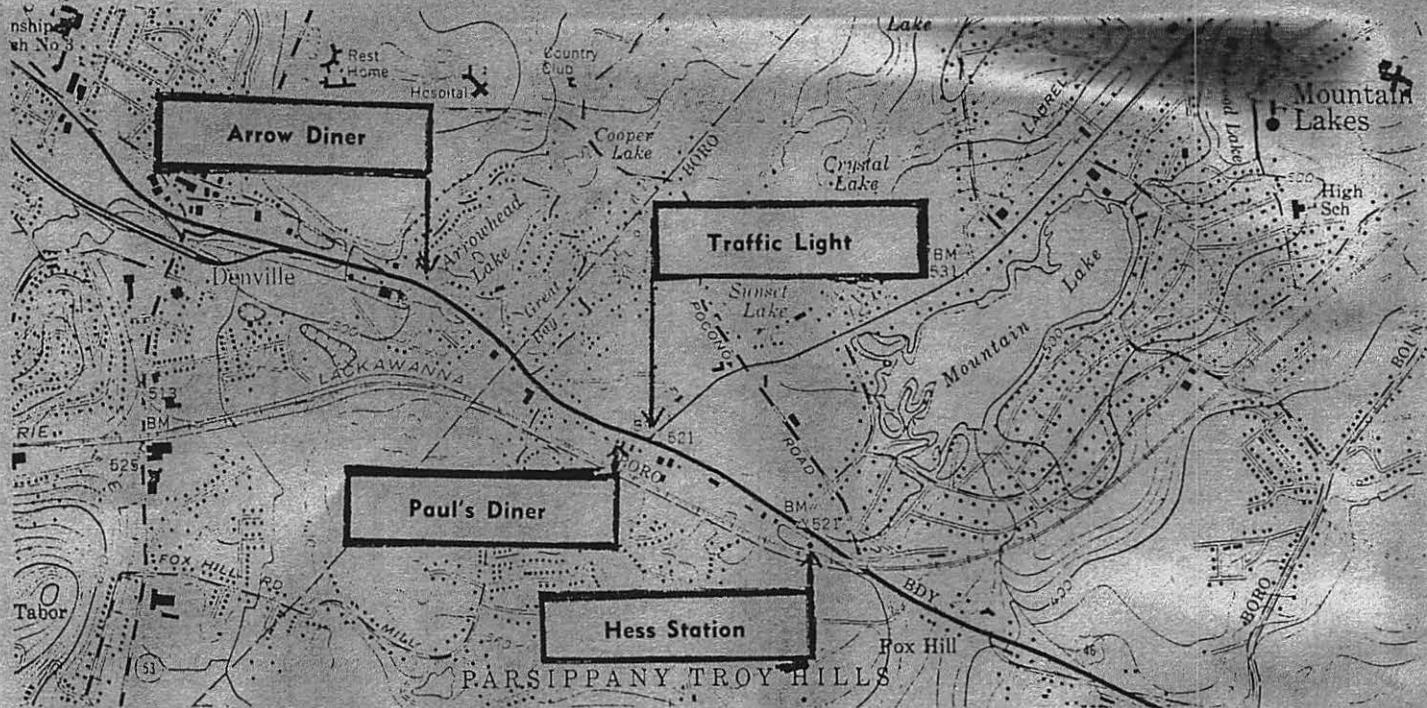
describe; when we were coming up on it, I thought that the turret might have been spinning around, because of the weird color of the thing. Then, like I said, when we got closer, it looked like it was just within it, you know?"

Jane says it is possible that the green light could have been coming from some type of windows. She says the turret was "very hard edged. It had a--it was flat on top, it wasn't rounded, or anything. It was very flat and very cylindrical."

### Beneath the Object

As the couple passed beneath the object, Tom gave Jane the wheel and as the auto slowed to 35 m.p.h., looked out the window, "straight up at the object."

Says Tom, "I got a very good view of the hull of the object: it was smooth, greyish metal and I saw the left green-blue light, which extended all the way around the bottom (the rim. It was within the body of the ship. None of the lights were attached outside the ship;



they were within the body of the ship."

He says the light on the rim of the object was "sort of oval-shaped, and I guess if you chopped off the two ends of the oval and stuck lights on them, it would sort of finish the oval out."

Tom says the blue-green lights were the largest, except for the turret, and he estimated that the blue-green lights were 8 feet by 6 feet by 5 feet. (Note by Bloecher: this sounds very much like the Coyne case near Mansfield, Ohio, in 1973). The two white lights were smaller, he says, "and sort of off center."

Tom says all of the lights, except the two white lights, "looked like they were sort of gaseous lights. They weren't filaments, or any other kind; they were sort of, uh, they weren't so bright as mercury lights or any of the lights we use, but they were very--washy."

#### Vertical Bars

Describing the turret, he explains, "The green light on the turret--there were vertical

bars extending down, spaced about three feet apart on the turret. You could see the green light coming out from behind them. Also, the green light--when we first sighted the object, we didn't see the turret; the green light was sort of outside our view, which was very strange because it seemed like as it got to a certain distance from us, then the green light came into view. But farther away, it just sort of cut off, you know--they didn't turn on; they just sort of faded into our view. It was very strange that way because I guess it only had a certain distance where it was visible."

As the object passed over the couple, they could see the lights from the nearby Hess service station reflecting off the bottom of the object (they had also seen a reflection off a portion of the upper part of the object earlier).

#### Oblong Object

Tom said the object was more oblong than round as it passed over the auto, with the long part across the highway rather than running with the highway.

Jane gave the wheel back to Tom as the object became situated to the upper right and behind the auto, and she sat in the window of the car door to get a better view. She says the object "flew up above the trees on the right hand side of the highway, and it was floating in our direction (westerly, with the auto). Finally we pulled over (at the Arrow Diner on the right side of the highway) and the thing just sort of stopped over the trees, just sort of peeking out behind the trees."

Tom continues: "After it had gone behind the trees, the two white lights I could see were--the lights were going in two directions. I guess there were two rays (beams) from each light: one straight ahead and one down on the tops of the trees. It was illuminating the tops of the trees."

He said the white lights were "much smaller than the bluish-green ones--about the same size as the red light, or the red lights--I'm not sure if there were one or two. It probably could have been in a circular--probably three feet wide, maybe two feet wide, somewhere around

there."

### Object Disappears

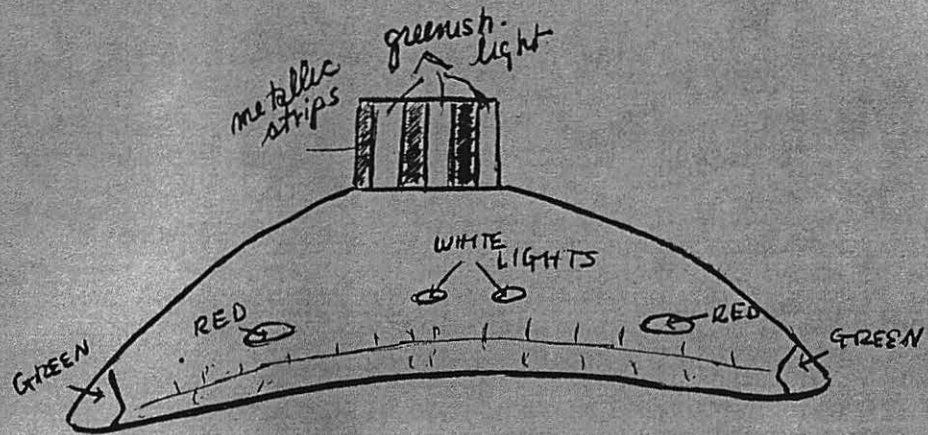
As the couple pulled off the road at the Arrow Diner and stopped, the object rose slightly so that the turret was visible behind the trees. Then it disappeared.

Jane explains: "As soon as we stopped our car, when we started to get out--this is probably the weirdest thing that happened the whole time we saw it--it left. It flew--or something--into the sky at such an incredible rate of speed. It took less than--now this was about, I'd say, 150 feet above us--and it left. And it was a very clear night--I could see all the stars--it left in less than, I'd say, one second, and it was out of view. It just got smaller and smaller. It just sort of vanished."

Tom says he was getting out of the car when the object disappeared, and he did not see it leave. Neither witness heard any noise as the object left.

In reviewing the sighting, both Tom and Jane agreed that the object moved very gracefully. Tom estimated the size of the object as 60 to 80 feet long, based on the width of the highway.

He said he was not sure it was concave in shape on the bottom (as Jane had said), feeling that it may have been convex: "When we went underneath it, the lights from the highway--there were a couple of gas stations around, and diner lights--it was so close to the highway that, you know, I could tell the color of the metal and everything. The lights reflected off the bottom of the thing; it illuminated the bottom of the object, and it looked like to me it was convex, because, I don't know, it's not really a contradiction, because--I don't really know how to explain it. I think the front profile could have been concave, however--see, the object was such a



This is the sketch made by Miss Tiger during an interview with Ted Bloecher on July 17, 1975. Note the additional detail in this sketch which corresponds to statements made by both Miss Tiger and Mr. Cahill, but which were not present in the initial drawing made for the Parsippany Police Department on July 4.

weird shape."

### Different Views

He said that the object would look differently when viewed from different angles. "From the bottom (which Jane did not see) it sort of looked like--the object was like that (he cups one hand palm down in an arc), but the bottom part sort of came out like that (he cups the other hand underneath with palm up, at a right angle to the upper hand)." He said the object appeared to be longer on the top in one direction, and longer on the bottom in the other.

Jane says the object appeared concave when viewed from the front. Says Tom: "Yeah, from the front. It looked like that to me, exactly--from the front. But from the bottom it was more rounded on the bottom. Sort of like the ends overhung the--oh, it's really hard to try to explain. I don't even think it's important."

Following the sighting, the couple went to the Mountain Lakes Police Department, where the police "were real comedians about it, except for one guy who was operating the radio." The couple then searched for the state police, but ended up at the nearby Parsippany Police Department, where the reaction was better.

Despite a number of autos on the highway at the time of the sighting, no other reports were apparently made by the motorists. "I really can't imagine people not noticing this," said Tom. "It would be like not noticing the Queen Mary floating across your backyard."

A pilot, Jimmy Quodomine, supposedly chased an object at Caldwell that same evening, but information on this is not available. An unidentified couple reportedly had their auto buzzed by an object, but no information is available on this either. And finally, a 13-year-old Morris Plains girl reportedly saw an object, but again information is not available at this time.

Parsippany Police Department Lt. John Walsh reported that "we were having trouble dispatching and receiving" over the police radio between 12:05 and 12:30 on the morning of July 4, the approximate time Tom and Jane saw the object.

Walsh noted, however, that a malfunctioning radio in only one car could have caused the problem, and that one of the car radios had been having problems. There had been a similar problem in the week prior to the sighting, and it, too, cleared itself before a repairman arrived.

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## MULTIPLE WITNESSES SIGHT MASSIVE UFO

A preliminary report of a UFO occurrence in Parsippany, N.J. was published in the August 1975 UFO INVESTIGATOR (page 2). NICAP now has additional information on the case.

On July 4, 1975, in the vicinity of route 46, a college student and friend were on their way home from the movies. They observed a huge object, estimated by the witnesses to be 60 to 80 feet in diameter. The couple stated that the time of the observation was 12:05 a.m. The UFO travelled from a south westerly direction and crossed directly over their automobile at an altitude of approximately 75 feet. It's speed was about 5 miles per hour. Both witnesses, Mr. Cahill and Miss Tiger, stated that they were awed by the size and structure of the object and commented on it's graceful and directed motion. There was no sound or any other physical sensation accompanying the passing of the craft.

Both witnesses were also impressed by the light that was being emitted by the object. They stated that, "it was unlike any light they had ever seen and that although it illuminated the surrounding area, it did not create a glare." Another interesting point regarding the light was that no matter from what direction the witnesses observed the object, the light appeared to be directed away from the observers. When the object was first sighted, there were lights that shone from the front and rear of the craft and that the turret which protruded from the top was lit by a dull green light and the interior of the dome appeared to be translucent. There were red and green lights at each end of the object.

After the couple had observed the massive object for a few minutes, they noticed a bright white light emitting from the front and bottom which appeared to be sweeping the area below. This light effect gave the impression to the witnesses, that the UFO was looking for something . . . perhaps a landing site.

The young couple was able to observe the UFO for approximately 8 minutes. From a hovering position, at an altitude of approximately 100 feet, "it took no longer than a single second for the object to whiz off into the sky." Miss Tiger further stated that she was unable to compare the UFOs speed with anything conventional.

Both witnesses had the same reaction to their observation. At first they were curious but then realizing what "it" might be, they became excited, shocked and wanted to see more.

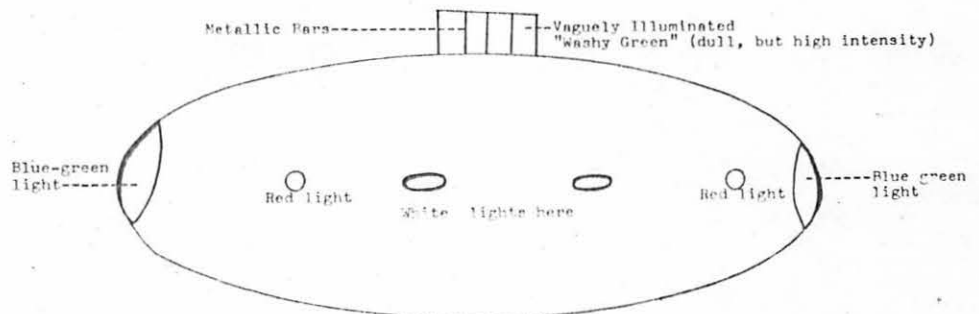
Mr. Cahill and Miss Tiger telephoned the Parsippany-Troy Hills Police Depart-

ment at once to report their experience.

A local newspaper reporter interviewed the two witnesses and during their discussion, the reporter stated that there had been an unconfirmed report that a private airplane pilot had also observed a similar object later that same day.

NICAP's regional investigator requested that the police department try to locate the pilot to verify and compare the reports. Police Chief Denny was most cooperative and instructed his men to attempt locating the pilot. He also asked the local newspaper to run a small article requesting residents who had witnessed any unusual objects or occurrences in the same time period to contact the police at once. The paper emphasized the need for the "unknown" pilot to contact the police.

On the same afternoon that the article appeared, the Parsippany Police Department began receiving calls from residents in the area. One of the first calls was from



60 to 70 foot length  
All lights on the object had strange properties.

Mr. Jim Quodomine, the private pilot that NICAP was seeking.

Mr. Jahn, regional investigator, contacted Mr. Quodomine. He stated that on the evening of July 4, at approximately 10:00 p.m., he and his fiancée landed at Caldwell Field, New Jersey. They had been flying over the area watching the fireworks display. While Mr. Quodomine was tying down the aircraft, two individuals inquired if there was anyone on duty in the tower. The pilot informed them that the tower was closed until morning. The couple seemed distressed, and Mr. Quodomine asked if he could be of any assistance. The couple began describing an object (identical to Mr. Cahill and Miss Tiger's description) that they had seen to the pilot. They pointed to the night sky, toward a large white light and told the pilot that it was the same object that had been hovering about 100 feet above them, only an hour before. The pilot retorted that it was too bright and too low in the sky to be a star. The pilot and his fiancée became very curious and immediately boarded their Cessna 150 aircraft in an attempt to ascertain the nature of the object. They climbed to an altitude of 3,000 feet and began to close in on the object. The pilot stated that when they came to within 4 or 5 miles of the object, he saw the outline of the craft and the light coloration which had been described by the first and second witnesses. The pilot stated that the object could have easily been 60 to 80 feet in diameter. After realizing what he might be witnessing, he attempted to reach the object as quickly as possible. At this point, Mr. Quodomine was travelling at approximately 100 mph toward the object. The pilot saw the craft change brightness and it moved off at a rapid rate of speed and disappeared within a matter of seconds.

NICAP's regional investigator and a detective were invited to accompany the pilot by plane in retracing the same course he had taken on the eventful evening. Mr. Jahn commented that in observing the terrain, he found that it is a predominately flat and open area which would provide many areas for craft to land and be totally undetected by passing vehicles or pedestrians.

Many additional reports from witnesses regarding sightings of the same or similar objects have been logged with the police department and NICAP.

## GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE REPORTS UFO

Sunday, July 27th, was planned as a day of relaxation by an employee of the Department of the Navy. Because of the nature of his job, the witness has requested that NICAP keep his name confidential regarding what he saw at about 12:15 pm, from his home in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Mr. X was sitting on his front porch reading the Sunday newspaper and watching his eight year old daughter playing in the yard. She suddenly shouted to her father to look up and pointed to an object in the sky.

The father immediately looked up and saw what appeared to be a very bright light clearly visible against the field of bright blue sky. It was descending with a very smooth and fluid motion similar to an object dropped by parachute. Mr. X was fascinated by this sight and began to observe the object with great interest. The brilliance remained constant. In a few moments, the descent stopped, and the object appeared to remain motionless in the sky. Mr. X looked slightly to the left of the object and was "surprised and puzzled" to see another object identical to the first. Both appeared to be parallel to one another and seemed to remain in a stable position for a minute or more. The second object suddenly ascended in a zig-zag motion before assuming a more direct vertical ascent. It disappeared from sight in a few moments. Almost simultaneously, the first object began to ascend and it too soon disappeared from sight. The objects had been in view for 3 to 5 minutes.

Mrs. X and the daughter also described the objects in the same way. Mr. X has witnessed rocket launches from Cape Canaveral. He also has experience and familiarity with many types of military and commercial aircraft, as well as, balloons of different varieties. He stated that what was seen did not appear to be any of these conventional objects.

Mr. X's immediate reaction was "one of puzzlement which basically stemmed from their brightness in the sky and their

motion and speed". He also stated, "it seemed that a very fine circle, as if sketched with a pencil or pen encompassed each object".

NICAP consultant, Dr. Bruce Macabee investigated the sighting. No other witnesses could be located. Washington area control towers noted that no pilots had made reports and no radar returns were logged. However, short lived radar returns are generally ignored as noise. Something would have to appear as a clear target for many seconds to minutes before it would be recognized as a "real" object.

The brightness of the objects and the lack of confirmatory reports suggest (but does not prove) that the objects may have been small, and therefore close to the witness.

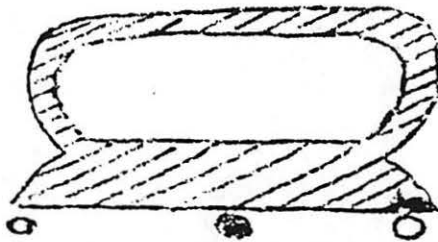
In view of the available data it is probable that the objects were not conventional. Balloons are ruled out because of the overall motions and particularly the fact that they did not move together even though they were apparently close to each other. Airplanes and helicopters do not seem to be a possible explanation because there was no observable structure, so they would have had to be very distant. A "glint" from a distant plane would occur only at certain viewing angles and the brightness of the objects seemed to remain constant throughout the sighting. Mr. X stated explicitly that there were no airplanes visible for a period of 20 minutes prior to the sighting until he went into the house. The estimated speeds of the objects are above the capabilities of helicopters. Birds, kites, cloud formations and meteorites can be ruled out for obvious reasons.

In conclusion, a conventional explanation does not seem probable. It is highly unlikely, even to the point of impossibility, that these witnesses would have "made up" this sighting, or that they suffered some sort of delusion. Rather, it appears that the witnesses have presented an accurate report of the occurrence.

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THE STAFFORDSHIRE LANDING CASE January 9 (18.45) UFOA Staffs report

There were two sets of witnesses, to what was undoubtedly the same object - quite possibly landing in a Staffordshire field (although unfortunately no real evidence for this was found). Two middle aged sisters driving towards Leek first saw the object hovering low over fields. It was a dome with a flat underside and a large central



window, brilliantly illuminated. There were two white lights and a central red one on the underside. Swerving to a stop in a lay-by and winding down the window the object flew silently close overhead and hovered over fields on the other side of the road. It now appeared to drop down and land, at which point the women departed - straight

to the police! Two miles away at Cheddleton a plumber and his wife saw the same thing as it paced the car and dropped into fields. From the locations of the two witness groups it appears the landing spot was somewhere in between - in open country. In both descriptions the oblong window was the most prominent feature - although it did NOT light up the surrounding ground. (REFS: N.U.N. May 75, Bufora Journal May/June 75)

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