

1983: nr. Ithaca, NY. ~ CEI.
not to have been an ad-plane, due
to close distance & no noise!



Frank Drake was interested in
this case & talked to H. Haglund
about it.

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REGISTERED

Ithaca, New York
January 28, 1984

Dear Walt,
Mufon..

October 26, 1983 sighting - 46/83

Attached are the following:

1. General cases (form 1), sheets 1 and 2.
2. Personal account, pages 1 & 2.
3. Topographic quadrangle of sighting area with notes indicating sequence.
4. Photographs of Yapple Road area showing possible locations of object & witnesses.

This episode has been an exasperating & frustrating situation to investigate as mentioned in my notes of January 19th, January 6th, December 20th & November 14th. The basic reason therefor has been the lack of time available by the witnesses. Despite the delays I've not felt any reaction that it has been due to procrastination by the witnesses. I've talked mainly to Larry Iacovelli who displays a great amount of nervous energy, and in view of the stress on anonymity I cannot believe that there is any insincerity or deception involved. The man is involved with co-ownership of 2 stores, one here and 1 in Elmira, plus being in the process of establishing a 3rd store in Auburn. His time has been and continues to be very limited for our purposes.

My remaining agenda includes the following:

- a. To meet with Dr. Frank Drake (at the Cornell Space Lab if at all possible) and deliver a copy of the report which he requested of Larry Iacovelli; & asking if he received the Mufon literature or if he can use a copy. If possible his interest in affiliating with Mufon will be developed.
- b. To meet with the Deputy Sheriff who furnished the Seattle phone number that enabled Larry Iacovelli to make the initial report; also to obtain any personal data from the Deputy regarding the sequence of the contacts by Iacovelli as a confirm. If not obtuse, the background on knowledge personally relating to Iacovelli will be secured.
- c. To keep in touch with Iacovelli as well as with the 2nd witness, Rich Pace.
- d. To continue additional canvassing in the sighting area, although so far 3 contacts have developed negative results.

As mentioned we'll be away for February 21st to about March 15th, & time both before and after the trip will be limited.

Comments with regard to the above when convenient are anticipated.

kindest personal regards,

HEH:
Encl. as listed



UFO SIGHTING QUESTIONNAIRE - GENERAL CASES (FORM 1)

PLACE OF SIGHTING

New York

Tompkins Ithaca area

USA

STATE/PROVINCE

CITY/TOWN

near Carolibe Center

COUNTY

COUNTRY

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM (Print) AND RETURN TO INVESTIGATOR (For MUFON Use)

NAME OF INVESTIGATOR: Harold E Haglund

STREET ADDRESS: 32 Woodlane Road PHONE: A/C 607 539 6448

TOWN/CITY: Ithaca STATE: NY ZIP CODE: 14850 COUNTRY: USA

DRAW A SIMPLE SKETCH OF THE OBJECT. (Label any lights, colors, protrusions)

Unable to show what the connection/structure was like between the panels of lights and the top light.

(On a separate sheet, please sketch a simple map of the area showing your position and the object's position. Include an arrow denoting the direction of North. Indicate direction that the object was moving.) ATTACHED

SIGHTING TIME

9:45

PM (X) AM ()

EDT

ZONE:

DURATION: MIN () SEC ()

approx.

HRS ()

DATE OF SIGHTING

26

DAY

10

MONTH

1983

YEAR

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT AS IT HAPPENED. BE SURE THAT YOUR NARRATIVE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. WHERE WERE YOU AND WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THE TIME?
2. WHAT MADE YOU FIRST NOTICE THE OBJECT?
3. WHAT DID YOU THINK THE OBJECT WAS WHEN YOU FIRST NOTICED IT?
4. DESCRIBE YOUR REACTIONS AND ACTIONS, DURING AND AFTER SIGHTING THE OBJECT.
5. DESCRIBE THE OBJECT AND ITS ACTIONS.
6. HOW DID YOU LOSE SIGHT OF THE OBJECT?

SEE ATTACHED.

(Continue narrative on reverse side)

Figure 1A



FOR MUFON USE

TEMPERATURE: _____

WIND DIRECTION: _____

WIND SPEED: _____

VISIBILITY: _____

CEILING: _____

EDUCATION: High school

DEGREE: _____ MAJOR: _____

SPECIAL TRAINING: _____

VISION: Good COLORBLIND? () EYEGLASSES? ()

HEARING: Good (X) FAIR? () POOR? () USE AID? ()

HEALTH: Good DURING SIGHTING? Good AFTER? Good

WITNESS' NAME: Larry Iacovelli, Jr AGE: 48

STREET: 126 Kendall Ave

TOWN/CITY: Ithaca, NY PHONE: 607 273 6628

PROVINCE: Tompkins County COUNTRY: USA

OCCUPATION: Owner CVS business called

EMPLOYED BY: Rent-a-Flick

ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

VIEWED FROM: second first
 OUTDOORS(✓) INDOORS() CAR(✓) AIRCRAFT() BOAT() OTHER _____
 (GLASSES() WINDOW() SCREEN() BINOCULARS(✓) TELESCOPE() STILL CAMERA()

VIEWED THROUGH: ()
 (MOVIE CAMERA() THEODOLITE() RADAR() OTHER smoke thru windshield)

AREA/LOCATION: CITY() SUBURBAN() RURAL(✓) INDUSTRIAL() COMMERCIAL() RESIDENTIAL()

AREA/TERRAIN: FIELDS() WOODS(✓) HILLS(✓) MOUNTAINS() RIVER() POND() LAKE()

AREA/TECHNICAL: AIRPORT() POWERLINES() POWER STATION() RAILROAD TRACKS() OTHER _____

SKY CONDITION: CLEAR() PARTLY CLOUDY() OVERCAST() FOGGY(✓) HEAVY() MEDIUM() LIGHT()

PRECIPITATION: NONE() RAIN() FOG(✓) SLEET() SNOW() HEAVY() MEDIUM(✓) LIGHT()

UFO DIRECTION: ✓ FIRST SEEN IN SW LAST SEEN IN NW IT MOVED FROM SW TO NW

UFO ELEVATION: ✓ FIRST SEEN - 1/4() 1/2() 3/4() OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD() OTHER low on horizon just above tree-tops.
 LAST SEEN - 1/4() 1/2() 3/4() OF THE WAY UP HORIZON; OVERHEAD() OTHER low over tree-tops over ridge

UFO DISTANCE: WHEN CLOSEST TO ME 200 yds OR less UFO ALTITUDE: WHEN CLOSEST TO THE GROUND Approx 200 feet to be above tree-tops.

UFO PASSED: (IN-FRONT-OF _____ WHICH WAS _____ IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS
 (BEHIND _____ WHICH WAS _____ IN DISTANCE FROM THE WITNESS
neither

ALSO IN AREA: AIRPLANE() HELICOPTER() BALLOON() SEARCHLIGHT() OTHER _____
 X nothing BEFORE WITNESS SIGHTED UFO() DURING UFO SIGHTING() AFTER UFO SIGHTING()

OBJECT DESCRIPTION (Check/Fill In As Applicable)

OBSERVED: (AN OBJECT (✓) NUMBER OF 1 SHAPE OF circle dark COLOR(s)
 (A LIGHT (✓) NUMBER OF 1 SHAPE OF arc of lights white COLOR(s)

DESCRIBE: SOUND none SMELL no none SPEED approx. 5 mph.

REAL SIZE: (LARGER () SMALLER () SAME SIZE (✓) AS THE OBJECT LISTED BELOW
 (BASKETBALL () COMPACT CAR () STANDARD CAR () small HOUSE (✓) OTHER large room

APPARENT SIZE: (HOW MANY TIMES LARGER () OR SMALLER (X) IF PUT IN THE SKY BESIDE OBJECT BELOW?
 (1 TIMES THE SIZE OF A STAR half ~~times~~ THE SIZE OF A FULL MOON

BRIGHT AS: A STAR () THE MOON () OR A dull LIGHT IF PLACED AT SAME DISTANCE AWAY

DID THE OBJECT(s) OR LIGHT(s): (Please elaborate on items checked below by using a separate sheet)

CHANGE DIRECTION? () HOVER? possibly AFFECT RADIO/TV? () FLUTTER? ()

TURN ABRUPTLY? () DESCEND? () AFFECT ELECTRICITY? () SPIN? ()

FALL LIKE A LEAF? () ASCEND? () AFFECT MAGNETISM? () BLINK? ()

ABSORB OBJECT(s)? () OVER POWERLINES? () AFFECT TIMEPIECE? () PULSATE? ()

EJECT OBJECT(s)? () OVER A BUILDING? () AFFECT ENGINE? () APPEAR SOLID? ()

CHANGE SHAPE? () LAND ON GROUND? () AFFECT VEHICLE? () HAVE FUZZY EDGES? ()

CAST SHADOW? () LAND IN WATER? () AFFECT ANIMAL? () HAVE OUTLINE? ()

CAST LIGHT? () CARRY OCCUPANTS? () AFFECT HUMAN? () WOBBLE? ()

REFLECT LIGHT? () COMMUNICATE? () AFFECT WATER? () VIBRATE? ()

LEAVE A TRAIL? () GIVE OFF HEAT? () AFFECT GROUND? () GLOW? ()

DISINTEGRATE? () LEAVE RESIDUE? () AFFECT VEGETATION? () APPEAR TRANSPARENT? ()

HOW MANY OTHER WITNESSES? 1 DID ANY OTHER AGENCY CONTACT YOU? no

PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAMES/ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS OF OTHER WITNESSES AND/OR INVESTIGATORS OR AGENCIES ON SEPARATE SHEET IF APPLICABLE AND KNOWN.

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER _____

YOU MAY () MAY NOT XX USE MY NAME

DATE THIS FORM SIGNED _____ DAY _____ MONTH _____ YEAR _____

Figure 1B

About 9:45 PM on October 26, 1983 my friend and I were trying to find an area where deer had been reported by using the spotlight on my 4-wheel drive station wagon..... This information would later be used during the daylight hunting hours to help in finding deer.

After turning south off Hy. 79 near Slaterville onto Level Green Road for 1.8 miles we then turned west (right) onto Yapple Road. About 0.1 mile from the intersection my friend and I both saw/a light thru the windshield straight up the hill slightly to the right of the road. We assumed it to be something like a lighted silo at a farmhouse, since neither of us had been in this specific location before.

We continued slowly up the hill, swinging the spotlight slowly along both the right side (wooded area) and the left side (open fields) for about another 0.1 mile and stopped to look more closely at the light. My friend then used the 10X binoculars to check out the light and shouted "what in _____ is that?". I grabbed the binoculars from him (he'd fortunately not used the strap) and in jumping out of the car, stalled the engine since it was still in low gear. (Also, fortunately it did not roll back down the hill).

Focusing on the light I found it had started to move slowly towards our right. As it got closer it looked like rows of lighted window panels, maybe 2 or 3 horizontal rows, with a single brighter light above these panels. This single top light seemed to revolve and be reflected off the low, hazy clouds, and was not noticeable when first seen (hovering?). The mist was very light, the kind where the windshield wipers were needed only occasionally.

When it was closest to us - about 200 yards to the west - I looked at it without the binoculars. The lighted panels seemed to be a 'dirty' white color without any shadows. The rows seemed to be an arc, like they would have gone clear around the object. I felt it was about the size of a very large room based on the impression of an object around the lights.

The object continued slowly (maybe at 5 mph) without any apparent change in direction and went over the ridge of a hill to the Northwest, however, the glare of the lights were still visible. During the entire time there was no noise at all, a complete silence in the area.

We then figured that we should be able to see it again from the Level Green Road area,

so we quickly got back there, but the light was gone. I had planned to use the 4-wheel drive to get closer if at all possible. (My friend was not enthusiastic about this point).

We discussed reporting the matter to someone - if only to talk about it. But since I'd received some bad checks in my business, I had planned to visit the Sheriff's office anyway on the following day to file complaints. When I visited the Sheriff, the sighting was briefly discussed, but when I was asked, I declined to make a formal report because of possible ridicule back-firing locally here in Ithaca where I am in business. My friend also had his own business here.

The Sheriff's office then furnished the out-of-town telephone number located in Seattle, and I made the report to them because I wanted something about this to be on record somewhere. Therefore, you may not use my name.

FOOTNOTE: Normally 3 of us get together for the purpose of locating deer (and hunting) as mentioned above. I use my CVS camera to specifically spot the deer area, one friend driving and the other using the spotlight to 'pan'. I follow the light with the camera all alerted and /ready to 'shoot'. But the 3rd person could not come along on October 26th, otherwise the camera equipment would have been set to go. I understand from Mr. Haglund that this would have been a tremendously important circumstance leading towards further help with the UFO problem.

Our knowledge of this subject has been mainly from television, both the documentaries and fictional movies. Since this experience, we are quite convinced that something exists to support the UFO problem.

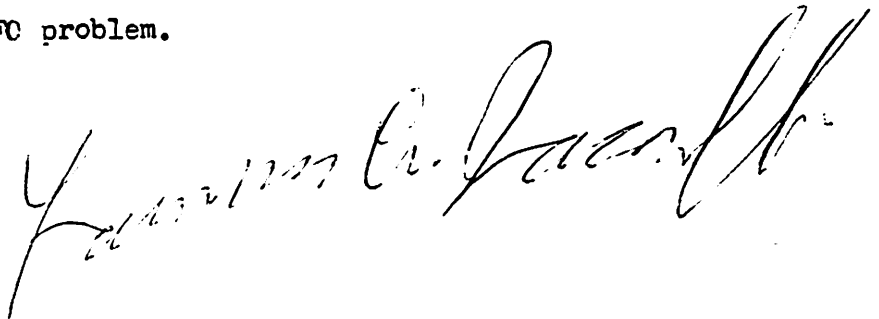
so we quickly got back there, but the light was gone. I had planned to use the 4-wheel drive to get closer if at all possible. My friend said he would have gotten out of the car had I done so.

We discussed reporting the matter to someone - if only to talk about it. That night when I got home I called the Sheriff's office because I knew a friend would be on duty there. ^{The following day I was asked} ~~After I told him what had happened to us, he asked~~ if I wanted to make a formal report, but I declined because of fear of local ridicule. However, ^{Sheriff's office} the/furnished an out-of-town phone number to contact, and because I felt a record of this experience should be on file somewhere, I made the phone report the next day.

Therefore, my name should not be used in the report.

Footnote: Normally there are 3 of us who get together for the purpose of locating deer as mentioned above. I use my ^{V.H.S} ~~888~~ _{V.120} camera to specifically spot the deer area, one friend does the driving and the other uses the spotlight to 'pan' the area. I follow the light with the camera all ready and alerted to 'shoot'. But the 3rd person could not come along on October 26th, otherwise the camera equipment would have been set to go. I understand from Mr. Haglund that this could have been a tremendously important circumstance possibly leading towards some concrete benefit in coping with the UFO problem.

My knowledge of this subject has been mainly from television, both the documentaries and the fictional movies. Since this experience, I am quite convinced that something exists to support the UFO problem.



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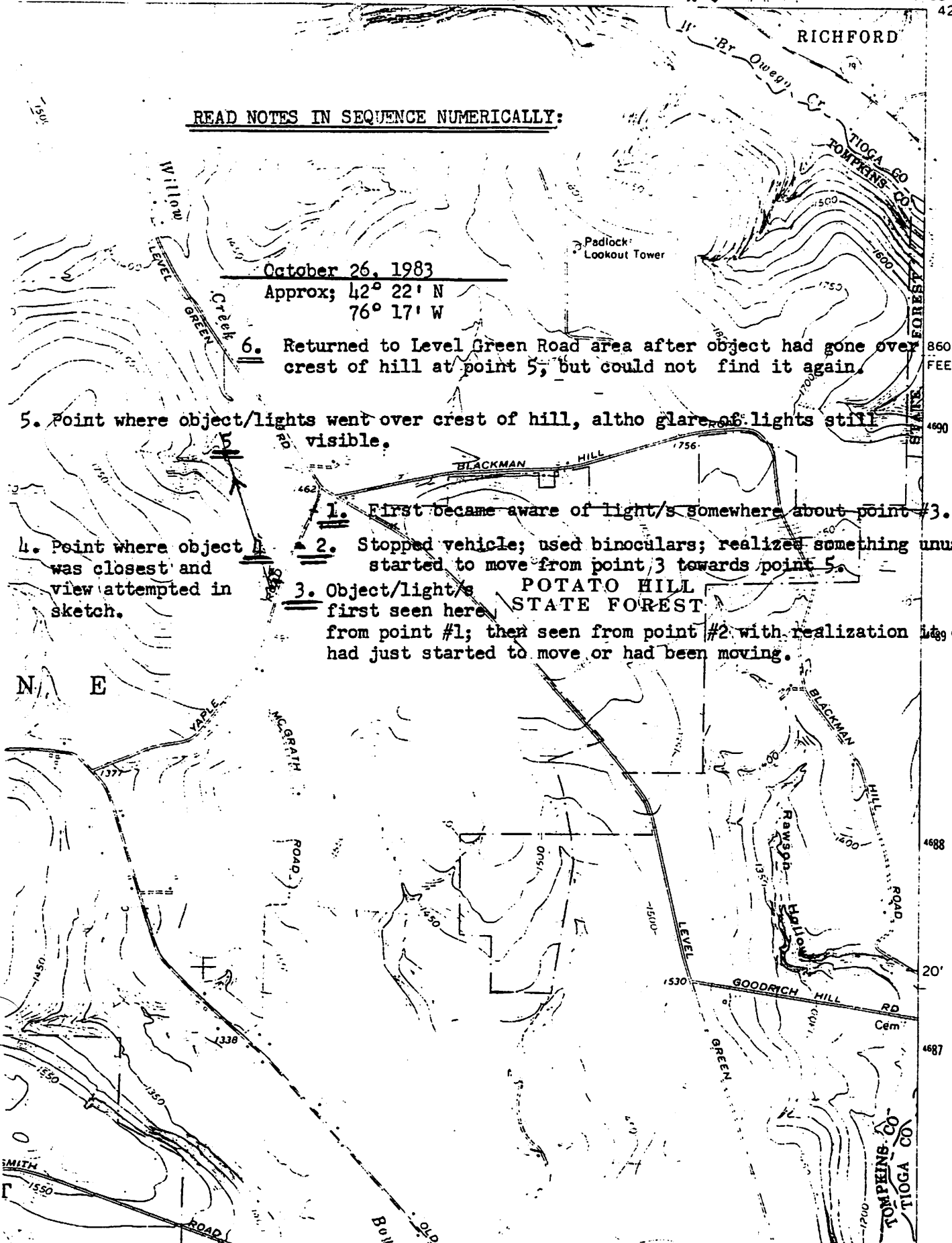
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READ NOTES IN SEQUENCE NUMERICALLY:

October 26, 1983

Approx; 42° 22' N
76° 17' W

6. Returned to Level Green Road area after object had gone over crest of hill at point 5, but could not find it again.
5. Point where object/lights went over crest of hill, altho glare of lights still visible.
4. Point where object was closest and view attempted in sketch.
3. Object/light/s first seen here from point #1; then seen from point #2 with realization either had just started to move or had been moving.
2. Stopped vehicle; used binoculars; realized something unusual had started to move from point 3 towards point 5.
1. First became aware of light/s somewhere about point #3.



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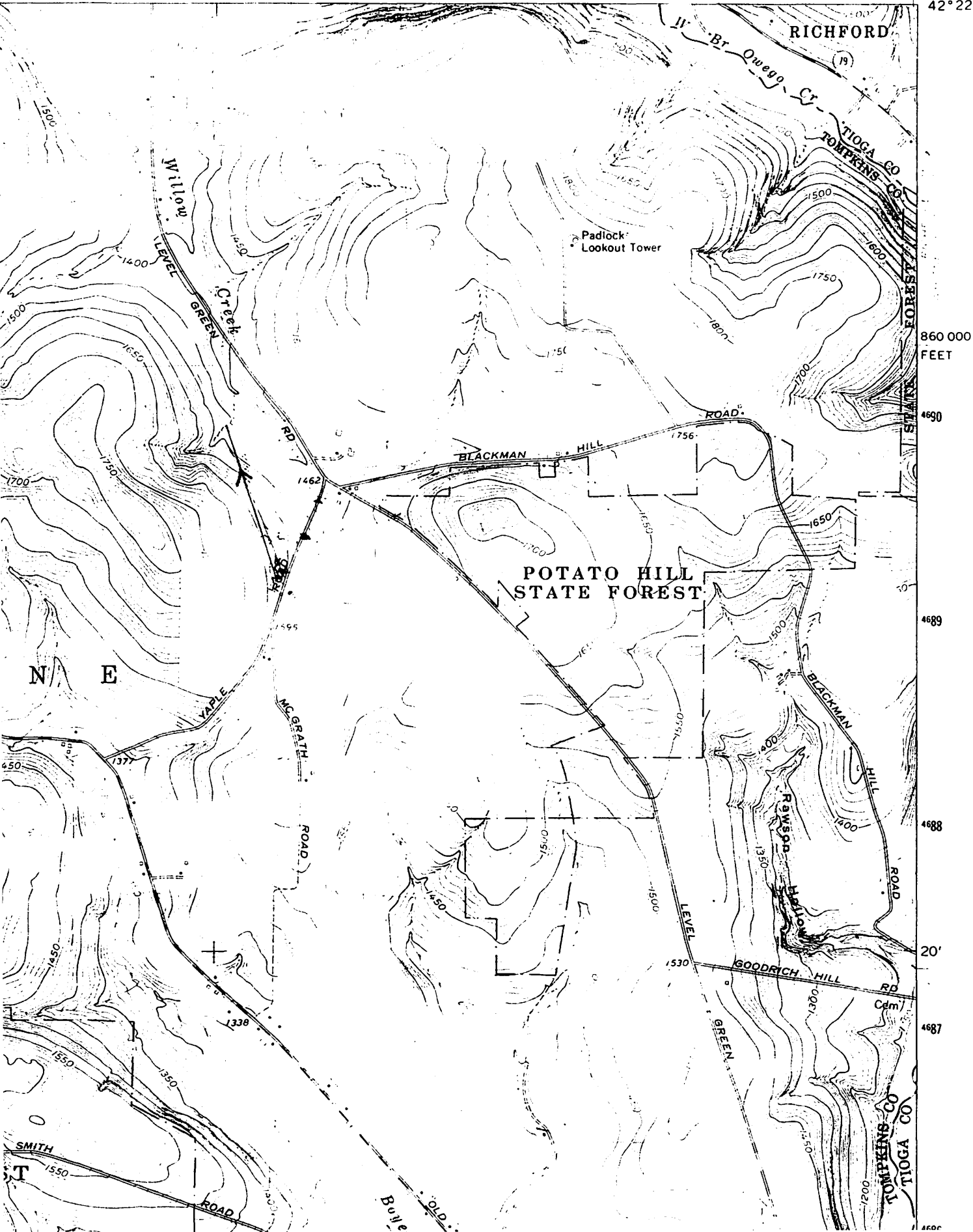
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SPEEDSVILLE QUADRANGLE
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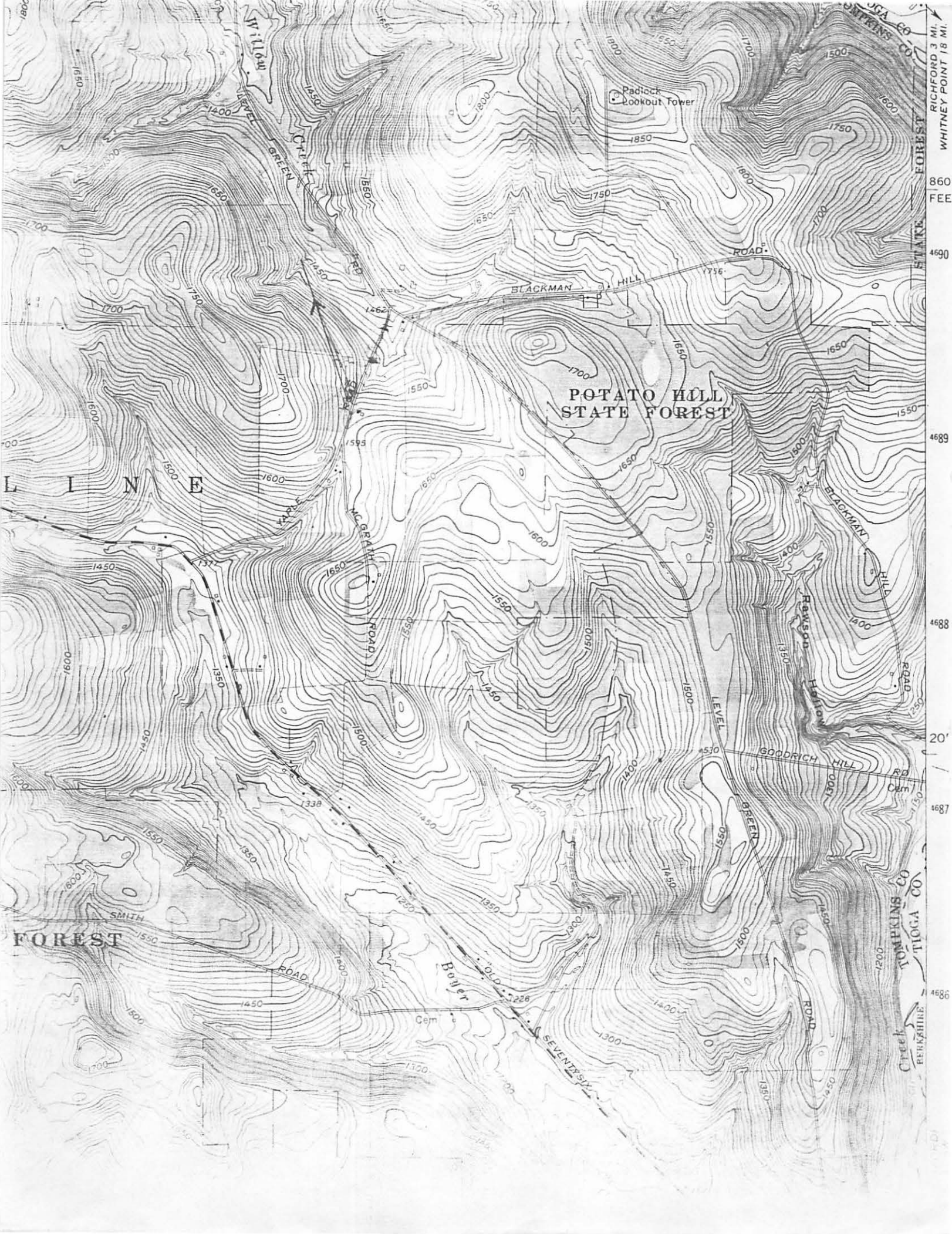
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Yaple Road, facing northeast, downhill,
towards Level Green Road.

Object could have been somewhere above
these locations, slightly to the left.

These areas readily visible from the
foot of the hill.

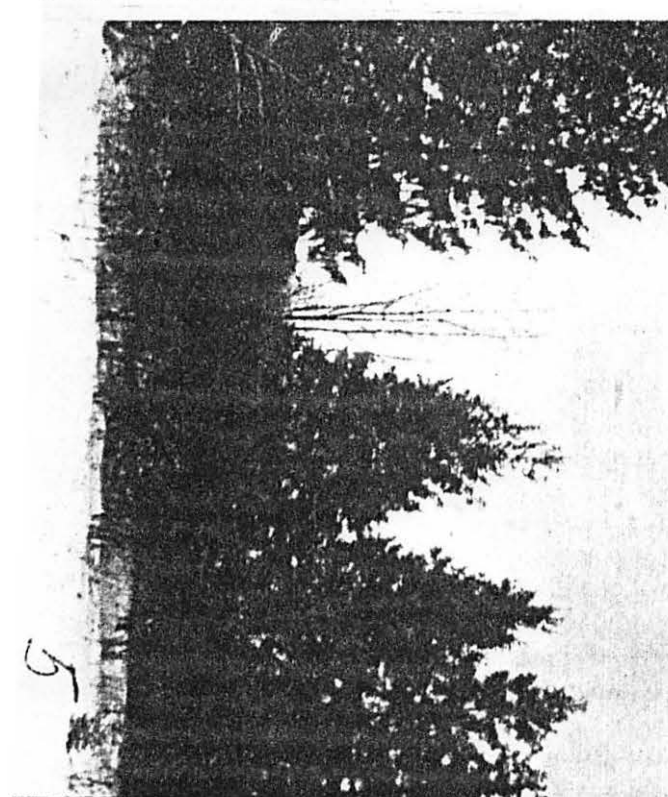
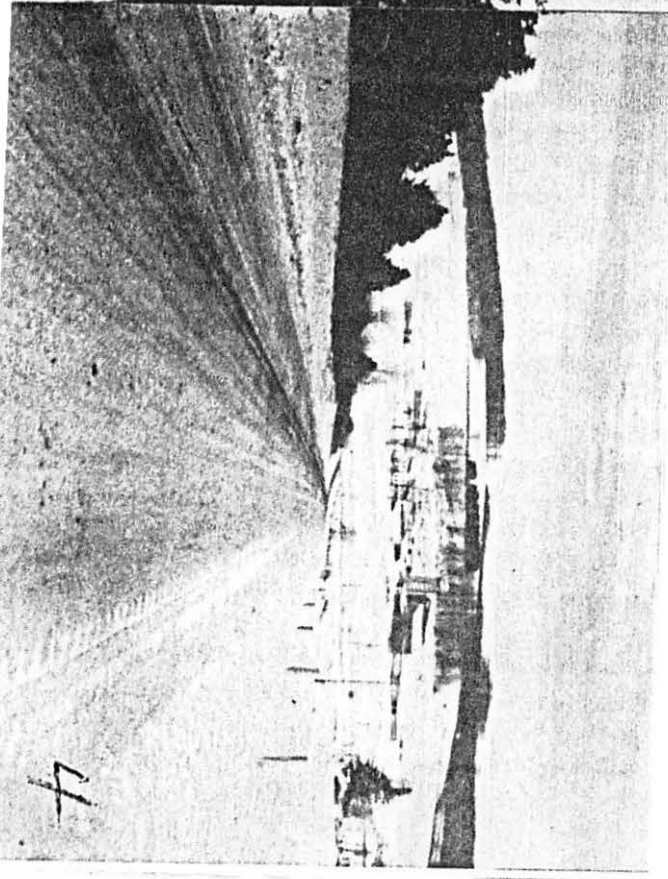
Photo 1 is about the crest of the hill.

2 is .1 mile northeast downhill.

3. is another .1 mile northeast.



Photo 4 is another .1 mile northeast
of crest where trees on northwest
begin to open up as shown by
photo 5.





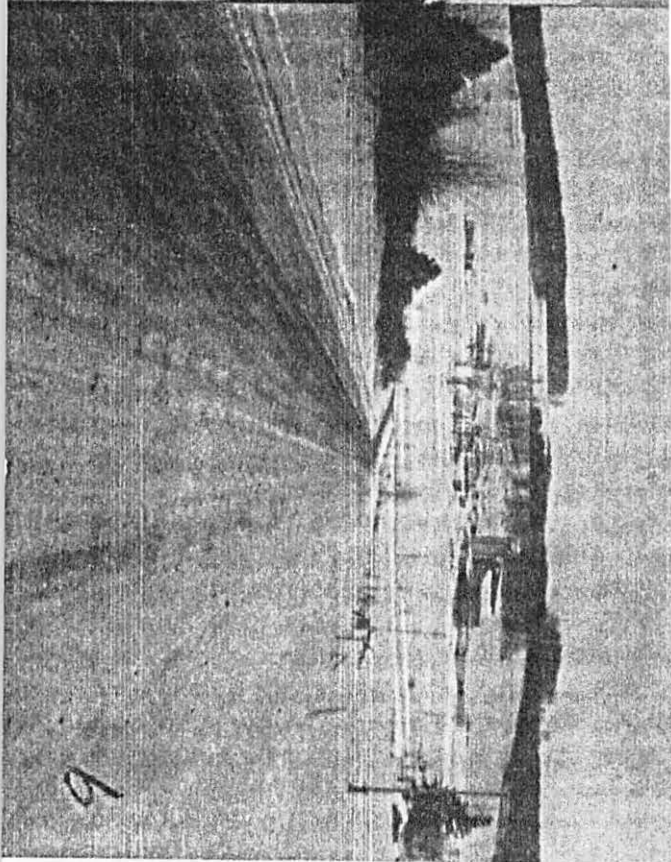
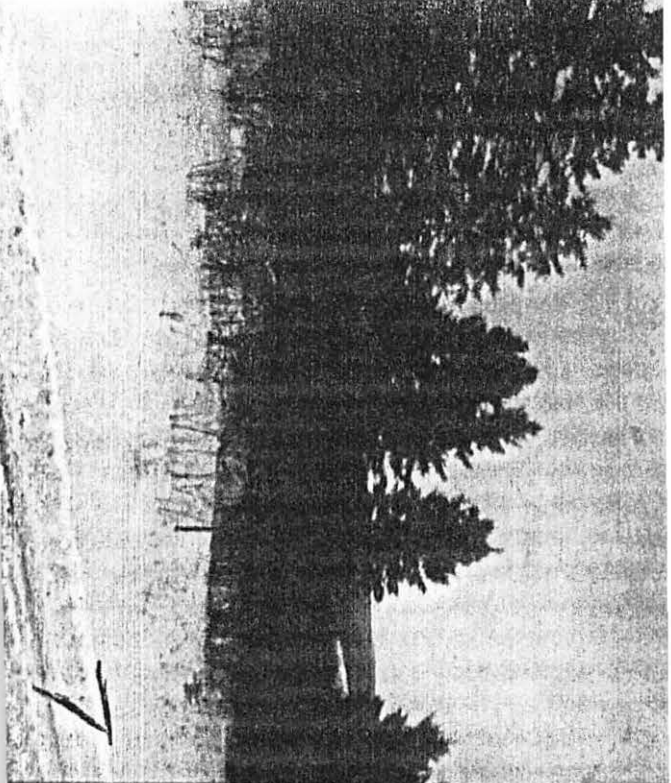


Photo 6 is another .1 mile northeast
of crest where trees are still more
open as shown in photo 7.

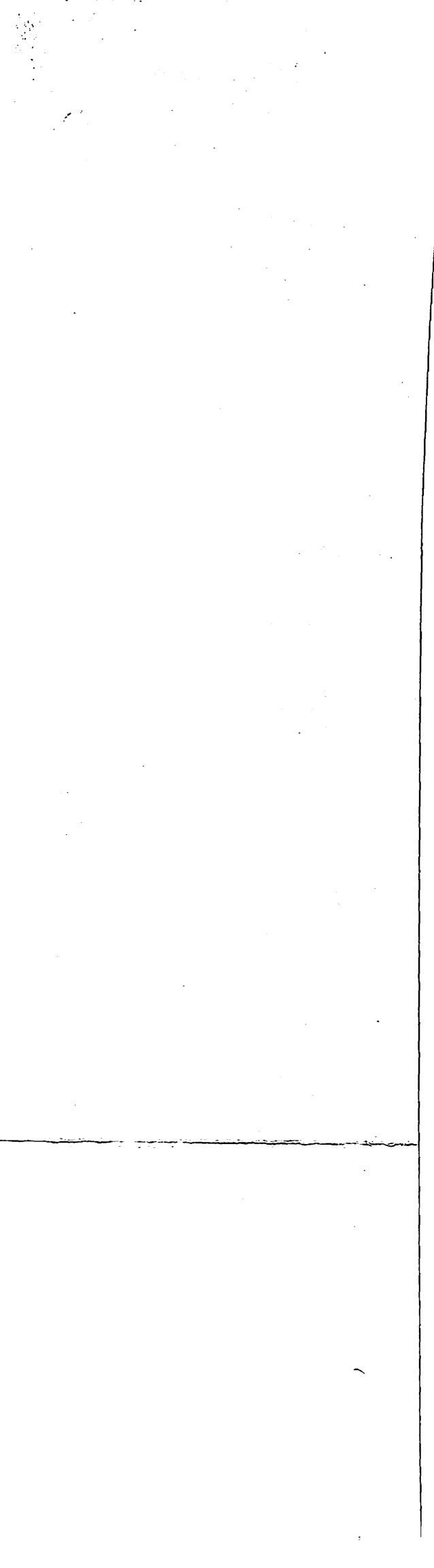


Photo 8 is another .1 mile to the northeast where visibility to the northwest is open as shown by photo 9 looking northwest and photo 10 looking northeast.

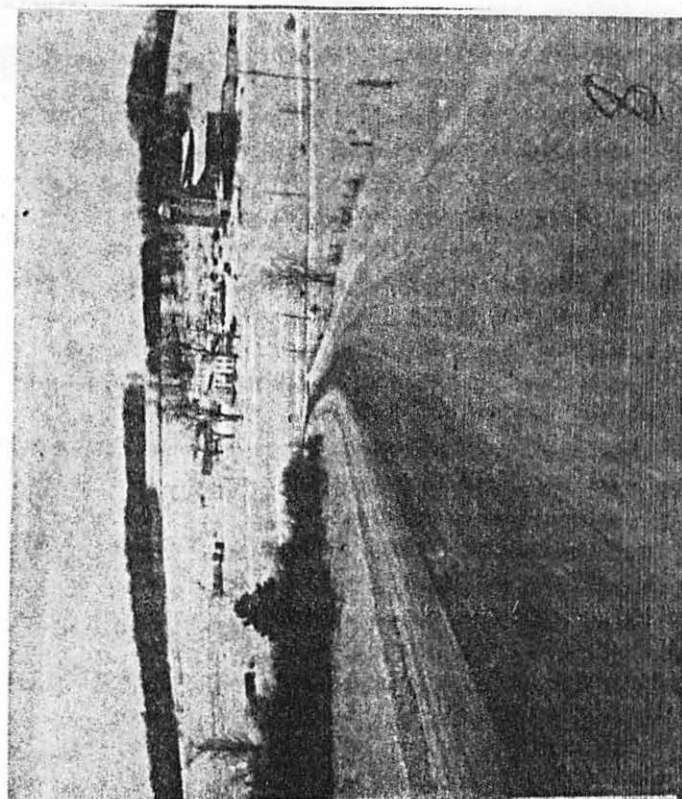
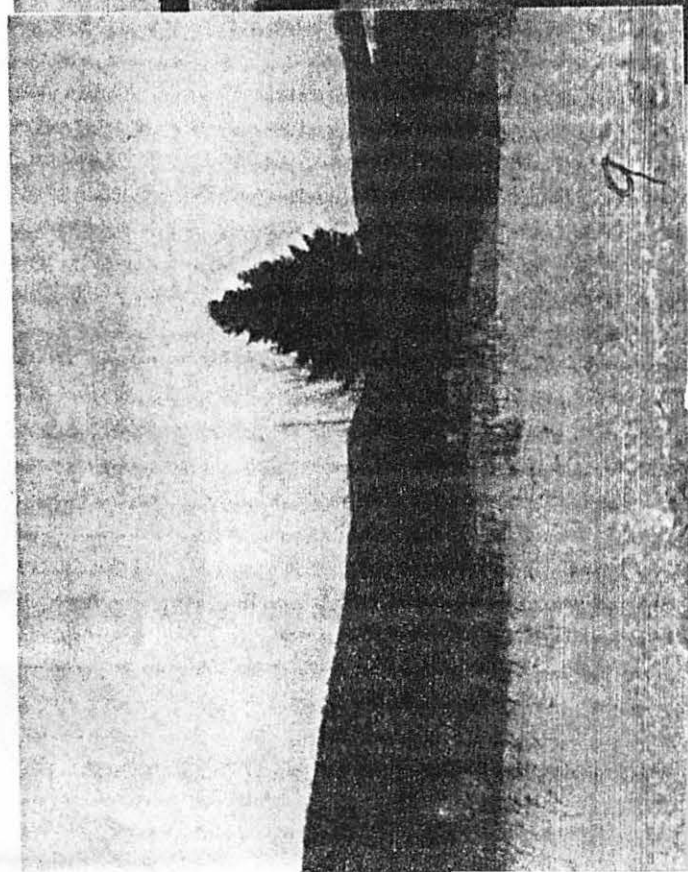
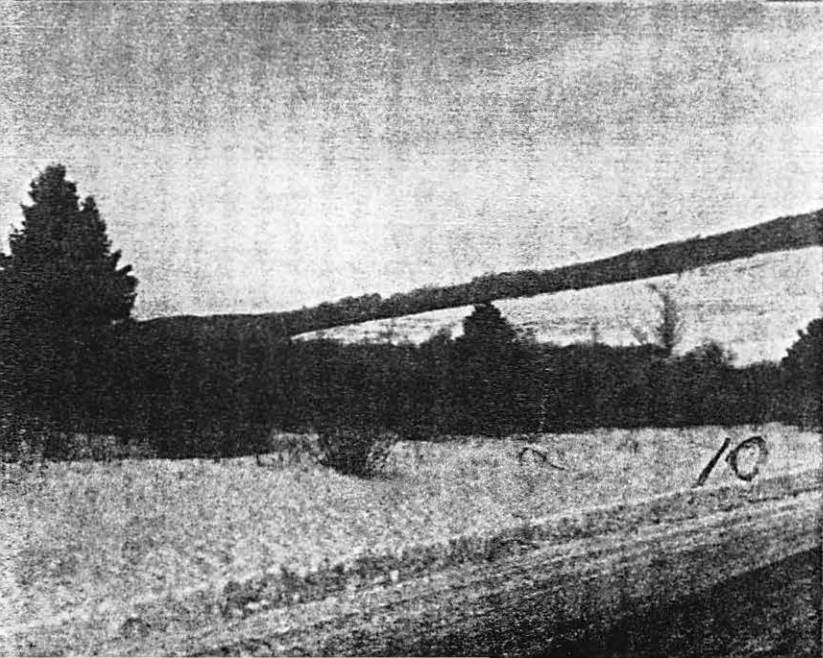
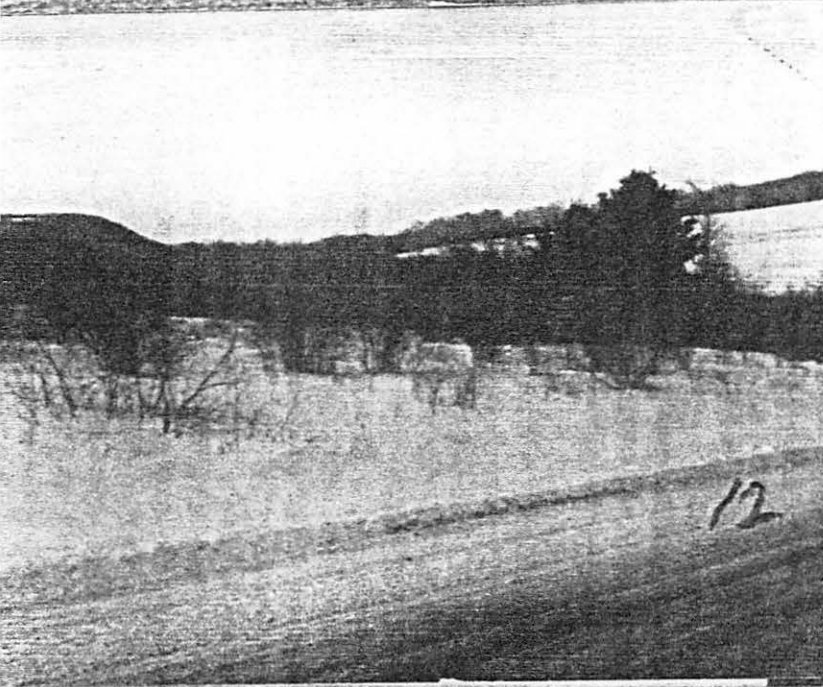






Photo 11 is another .1 mile northeast where visibility is open to the north as shown in photo 12 and to the northwest as shown in photo 13.

Object could have disappeared someplace along the ridge in photo 13, leaving a glare against the mist/low clouds.



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Dear Prof. Drake;

Larry Iacovelli, co-owner of the Rent-a-Flick CVS store, has mentioned that you are interested in having a copy of the report that we have been preparing concerning the sighting on October 26, 1983 that he and his friend experienced. I'm glad to do so.

It has required many meetings and amendments of drafts to reach the point where I've been able to submit a report to my principals in Texas - the Mutual UFO Network, Inc., Sequin, Texas 78155. Mr Walter Andrus is the International Director who relayed to me the notice of this sighting after Larry had phoned the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington, and they in turn had informed Mr. Andrus.

As you may know. Larry's friend in the Sheriff's office gave him the Seattle phone number after Larry declined to formalize a report locally for fear of publication and ridicule. His desire to remain unnamed will be respected. Such fear has curtailed the reporting currently by many witnesses who have experienced sightings - and this feature of the UFO problem is evidenced by the many who in later years feel that they finally can make a report after they find someone who or some organization that will seriously and confidentially record the event.

Larry is extremely busy with his store here in Ithaca, plus the one in Elmira and the new one being established in Auburn. Therefore, it has been frustrating over the past several weeks to find time to conduct the necessary meetings in order to draft and redraft the reports, but I now feel we've accurately recorded the sequence of events.

Undoubtedly, of course, those in our organization who have greater investigative experience in this connection will be able to request that even further details be developed/verified.

With the weather on October 26, 1983 evening being low clouds and a mist of a density to require windshield wipers only occasionally, there seems to be little chance of error in mistaking natural phenomena. The absence of sound seems to preclude aircraft, much less any possible advertising display of any sort particularly in the remote area involved.

But these features remain in the sphere of professionals, and thus people with your background are invaluable in possibly developing further channels which should be investigated.

I would like to have our Texas office review this feature with you, and shall appreciate receiving your views in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

attms;

Blind copy to Andrus - but first clear the whole idea by phone?



Hunters find more than they bargained for

By HAROLD HAGLUND
MUFON State Section Director

An Ithaca, New York, businessman and a companion reported seeing an unidentified flying object on the evening of October 26, 1983, as they searched for places to hunt deer.

The two, whose names are on file with MUFON, had been using a 300,000-candlepower portable light from a four-wheel-drive station wagon to find areas where deer had been reported. This information would be used later during daylight hours to help find deer.

They were in a rural area some ten miles southeast of Ithaca, near the communities of Slaterville and Caroline Center. It was about 9:45 PM. A mist was falling, but so light that the

windshield wipers were needed only occasionally.

After turning south off Highway 79 near Slaterville onto Level Green Road, they traveled 1.8 miles and turned west onto Yapple Road. About a tenth of a mile from the intersection, they both saw what looked like a light through the windshield straight up the hill slightly and to the right of the road.

"We assumed it to be something like a lighted silo at a farmhouse, since neither of us had been in this specific location before," said the businessman, who is in his late 20s.

"We continued slowly up the hill, swinging the spotlight slowly along the woods on the right and the open fields

on the left, for about another tenth of a mile. Then we stopped to look more closely at the light.

"What in _____ is that?" I shouted.

"My friend used the 10-power binoculars on the light and exclaimed, 'It looks like the thing is round!'"

The businessman grabbed the binoculars from his friend (fortunately the strap wasn't around his neck) and jumped out of the station wagon, stalling the engine as it was still in low gear.

"Focusing on the light, I found the object had started to move slowly towards our right," said the witness.

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Haglund, Continued

"As it got closer, it looked like rows of lighted window panels, maybe two or three horizontal rows, with a single brighter light above those panels. This single top light seemed to revolve and be reflected off the low, hazy clouds. It was not noticeable when it was first seen.

"When it was closest to us — about 200 yards to the west — I looked at it without the binoculars. The lighted panels seemed to be a 'dirty' white color without any shadows. The rows seemed to be in an arc, like they would have gone clear around the object.

"I felt it was about the size of a very large room, based on the impression of a real object around the lights."

The object appeared to be about 200 feet above the treetops.

"It continued slowly — maybe at 5

mph — without any apparent change in direction and went over the ridge of a hill to the northwest. However, the glare of the light was still visible.

"During the entire time there was no noise at all, a complete silence in the area."

The two men thought they should be able to see the object again from the Level Green Road area, so they quickly drove back there but by then the light was gone.

"We discussed reporting the matter to someone, if only to talk about it," the businessman said. "The night when I got home, I called the Sheriff's Office because I knew a friend would be on duty there.

"The following day I was asked if I wanted to make a formal report, but I declined because of fear of local ridicule. However, the Sheriff's Office furnished an out-of-town phone

number to contact, and because I felt a record of this experience should be on file somewhere, I made a phone report the next day."

The number given him was for the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

The businessman said that normally a third man would have been with them that night, one to drive, the second to use the spotlight to pan the areas, and the third to record what they saw with a video camera. Unfortunately, on this night the third man could not accompany them and the video camera was not in use.

"My knowledge of the UFO subject has been mainly from television, both in documentaries and fictional movies," said the businessman. "Since this experience, I am quite convinced that something exists to support the UFO problem."

MUFON: Feb '84.

DEAR HAL: ~~thank~~

FEB 7 1984

FEB. 3, 1984

THANK YOU FOR THE DETAILED UFO SIGHTING REPORT NO,
46/83 FOR LARRY IACOVELLI. THE SCENE PHOTOGRAPHS
AND TOPOGRAPHY MAP WERE OUTSTANDING. I SENT COMPLETE
COPIES TO: BOB GRIBBLE (UFO REPORTING CENTER), JAMES
LEMING, (JOURNAL STAFF ARTIST) AND ROBERT V. "BOB" PRATT
FOR PUBLICATION IN THE JOURNAL. JIM LEMING WILL DO AN
ARTIST'S RENDITION USING THE UFO SKETCH, COUNTRYSIDE,
THE 4-WHEEL DRIVE STATION WAGON, AND THE TWO WITNESSES
WITH BINOCULARS, IT SHOULD BE VERY GOOD, BECAUSE JIM IS
VERY TALENTED (ART DIRECTOR FOR JOURNAL). I HOPE THAT
FRANK DRAKE "WARMS-UP" TO MUFON, HE IS A TERRIFIC PERSON
AND A CREDIT TO ASTRONOMY. SUGGEST THAT HE BECOME A
CONSULTANT IN ASTRONOMY OR ASTRO-PHYSICIST. PLEASE ADVISE
IF WE SHOULD MAIL HIM OTHER COMPLIMENTARY LITERATURE. HAVE
FUN IN HAWAII. THANKS FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP.

Shalt Anderson