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Yukon Case

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Fran, it occurs to me that Martin Jasek had a 1997 case that he posted on [www.ufobc.org](http://www.ufobc.org), which he said was investigated thoroughly by himself and Lorraine Bretlyn and was a good one. This was a "car-chase" style case with a mother and her children one of which was a teenager. [so, multiple witness, as the daughter was quite "adult" about the affair]. It involved a large light that played with them for a while on an eerily abandoned road; then once the family finally found some traffic [and with that some courage], the mother and daughter got out to see better--and were surprised that no other cars evinced the slightest interest in the object that they felt was so prominently displayed. Then as the object began to move towards them, they got frightened, re-entered the car and sped off. That didn't work too well as once again traffic disappeared [they seemed to think that this was not at all normal] and the object was basically right on top of them. The daughter leaned out of the car window and could now see the object as an elliptical-shaped thing apparently made of "dark-metal", as if the thing had turned off its bright light and its real surface could now be seen. It was only lamp-post height above the car, and slightly larger than their own vehicle. Once they neared home, the object went one way and they the other. That's the sketch of the case as my notes have it. It seems to me worthy of the 1997 list, though it would be nice to see Jasek's primary

Japan Case

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# Strange sightings

*Investigator releases report on UFO claims*

by Dane Gibson  
Northern News Services  
Whitehorse

Martin Jasek thinks they're out there.

In his mind there is no doubt that the 22 people he talked to from three different Northern communities saw an unidentified flying object.

Along with his duties as husband, father, and Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development water-resource engineer, Jasek is a UFO investigator.

"We know some of these craft are large and encounters are close," Jasek said from his home in Whitehorse, Yukon.

"They also exhibit behaviour that's not explainable through human technology."

Jasek has compiled testimony from 22 witnesses who saw something in the air on Dec. 11, 1996, that was "larger than a football stadium." The sightings took place along a 216-kilometre stretch of the Klondike Highway in the Yukon.

The witnesses were located in three major areas along the highway: Fox Lake, the village of Carmacks and the village of Pelly Crossing.

After researching the incident for three years, Jasek has released his findings on the Internet and is preparing a hard-copy report for the RCMP.

"What I hope is that the report will encourage acceptance from mainstream science. I also hope it will help provide an atmosphere of legitimacy so people will feel more comfortable coming forward if they see something they can't explain," Jasek said.

Jasek said the sightings from witnesses were consistent, corroborating what was seen in each different area. All but one witness requested their names not be used in the report.

In the Fox Lake area, the



Merle Robillard/NNSL photo illustration

report states two friends were following one another home from Whitehorse to Carmacks in separate vehicles. They both spotted the UFO and slammed on their brakes.

According to the report, one of the men got out of his vehicle to better observe the craft. The UFO proceeded to drift silently towards them and stopped directly over where they had parked.

He described seeing a "white light in the centre of an elliptically-shaped object." The object continued to travel over him and eastward out of sight.

In total, there were six witnesses in the Fox Lake area from different points along the lakeshore. In Carmacks,

the UFO was seen by nine witnesses, including a family of five.

The last seven recorded sightings were in Pelly Crossing. One witness was tending his trapline northeast of Pelly when he observed a long row of lights drifting over the hills.

In a matter of seconds, it was hovering an estimated 275 metres in front of him. He ran away from the object and when he turned back, it was gone.

A little later, four women who were taking an evening course at the Pelly Crossing Community College spotted the object from the school's front deck where they were taking a break.

"They were out on a break

on the front deck of the one-storey building looking west when they observed a row of lights," the report's event summary states.

"The lights were travelling slowly towards them and slightly towards the north. They recall the object being huge and there was no sound at all."

Jasek said comparing the size of the UFO to a football stadium is not due to exaggeration on the witnesses' part.

"On the contrary. This comparison is conservative as it was shown in the report that the UFO was likely much larger than a football stadium," Jasek said.

He said a reasonably accurate estimate of the size of the UFO (or UFOs) was accomplished by a technique known as triangulation.

"Triangulation relies on the observation of an object from

different vantage points at the same time. This method was employed six times to obtain six estimates for the size of the UFO," he said.

Jasek said by using this technique, he estimates the UFO to range anywhere from .88 of a kilometre to two kilometres in length.

After reviewing all his research, he's convinced that there was something in the sky that December night that can't be explained.

"I think the evidence is overwhelming. It's just a matter of acceptance and getting used to the idea," Jasek said.

"To some people, it may indicate there's extraterrestrial involvement. Based on the evidence I've seen, it's the most logical explanation. As to what they're doing here, we're not sure. But that's one of the things we'd like to find out."

*They exhibit behaviour that's not explainable*

# Witnesses sighted Yukon UFO in 1996

By SEAN McNEELY  
Star Reporter

Skeptics of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) can often dismiss most sightings as a distant plane or satellite or a weather balloon that went astray.

But when 22 witnesses provide similar accounts, with similar sketches of an object as large as a football stadium, it's fair to say this was no weather balloon.

On Dec. 11, 1996, witnesses from Fox Lake, Carmacks and Pelly Crossing - an area stretching 216 km (134 miles) along the North Klondike Highway, sighted what they believe to be a UFO.

A detailed report of the sighting was completed by Martin Jasek and released last Wednesday.

An engineer by trade, Jasek researches and studies UFO sightings in the Yukon and B.C. as part of the non-profit organization UFO\*BC.

His research took three years to complete because Jasek wanted a report that

was both thorough and credible, requiring extensive calculation in an attempt to determine the UFO's size.

Jasek collected testimony of 22 witnesses. Their reaction to what they had seen left some feeling totally exhilarated and others numb with fear, he said.

Perhaps the best account is the one by the only witness who has agreed to be identified. His name is Don Trudeau, a trapper born and raised in the Yukon.

His trapline runs east of the Klondike Highway in a large loop, about nine kilometres northeast of Pelly Crossing.

Between 8:00 and 9:00 that evening, Trudeau was travelling on foot and recalled it being a very dark, moonless night, with a clear sky and plenty of stars.

Looking out over the hills to the west, he spotted a huge row of lights moving in the distance. At first, he thought it was a large airplane about to crash.

But he quickly realized the object was moving far too slowly and steadily for it to be any type of aircraft. Also strange is that it didn't make a sound.

Eventually considering it might be a UFO, Trudeau thought it best to cover his flashlight, thinking whatever it was would spot him.

As his hand covered the bulb, the UFO rushed toward him, stopping an estimated 300 metres from where he stood.

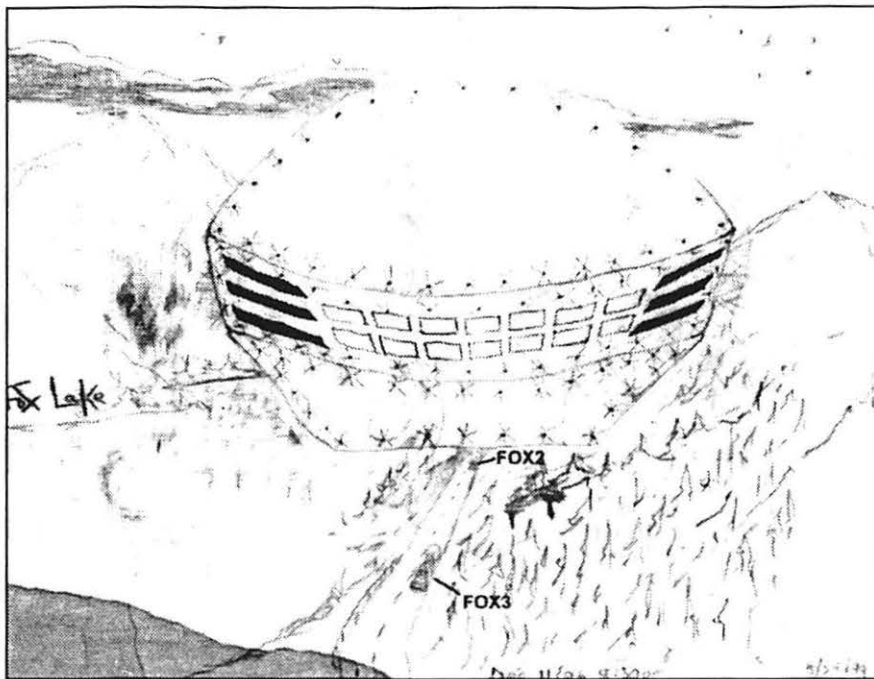
"I had to turn my head from one side to the other to view the whole thing," he told Jasek. "It must have been about a mile long.

"For some reason, I wasn't frightened - I just stood there and watched it."

He estimated the bottom of the craft was about 229 to 274 metres (250-300 yards) off the ground.

He described the object to Jasek as having a long row of about 100 or more rectangular lights, each an estimated two by six metres (seven to 20 feet) in size.

Centred above these lights were approximately seven larger rectangular



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lights, each roughly six by nine metres (20 by 30 feet.)

All the rectangular lights were white or slightly yellowish in colour.

Though he could not make out the exact shape of the object, its massive size covered much of the sky's stars, he recalled.

Shortly after the UFO stopped in front of him, a single beam of white light suddenly emanated out of the bottom of the craft and swept across the ground, from right to left.

Keeping his flashlight covered, wondering if the beam of light was possibly searching for him, Trudeau recalled asking himself, "How does it stay there? No

noise, no humming, nothing."

The object then proceeded to drift to his right, as slow as nine to 16 kilometres (five to 10 miles) per hour, he guessed.

Other beams of light shot out of the craft horizontally and at a 45-degree angle. The ice crystals in the air made these beams easily visible, he said.

With the UFO drifting behind some trees, Trudeau dashed across a small clearing of woods to get a better view, but to his astonishment, the object suddenly vanished.

He estimated he had watched the UFO for four minutes.

Returning home to his family, he told

them of what he'd seen.

Ironically, his children were watching the movie Independence Day, the story of an alien invasion of the planet. His children were so frightened by the story, they refused to leave the house for the next five days.

Trudeau accomplished little the following day, stating, "I never got one lick of work done. I must have told my story 20 different times."

The remaining 21 accounts, as well as Trudeau's, can be seen at a Web site at [www.ufobc.org/yukon/22index.htm](http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/22index.htm).

The site includes testimony of all witnesses, as well as sketches of the UFO, photographs and maps of the site.



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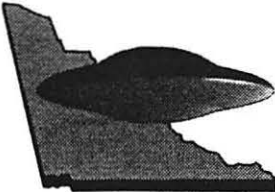
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# Giant UFO observed near Indian River

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On a clear summer night in late July or early August 1996, Sue and her sister, Sarah, pulled into the service station at the Dempster cut-off.

They were driving home from Whitehorse to the gold fields southeast of Dawson City. The attendant remarked that they had five minutes to spare — the station was closing at midnight.

Refuelled, they continued towards the Indian River. Sue's son was waiting for them, and they were running late. Although the night was not dark, they thought he might get worried if they lingered too long. They hoped to get home by 1:30 a.m.

They were ascending the rather steep hill above the tree line towards King Solomon Dome on Hunker Creek Road. Coming up to the summit, they noticed something very unusual in the sky just ahead of them over a ridge on their left.

It was a totally motionless giant cigar-shaped object, at a slight angle and with a row of rectangular windows. Sue checked her watch; it was

2:30 a.m., but her watch had stopped.

Sarah accelerated, not trusting what they were seeing. Home was about 30 minutes away; they wanted to get there fast.

After crossing the summit, they followed the ridge line to the west but could not see the object during this time. Once they were on Quartz Road to the south, starting their descent into the Indian River valley, the object was almost straight ahead of them, affording them a closer look.

The front of the object angled slightly up into the sky, and a number of "ships" was swarming around it. These small "ships" — the sisters estimated there were about 12 or 13 — appeared as bright but hazy lights and were actually going into and out of the object's front.

Sue and Sarah decided to get out of there fast; perhaps Sue's son could verify their sighting when they got home.

A little later, they lost sight of the object behind a hill on their left. Reaching the point where Quartz River valley opens up, they spotted the object again.



Though the "ships" had disappeared, the object seemed unbelievably close. Straight ahead of them, it appeared to loom right over their gold claim this side (north) of the Indian River.

Passing a placer mine, they noticed that the workers were completely unaware of the UFO and thought of stopping and pointing it out to them, but since they were close to home, they kept going.

Soon they saw the object move behind Haystack Mountain, which was now in full view but 10 km on the other side of Indian River.

Watching the object with the mountain in front of it, the sisters realized two things: the object was much larger than they had first assumed, and

it was much farther away. The object descended behind Haystack Mountain, increasing its tilt. Expecting it to shoot up and away to the left, thinking its front was pointing up, they were surprised to see it continue its way down behind the mountain.

Less than a minute from home, they observed the last part of the object disappear behind the mountain, believing that it must be going into the dirt since it couldn't possibly fit there without doing so.

Pulling into their driveway, Sarah leaned on the horn to get her nephew's attention. When he came out of the house, the sisters tried to tell him what they had witnessed.

He, however, had been very worried about them, asking why they were late — it was already 3:30 a.m. Inexplicably, they had lost two hours. They all continued to look for the object, but it never did show up again.

On the following day, the sisters went to the mining camp they had passed the night before and talked to the cook, who had not heard anyone else mention anything unusual. The cook was also quite skeptical, sepa-

rated the sisters, and asked each of them to draw what they had seen. To her surprise, the drawings matched. The cook confirmed this when interviewed later.

During the investigation, drawings were made by the witnesses, showing the relative size of the object to the terrain. Photos were also taken. Since the witnesses and the investigator could not explain how the object was able to hide behind Haystack Mountain, topographical maps were consulted, and an elevation plot of Haystack Mountain and the valley beyond was obtained.

Superimposed on a photograph taken from the same direction, the plot showed there was enough room behind the mountain for the object to manoeuvre. However, the plot also showed that the ship was more than half a kilometer long!

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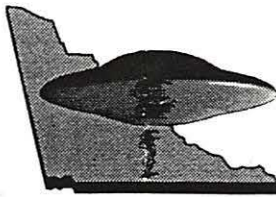
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This month: Close encounter with giant UFO near Tagish Lake.

The last name of the witness reporting the following sighting was withheld upon request.



UFO YUKON

At the time of the sighting, Cindy resided in Juneau, Alaska. She worked as the legislative liaison for the governor of Alaska and spent a lot of time in Whitehorse, where she had friends. Cindy is well-educated and does not suffer from a wild imagination.

One day in November 1996, Cindy travelled from Juneau to Atlin. Although she normally flew from Juneau to Whitehorse, this time, she had decided to drive because she planned to stay a few weeks in Atlin.

She left the ferry in Skagway at around 6:30 p.m. After she drove a few miles, she was delayed by an angry bull moose on the highway. When she resumed driving, there was not another car to be seen on the road.

Cindy had never driven to Atlin by herself before and was worried about getting lost. Moreover, after she left the Carcross Road and turned onto the Tagish Road, the highway became very slippery.

Her maximum speed was reduced to about 25 km/h, and it was totally dark. After driving for several hours, she came around a bend near the Six-Mile-River, and right in front of her

in the sky was a massive UFO. Stunned by the sight, she stopped the car.

The next thing she remembered was getting into the car again, although she had no recollection of ever leaving it.

She also remembered being told to follow a little light that was hovering about 30 metres in front of the car and about 10 metres off the ground. She did as she had been told, and the light guided her like a beacon all the way to Atlin.

She arrived in Atlin at 3 a.m. The trip had taken her nearly nine hours, much longer than she had anticipated.

She was thankful to find the building she was staying at unlocked. All the lights were on, and even her bed had been turned down. Totally exhausted, she went to sleep.

The next day, she thanked the caretaker of the building for unlocking the building, switching the lights on and turning down her bed. He told her he had not done that.

Puzzled, she mentioned this to Don Branigan, who owned the building. Dr. Branigan was just as puzzled, because he had forgotten to tell the caretaker that Cindy was coming and that he wanted him to give her the key upon her arrival or leave it outside for her.

Thus, when Branigan and the caretaker left the building the previous day, it was locked and the lights were turned off. To this day, nobody seems to know who unlocked the building and ensured that the lights were on and the bed was turned down.

It was later that Cindy read the widely-publicized report of a Japan Airlines pilot who had encountered a huge UFO north of Anchorage, Alaska on Nov. 16, 1986, a few days after Cindy's sighting. The pilot estimated that the UFO was the size of a

battleship.

This was not the first UFO Cindy had ever seen. About one year prior to the Tagish Lake incident, she had observed one near Juneau, Alaska.

At that time, she was living in a waterfront home in Juneau. Looking out the window across the channel towards Douglas Island one night, she noticed what looked like ski run lights on one of the mountain peaks.

Since she knew she could not see the ski resort from her window (it was behind the mountain), she thought that she was seeing car headlights - until she realized that there was no road in that area.

The lights were arranged down the mountain in a vaguely circular pattern, similar to Christmas lights strung in a tree. Cindy witnessed these lights only this one time. But a more intriguing sight was yet to come.

For several nights in a row, she noticed a light perched on top of Mount Jumbo on Douglas Island. It would appear around 6 p.m. and disappear between 9 and 10 p.m. after shrinking to pinpoint size.

At first, Cindy thought it was a star. Then she realized that the light appeared below the clouds.

Moreover, it began to appear at random, being there some nights and not on other nights. The light seemed to wobble in its location but did not move with the constellations.

Indeed, the only time it moved was when Cindy drove her car; then it seemed to follow the vehicle around.

Cindy's daughter and her daughter's best friend also witnessed these sightings.

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# Probing strange lights near Pelly Crossing

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By JULIUS DEBUSCHEWITZ

On Aug. 22, 2000, at about 11:40 p.m., two men in a pickup truck (witnesses 1 and 2) approached the

Klondike Highway on Acorn Road, approximately 4.5 kilometres north-east of the village of Pelly Crossing. It was overcast and very dark.

About to enter the highway, the men noticed a long row of white lights directly ahead. The lights appeared to

be at ground level behind the poplar forest on the west side of the highway, nowhere close to the nearby airstrip.

Familiar with the area, the men realized that behind these trees is the Willow Creek Valley, devoid of any houses, roads or developments. Evenly



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Witness 2 walked to the edge of the highway and towards the lights to see if he could spot his buddy but noticed in amazement that he could feel an electrical charge in his feet.

After he returned to the truck, he and witness 1, worried about their friend, called out to him, urging him to come back to the truck.

Unable to penetrate deeper into the bush and hearing the calls of his friends, witness 3 went back to the truck a short time later. By now, it was about 12:30 a.m. on Aug. 23.

Estimating that they had been near the lights for about 15 minutes, the men returned to Pelly. There, they picked up the wife of witness 3 and a Polaroid camera, after which they all drove back to Acorn Road. The lights had disappeared.

Witness 2 visited the same area at about the same time for the following two nights. He wanted to see if there was anything beyond the trees that might account for the lights. He found nothing.

The three men were interviewed in November 2000; the sighting had a profound effect on them. Witness 3 accompanied the investigator to the sighting location. The span of lights specified by him was extensive, covering some 80 degrees of horizontal arc.

Using triangulation, a fixed location was established. Though the geometry is less than ideal due to the fact that a small error would produce a large variation in the location of the fixed point, it nonetheless shows that the row of lights was at least 200 metres long.

Since the lights seemed to curve away from the highway, it is reasonable to assume a circular object. Calculations show that circle to have a diameter of about 470 metres, or nearly half a kilometre. Moving the intersection of the viewing angles farther out over Willow Creek would result in an even larger circle of lights.

It is interesting to note that a giant UFO was spotted by at least eight witnesses in the same area almost four years earlier on Dec. 11, 1996. This UFO was triangulated to be between one and two kilometres long.

(Investigated by Martin Jasek.)

spaced, the lights had a strange quality and were of a solid white colour, not unlike "energy saver" light bulbs.

There were so many of them that one of the men remarked, "It was like a city back there."

The men got out of their truck to take a closer look. After a few minutes, they heard a rustling in the undergrowth.

Apprehensive about the lights to begin with, they beat a hasty retreat to their truck and drove back to Pelly. There, they went to a friend's house and asked him (witness 3) to accompany them back to the location of the sighting.

To their surprise, the lights were still there. They turned onto Acorn Road and swung the vehicle around to face the lights. All three got out of the vehicle, and witness 3 started walking southbound on the highway.

Noticing a higher concentration of lights to the south, he wanted to get a better look. His two companions remained near the vehicle.

After walking about 120 metres, witness 3 noted that the farther he walked, the more it seemed that the lights were arranged on a curve. To get closer, he returned a short distance before heading off into the bush. The other two men aimed the truck's headlights to illuminate the forest for their friend.

Witness 3 went deeper into the forest.

"I went as far as the lights could shine," he reported. "There was a lot of deadfall and I couldn't see where I was going. My friends were yelling, 'Come back here, come back here, let's go!' But I have wanted to see a UFO all my life."

A closer examination also revealed additional lights higher up. They were turning on and off as he walked, either on their own or because they were occasionally being obscured by

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Apparently very large, probably circular UFO with many lights, and a possible electric (static) force effect.



"Small" red-orange NL's frequent area:  
one possibly an astro. alignment case.



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## Investigating UFOs in Yukon skies

By JULIUS DEBUSCHEWITZ

This month: a UFO explosion near Swift River.

Mrs. McCreedy looked out of her kitchen window one February night in 1965.

Facing the mountains, she noticed a reddish-orange glow travelling slowly across the sky in a southwesterly direction. Intrigued, she alerted her husband and two friends, and they all watched the object through binoculars.

They could not identify what they were seeing; it was too bright to be an aircraft light and much larger than a satellite.

It did not fit the description of any aircraft or natural phenomenon they knew of. As they watched, the object disappeared behind a round-topped mountain to the southwest.

That same evening, Mrs. Radford was returning home from curling. She, too, noticed the reddish-orange glow above that same mountain. However, after she watched it for a few seconds, there appeared to be an explosion, with flashes going off in all directions. With that, the orange glow vanished.

Some nights later, Mrs. Radford

again noticed a similar reddish-orange glow above the same mountain. This glow darted around, moving extremely fast but never straying far from the mountain before suddenly disappearing. This movement made Mrs. Radford think that the object was searching for something.

These occurrences puzzled and intrigued the residents of Swift River enough that some of them organized a snowmobile expedition to the top of the mountain to investigate. By then, however, heavy snow had fallen; the party was unable to find anything unusual, and no further searches were attempted.

It is often difficult for UFO investigators to piece together the information given by sighting witnesses in order to rule out known flying objects and natural phenomena.

When trained observers witness a sighting, that task becomes easier. Mrs. McCreedy was such a witness. A member of the Ground Observation Corps until its disbandment, it was her job to report and describe any aircraft straying from designated flying routes.

Accustomed to scanning the skies, she did so often at night. At least half a dozen times, though not since 1966,

she saw objects that did not match the description of any aircraft she knew.

Except for one, the objects observed were similar in size and appearance to satellites, which can be seen frequently in Yukon skies, but they moved either much quicker or much slower than satellites.



Her daughter Marina alerted her to one of these objects. Marina, playing outside with friends, came running into the house to get her mother. When she got outside, Mrs. McCreedy saw a star-like object racing across the sky.

It suddenly stopped moving, then resumed its tremendous speed and flew back in the exact opposite direction. A number of witnesses watched this performance and saw the object disappear over the mountains.

Her husband was not at home dur-

ing this occurrence but later recalled that the night sky was heavily clouded and not fit for flying. It follows, then, that the observed object performed its maneuvers below the clouds at fairly low altitude.

Marina, age 13, reported two additional sightings. On the first occasion, she and other children were playing outside when they noticed a strange star in the middle of the Big Dipper.

The star began to move as the children watched, and Marina called her mother. By the time Mrs. McCreedy came outside, the object had disappeared.

After the children resumed their play, they noticed the object coming slowly into sight again. It stopped in its exact previous position in the middle of the Big Dipper before suddenly disappearing.

Marina's second sighting also occurred when she was playing with other children. This time, she noticed an object similar to a satellite traveling through the sky.

It moved in the direction of a microwave tower on a nearby hill, where it slowed a bit and "sort of shot off flashes or sparks" before continuing on its way. The microwave tower

was part of the relay system maintained by Canadian National Telecommunications, linking communications between the northwest and the rest of the continent and playing a vital role in the defence complex of North America.

The sightings reported here have an interesting common denominator. With the exception of the object that exploded and the reversal of direction described in the second-last sighting by Marina McCreedy, all objects observed moved from southwest to northeast.

Moreover, they flew an almost identical course above the Cassiar Mountains bordering the Alaska Highway at Swift River. Hence, it cannot be confused with the commercial flying route between Whitehorse and Vancouver which, in any case, cannot be seen from Swift River.

The question is, why does this particular area attract so many UFOs?

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one possibly microwave tower interaction.

# 22 witnesses report giant UFO in Yukon

By Martin Jasek  
UFO\*BC

On Dec. 11, 1996, an incredible "UFO event" took place along a 216 km (134 mile) stretch of the Klondike Highway in the Yukon Territory, Canada. The sightings occurred in three major areas along the highway: Fox Lake, The Village of Carmacks, and The Village of Pelly Crossing, each having 6, 9 and 7 witnesses respectively (see Figure 1).



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This total of 22 people is a minimum number, and only includes those identified to the investigator by name. There were other witnesses (or vehicles) reported on scene. All but one of the witnesses wish to remain anonymous. Between the time period of February 1999 and September 1999, 19 out of the 22 witnesses have been interviewed (only 2 of these were second hand accounts).

This report documents the witnesses' descriptions resulting from these interviews. Fourteen of the witnesses have supplied drawings of the UFO.

Comparing the size of the UFO observed to that of a football stadium is not due to exaggeration on the witnesses' part. On the contrary, this comparison is conservative, as it will be shown in this report that the UFO was likely much larger.

A reasonably accurate estimate of the size of the UFO (or UFOs) was accomplished through a method based on geometry called "triangulation." (See "Calculation of UFO size" at end of this article.) This method was employed 6 times to obtain 6 estimates for the size of the UFO. All revealed staggering results: the UFO ranged anywhere from 0.88 km (0.55 miles) to 1.8 km (1.1 miles) in length! For comparison, the Toronto Skydome stadium is 0.21 km (0.13 miles) at it's widest point.

In order to keep witness identities anonymous, "Code Names" were developed consisting of the following format. For those witnesses who observed the UFO near Fox Lake the witness code names given were FOX1, FOX2, FOX3..., for those near

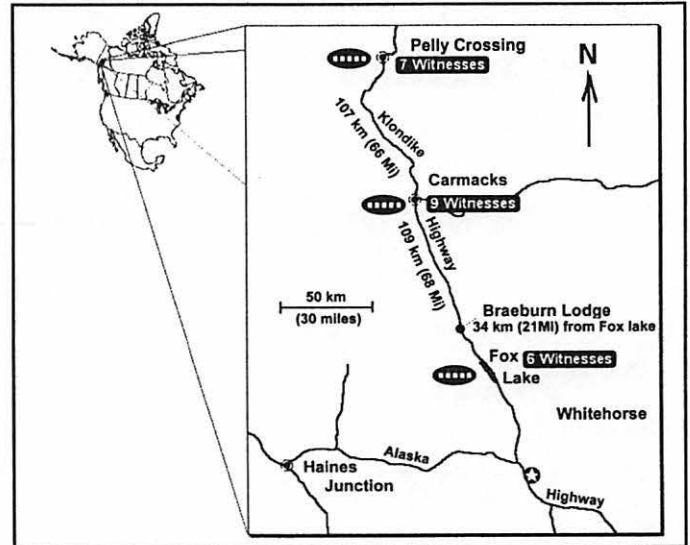


Figure 1. The locale, Yukon Territory, Canada.

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Carmacks, CRM1, CRM2, CRM3..., and for those near Pelly Crossing, PEL1, PEL2, PEL3...etc.

## The Narrative

Witnesses FOX2 and FOX3 were driving together from Whitehorse to Carmacks in two separate vehicles. As they were travelling northbound on the Klondike Highway adjacent to Fox Lake, they spotted a huge UFO out over the frozen lake. Fox Lake is on the west side of the highway. Both of them slammed on the brakes, stopping about 570 metres (1870 ft) apart from each other (refer to map shown in Figure 2).

FOX2 got out of his vehicle for a better observation. The UFO proceeded to slowly drift towards FOX2 and after a few minutes he found himself almost directly underneath the object! FOX3 continued to observe his cousin FOX2; both men were in complete awe! (See drawings by FOX3, Figures 3 and 4, and simulated graphic on cover).

The UFO continued to move slowly across the highway and out over the hill to the east and eventually disappeared behind it. Also, see drawing by FOX2 (Figure 5). Immediately after the sighting, FOX3 noted that the time was 8:30 p.m. Both FOX2 and FOX3 could discern that the lights were attached to a smooth and solid object.



At the very same time that FOX2 and FOX3 were observing the UFO move across the lake, FOX4 and FOX5 were approaching the southern tip of Fox Lake also heading northbound (see map, Figure 2). What they observed was a huge row, or rows, of lights slowly moving across the lake. There were other lights on and around the UFO as well. See drawings by FOX4 and FOX5 (Figures 6 and 7) and Fox4's estimated size compared to known landmarks (Figure 15).

Their first thought was that it was a large truck in the distance, but it couldn't be, since it was out over the lake. Their next thought was that a Boeing 747 was crash landing. But that couldn't be either, since it was moving much too slowly to be an aircraft. It took them about 2 seconds to process these thoughts when they realized that it must be a UFO! They became very concerned. They had a two-year-old son in the back seat and they were travelling towards this thing! After some debate they decided to continue their journey. After all, they could no longer see the UFO as they approached a hill that obscured their view, plus there was some traffic ahead of them. FOX5 looked at the car clock, it was 8:23 pm. None of the witnesses heard any sound coming from the object.

A few minutes later, when FOX4 and FOX5 were passing the Fox Lake campground, they passed by two vehicles that were pulled over with two men outside looking up at the sky. They turned around and pulled over to talk to them. It was FOX2 and FOX3 carrying on a lively discussion, "What the 'heck' was that?" After a few minutes FOX4 and FOX5 left and eventually stopped at Braeburn Lodge about 34 km (21 miles) further up the highway. FOX4 walked into the lodge and said to Steve Watson, the lodge owner, "Steve, I really need a coffee!" Steve replied "Oh, you must have seen what [FOX1] saw?" In fact FOX4 recalled seeing FOX1 leaving Braeburn Lodge just as they got there.

About half an hour before the sighting described above (about 8 p.m.) FOX1 was driving along Fox Lake and had noticed a light in the distance which should not have been there. He did not think too much of it, but as he got closer to the light, he could tell that it was illuminating a long smooth curved surface. He then passed some traffic and after his eyes readjusted to the darkness, the curved surface and the light were gone.

However, his eye caught a group of rectangular lights moving over and behind a hill to the east. At this point he got an "exhilarating feeling" and sped up in order to reach a less obscured location in the valley so that he would have a chance to see the UFO again. He pulled over and got out of his vehicle but

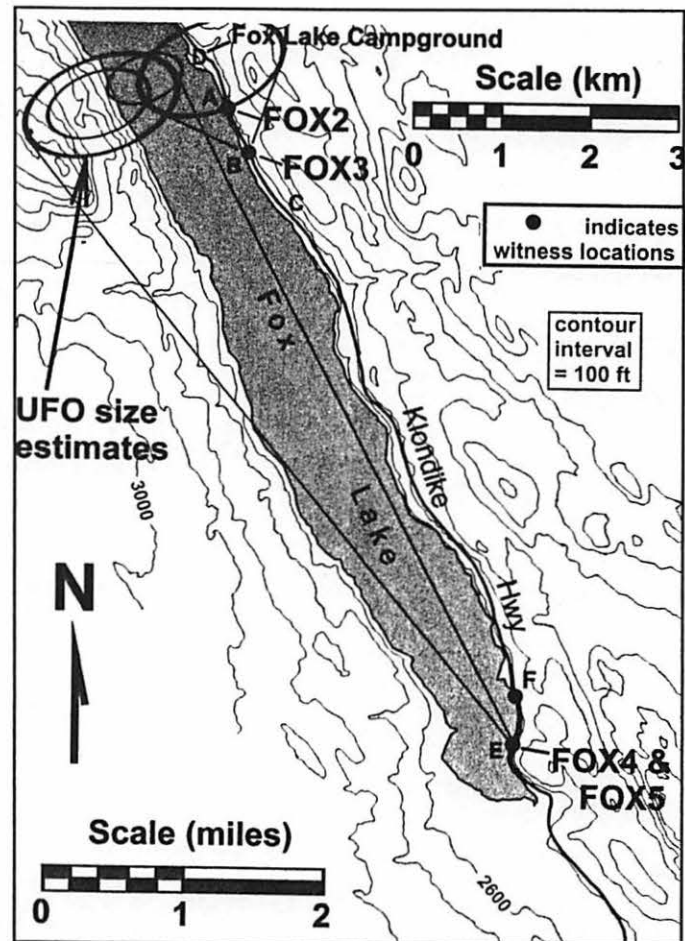


Figure 2. Fox Lake area and witness locations.

didn't see anything more unusual. He continued his journey and pulled into Braeburn Lodge where he gave Steve a description of what he saw, and also made drawings for him.

FOX2 and FOX3 eventually pulled into Braeburn Lodge and gave their description to Steve as well.

There was also a 6th witness to the Fox Lake sighting, but it is unclear what time she had driven through the area. FOX6 was driving in the vicinity of Fox Lake when she noticed a glow on her dashboard that could not be accounted for by the interior illumination of her vehicle. She leaned forward to look up through her windshield and observed a large arrangement of multi-colored lights. The interior lights in her car started to go dim and the music from her tape deck slowed down.

Between 8:30 and 9 p.m., the Village of Pelly Crossing (about a 2-hour drive to the north of Fox Lake) was experiencing its own truly incredible UFO sighting. PEL1 was tending his trapline northeast of Pelly when he observed in the distance to the southwest a long row of lights slowly moving over the hills. At first he thought



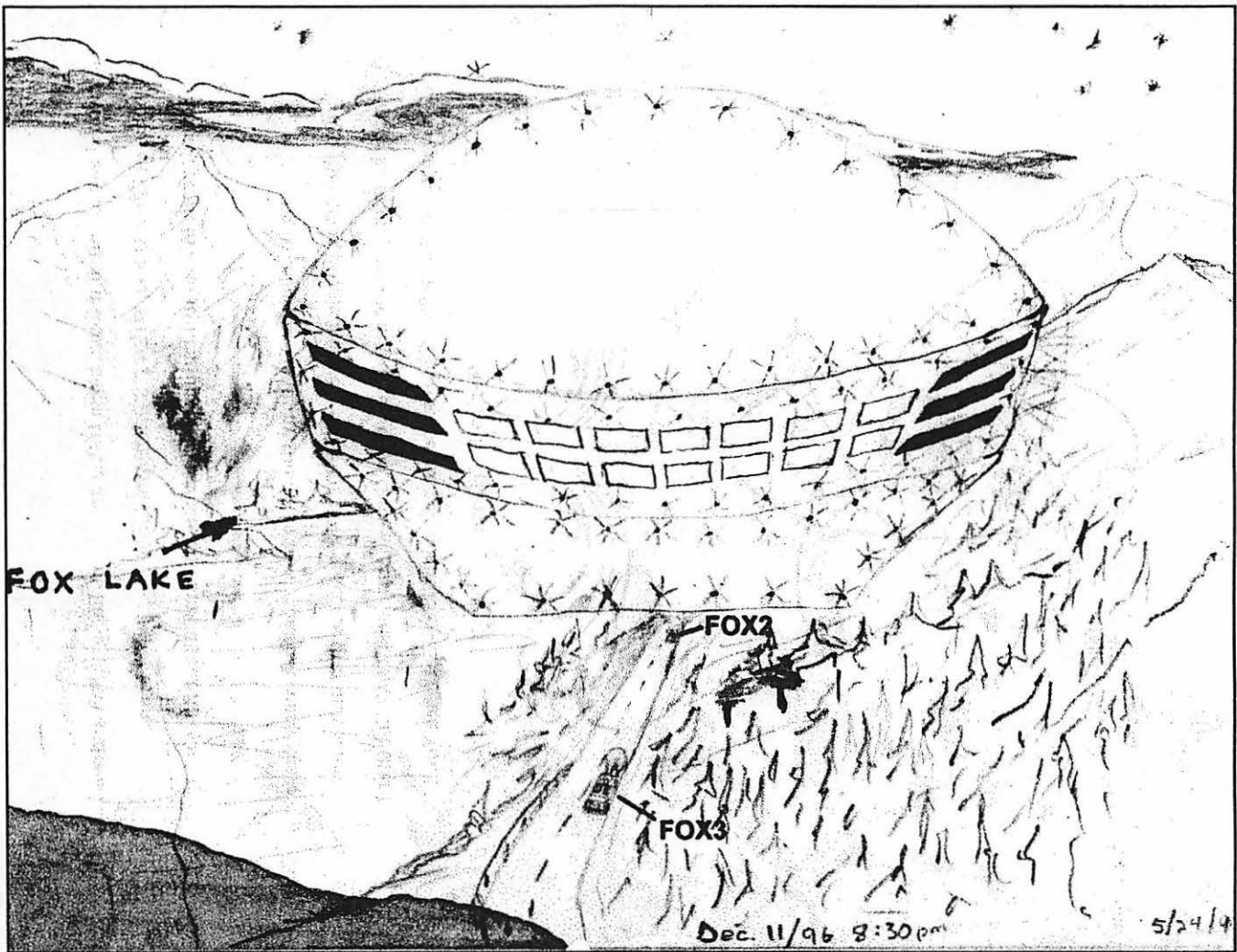


Figure 3: Drawing by Fox3 of overview of UFO.

Figure 4: Drawing by Fox3 of underside of UFO.

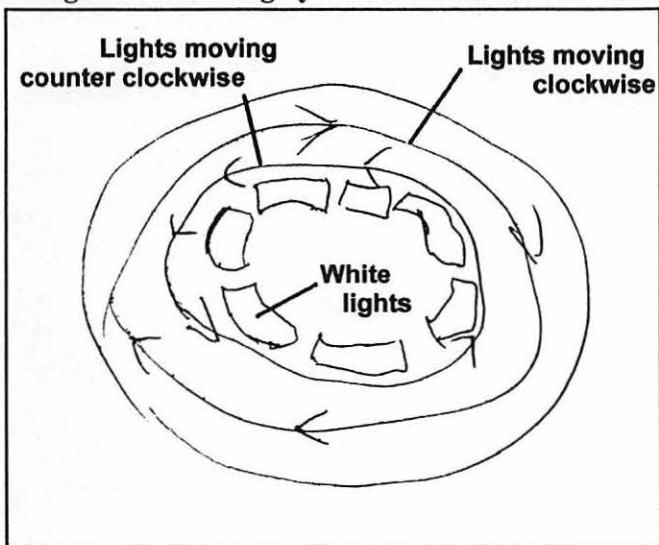
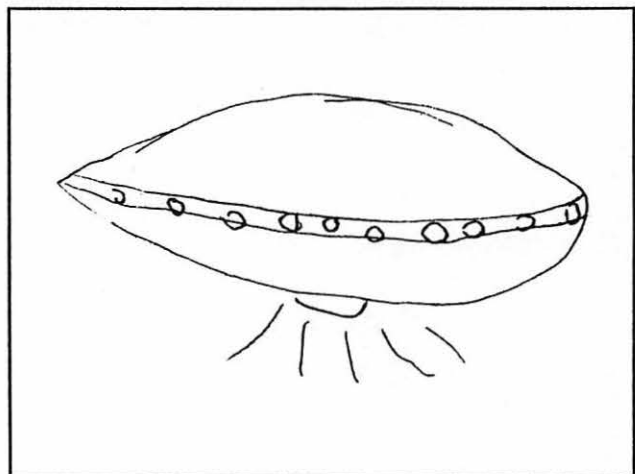


Figure 5: Drawing of UFO by Fox2.



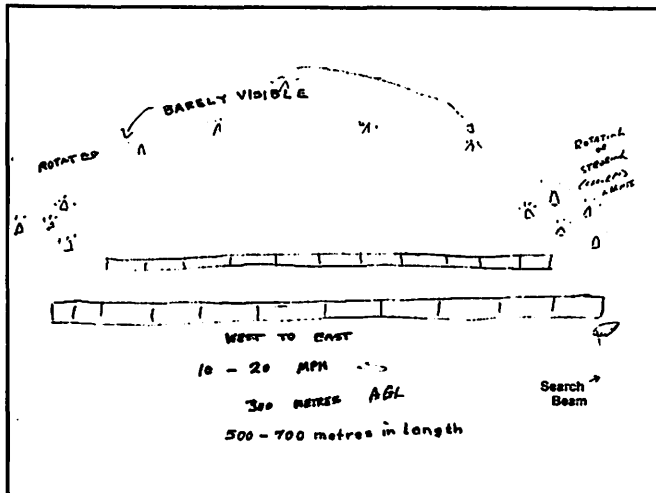


Figure 6: Drawing by Fox4.

it was a large aircraft coming down. But it was moving much too slowly. "It's a UFO!" As he was walking, his flashlight happened to point in the direction of the UFO.

As if reacting to his flashlight, the UFO started speeding rapidly toward him. He instinctively cupped the end of his flashlight. As soon as he completed this gesture, the UFO stopped in its track. In a matter of less than a second, it was hovering an estimated 300 yards (275 metres) in front of him! PEL1 had to turn his head from one side to the other to take it all in. (See graphic Figure 8, based on witness' drawings, and the investigators interpretation Figure 9).

Again there was no sound at all coming from the object. A beam of light emanating from the bottom of the UFO swept the ground once directly underneath the object. Was it a search beam looking for him? The UFO then drifted slowly to the right. There were other beams emanating from the craft as well; a greenish phosphorescent color beam shone horizontally out the front (right); two beams at the back (left) rotated slowly to a horizontal position. All the beams could be seen clearly as there were ice crystals in the air. PEL1 turned away from the UFO momentarily and ran across a small clearing. When he turned back to look at it, it was gone. Figure 10 shows the location of the witness and his estimated trajectory of the UFO.

At about the same time, PEL2 and PEL3 were travelling northbound just south of Pelly Crossing, to the north when they spotted a huge row of lights slowly moving from left to right. They pulled over at a gravel pit just south of the Village to get a better look and got out of their vehicle. PEL2 noticed that the Big Dipper was just above the row of lights and compared the length of the lights to the width of the Big Dipper. They were about the same length! This observation was very

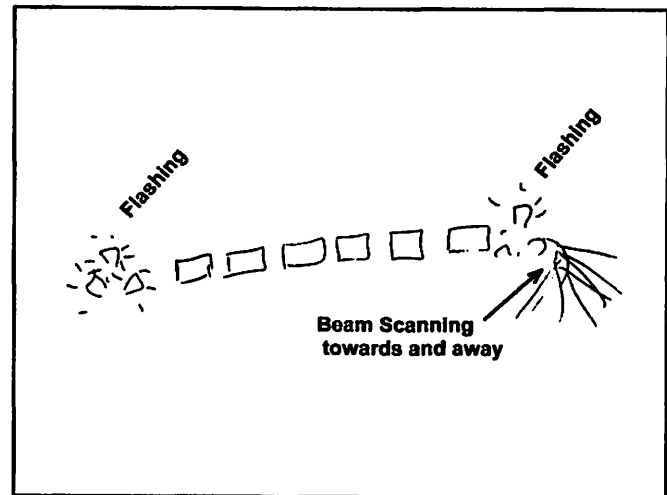


Figure 7: Drawing by Fox5.

important, since it established a well-referenced angular size of the UFO from PEL2 and PEL3's perspective, important for a more accurate triangulation and calculation of UFO size. The map shown in Figure 10 shows the location of witnesses PEL2 and PEL3 and their estimate of the UFO trajectory.

The accounts of witnesses PEL1 through 3 were enough to complete a calculation of UFO size. The observations of witnesses PEL4, 5, 6 and 7 about the same time provided a second triangulation. Their location is also indicated on the map in Figure 10. The four women were taking an evening course at a small community college in Pelly Crossing (a satellite school of Yukon College). They were out on a break on the front deck of the one-story building looking towards the west when they too observed the row of lights. The row of lights was travelling slowly almost towards them and slightly towards the north. They recall the object being huge as well; there was no sound at all. It moved slowly over the hill to the north and disappeared behind it.

Then there was the UFO sighting near the Village of Carmacks by 9 witnesses. The UFO was observed by two groups of people. CRM1, 2, 3 and 4 were on the highway northbound in a pick-up truck just south of Carmacks; CRM5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 consisted of a husband, wife and their 3 children. They were watching television when they spotted the row of lights out of their window. The locations of the witnesses and estimated UFO trajectories are shown in Figure 10.

The four men travelling together pulled over near the landfill at the southern edge of the Village to get a better look at the UFO. They watched the noiseless object move slowly to the northeast, curve around them to the south, and head up a valley adjacent to the mi-

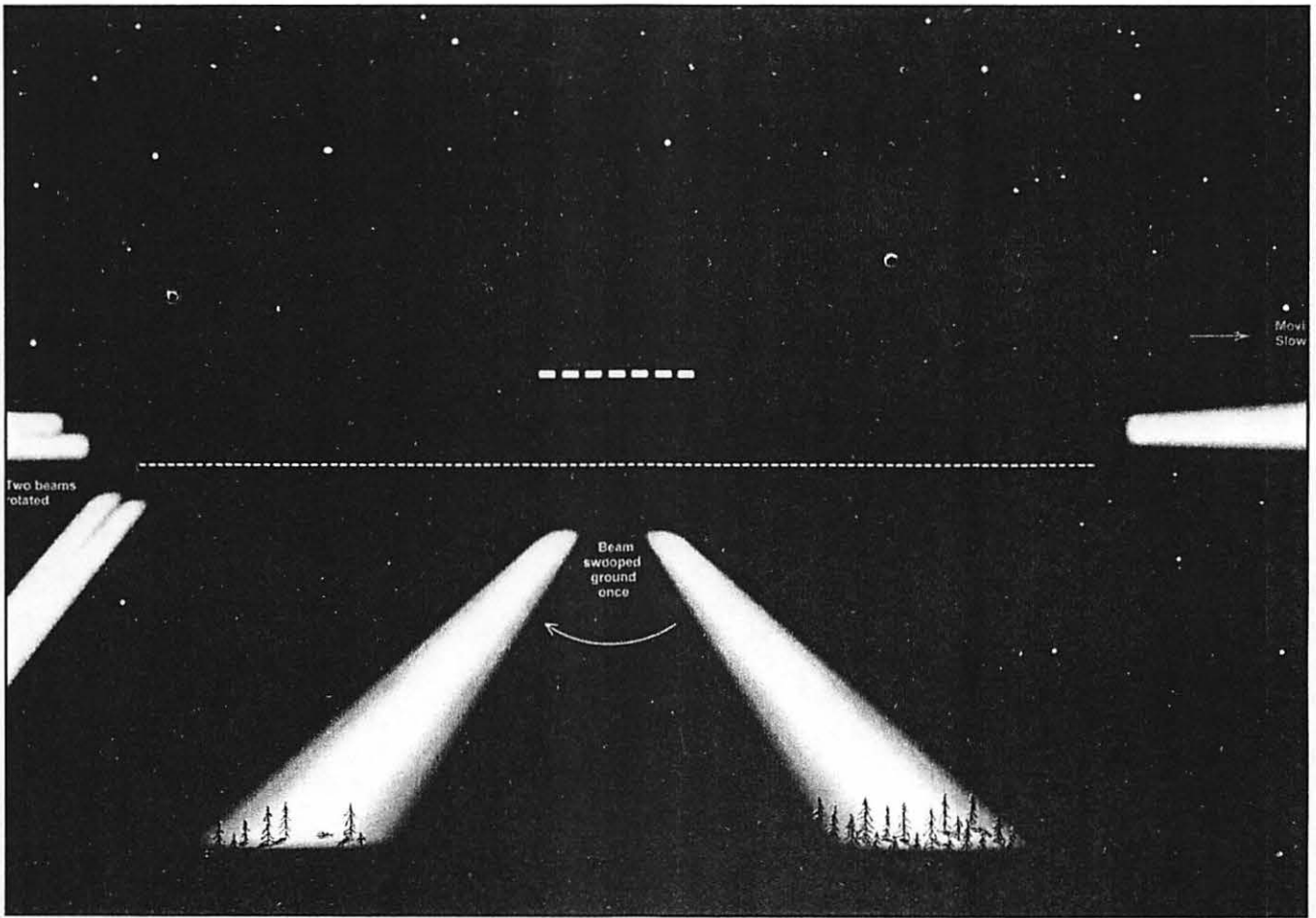
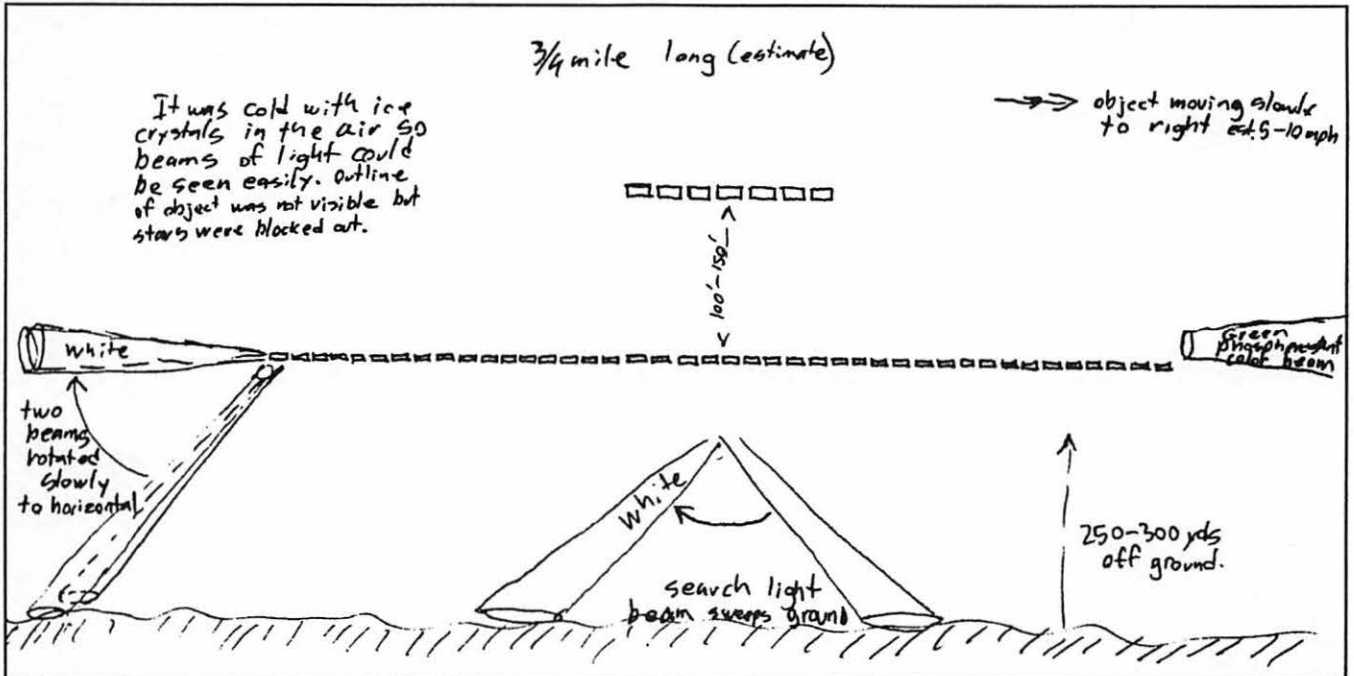


Figure 8: Artist's interpretation of sighting based on drawing by PEL1 (trapper Don Trudeau).  
Figure 9: UFO observed by PEL1 (Trudeau).



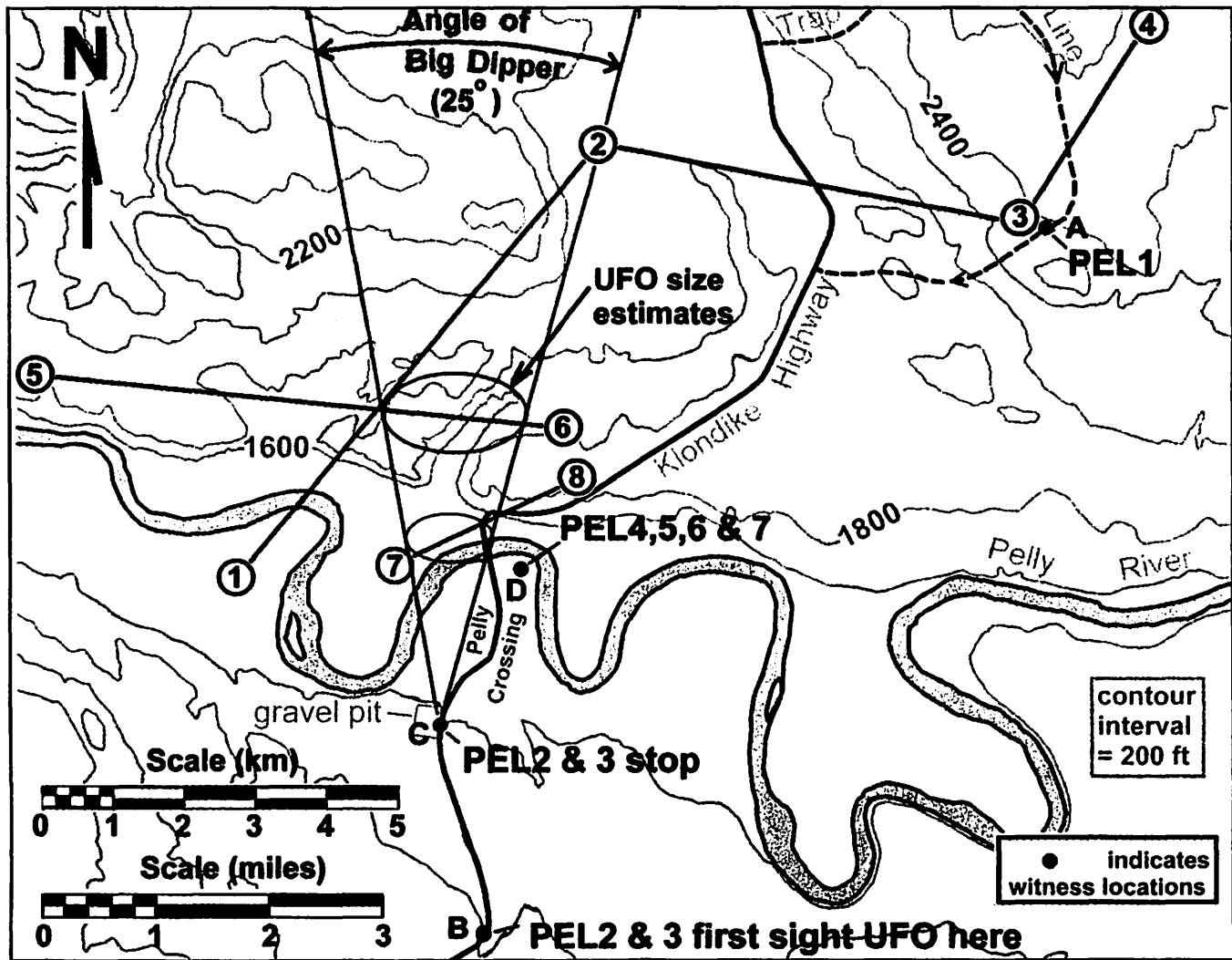


Figure 10: map of Pelly area.

crowave tower south of the village, where it just vanished. At one point the UFO was partially obscured behind a nearby hill and one witness recalls the UFO slowly reappearing on the other side of it. He remembers waiting a long time for the last light to reappear from behind the hill; that's how slow and large the object was!

The object took up about a 60 to 90 degree horizontal chunk of the sky. See drawings by CRM1 and CRM2 (Figures 13 and 14). CRM1 recalls hearing about the Fox Lake UFO sighting on the radio the next day and surmised that they saw the UFO about an hour and a half earlier, about 7 p.m.

The family is not exactly sure what time it was when they saw the UFO, only that it was in the evening. They observed the row of lights just to the northwest of them moving slowly to the northeast. The lights were just over the treeline, and there was no noise at all. See

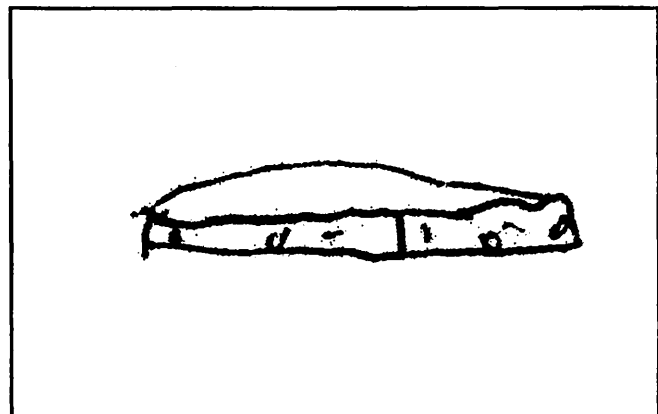


Figure 11: Drawing by CRM7, 6 years old.

Figure 11 (drawing by the eldest son, CRM7, six years old at the time). The lights continued to move until they disappeared one by one behind what appeared to be an invisible wall. There was no mountain in that



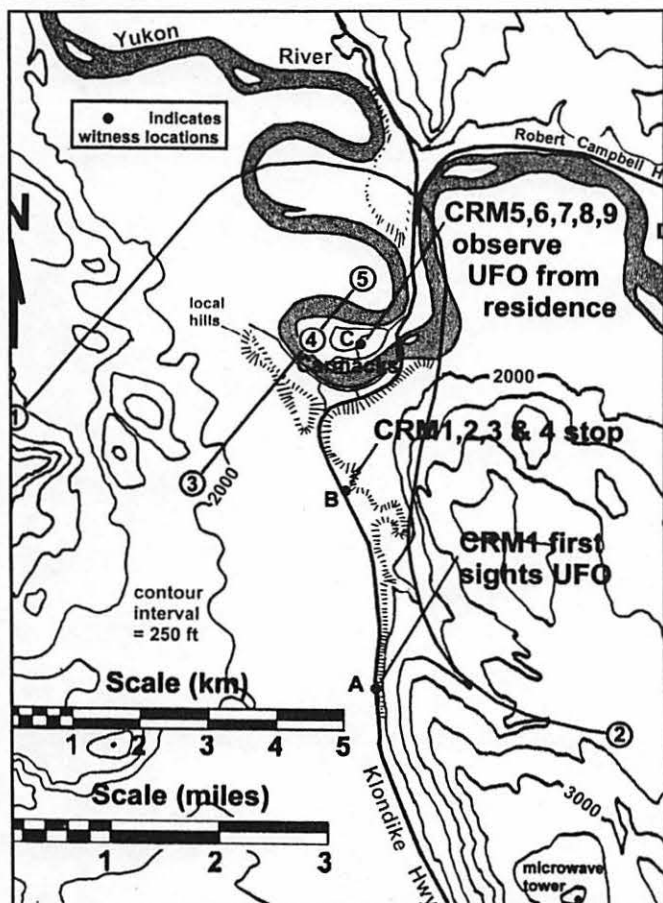


Figure 12: Carmacks area.

direction that could account for this. With the UFO sighting occurring just two weeks prior to Christmas, the three children thought that it was Santa Claus and his reindeer in the sky.

An estimate of the UFO size by triangulation was not possible for the Carmacks UFO sighting, as the geometry of the witness locations in relation to the UFO was less than ideal (see "Estimate of UFO Size"). Furthermore, it was unclear whether both the family and the group of four men in the truck observed the UFO at the same time. Perhaps the UFO made more than one pass by the Village that night.

There is also some evidence to suggest that this "sighting event" encompassed an even larger area, as UFO reports were heard on CBC North radio the very next day mentioning sightings in the communities of Dawson, Mayo and Watson Lake. No witnesses from these additional communities have thus far come forward or been identified.

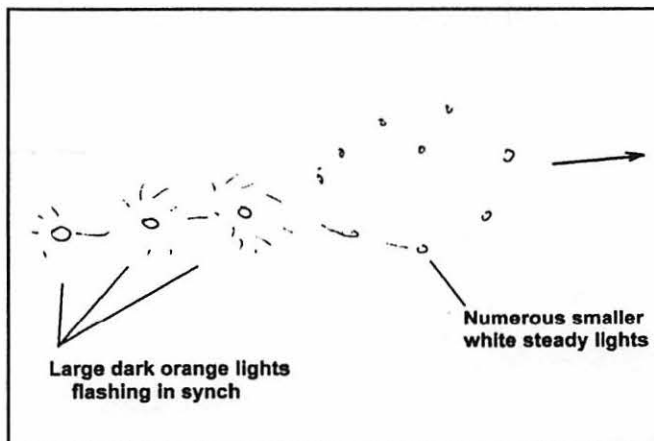


Figure 13: Drawing by CRM1.

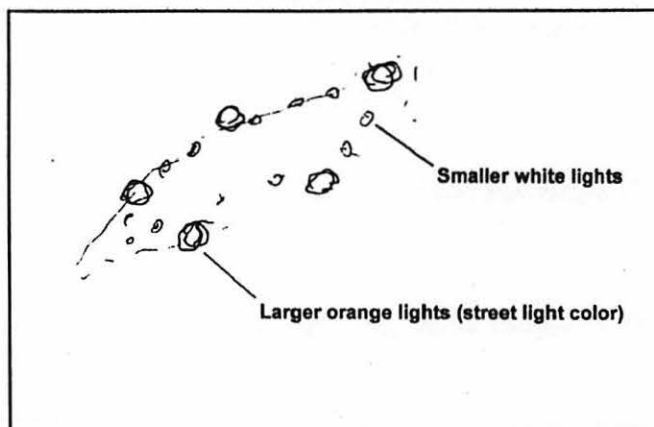


Figure 14: Drawing by CRM2.

## Estimate of UFO Size determined by triangulation

By Martin Jasek

A reasonably accurate estimate of the size of the UFO (or UFOs) was accomplished through a method based on geometry called "triangulation." Triangulation relies on the observation of an object (in this case a UFO) from at least two different vantage points at the same time. In addition to this, it also relies on an estimate of the angular size from at least one of the witnesses. One way to describe angular size is by comparing the size of the UFO to something being held out at arm's length. An example would be "the UFO was the size of a fist at arm's length." Another way to describe angular size is to compare the UFO's size to something else in the scene. An example would be "the UFO was about twice the size of that mountaintop."

Given the large number of witnesses and vantage points associated with this case, six separate calculations of UFO size could be made.

Calculation#1. A trip to the Fox Lake sighting loca-

tion was made with FOX3. The witness showed the locations along the highway where he and FOX2 pulled over to watch the UFO. This distance was measured to be 570 metres apart. We know from FOX2's testimony that he was directly underneath the edge of the UFO at one point in time. While on location, FOX3 was asked to hold out his arms and indicate the angular size of the UFO. This distance was measured to be about 1.2 metres (4 feet) apart. The perpendicular distance from his eyes to the tip of his hands was measured to be 0.4 metres (1.3 ft). Using trigonometry, this calculates out to be about a 113 degrees of angular distance. Projecting this angle forward the 570 metres distance to the UFO one obtains a UFO size of 1710 metres or about 1.7 kilometres (1.1 miles) in length (See Figure 2).

It was also of interest to obtain the elevation of the UFO in this observation, especially since it was almost directly overhead of FOX2. While on location with FOX3, the investigator asked him to take a photograph of the scene and hold his finger at the spot where the bottom of the UFO was when it was over his cousin (FOX2). An angular height of 6.5 degrees above the ground was determined from the photograph. Using trigonometry one obtains a height of the UFO of only 65 metres (213 ft) above FOX2! This is consistent with FOX3's estimate of 4 or 5 lamppost heights.

Calculation #2 and #3. FOX4 was presented with a photograph taken of the scene from his vantage point. He was asked to mark on the photo the length of the UFO. He was also instructed to hold the photograph 8 to 9 inches away from him in order that the angular size of the landmarks and actual scene was about the same. He gave two estimates (Figure 15). The two angles worked out to be 12.8 and 8.44 degrees angular size for the UFO. Since it was established that FOX2 and FOX3 were observing the UFO at the same time further up the lake, we know the distance to the UFO to be about 8 km (5 miles). Again, projecting those angles out to that distance, the UFO size for the two estimates worked out to be 1.8 km (1.1 miles) and 1.2 km (0.75 miles) in length respectively. (Figure 2)

Calculation #4. As above, FOX5 was presented with a photograph of the scene. She gave her estimate of angular UFO size and this worked out to be 3.95 degrees. Projecting this angle out towards the UFO 8 km (5 miles) away, one obtains a UFO size of 0.88 km (0.55 miles) in length.

Calculation #5 and #6. These two calculations were based on observations by witnesses near the Village of Pelly Crossing. PEL2 was very intelligent to compare the size of the UFO she observed to something in the scene. She compared it to the size of the star con-

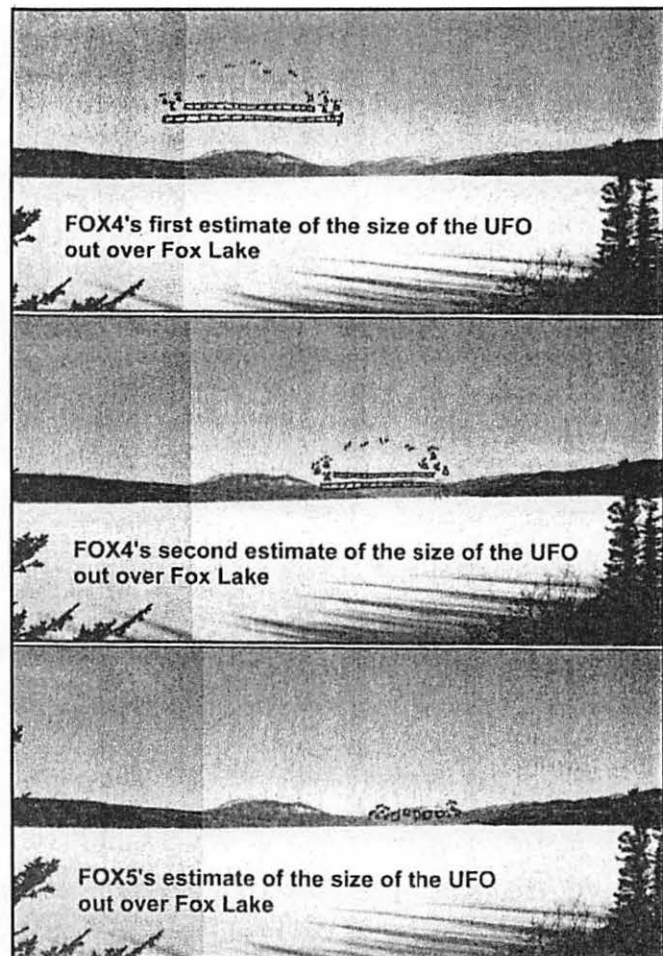


Figure 15. Fox4's estimates of size of UFO.

stellation, "The Big Dipper." This is more accurate than estimating after the fact or from a photograph. Since she perceived the angular length of the UFO to be the same length as the Big Dipper, from the position of the stars we can deduce that the angle was about 25 degrees. (See angle projected in map shown in Figure 10).

Since PEL4, 5, 6, and 7 were observing the UFO at about the same time from a different vantage point, we could triangulate a location of the UFO shown in Figure 10. The estimated trajectory of PEL2 was also used for a second calculation. The second calculation would not normally be considered a triangulation since it involves observations from only one vantage point. However, some weight has to be given to the estimated UFO trajectory of witness PEL1 that is even further away from PEL2. By projecting the angle of the Big Dipper out to these two trajectory locations, one obtains two more calculations of UFO size. The first trajectory is 2.6 km (1.6 miles) away and yields a UFO size of 1.2 km (0.75 miles) in length. The second tra-

jectory is 4.4 km (2.8 miles) away and yields a UFO size of 2.0 km (1.3 miles) in length.

To summarize, we have obtained the following sizes of the UFO by means of triangulation:

FOX3 with FOX2: 1.7 km (1.1 miles) FOX4 with FOX2: 1.8 km (1.1 miles) FOX4 with FOX2: 1.2 km (0.75 miles) FOX5 with FOX2: 0.88 km (0.55 miles) PEL2 with PEL4,5,6,7: 1.2 km (0.75 miles) PEL2 with PEL1: 2.0 km (1.3 miles)

This is consistent with witness testimony of the object appearing to be "huge" in the sky. Several witnesses gave size estimates of their own, and these were generally smaller than those obtained through the more accurate triangulation:

FOX2 0.5 km (0.3 miles) based on relative size to lake width; FOX3 0.21 km (0.13 miles)—comparable to a football stadium; FOX4 0.5 to 0.7 km (0.3 to 0.4 miles)—direct estimate; PEL1 1.2 km (0.75 miles)—direct estimate; PEL3 0.5 km (0.3 miles); direct estimate.

By any stretch of the imagination or calculation, this thing was BIG!

## Frequently-asked questions regarding the Yukon Case

By Martin Jasek

(Added to report - January 2000)

**Why has it taken almost 3 years for this case to be made public?**

Actually, two of the witnesses (FOX2 and FOX3) did approach a local radio station (CHON FM) the day after the event (Dec 12, 1996), and their interviews did get on the air. However, that is as far as it went. The author was not aware of this broadcast at the time.

In 1998, witness CRM1 placed an anonymous call to Lorraine Bretlyn, another Yukon UFO investigator, and mentioned that his sighting in Carmacks occurred the same evening as the Fox Lake sighting that he heard described on the radio. This was our first clue that a large UFO was seen by multiple witnesses in multiple locations. However, all we knew at that point was that the incident occurred in the past few years and in winter conditions.

On Jan. 28, 1999, FOX2 called us to describe his sighting at Fox Lake. The call was spurred by a local newspaper article describing some unrelated UFO cases. He mentioned that many of the Fox Lake witnesses had stopped in at Braeburn Lodge and described

their sighting to lodge owner Steve Watson. Watson was interviewed, and he confirmed that fact and was able to give us about three additional witness names. These witnesses were contacted, and they in turn provided additional witness names until we had a total of 22.

The time period between January and October 1999 was used to locate these other witnesses, interview them, obtain their drawings, and put this report together. This was complicated by the facts that most of the witnesses live a 2 to 3 hours' drive from the City of Whitehorse where the investigation is based, and some of the witnesses did not have telephones.

**Why are the drawings and descriptions of the UFO different? Did the witnesses see the same UFO or maybe different ones?**

Yes, we agree that many of the drawings do look different. It could have been different UFOs, but there could be other reasons for the differences in the drawings and descriptions:

1. It was two to three years from the time the sighting occurred to when the witnesses were asked to make their drawings. Memories do change.

2. Perhaps witnesses at different locations saw different sides of the UFO that may have had a different number/configuration of lights. The distance to the UFO also varied, so those further away would not see certain details.

3. Different witnesses spent different amounts of time on their drawings. Some paid a lot of attention to detail, while others just provided a quick sketch. Some drawings were constructed in just seconds, while others—and one in particular—probably took more than 5 minutes. Artistic talent varied.

4. The UFO may have had certain lights turned off and certain lights turned on during that evening. It may have varied the "on lights" and "off lights" between the times when various witnesses observed it.

Note: Drawings by FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX5 were very similar, with minor differences that could easily be attributable to points 1, 2 and 3 above. All these witnesses were aware of the time that their sighting took place, and it has therefore been established that these four were observing the same UFO at the same time. The differences in drawings of PEL2 and PEL3 could be mostly attributable to points 1 and 3. The differences between the drawing of PEL1 and the other Pelly witnesses may be attributable to points 2

and 4.

5. Points 2, 3 and 4 do not explain the differences in drawings by witnesses who were together during the sighting. To provide some explanation for this, one may consider the following. All the witnesses observed the UFO anywhere from one minute to several minutes. During their observation the UFO traversed a considerable distance across the sky, thereby changing their perspective view of it. It likely looked much different from these different angles.

Each witness was asked to draw the UFO. One would suppose that each witness would pluck one image from his or her mind that corresponded to one of these perspectives. They would likely choose the one image that made the largest impression on them. This may explain the differences between the drawings of CRM1 and CRM2, and also between PEL6 and PEL7.

#### **How do you know that the witnesses are not making it up?**

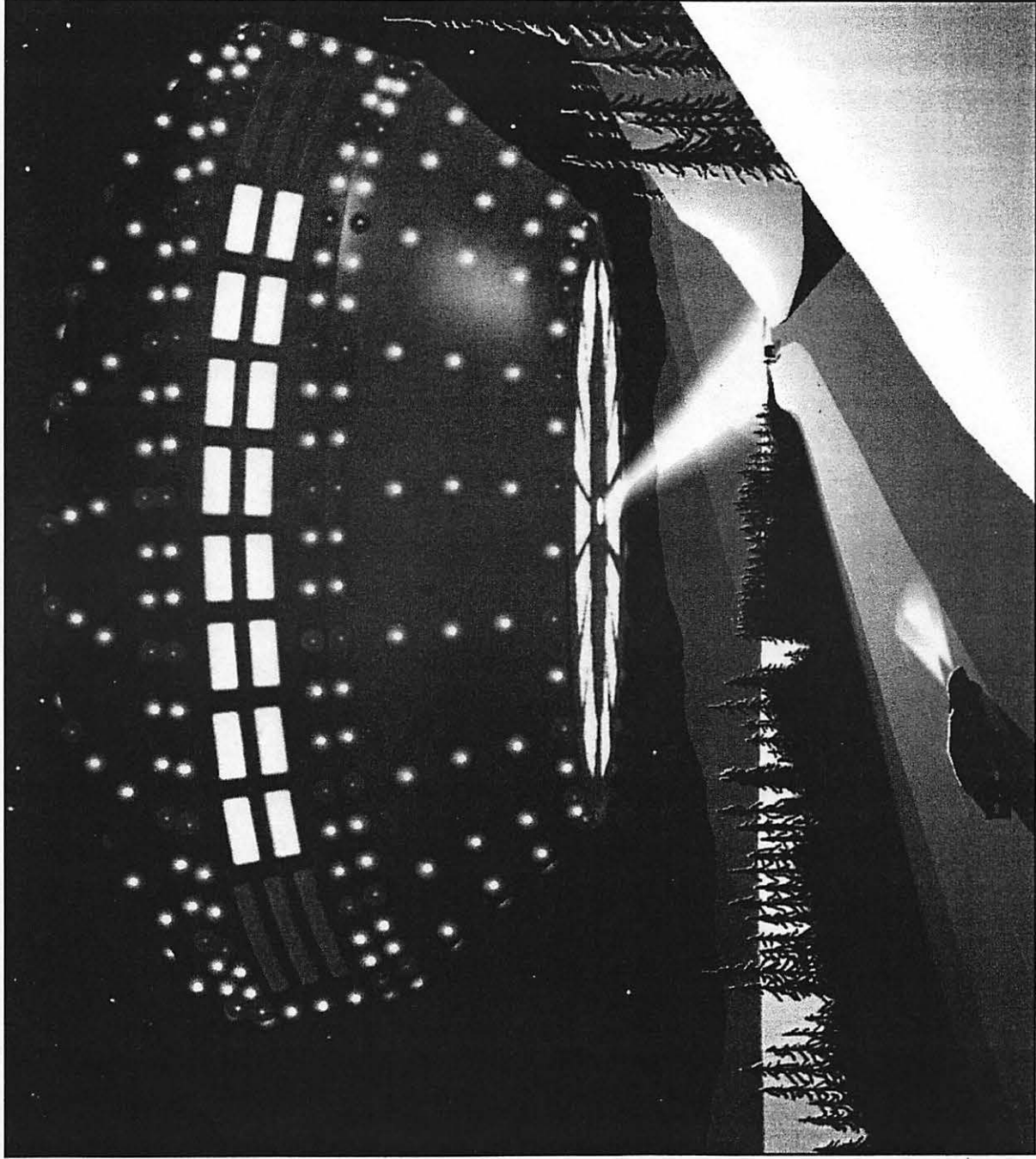
The answer lies in the demeanor of the witnesses in their interviews. Only two witnesses approached the media or a UFO investigator—the remaining 20 had to be sought. Once found, they were reluctant to talk. However, when they were assured that their identity would not be made public, they opened up. As they were describing their sighting, apprehension was replaced by excitement. It was like reliving the experience with them. This behavior is not consistent with someone making up a story.

If it were an orchestrated hoax by all these people they would not have sat around for someone to show up at their door until two and a half years later. It is not likely that they would have arranged to stop consecutively at Braeburn Lodge and tell a made-up UFO story to the lodge owner.

I have met several times with some of these witnesses, often being invited into their homes. I have gotten to know them fairly well and consider many of them as friends. Among the ones I have met frequently are FOX1, FOX2, FOX3, FOX4, FOX5, PEL1 and PEL2. . Even the ones I met on only one occasion, their demeanor was consistent with that of an honest person confronted with something that they saw that they could not explain in terms of conventional means.

**Note:** UFO\*BC is producing a hard copy of this case, including 34 drawings and figures. It is available for \$12.00 Canadian (international money order) from UFO\*BC, 11151 Kendale Way, Delta, BC, V4C 3P7, Canada.





***Giant UFO in Yukon Territory***

## LifeStyles

# One UFO can change your life

By Anne Pritchard  
News Reporter

They live in a nice home in a Whitehorse suburb.

Mom and dad are professionals. The daughters take dance classes. The son plays hockey. As a family, they like to go to performances at the Yukon Arts Centre.

In short, they sound like a fairly ordinary, middle class, Whitehorse family, except...

Except they once had such a strange experience. Weird, it was. So bizarre, in fact, that they prefer not be identified by name.

"We don't understand it," says Mary. "Seeing these things and accepting seeing these things are two different things."

She is talking about a prolonged encounter with a UFO on March 30, 1997.

Mary was driving her children back from the Takhini Hot Springs at 10 p.m.

They arrived at Takhini Bridge and there it was — a huge white light over the riverbank.

The glowing object was about the size of a satellite dish, says Mary, who admits she has poor depth and size perception.

"It was just a light and it wasn't a shape. When we saw it, we were not scared. It was just all this light, so bright and so brilliant. I saw a bit of red."

She rolled her window down and drove on, though more slowly, trying to get a better look. The object rose up from the riverbank and followed the car from the other side of the road, just above the trees.

The UFO pursued the family along the Klondike Highway until they approached some houses. At that point, it shot straight up until it became little larger than thumb-size, recalls Mary.

She decided to stop the vehicle where the Alaska and Klondike Highways meet because trying to watch and drive was too difficult.

The UFO then went zig-zagging in all directions.

"It would go, then stop and then go; it would stop way across and then go waaayyyy up in the atmosphere and come down and then come straight towards us."

It didn't make a sound.

She does not remember having been especially scared. In fact, she felt mesmerized and remembers thinking, whatever it was, it was benign and just having fun.

"It was something out of the ordinary and very exciting to watch."

The family resumed its jour-



NEWS photo by Mike Thomas

**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS...Martin Jasek, along with another researcher, collect UFO stories for their website. In March, 1997, a family claims a UFO chased their vehicle down on the Mayo Road.**

ney while continuing to watch the lights in the sky.

"We stopped just before Crestview because I thought 'OK, this is safe to get out and look. We are closer to people."

"I got out of the car and my teenage daughter, on the passenger side, had one foot in the car and one foot out.

"A half-a-dozen cars passed us and didn't stop or seem to notice."

When the UFO started approaching her car, Mary decided to drive on to Porter Creek. As they passed through Rabbit Foot Canyon, the teenage daughter noticed the object "directly above the car.

"She said it was round, and there was no lights like we had seen."

Scared, Mary sped up to 120 kilometres an hour, and the younger children screamed.

At last, at the top of Two Mile Hill, the UFO slipped off toward Grey Mountain.

What bothers Mary most about that frightening experience is the ridicule she received from

people she trusted.

There are others who have had similar experiences in the Yukon, says Whitehorse engineer Martin Jasek.

He and fellow UFO researcher Lorraine Bretlyn want to hear from them.

The two have been collecting UFO stories from all over the territory and have preserved about 40 of them on their website [www.ufobc.org/yukon/](http://www.ufobc.org/yukon/)

In fact, Jasek talked to Mary and her family shortly after the 1997 incident.

They were "extremely excited... all talking at once trying to get their experience across," he says.

In some cases what people see is a light from a human source that "moves in a particular way, or a meteor, or something like that," he says.

He is convinced other incidents are the result of secret military activity, and refers to an incident reported by Dennis Stitts of Lake Laberge.

Stitts, who was living in a cabin just north of Deep Creek,

reported that, on June 18, 1997, he was visiting a neighbor "three cabins north of mine."

Walking home after 11 p.m., Stitts said he heard what sounded like "a flag fluttering."

Looking up he saw a V-shaped object about 2.4-metres long and maybe 1.2-metres wide.

The UFO dropped down over a bluff so radically "I thought it was going to hit the water. It then levelled out at about 100 feet above the surface of the lake.

"Halfway to Richthofen Island, which is less than two miles from my cabin, the object began to shimmy, then made an immediate 30-degree turn toward the southern tip of the island and, later, seemed to tip into the lake.

"Considering the distance to the island from my cabin, and that I only saw the object for two to three seconds, it had to be travelling at least 2,500 mph. I didn't hear a sonic boom."

Stitts went charging back to his friend's place and, even before he had a chance to say anything, the friend said, "Did you see that?"

Later, another neighbor also confirmed seeing something.

The two Laberge residents were so convinced they saw an object drop into the lake, the next day they boated out to the tip of Richthofen Island and had a look around.

Stitts — who said he experienced dizzy spells for two days — talked to military officials. They denied knowledge of any activity or tests. He also reported the incident to his MLA.

Jasek and Stitts agreed the craft was man-made.

"We got the feeling about this one, it might have been military-related," says Jasek.

"Extra terrestrial is a possibility," he says, adding: "If they are military, you would think they wouldn't fly so close to a population."

Jasek is interested in hearing from Yukoners about their UFO encounters. Phone him at (867) 633-2472 or Bretlyn at (867) 667-4680.

Names will be kept secret, if the informants wish.



# Magazine explores Yukon UFO sighting

By **CHUCK TOBIN**  
*Star Reporter*

Photographs from a suspected UFO sighting over Tagish Lake in the early 1970s are featured in this quarter's publication of *UFO\*BC Quarterly*.

The story and photographs stem from research conducted by Martin Jasek, a local water resources planner who is *UFO\*BC's* northern correspondent.

Jasek was turned onto the story last June after his interest in the phenomena was detailed earlier in the spring in a *Star* story. That was followed by a long interview on a local radio station.

Told of a photograph that surfaced in Whitehorse in the early '70s, Jasek was able to track down a duplicate of the original slide from a friend of the man who took the picture.

Jasek said in a recent interview the friend did not want his surname revealed (first name George), nor the surname of the photographer (first name Jim).

But, as the story goes, Jim was trav-

elling down Tagish Lake in a boat when he noticed seven strange lights. Four were close to the water, and another three were further up the mountainside.

Jim was able to watch the lights for about 15 minutes, as the story goes.

"The four that were closer to the water eventually drifted up and joined the other three that were on the mountainside; that is what Jim said," Jasek recalled from what was recounted to by George.

George didn't witness the lights, as he was following in a boat about four kilometres (2.5 miles) behind.

He didn't even know of Jim's unusual sighting until about a week later, after Jim received his film back from the processing laboratory. Supposedly, he wanted something to back up his story before he dared reveal what he saw.

Jim died about 10 years ago but a surviving daughter is living in B.C. The B.C. organization is trying to reach her to see if the original slide still exists.

Examining the original won't allow

scrutineers to determine whether the lights were UFOs or a strange natural occurrence. It will, however, give them the ability to determine whether the lights were part of the original photograph, and if so, whether they were a significant distance from the camera, said Jasek.

Tracking down the original slide may also bring to the surface other pictures of the same incident that Jim took but didn't circulate.

Apparently, there were copies made of the particular slide, one of which was supposedly sent to the Department of National Defence in Ottawa, Jasek explained.

"I think he inquired about it a year later, and was told it was classified."

Jasek visited the exact location from where the picture was taken in September.

From his examination of the picture, knowing the location of light closest to Jim as it was set against a backdrop of shoreline spruce trees, Jasek estimates that light measured 1.4 metres (4.5 feet)

in diameter.

"And that goes together with what Jim said. He said they were roughly three or four feet in diameter."

Jasek's investigation of the Tagish story is featured in a four-page spread in the B.C. quarterly report.

The magazine's cover story details the story of crop circles that were noticed in a hay field in Vanderhoof, B.C. on Aug. 28.

Crop circles have been made famous by several occurrences around the world. The 11 Vanderhoof circles mea-

sured 5.6 metres (18.5 feet) in diameter to 30 metres (99 feet).

The Tagish story will also appear in this fall's quarterly report *The Flying Saucer Review*, a British publication that began publishing in 1955.

Jasek said he's backlogged with about 20 local reports of UFO sightings that have come to him since he went public about his interest in bizarre sightings last spring.

His home phone number is 633-2472. The website address for *UFO\*BC* is ([www.ufobc.org](http://www.ufobc.org)).

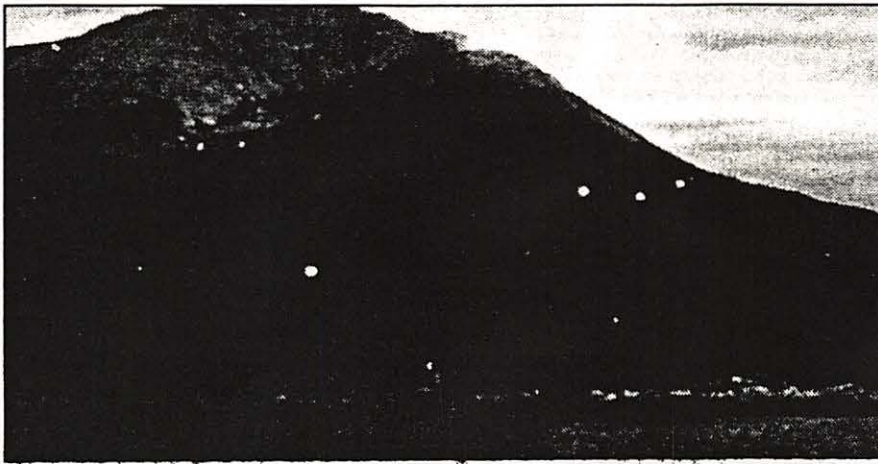
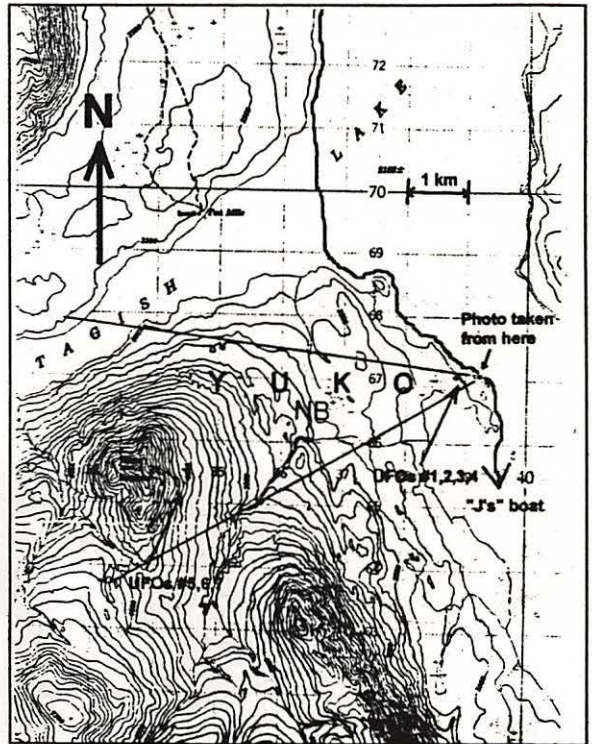


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**IS THERE LIFE OUT THERE?** - Local UFO enthusiast Martin Jasek located this picture of seven strange lights taken along the shore of Tagish Lake in the early 1970s by a local resident. The case is among 20 or so that have been brought to Jasek's attention after he publicized his interest in the phenomena last spring.



Map Submitted

**LOCATION PINPOINTED** - The map details where seven strange lights were photographed on Tagish Lake in the early 1970s.

# 22 witnesses report giant UFO in Yukon

By Martin Jasek  
UFO\*BC

On Dec. 11, 1996, an incredible "UFO event" took place along a 216 km (134 mile) stretch of the Klondike Highway in the Yukon Territory, Canada. The sightings occurred in three major areas along the highway: Fox Lake, The Village of Carmacks, and The Village of Pelly Crossing, each having 6, 9 and 7 witnesses respectively (see Figure 1).



Martin Jasek

This total of 22 people is a minimum number, and only includes those identified to the investigator by name. There were other witnesses (or vehicles) reported on scene. All but one of the witnesses wish to remain anonymous. Between the time period of February 1999 and September 1999, 19 out of the 22 witnesses have been interviewed (only 2 of these were second hand accounts).

This report documents the witnesses' descriptions resulting from these interviews. Fourteen of the witnesses have supplied drawings of the UFO.

Comparing the size of the UFO observed to that of a football stadium is not due to exaggeration on the witnesses' part. On the contrary, this comparison is conservative, as it will be shown in this report that the UFO was likely much larger.

A reasonably accurate estimate of the size of the UFO (or UFOs) was accomplished through a method based on geometry called "triangulation." (See "Calculation of UFO size" at end of this article.) This method was employed 6 times to obtain 6 estimates for the size of the UFO. All revealed staggering results: the UFO ranged anywhere from 0.88 km (0.55 miles) to 1.8 km (1.1 miles) in length! For comparison, the Toronto Skydome stadium is 0.21 km (0.13 miles) at it's widest point.

In order to keep witness identities anonymous, "Code Names" were developed consisting of the following format. For those witnesses who observed the UFO near Fox Lake the witness code names given were FOX1, FOX2, FOX3..., for those near

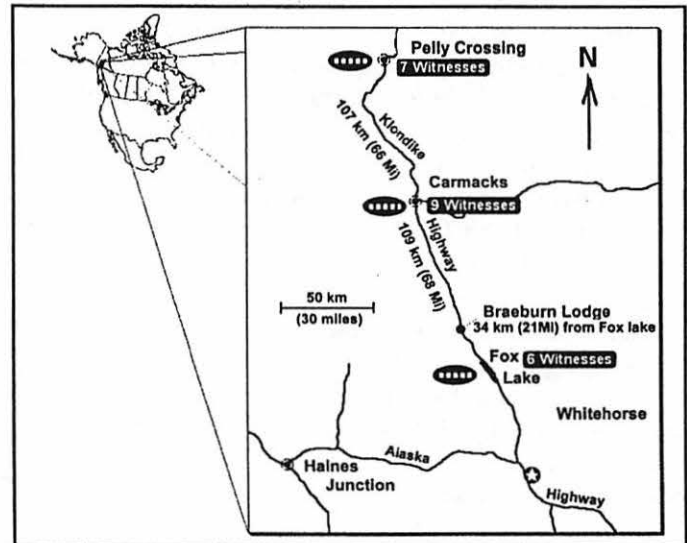


Figure 1. The locale, Yukon Territory, Canada.

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Carmacks, CRM1, CRM2, CRM3..., and for those near Pelly Crossing, PEL1, PEL2, PEL3...etc.

### The Narrative

Witnesses FOX2 and FOX3 were driving together from Whitehorse to Carmacks in two separate vehicles. As they were travelling northbound on the Klondike Highway adjacent to Fox Lake, they spotted a huge UFO out over the frozen lake. Fox Lake is on the west side of the highway. Both of them slammed on the brakes, stopping about 570 metres (1870 ft) apart from each other (refer to map shown in Figure 2).

FOX2 got out of his vehicle for a better observation. The UFO proceeded to slowly drift towards FOX2 and after a few minutes he found himself almost directly underneath the object! FOX3 continued to observe his cousin FOX2; both men were in complete awe! (See drawings by FOX3, Figures 3 and 4, and simulated graphic on cover).

The UFO continued to move slowly across the highway and out over the hill to the east and eventually disappeared behind it. Also, see drawing by FOX2 (Figure 5). Immediately after the sighting, FOX3 noted that the time was 8:30 p.m. Both FOX2 and FOX3 could discern that the lights were attached to a smooth and solid object.



At the very same time that FOX2 and FOX3 were observing the UFO move across the lake, FOX4 and FOX5 were approaching the southern tip of Fox Lake also heading northbound (see map, Figure 2). What they observed was a huge row, or rows, of lights slowly moving across the lake. There were other lights on and around the UFO as well. See drawings by FOX4 and FOX5 (Figures 6 and 7) and Fox4's estimated size compared to known landmarks (Figure 15).

Their first thought was that it was a large truck in the distance, but it couldn't be, since it was out over the lake. Their next thought was that a Boeing 747 was crash landing. But that couldn't be either, since it was moving much too slowly to be an aircraft. It took them about 2 seconds to process these thoughts when they realized that it must be a UFO! They became very concerned. They had a two-year-old son in the back seat and they were travelling towards this thing! After some debate they decided to continue their journey. After all, they could no longer see the UFO as they approached a hill that obscured their view, plus there was some traffic ahead of them. FOX5 looked at the car clock, it was 8:23 pm. None of the witnesses heard any sound coming from the object.

A few minutes later, when FOX4 and FOX5 were passing the Fox Lake campground, they passed by two vehicles that were pulled over with two men outside looking up at the sky. They turned around and pulled over to talk to them. It was FOX2 and FOX3 carrying on a lively discussion, "What the 'heck' was that?" After a few minutes FOX4 and FOX5 left and eventually stopped at Braeburn Lodge about 34 km (21 miles) further up the highway. FOX4 walked into the lodge and said to Steve Watson, the lodge owner, "Steve, I really need a coffee!" Steve replied "Oh, you must have seen what [FOX1] saw?" In fact FOX4 recalled seeing FOX1 leaving Braeburn Lodge just as they got there.

About half an hour before the sighting described above (about 8 p.m.) FOX1 was driving along Fox Lake and had noticed a light in the distance which should not have been there. He did not think too much of it, but as he got closer to the light, he could tell that it was illuminating a long smooth curved surface. He then passed some traffic and after his eyes readjusted to the darkness, the curved surface and the light were gone.

However, his eye caught a group of rectangular lights moving over and behind a hill to the east. At this point he got an "exhilarating feeling" and sped up in order to reach a less obscured location in the valley so that he would have a chance to see the UFO again. He pulled over and got out of his vehicle but

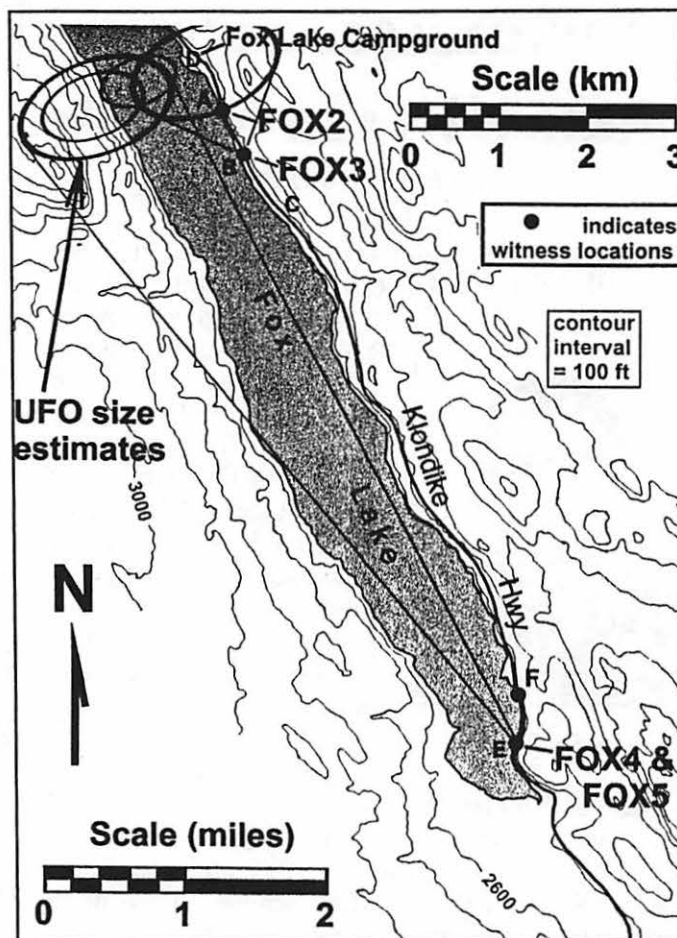


Figure 2. Fox Lake area and witness locations.

didn't see anything more unusual. He continued his journey and pulled into Braeburn Lodge where he gave Steve a description of what he saw, and also made drawings for him.

FOX2 and FOX3 eventually pulled into Braeburn Lodge and gave their description to Steve as well.

There was also a 6th witness to the Fox Lake sighting, but it is unclear what time she had driven through the area. FOX6 was driving in the vicinity of Fox Lake when she noticed a glow on her dashboard that could not be accounted for by the interior illumination of her vehicle. She leaned forward to look up through her windshield and observed a large arrangement of multi-colored lights. The interior lights in her car started to go dim and the music from her tape deck slowed down.

Between 8:30 and 9 p.m., the Village of Pelly Crossing (about a 2-hour drive to the north of Fox Lake) was experiencing its own truly incredible UFO sighting. PEL1 was tending his trapline northeast of Pelly when he observed in the distance to the southwest a long row of lights slowly moving over the hills. At first he thought

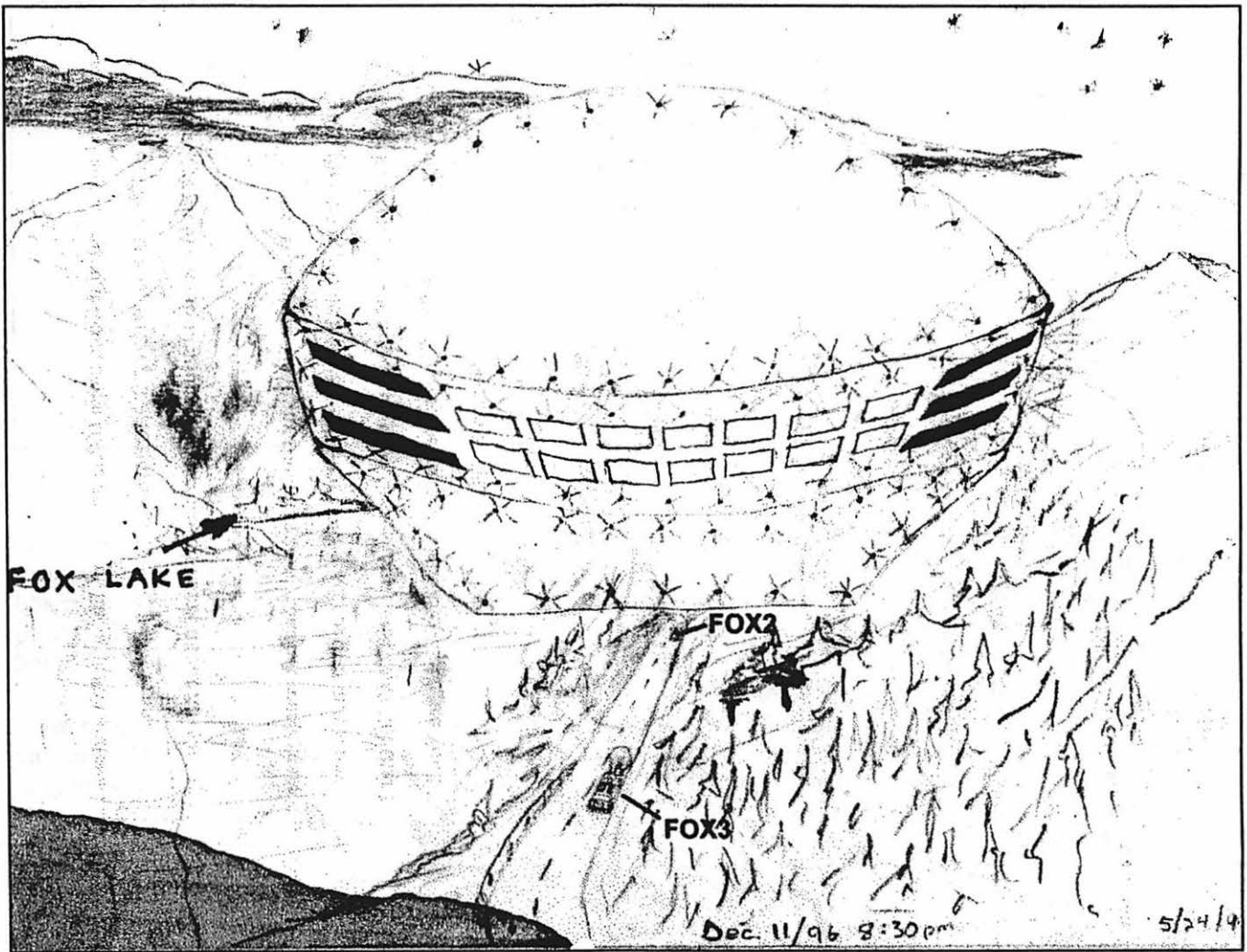


Figure 3: Drawing by Fox3 of overview of UFO.

Figure 4: Drawing by Fox3 of underside of UFO.

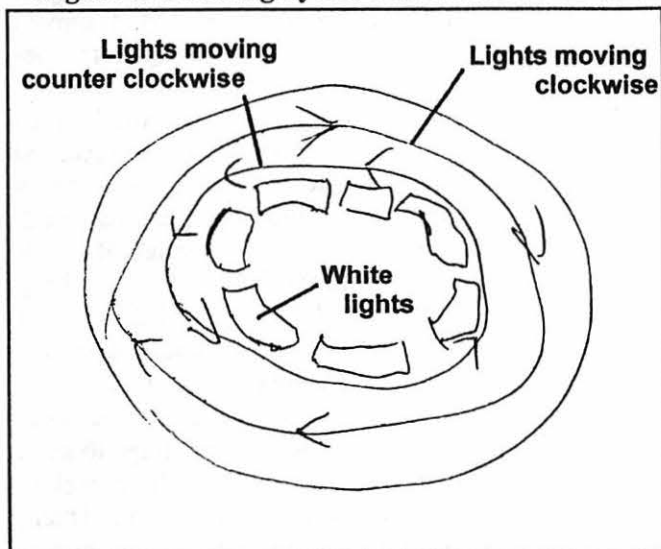
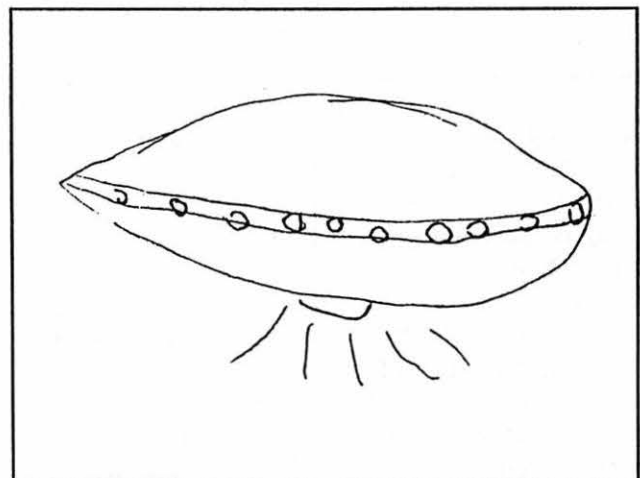


Figure 5: Drawing of UFO by Fox2.



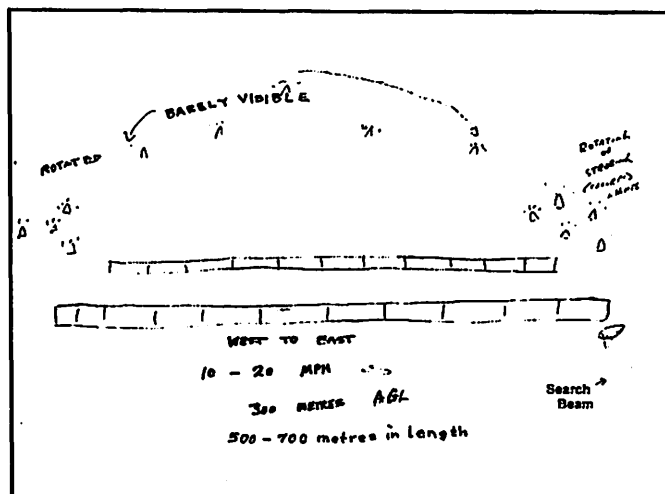


Figure 6: Drawing by Fox4.

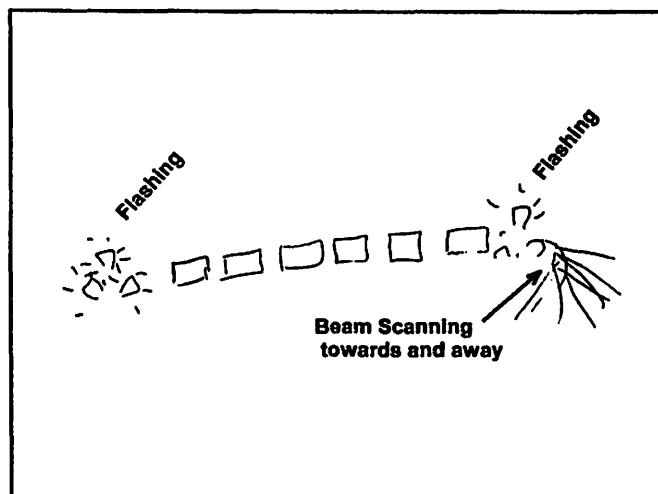


Figure 7: Drawing by Fox5.

it was a large aircraft coming down. But it was moving much too slowly. "It's a UFO!" As he was walking, his flashlight happened to point in the direction of the UFO.

As if reacting to his flashlight, the UFO started speeding rapidly toward him. He instinctively cupped the end of his flashlight. As soon as he completed this gesture, the UFO stopped in its track. In a matter of less than a second, it was hovering an estimated 300 yards (275 metres) in front of him! PEL1 had to turn his head from one side to the other to take it all in. (See graphic Figure 8, based on witness' drawings, and the investigators interpretation Figure 9).

Again there was no sound at all coming from the object. A beam of light emanating from the bottom of the UFO swept the ground once directly underneath the object. Was it a search beam looking for him? The UFO then drifted slowly to the right. There were other beams emanating from the craft as well; a greenish phosphorescent color beam shone horizontally out the front (right); two beams at the back (left) rotated slowly to a horizontal position. All the beams could be seen clearly as there were ice crystals in the air. PEL1 turned away from the UFO momentarily and ran across a small clearing. When he turned back to look at it, it was gone. Figure 10 shows the location of the witness and his estimated trajectory of the UFO.

At about the same time, PEL2 and PEL3 were travelling northbound just south of Pelly Crossing, to the north when they spotted a huge row of lights slowly moving from left to right. They pulled over at a gravel pit just south of the Village to get a better look and got out of their vehicle. PEL2 noticed that the Big Dipper was just above the row of lights and compared the length of the lights to the width of the Big Dipper. They were about the same length! This observation was very

important, since it established a well-referenced angular size of the UFO from PEL2 and PEL3's perspective, important for a more accurate triangulation and calculation of UFO size. The map shown in Figure 10 shows the location of witnesses PEL2 and PEL3 and their estimate of the UFO trajectory.

The accounts of witnesses PEL1 through 3 were enough to complete a calculation of UFO size. The observations of witnesses PEL4, 5, 6 and 7 about the same time provided a second triangulation. Their location is also indicated on the map in Figure 10. The four women were taking an evening course at a small community college in Pelly Crossing (a satellite school of Yukon College). They were out on a break on the front deck of the one-story building looking towards the west when they too observed the row of lights. The row of lights was travelling slowly almost towards them and slightly towards the north. They recall the object being huge as well; there was no sound at all. It moved slowly over the hill to the north and disappeared behind it.

Then there was the UFO sighting near the Village of Carmacks by 9 witnesses. The UFO was observed by two groups of people. CRM1, 2, 3 and 4 were on the highway northbound in a pick-up truck just south of Carmacks; CRM5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 consisted of a husband, wife and their 3 children. They were watching television when they spotted the row of lights out of their window. The locations of the witnesses and estimated UFO trajectories are shown in Figure 10.

The four men travelling together pulled over near the landfill at the southern edge of the Village to get a better look at the UFO. They watched the noiseless object move slowly to the northeast, curve around them to the south, and head up a valley adjacent to the mi-



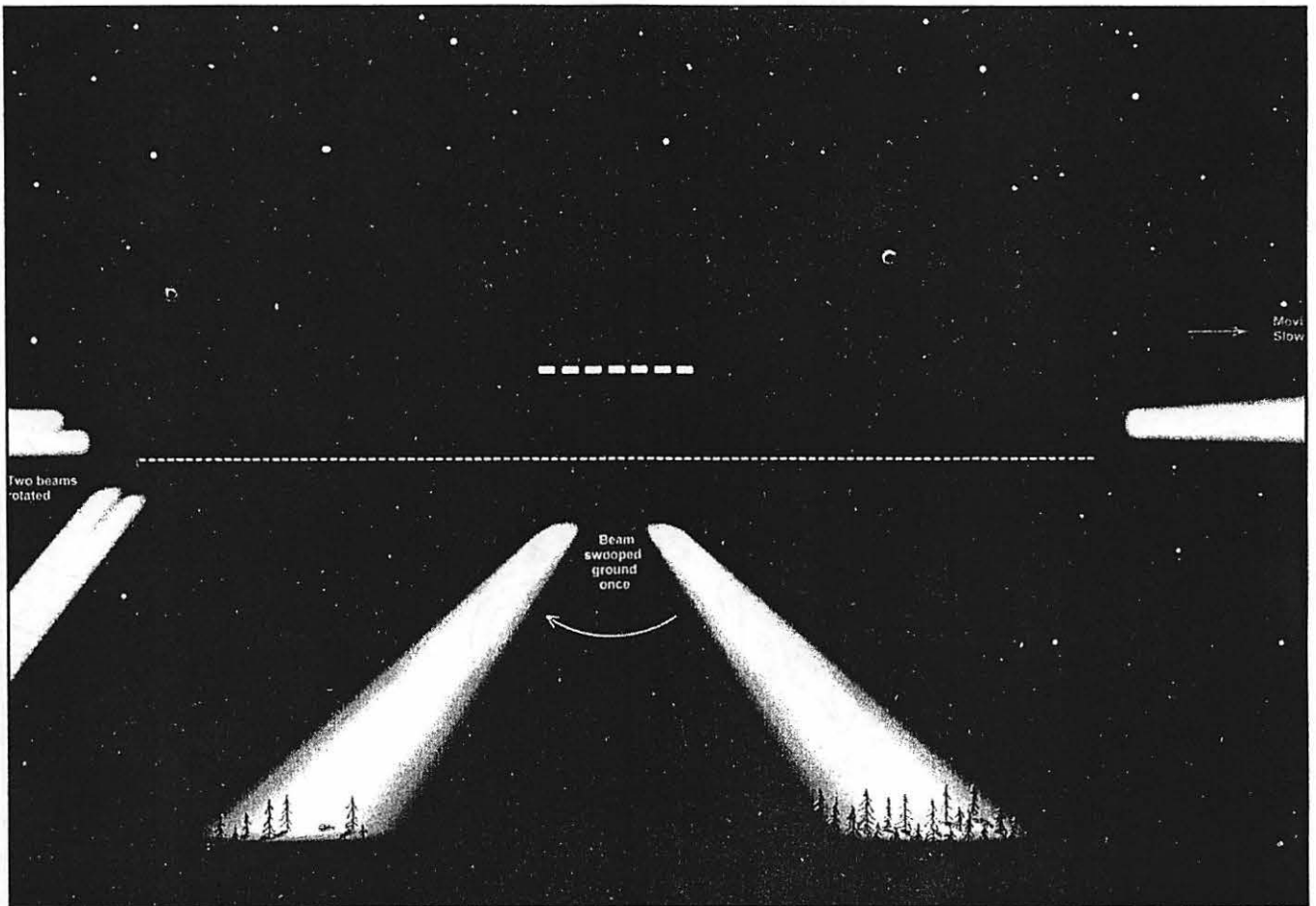
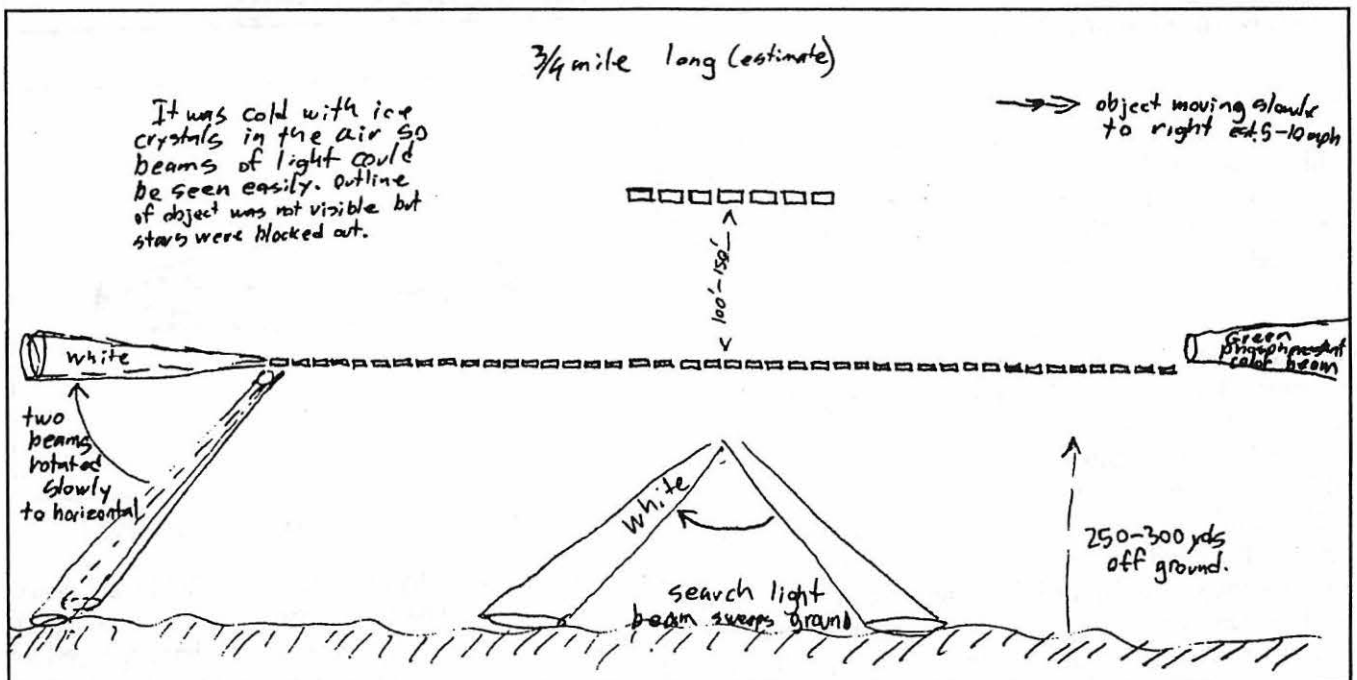


Figure 8: Artist's interpretation of sighting based on drawing by PEL1 (trapper Don Trudeau).  
Figure 9: UFO observed by PEL1 (Trudeau).



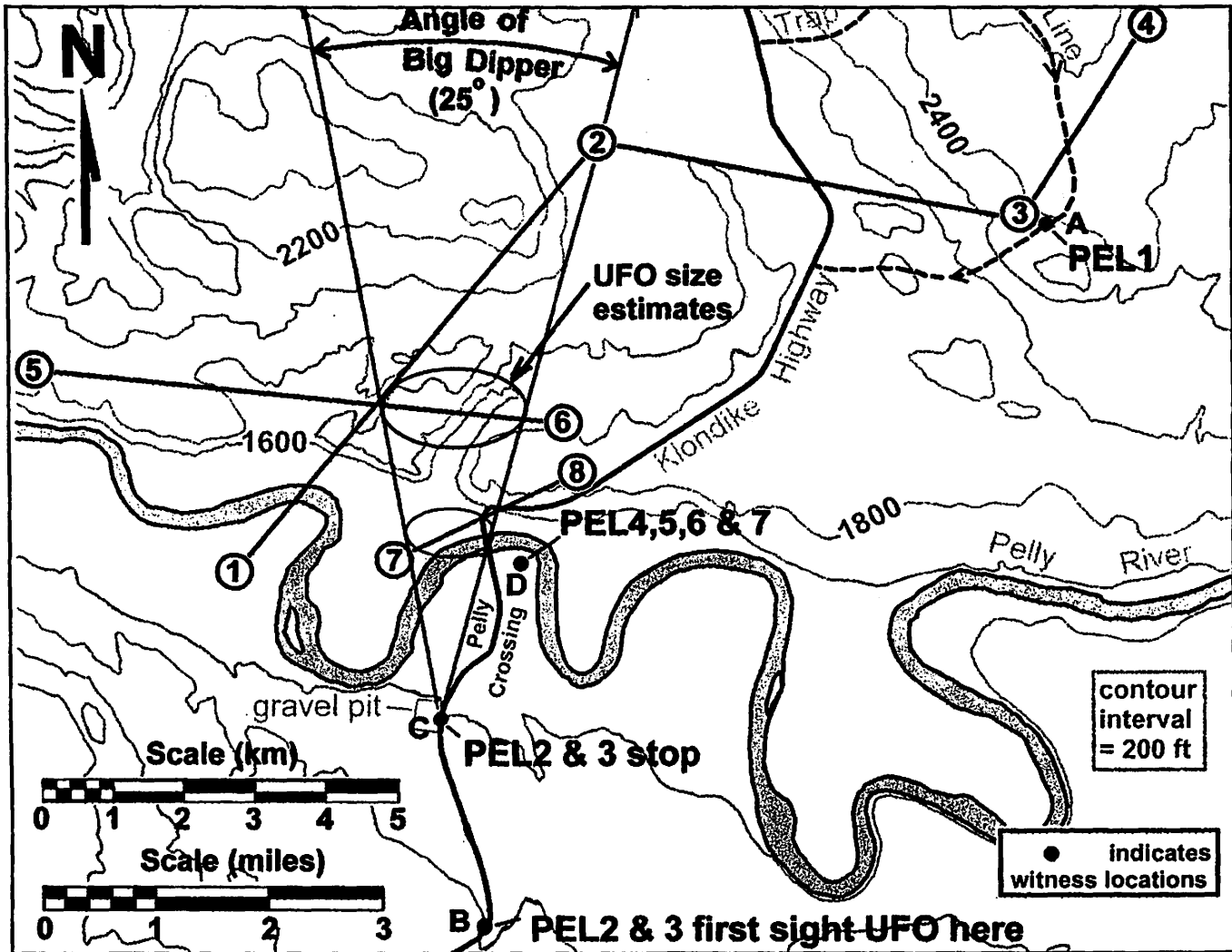


Figure 10: map of Pelly area.

crowave tower south of the village, where it just vanished. At one point the UFO was partially obscured behind a nearby hill and one witness recalls the UFO slowly reappearing on the other side of it. He remembers waiting a long time for the last light to reappear from behind the hill; that's how slow and large the object was!

The object took up about a 60 to 90 degree horizontal chunk of the sky. See drawings by CRM1 and CRM2 (Figures 13 and 14). CRM1 recalls hearing about the Fox Lake UFO sighting on the radio the next day and surmised that they saw the UFO about an hour and a half earlier, about 7 p.m.

The family is not exactly sure what time it was when they saw the UFO, only that it was in the evening. They observed the row of lights just to the northwest of them moving slowly to the northeast. The lights were just over the treeline, and there was no noise at all. See

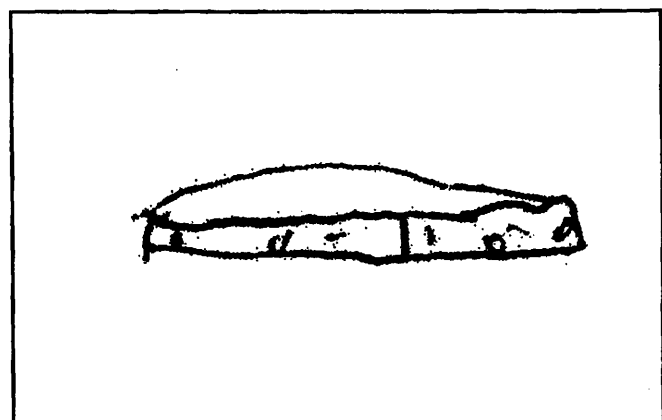


Figure 11: Drawing by CRM7, 6 years old.

Figure 11 (drawing by the eldest son, CRM7, six years old at the time). The lights continued to move until they disappeared one by one behind what appeared to be an invisible wall. There was no mountain in that

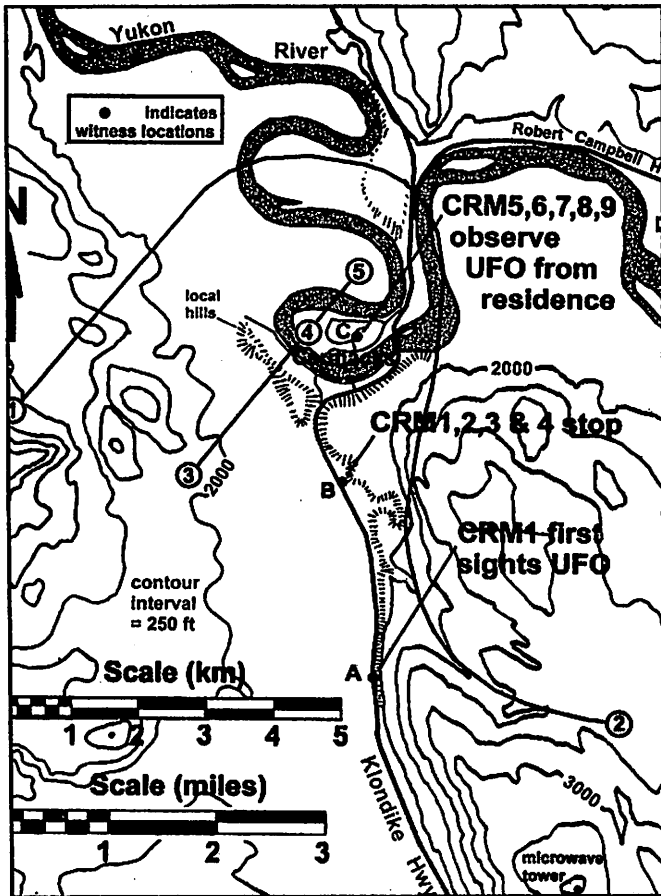


Figure 12: Carmacks area.

direction that could account for this. With the UFO sighting occurring just two weeks prior to Christmas, the three children thought that it was Santa Claus and his reindeer in the sky.

An estimate of the UFO size by triangulation was not possible for the Carmacks UFO sighting, as the geometry of the witness locations in relation to the UFO was less than ideal (see "Estimate of UFO Size"). Furthermore, it was unclear whether both the family and the group of four men in the truck observed the UFO at the same time. Perhaps the UFO made more than one pass by the Village that night.

There is also some evidence to suggest that this "sighting event" encompassed an even larger area, as UFO reports were heard on CBC North radio the very next day mentioning sightings in the communities of Dawson, Mayo and Watson Lake. No witnesses from these additional communities have thus far come forward or been identified.

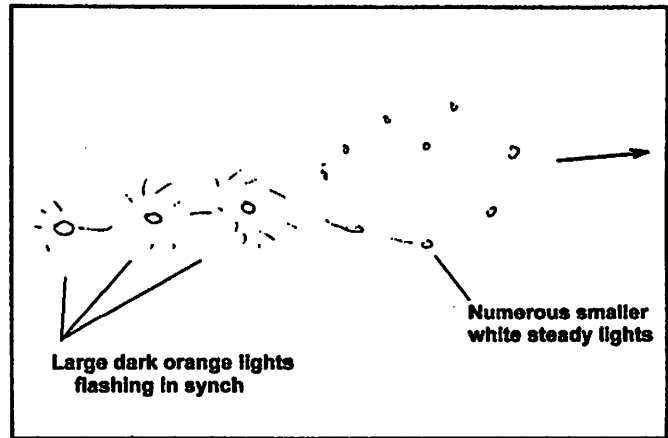


Figure 13: Drawing by CRM1.

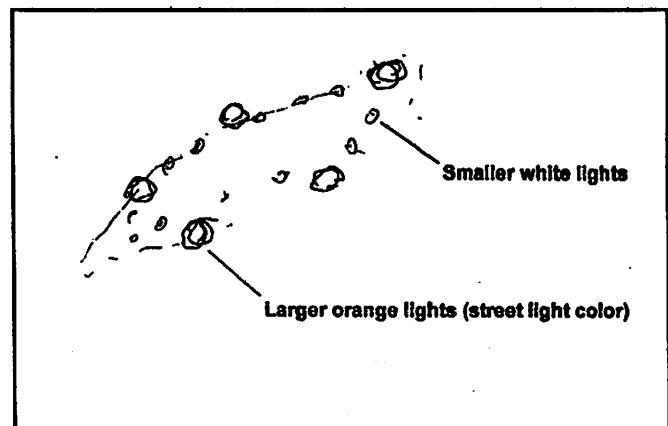


Figure 14: Drawing by CRM2.

## Estimate of UFO Size determined by triangulation

By Martin Jasek

A reasonably accurate estimate of the size of the UFO (or UFOs) was accomplished through a method based on geometry called "triangulation." Triangulation relies on the observation of an object (in this case a UFO) from at least two different vantage points at the same time. In addition to this, it also relies on an estimate of the angular size from at least one of the witnesses. One way to describe angular size is by comparing the size of the UFO to something being held out at arm's length. An example would be "the UFO was the size of a fist at arm's length." Another way to describe angular size is to compare the UFO's size to something else in the scene. An example would be "the UFO was about twice the size of that mountaintop."

Given the large number of witnesses and vantage points associated with this case, six separate calculations of UFO size could be made.

Calculation#1. A trip to the Fox Lake sighting loca-



tion was made with FOX3. The witness showed the locations along the highway where he and FOX2 pulled over to watch the UFO. This distance was measured to be 570 metres apart. We know from FOX2's testimony that he was directly underneath the edge of the UFO at one point in time. While on location, FOX3 was asked to hold out his arms and indicate the angular size of the UFO. This distance was measured to be about 1.2 metres (4 feet) apart. The perpendicular distance from his eyes to the tip of his hands was measured to be 0.4 metres (1.3 ft). Using trigonometry, this calculates out to be about a 113 degrees of angular distance. Projecting this angle forward the 570 metres distance to the UFO one obtains a UFO size of 1710 metres or about 1.7 kilometres (1.1 miles) in length (See Figure 2).

It was also of interest to obtain the elevation of the UFO in this observation, especially since it was almost directly overhead of FOX2. While on location with FOX3, the investigator asked him to take a photograph of the scene and hold his finger at the spot where the bottom of the UFO was when it was over his cousin (FOX2). An angular height of 6.5 degrees above the ground was determined from the photograph. Using trigonometry one obtains a height of the UFO of only 65 metres (213 ft) above FOX2! This is consistent with FOX3's estimate of 4 or 5 lamppost heights.

Calculation #2 and #3. FOX4 was presented with a photograph taken of the scene from his vantage point. He was asked to mark on the photo the length of the UFO. He was also instructed to hold the photograph 8 to 9 inches away from him in order that the angular size of the landmarks and actual scene was about the same. He gave two estimates (Figure 15). The two angles worked out to be 12.8 and 8.44 degrees angular size for the UFO. Since it was established that FOX2 and FOX3 were observing the UFO at the same time further up the lake, we know the distance to the UFO to be about 8 km (5 miles). Again, projecting those angles out to that distance, the UFO size for the two estimates worked out to be 1.8 km (1.1 miles) and 1.2 km (0.75 miles) in length respectively. (Figure 2)

Calculation #4. As above, FOX5 was presented with a photograph of the scene. She gave her estimate of angular UFO size and this worked out to be 3.95 degrees. Projecting this angle out towards the UFO 8 km (5 miles) away, one obtains a UFO size of 0.88 km (0.55 miles) in length.

Calculation #5 and #6. These two calculations were based on observations by witnesses near the Village of Pelly Crossing. PEL2 was very intelligent to compare the size of the UFO she observed to something in the scene. She compared it to the size of the star con-

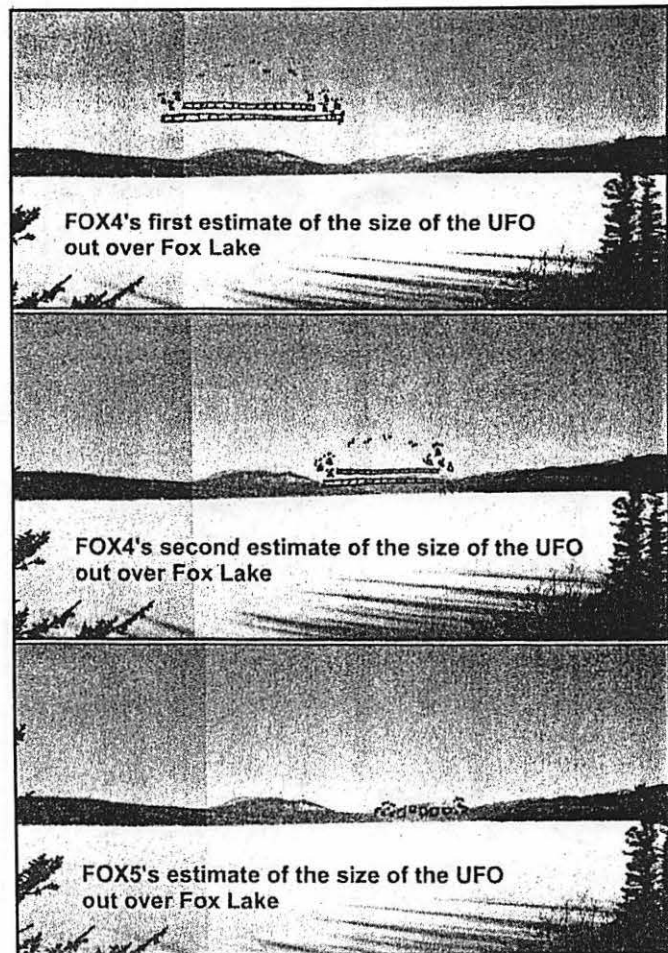


Figure 15. Fox4's estimates of size of UFO.

stellation, "The Big Dipper." This is more accurate than estimating after the fact or from a photograph. Since she perceived the angular length of the UFO to be the same length as the Big Dipper, from the position of the stars we can deduce that the angle was about 25 degrees. (See angle projected in map shown in Figure 10).

Since PEL4, 5, 6, and 7 were observing the UFO at about the same time from a different vantage point, we could triangulate a location of the UFO shown in Figure 10. The estimated trajectory of PEL2 was also used for a second calculation. The second calculation would not normally be considered a triangulation since it involves observations from only one vantage point. However, some weight has to be given to the estimated UFO trajectory of witness PEL1 that is even further away from PEL2. By projecting the angle of the Big Dipper out to these two trajectory locations, one obtains two more calculations of UFO size. The first trajectory is 2.6 km (1.6 miles) away and yields a UFO size of 1.2 km (0.75 miles) in length. The second tra-

jectory is 4.4 km (2.8 miles) away and yields a UFO size of 2.0 km (1.3 miles) in length.

To summarize, we have obtained the following sizes of the UFO by means of triangulation:

FOX3 with FOX2: 1.7 km (1.1 miles) FOX4 with FOX2: 1.8 km (1.1 miles) FOX4 with FOX2: 1.2 km (0.75 miles) FOX5 with FOX2: 0.88 km (0.55 miles) PEL2 with PEL4,5,6,7: 1.2 km (0.75 miles) PEL2 with PEL1: 2.0 km (1.3 miles)

This is consistent with witness testimony of the object appearing to be "huge" in the sky. Several witnesses gave size estimates of their own, and these were generally smaller than those obtained through the more accurate triangulation:

FOX2 0.5 km (0.3 miles) based on relative size to lake width; FOX3 0.21 km (0.13 miles)—comparable to a football stadium; FOX4 0.5 to 0.7 km (0.3 to 0.4 miles)—direct estimate; PEL1 1.2 km (0.75 miles)—direct estimate; PEL3 0.5 km (0.3 miles); direct estimate.

By any stretch of the imagination or calculation, this thing was BIG!

## Frequently-asked questions regarding the Yukon Case

By Martin Jasek

(Added to report - January 2000)

**Why has it taken almost 3 years for this case to be made public?**

Actually, two of the witnesses (FOX2 and FOX3) did approach a local radio station (CHON FM) the day after the event (Dec 12, 1996), and their interviews did get on the air. However, that is as far as it went. The author was not aware of this broadcast at the time.

In 1998, witness CRM1 placed an anonymous call to Lorraine Bretlyn, another Yukon UFO investigator, and mentioned that his sighting in Carmacks occurred the same evening as the Fox Lake sighting that he heard described on the radio. This was our first clue that a large UFO was seen by multiple witnesses in multiple locations. However, all we knew at that point was that the incident occurred in the past few years and in winter conditions.

On Jan. 28, 1999, FOX2 called us to describe his sighting at Fox Lake. The call was spurred by a local newspaper article describing some unrelated UFO cases. He mentioned that many of the Fox Lake witnesses had stopped in at Braeburn Lodge and described

their sighting to lodge owner Steve Watson. Watson was interviewed, and he confirmed that fact and was able to give us about three additional witness names. These witnesses were contacted, and they in turn provided additional witness names until we had a total of 22.

The time period between January and October 1999 was used to locate these other witnesses, interview them, obtain their drawings, and put this report together. This was complicated by the facts that most of the witnesses live a 2 to 3 hours' drive from the City of Whitehorse where the investigation is based, and some of the witnesses did not have telephones.

**Why are the drawings and descriptions of the UFO different? Did the witnesses see the same UFO or maybe different ones?**

Yes, we agree that many of the drawings do look different. It could have been different UFOs, but there could be other reasons for the differences in the drawings and descriptions:

1. It was two to three years from the time the sighting occurred to when the witnesses were asked to make their drawings. Memories do change.

2. Perhaps witnesses at different locations saw different sides of the UFO that may have had a different number/configuration of lights. The distance to the UFO also varied, so those further away would not see certain details.

3. Different witnesses spent different amounts of time on their drawings. Some paid a lot of attention to detail, while others just provided a quick sketch. Some drawings were constructed in just seconds, while others—and one in particular—probably took more than 5 minutes. Artistic talent varied.

4. The UFO may have had certain lights turned off and certain lights turned on during that evening. It may have varied the "on lights" and "off lights" between the times when various witnesses observed it.

Note: Drawings by FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX5 were very similar, with minor differences that could easily be attributable to points 1, 2 and 3 above. All these witnesses were aware of the time that their sighting took place, and it has therefore been established that these four were observing the same UFO at the same time. The differences in drawings of PEL2 and PEL3 could be mostly attributable to points 1 and 3. The differences between the drawing of PEL1 and the other Pelly witnesses may be attributable to points 2

and 4.

5. Points 2, 3 and 4 do not explain the differences in drawings by witnesses who were together during the sighting. To provide some explanation for this, one may consider the following. All the witnesses observed the UFO anywhere from one minute to several minutes. During their observation the UFO traversed a considerable distance across the sky, thereby changing their perspective view of it. It likely looked much different from these different angles.

Each witness was asked to draw the UFO. One would suppose that each witness would pluck one image from his or her mind that corresponded to one of these perspectives. They would likely choose the one image that made the largest impression on them. This may explain the differences between the drawings of CRM1 and CRM2, and also between PEL6 and PEL7.

**How do you know that the witnesses are not making it up?**

The answer lies in the demeanor of the witnesses in their interviews. Only two witnesses approached the media or a UFO investigator—the remaining 20 had to be sought. Once found, they were reluctant to talk. However, when they were assured that their identity would not be made public, they opened up. As they were describing their sighting, apprehension was replaced by excitement. It was like reliving the experience with them. This behavior is not consistent with someone making up a story.

If it were an orchestrated hoax by all these people they would not have sat around for someone to show up at their door until two and a half years later. It is not likely that they would have arranged to stop consecutively at Braeburn Lodge and tell a made-up UFO story to the lodge owner.

I have met several times with some of these witnesses, often being invited into their homes. I have gotten to know them fairly well and consider many of them as friends. Among the ones I have met frequently are FOX1, FOX2, FOX3, FOX4, FOX5, PEL1 and PEL2. . Even the ones I met on only one occasion, their demeanor was consistent with that of an honest person confronted with something that they saw that they could not explain in terms of conventional means.

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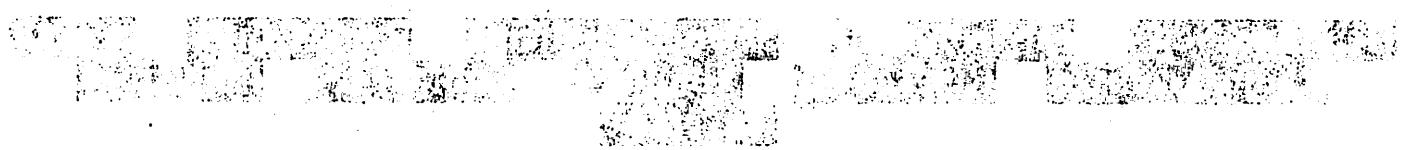
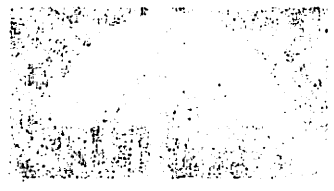
### Report Available: 31 Eyewitnesses See Mile Long Aerial Craft in Yukon

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Eyewitnesses of mile long unidentified aerial craft on December 11, 1996 live in Carmacks, Pelly Crossing, Mayo and Fox Lake, Yukon Territory, Canada.

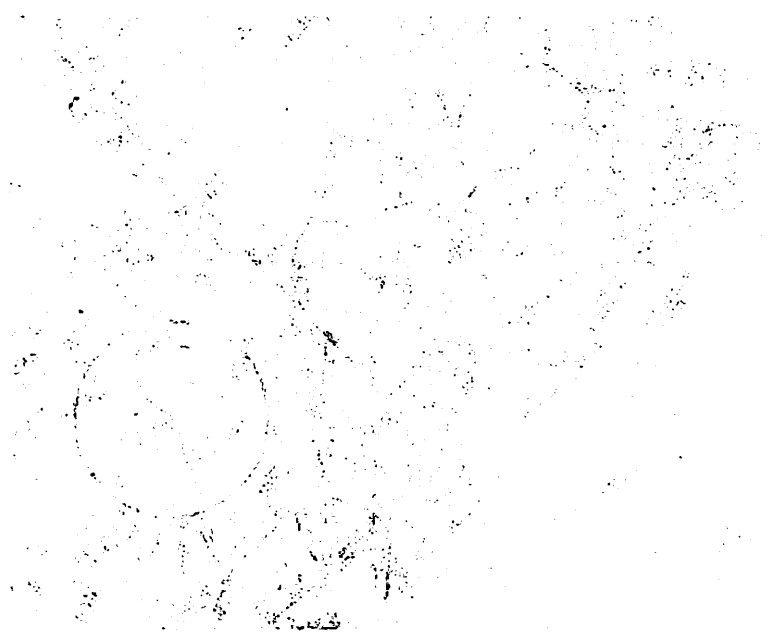
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been nearly a **mile long** hovering silently about 300 feet above the ground.



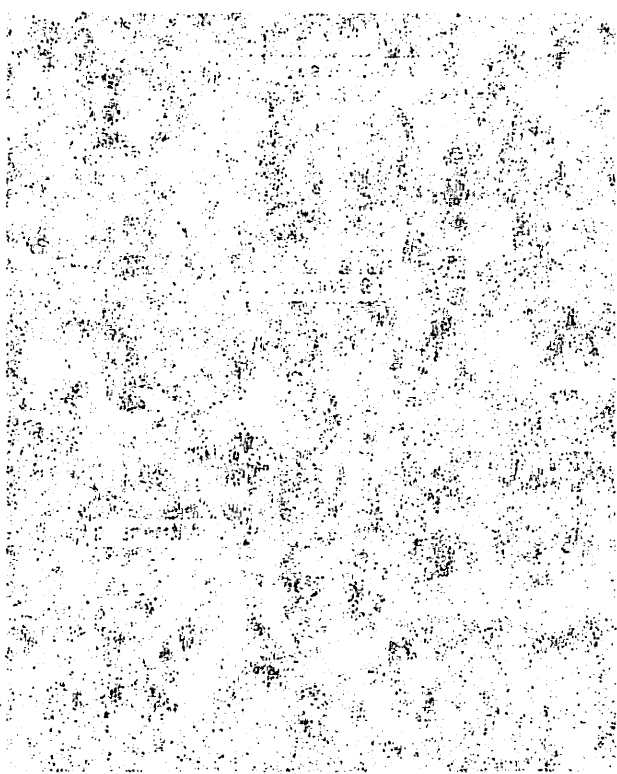
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The incident occurred on December 11, 1996, but it was not until this year that a summary report with eyewitness drawings was assembled by Yukon investigator Martin Jasek for UFOBC. This weekend I talked with Martin and one of the eyewitnesses, Don Trudeau, who is Assistant Director for a First Nation Native American Band in Pelling Crossing.

**Interview Don Trudeau, Assistant Director of the South Government Department for the First National Native American Band, Pelling Crossing, Yukon Territory, Canada:** "I was out on my trap line when this happened. I was all by myself and it was probably around 8:30 or quarter to 9 at night. As I was walking along my trap line, I came into a very small clearing in the bush and I was coming downhill when I came to this clearing and off to my right, I saw a light. I thought to myself, 'Oh, a 747 or a big plane is coming down.' But then, when I continued to look at it, it was moving very, very slowly and I realized that it wasn't an airplane and I had myself an encounter with a UFO. So, I turned to my right where the object was and as I turned, the flashlight that I had slung from my waist pointed in that direction. At the first sighting of the UFO, it was probably three-quarters to a mile off. When I turned and the flashlight pointing in that direction, then the object moved towards me very rapidly. It stopped probably about 300 yards in front of me after I put my hand over my flashlight.

Right out of the center of it, a beam came down at 45 degrees pointing forward in the direction it was moving. Then it did a sweep to about 45 degrees back. Then it went out. Also, too, out of the front of the object was some kind of green light and I could see it



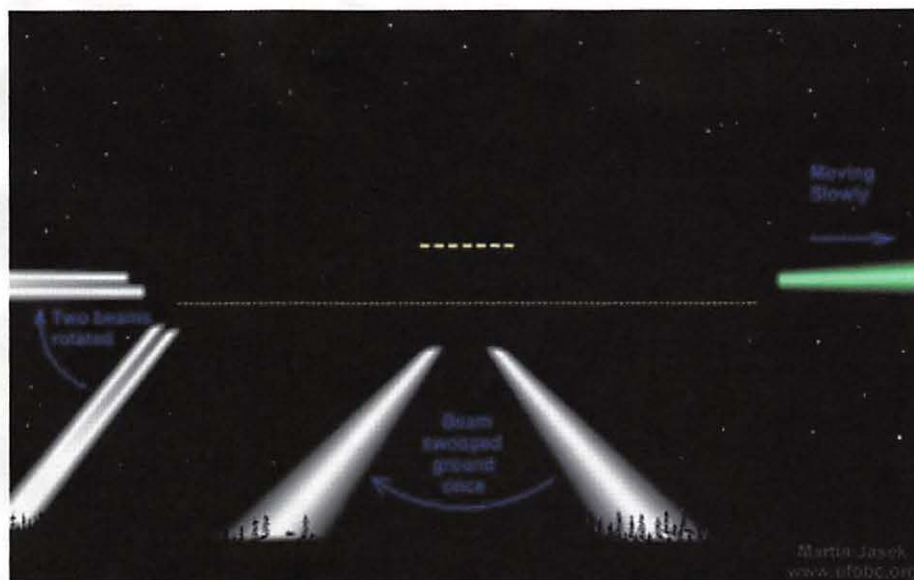


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very clearly because of the ice crystals in the air. And out of the back of the object was two whitelights that were shining down in behind the object and then they slowly rotated up until they were completely level with the object. It was moving I would say between 5 and 10 mph and it was moving slowly to my right. And on the object itself, there was a long line of lights. They were square. They weren't round. They were rectangular. They were about 9 feet high and probably about 20 feet long.



Computer graphic based on eyewitness Don Trudeau who was walking his trap line several miles from any roads in the wilderness and up high enough to be at eye level with the strange and immense aerial craft © 2000 by Martin Jasek, UFOBC.

COULD YOU MAKE SOME COMMENTS NOW SO THAT AN AUDIENCE COULD GET SOME SENSE OF THE SIZE OF THIS IN RELATIONSHIP TO YOU AND THE ENVIRONMENT?

Yes, I would estimate it was about 3/4's of a mile long. It could have been longer. But where I was standing when it was close to me, I could not look at the whole thing. I had to turn my head from side to side.

THREE QUARTERS OF A MILE LONG AND ABOUT HOW CLOSE TO THE TREETOPS OR THE ROAD OR TO YOU WAS IT HANGING?

It was probably hovering about 250 feet or 300 feet up and because I was on a hillside, I was almost looking straight level with it, maybe had my gaze up just a tiny little bit. And there was no noise, no humming, nothing coming out of this machine.

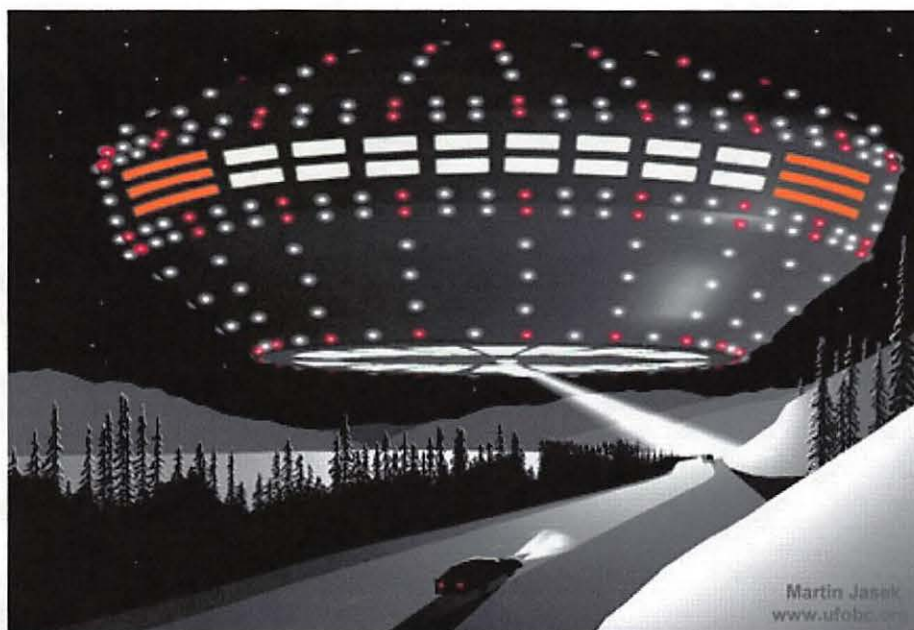
IT'S SUCH AN ENORMOUS THING TO BE SO LOW AND FOR THERE NOT TO BE ANY SOUND. WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION TO THAT FACT THAT IT WAS SILENT?

Well, at first, I guess you could say I was standing there with my mouth open just looking at it. But at no time did I have any fear of this. At no time was I other than awe of something so huge."

Martin Jasek is a civil engineer with a masters degree in Water Resources. When he started his investigation for UFO British Columbia a year ago, he had no idea there were so many eyewitnesses who had watched the giant aerial craft for several minutes.

**Martin Jasek, Civil Engineer and UFOBC Investigator, White Horse, Yukon Territory, Canada:** "I couldn't believe it as it was unraveling. You start with one phone call and it kept getting more and more detailed. Every person I talked to was really down to earth and not looking for attention. I had to convince some of them to talk about what they had seen.

Two cousins were driving in two different vehicles about a mile apart from each other. It was about 8:30 in the evening and they were going along a highway that is adjacent to a lake. The lake is on the left hand side and there is this huge UFO that comes over from the other side. They slam on the brakes and skate to a stop. The first fellow in front gets out of the vehicle and he's watching the thing move slowly towards his side of the lake. Now, his cousin is about a quarter of a mile back from him and he doesn't want to go further because if he goes to where his cousin is he'll be right in the path of this UFO, so he stops further back. He watches this huge UFO go over his cousin and off over the right and the hills. A drawing based on that report is included in our report.



Computer graphic based on Fox Lake eyewitnesses who watched the mile long aerial craft for at least five minutes © 2000 by Martin Jasek, UFOBC.

A brother and sister were just driving into Pelly. It would have been about 8 miles from where Don was and they were looking north and they saw this huge row of lights traveling over the hills on the other side of the village. It was just enormous in size and pulled over. The woman was very smart in that she compared the size or length of the lights to the Big Dipper which happened to be right above it. And it was the same length as the Big Dipper. And the Big Dipper takes up 25 degrees of the sky.

Then there were also four women taking an evening course at a college and they were



out on a break and they watched lights coming from the west and going north in Don Trudeau's direction. They did drawings as well.

Then there was a fellow I just learned about recently. He was walking over the bridge and coming back from hockey game practice and he saw this huge row of lights approaching him and got scared and laid down on the deck of the bridge face down. And then at one point he looked up and right above him and it was there and looked back down until it was gone.

**AND HE ACTUALLY LAID DOWN?**

Yes. That's what his grandmother told me. He was 13 years old, pretty shaken up. I haven't talked to him.

All these people saw the same thing over the same spot. we were able to calculate the size from the triangulation and we had a good angle this time because it was compared to the big dipper.

**AND THAT ESTIMATE TURNED OUT TO BE HOW BIG?**

Between 1 and 2 kilometers, about a mile.

**A MILE IN DIAMETER. IT'S HARD REALLY FOR US HUMANS USE TO SEEING CRAFT IN THE SKY THAT ARE ONLY 200 OR 300 FEET LONG IN AIRLINERS THAT ANYTHING COULD BE A MILE LONG SITTING 250 FEET UP ABOVE TREES AND COMPLETELY SILENT.**

Yeah, I agree with you there. Just stand next to a football stadium and picture something 5 times the size.

**FIVE TIMES THE SIZE OF A FOOTBALL STADIUM HOVERING IN THE AIR 250 FEET.**

Yeah.

**WHAT IS IT? AND HOW CAN IT DO THAT COMPLETELY SILENTLY?**

Exactly. The only one who could see the actual surface texture of it were the two cousins at Fox Lake and I think that was the one area where the UFO was really close to the ground that enough light was reflecting off the snow to illuminate itself.

**DID THEY GIVE ANY DETAILS ABOUT WHAT THE SURFACE LOOKED LIKE BETWEEN THE LIGHTS?**

They just said smooth, grey, metallic.

**ANY CONTACT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT?**

No, no one that we know of called the police. "

**More Info** Martin Jasek's summary of where eyewitnesses lived: "Fox Lake had 6 witnesses. The Village of Carmacks had 9 eyewitnesses. Then north of Carmacks was the Village of Pelly Crossing where Don Trudeau lives and there was a total of 8 witnesses there. Then there is the Village of Mayo further north and there was another 8 witnesses at that location. All the same evening, covering an area roughly 250 miles."

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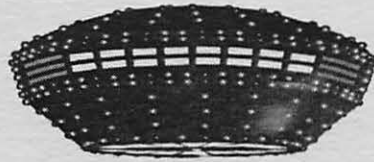
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# **Giant UFO in the Yukon Territory**

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**On December 11, 1996, at least 31 people in the Yukon Territory of Canada witnessed a giant UFO. Indications are that it may have been the size of several football stadiums. The sightings principally took place in four locations in the central Yukon; Fox Lake, the Village of Carmacks, the Village of Pelly Crossing, and the Village of Mayo with 6, 9, 8 and 8 witnesses respectively.**



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## **Preface**

Even though the investigation into this UFO sighting unfolded over the course of several months, it felt like an avalanche of information. The number of pages in this report reflects this. With each witness I interviewed I became more and more impressed with his or her honesty, integrity and forthrightness. Some of them I have spoken with on several occasions and have been invited into their homes. I consider them as friends. I was not only impressed with the witnesses themselves but with the detailed information they were willing and able to provide.

It became apparent in the early stages of the investigation that something truly out of the ordinary had occurred. I could not believe that the details of this sighting of a giant UFO seen by so many had gone unacknowledged by, or was unknown to, "the officials". It was for this reason that this report was submitted under cover of letter to the Government of Canada through the office of Ms. Louise Hardy, M.P., Yukon (Appendix A). It was also sent to the Yukon Government as well as all Yukon First Nations, the Whitehorse RCMP detachment, and Department of Defence - Canadian Forces Northern Area in Yellowknife, NT.

It was immediately apparent why these UFO sightings were not officially reported; most of the witnesses feared ridicule or just did not want the publicity. Unfortunately, it is far too common for UFO witnesses to tell only a few close friends and family about their UFO sightings. We are therefore left with a situation where the public has to speculate and investigate on their own. It is the aim of this report to encourage open discussion and co-operation between governments and the general public on the UFO issue so that headway can be made to help understand this mystery. A two-way exchange of information is sought.

Martin Jasek

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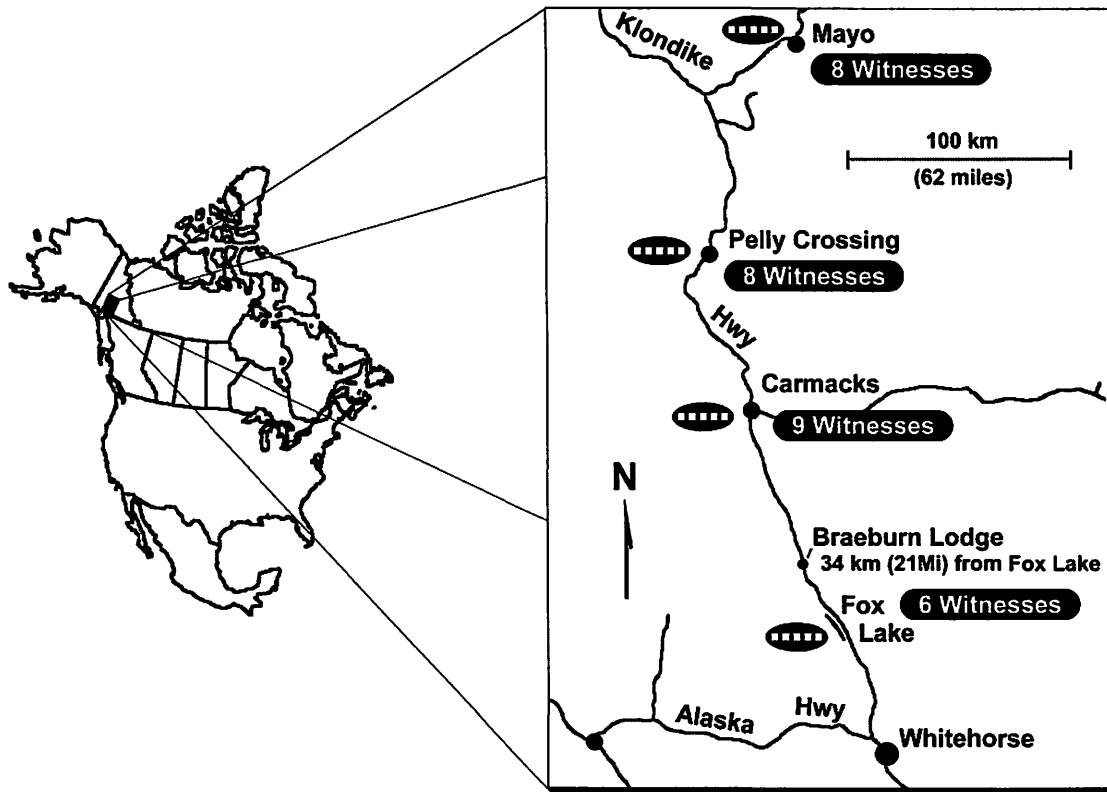
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# Giant UFO in the Yukon Territory



## Introduction

On December 11th, 1996 an incredible "UFO event" took place along a 340 km (205 mile) stretch of the Klondike and Silver Trail Highways in the Yukon Territory, Canada. The sightings occurred in four major areas: Fox Lake, The Village of Carmacks, The Village of Pelly Crossing and the Village of Mayo each having 6, 9, 8, and 8 witnesses respectively (see Figure 1). This total of 31 people is a minimum number and only includes those identified to the investigator by name. There were other witnesses (or vehicles) reported on scene. All but three of the witnesses wish to remain anonymous.

Between the time period of February 1999 and September 1999, 19 out of the 23 witnesses from the first three locations have been interviewed (only 2 of these were second hand accounts). This report documents the witnesses' descriptions resulting from these interviews. Fourteen of the witnesses have supplied drawings of the UFO.

The investigation is in the beginning stages with regards to the Mayo witnesses and therefore, descriptions of what they saw are mentioned only briefly in this report. The 8 witnesses in Mayo have only been identified as of March 2000 (as this report was about to be submitted for printing). Six of these people have been interviewed.

The majority of the witnesses were awed by the giant size of the UFO and some related it to the dimensions of a sporting arena. Comparing the size of the UFO observed equal to that of a football stadium is not due to exaggeration on the witnesses' part. On the contrary, this comparison is conservative, as it will be shown in this report that the UFO was likely much larger than a football stadium. A reasonably accurate estimate of the size of the UFO (or UFOs) was accomplished through a method based on geometry called "triangulation". Triangulation relies on the observation of an object (in this case a UFO) from different vantage points at the same time. The details of this are explained in "Calculation of UFO Size" (page 28). This method was employed 6 times to obtain 6 estimates for the size of the UFO. All revealed staggering results; the UFO ranged anywhere from 0.88 km (0.55 miles) to 1.8 km (1.1 miles) in length! For comparison, the Toronto Skydome stadium is 0.21 km (0.13 miles) at it's widest point.

In order to keep witness identities anonymous, "Code Names" were developed consisting of the following format. For those witnesses who observed the UFO near Fox Lake the witness code names given were FOX1, FOX2, FOX3..., for those near Carmacks; CRM1, CRM2, CRM3..., for those near Pelly Crossing; PEL1, PEL2, PEL3... and for those near Mayo; MYO1, MYO2, MYO3... etc.

Near Fox Lake, witnesses FOX2 and FOX3 had a rather close encounter with the UFO. At the same time that this was occurring, witnesses FOX4 and FOX5 observed the UFO from the southern end of Fox Lake. The simultaneous observations of the UFO by these four witnesses provided excellent data to estimate the size of the UFO. Two other witnesses, FOX1 (Danny Skookum) and FOX6, were driving through the area and saw the UFO the same night. Most of these witnesses stopped in at Braeburn Lodge (See Figure 1 and 2 for location) and anxiously described their UFO sighting to the lodge owner, Steve Watson.

Near the Village of Pelly Crossing a trapper (PEL1) had a very close encounter with a UFO that he estimated to be  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile long. It was so close to him that he had to turn his head in order to view the entire UFO. PEL1 is another witness that does not mind having his identity revealed; his name is Don Trudeau. At about the same time that Mr. Trudeau was having his sighting, Jean Van Bibber (PEL2) and her brother (PEL3) were travelling along the highway near the village when they noticed a huge and long row of lights moving slowly over the hills. They stopped and pulled over. PEL2 compared the length of the UFO to the length of the Big Dipper that was right above it. It was the same length as the Big Dipper! This observation allowed for a more accurate estimation of UFO size. At about the same time, four women (PEL4, PEL5, PEL6 and PEL7) were taking an evening course at a satellite college in the community. They were let out for a break at about 8:30pm. They went out onto the deck of the small one-story building and observed the UFO as well. They watched the large object move slowly over the village and disappear behind a hill to the north.

A teenage boy (PEL8) was walking across the Pelly River bridge when he noticed the UFO approaching. He got so frightened that he laid face down on the bridge. At one point he looked up and saw the UFO above him. He came home shaken and related the story to his Grandmother. A detailed interview was not possible with this witness prior to going to print.

In the Village of Carmacks, four men (CRM1, CRM2, CRM3, CRM4) travelling in a truck pulled over to watch a huge UFO fly slowly over the village. At one point it went behind a hill. When it came out on the other side, one witness recalls waiting a long time from when the leading light of the UFO appeared to when the tail end of the UFO came in to view. That's how big it was! Also in the Village of Carmacks a family of five (CRM5 through CRM9) viewed the UFO from their living room window.

In the Village of Mayo, 4 teenage boys (MYO2-5) playing street hockey between 9:00 and 10:00pm were alerted to a strange light in the sky by a nearby adult (MYO1). A second light appeared, then a third. All lights formed a horizontal row. Suddenly the entire formation of lights took off at a fantastic speed. Two teenage girls (MYO6 and MYO7) observed a UFO the "size of a football field" over the Administration Building. Another teenage girl (MYO8), as well as several out of town hotel guests, observed a row of lights come up from behind the treeline and move slowly through the sky. MYO8 lost sight of the UFO behind the Bedrock Hotel. She ran around the edge of the hotel and the UFO was gone. Her impression of the UFO was that it was very large.

## The Fox Lake Sightings



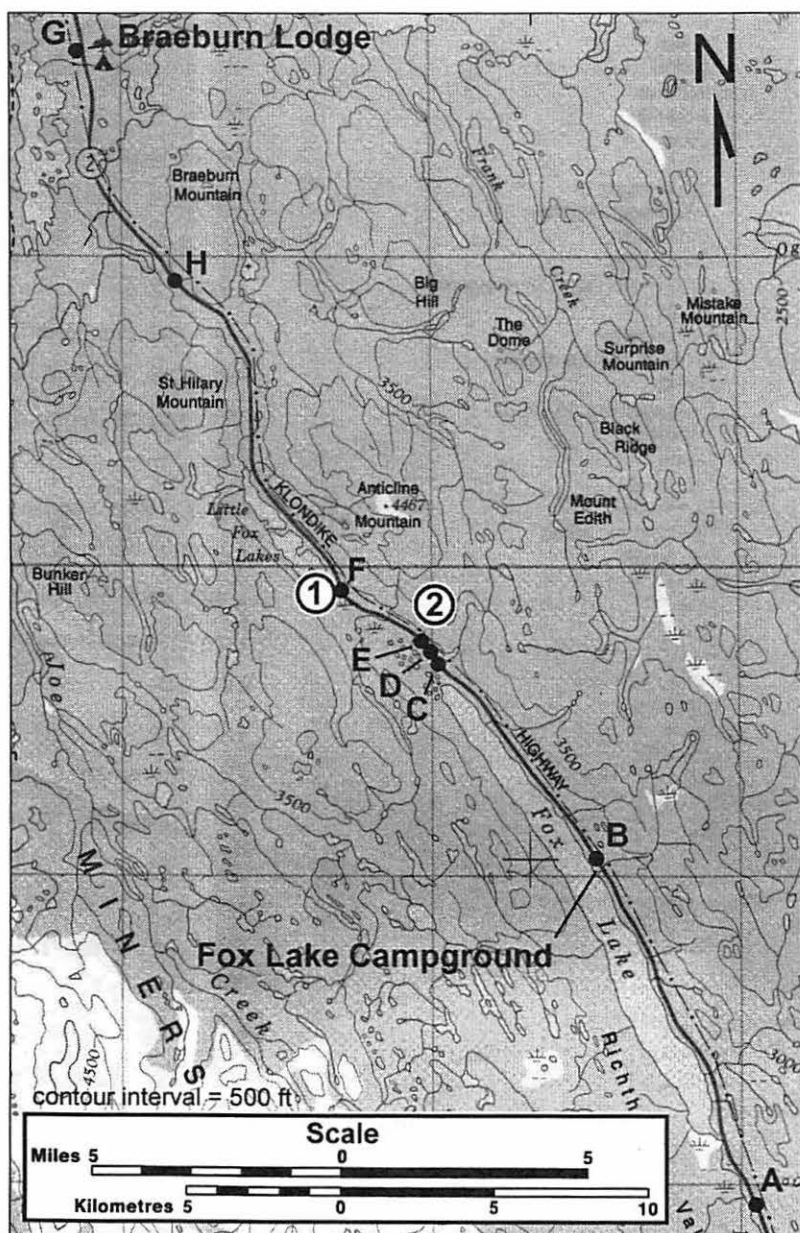
Fox Lake is a 17 kilometre (11 mile) long lake located at about the 55 kilometre (34 mile) point of the Klondike Highway between Whitehorse and the Village of Carmacks. There are a small number of cottages and some full time residences between the highway and the eastern shore of the lake. The western side of the lake is not accessible by road. Six people have been identified who witnessed a giant UFO in the area on the evening of December 11, 1996. All were highway travellers.

## Testimony of Danny Skookum (FOX1)

*Danny Skookum is a witness who is willing to have his identity disclosed. We commend him for his courage to do so.*

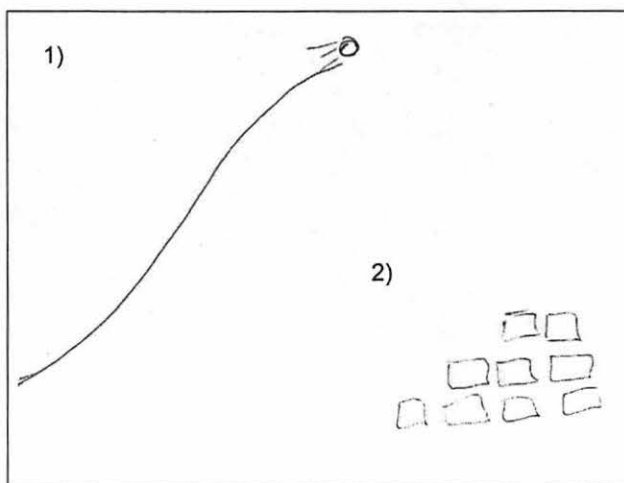
### Witness Fox1

Danny Skookum was driving alone along the Klondike Highway from Whitehorse to Carmacks one evening in December 1996. When he was about 2.5 kilometres from the southern tip of Fox Lake (Point A, Figure 2), he noticed a white light to the north-northwest out over the lake (towards the direction of Position "1"). He did not think too much of it but kept observing the light while driving along the edge of the 17 km (11 mile) long lake. At point B, just north of the Fox Lake campground, Mr. Skookum noticed two vehicles parked along the guardrail. Both vehicles were facing southbound.



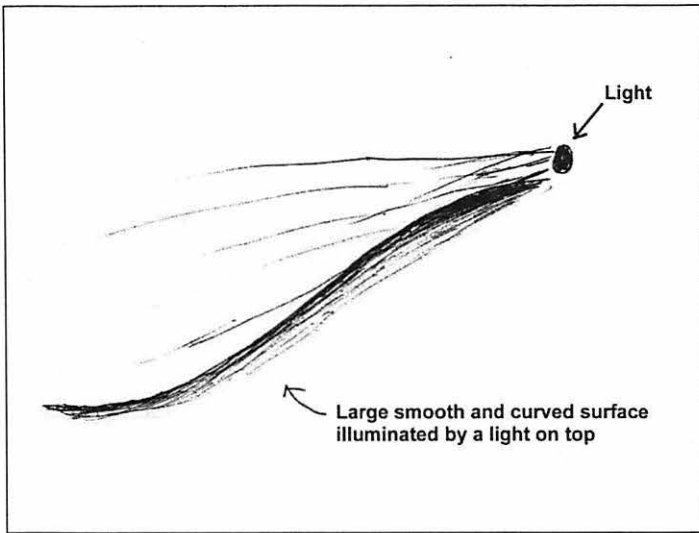
**Figure 2.** Map of Fox Lake, the Klondike Highway and locations of UFO observation points by Danny Skookum (FOX1). Also shown is Braeburn Lodge where UFO witnesses stopped after their sighting and excitedly revealed their UFO encounters.

He continued to travel northbound and when he had passed the northern tip of Fox Lake (Point C), the light which he had been watching appeared to be "shining light down a smooth gentle curve". (See Drawing by FOX1, Figure 3-1 and Illustrations 4 and 5). He thought it might be a vehicle shining its headlight down the curved surface of the highway, but the problem was that there was no highway in that direction (towards Position "1"). At point D he passed a car and a semi-trailer (Yukon-Alaska Trucking) heading southbound. He lost sight of the light and illuminated surface since his concentration was focussed on passing the two vehicles safely. He contemplated pulling these vehicles over to help confirm his observation but before he could act on this impulse they had passed him. A few seconds later, after his eyes readjusted to the darkness (at Point E), he observed three rows of rectangular lights slowly moving and disappearing behind a hill to the east towards the direction of "Point 2" (See Figures 3 and 6). It was quite a sight! The rows of lights appeared to be a part of a larger object, "you know, kind of like when you see the Enterprise on Star Trek do a slow close pass by the camera". He got an "exhilarating feeling" and stepped on the gas so that he could reach a point further up the valley that had a less obstructed view of the sky. At point F he pulled over and got out of his vehicle to scan the sky for the object. He looked for large blacked out areas of the sky but did not notice any large areas of missing stars. The sights he had just witnessed appeared truly astonishing.

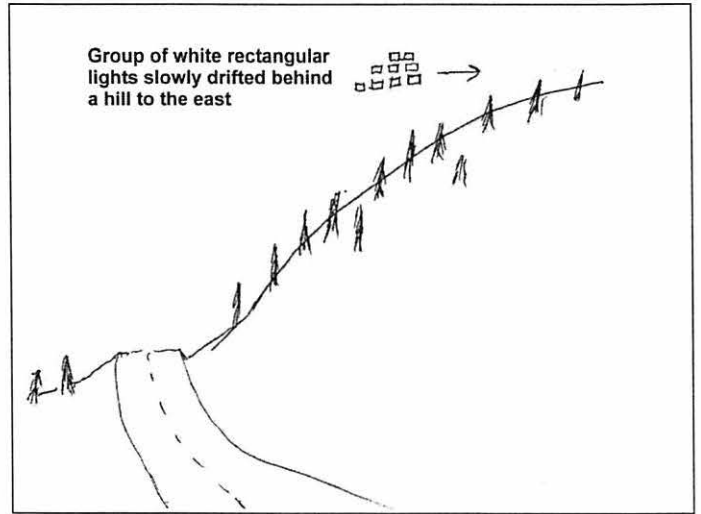


**Figures 3-1 and 3-2.** Two drawings by UFO witness Danny Skookum (FOX1). (1) The UFO at one point in time appeared as a smooth surface in the sky illuminated by a light. Danny lost sight of the UFO in the glare of headlights of two oncoming vehicles. After he passed the traffic, the illuminated surface and light ahead of him were gone but to his right, three rows of white rectangular lights (2) drifted behind a hill the east.





**Figure 4.** Investigator's interpretation of UFO drawing by witness FOX1 (Figure 3-1). It appeared as a smooth surface in the sky illuminated by a light.



**Figure 6.** Investigator's interpretation of UFO drawing by witness FOX1 (Figure 3-2). Three rows of white rectangular lights moved slowly behind a hill to the east.



**Figure 5.** Graphic depicting the UFO sighting by FOX1. It appeared as a smooth surface in the sky illuminated by a light. This graphic is based on Figures 3-1 and 4.

Danny Skookum continued to travel northbound at about 50 km/h (30 mph) much slower than the posted speed limit of 90 km/h (55 mph), scanning the sky for the object or lights. After travelling about 20 km (12 miles) he reached Braeburn Lodge (Point G) and decided to pull in for a coffee. He spent an estimated 15 minutes (and perhaps as much as half an hour) at the lodge and related his exciting story to the lodge owner, Steve Watson. FOX1 even made drawings for him describing the incredible sights that he just witnessed.

Mr. Skookum continued on his way to Carmacks where he lived, loaded his wood stove and drove back to Whitehorse later that night to attend to a family matter. He had no further sightings on the return trip but stopped at Braeburn Lodge again only to learn from Steve Watson that others had stopped shortly after him describing the same or similar thing.

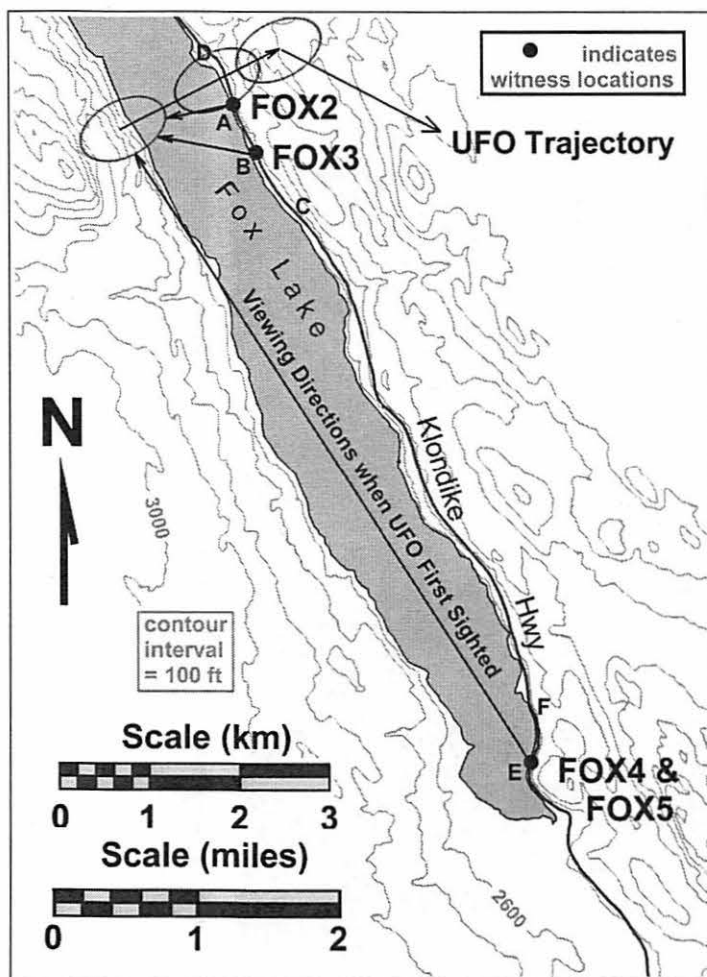
The Figure 5 graphic was later shown to Danny Skookum and was confirmed to be an accurate depiction of what he saw.

## Testimonies of UFO Witnesses FOX2 and FOX3

*FOX2 and FOX3 were in a convoy of two vehicles heading from Whitehorse to Carmacks on the Klondike Highway. FOX2 was travelling about 1 mile (1.6 km) ahead of FOX3. They were driving adjacent to Fox Lake (Figure 7). They were interviewed separately.*

### Witness FOX2

FOX2 was travelling on the highway adjacent to Fox Lake when the mundane trip turned into something he would remember for the rest of his life. Suddenly he spotted a huge object with a row of lights hovering out over the lake (See drawing of UFO by FOX2, Figure 8. The drawing depicts the edge of the UFO and in fact, FOX2 could see that the UFO had a solid smooth

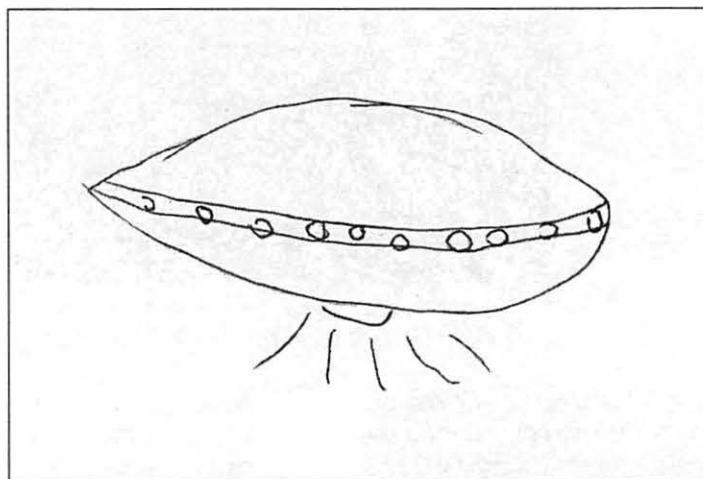


**Figure 7.** Map showing the locations of witnesses FOX2, 3, 4 and 5 during a sighting of a large UFO over Fox Lake, Yukon. Also shown are the viewing directions of witnesses FOX2, 3, 4 and 5 at the beginning of the sighting. The UFO is represented by the ellipses. By triangulation, the viewing directions established the position of the UFO when it was first sighted as being on the other side of the lake, opposite from FOX2. There was a large difference in viewing directions between the witness locations (almost 90 degrees). This rules out that the witnesses may have been looking at a mirage or at light sources that were much further to the north as some skeptics have suggested. Also shown is the trajectory of the UFO.

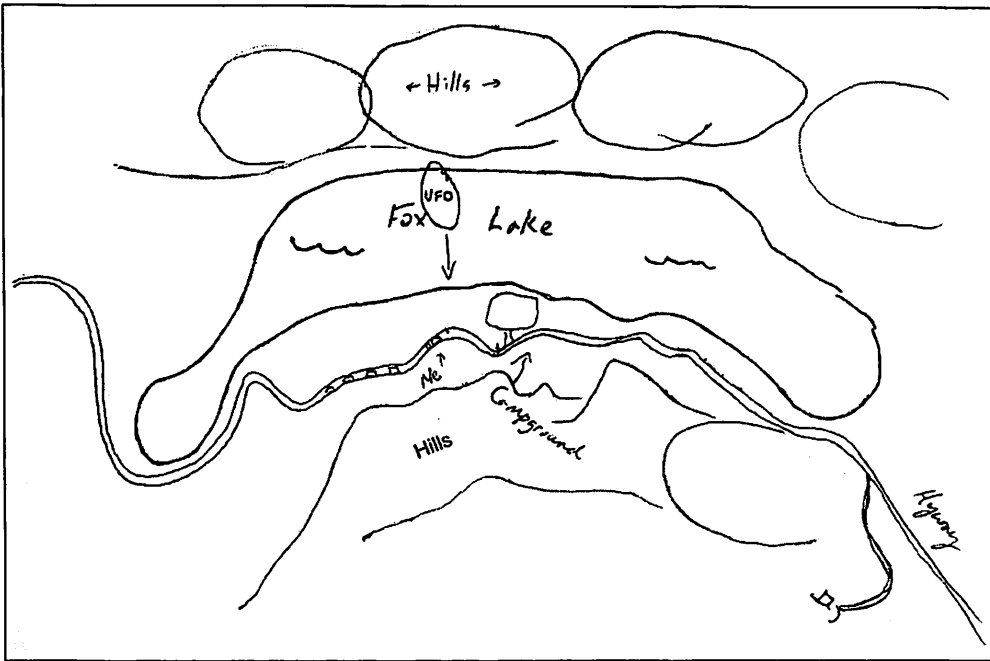
surface). He thought he must be hallucinating! He took another look and the gigantic thing was still there! He immediately negotiated a stop in somewhat slippery conditions and proceeded to get out of his vehicle (Point A, Figure 7). He looked up the highway for his cousin (FOX3) and saw him approaching. He could see that his cousin spotted the UFO as well since he was swerving wildly as he skidded to a stop on the snow-covered highway. To FOX2 it looked like FOX3 stopped about one half a mile (0.8 km) back from him (Point B, Figure 7). (The actual distance between the two witnesses was measured to be 0.36 miles (0.57 km)).

FOX2 turned back to look at the UFO and noticed that it was slowly moving, towards him! (See Drawing by FOX2, Figure 9). In a few minutes the edge of the object was directly over him (Figure 10). The only detail he remembered while looking at the object's belly was a large white light in the center of this elliptically-shaped object (Figure 11). He was totally in awe, but for some reason unafraid. He decided to get out his two-way radio so that he could relate what he was seeing to anybody who would listen, but all he got was static. The gigantic thing continued to travel slowly eastward and out of sight over the hill.

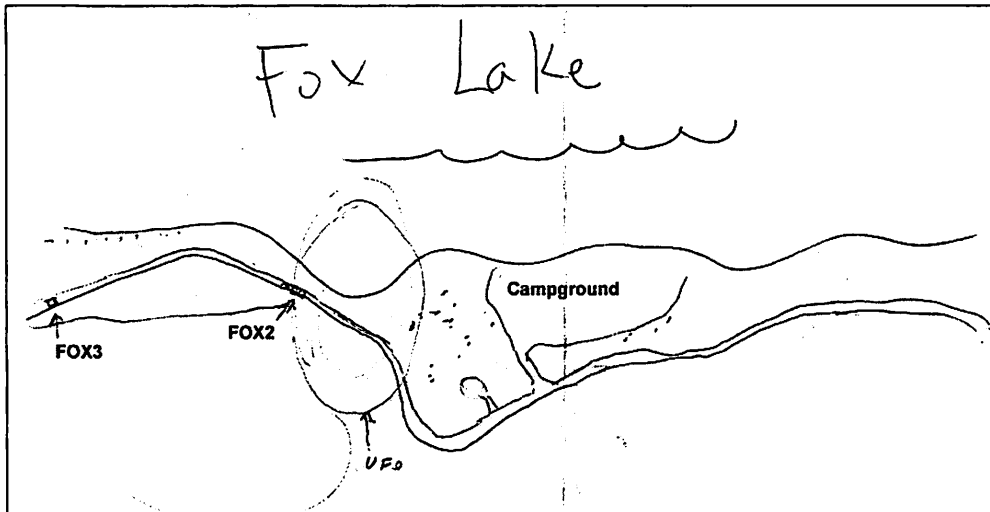
FOX2 recalls stopping in at Braeburn Lodge later that evening, with FOX3, and relating his story to the owner. The owner told them that others had stopped in and related similar accounts.



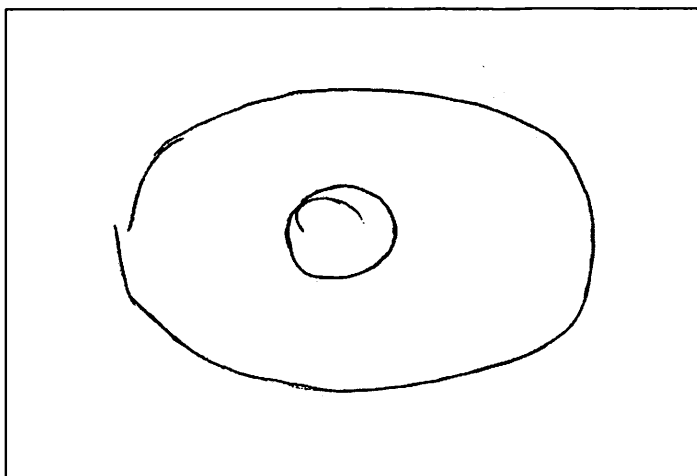
**Figure 8.** First drawing by UFO witness FOX2 depicting the UFO encounter he and FOX3 had near Fox Lake, Yukon. The drawing depicts a side view of the UFO when it was still out over the lake. Also see **Figure 35** for another drawing by FOX2.



**Figure 9.** Second drawing by UFO witness FOX2 depicting a map view of Fox Lake and his position on the Klondike Highway when he first spotted the UFO out over the lake. The UFO moved slowly toward him. Note that the UFO is drawn taking up about one half the width of Fox Lake.



**Figure 10.** Third drawing by UFO witness FOX2 depicting a map view of Fox Lake and his position on the Klondike Highway as well as FOX3's. Also shown is the outline of the UFO indicating that FOX2 was directly under the edge of the craft at one point in time.



**Figure 11.** Fourth drawing by UFO witness FOX2 depicting the UFO from underneath. It was oval-shaped with a large bright light in the center.

### Witness FOX3

About an hour prior to the Fox Lake UFO sighting (about 7:30 pm), FOX2 arrived at FOX3's residence and asked him if he could help bring a vehicle from Whitehorse to Carmacks. FOX3 agreed, and they were on their way.

FOX3 was travelling about 1 mile behind FOX2 along the Klondike Highway adjacent to Fox Lake. When FOX3 got to Point C (Figure 7) he noticed a huge object out over the Lake. "It's a UFO!!!" he thought. It was so obvious. FOX2 had disappeared from his view around the corner. He kept travelling down a hill towards the lake, and towards the UFO! When he passed a gradual turn to the right he was along a straight stretch of the highway that ran parallel with the lake. Now he could see his cousin FOX2 up the road and slightly around the next curve, his truck swerving; he saw him "almost hit the ditch!" FOX3 started pumping his brakes in order to stop on the slippery

highway and almost went off the road himself. When he finally stopped, he realized that the UFO was travelling towards his cousin. Soon his cousin was underneath the object! (See drawings by FOX3, Figures 12 and 13). The UFO was lighting up the entire valley! "We could see our shadows". FOX3 had stopped about a half mile from his cousin FOX2. FOX3 decided to keep his engine running as he had heard reports of UFOs causing car engines to cut out.

Figure 14 shows a simulated graphic of the scene. The UFO consisted of a high domed top outlined with small diffused white lights. Some red lights were also present. There were two rows of large rectangular lights (windows?) across the middle. Then there were some long rectangular lights on the left and right side of the UFO, stacked three high and orange in color. FOX3 could definitely see that lights were affixed to a large smooth object. (The actual distance between the two witnesses was measured to be 0.57 km (0.36 miles).

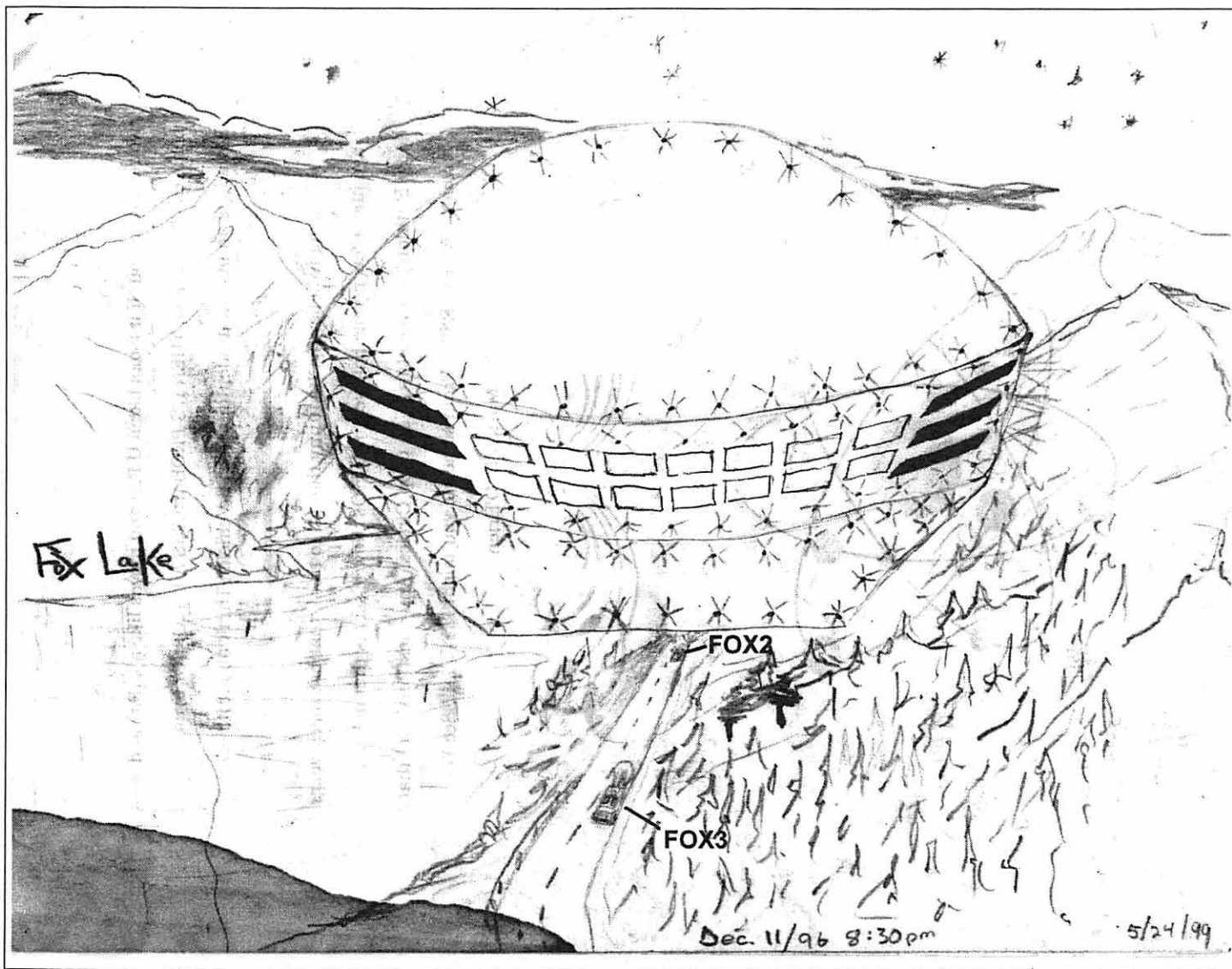


Figure 12. First drawing by UFO witness FOX3 depicting the UFO encounter he and FOX2 had near Fox Lake, Yukon.



He was sitting there in the car watching this thing over his cousin, perhaps about 4 to 5 lamppost heights above his cousin's head, wondering what to do next. He suddenly decided to signal the UFO by flashing his headlights on and off. He got to the first "on" and suddenly thought, "What am I doing that for???" and stopped his attempt at communication immediately!

Then FOX3 recalled he had a disposable camera, somewhere in one of the bags piled up in the back seat. He jumped out of his vehicle and started frantically tossing bags out of the back seat as fast as he could. It took him an estimated 60 seconds but he finally found the right bag. He pulled the camera out. Suddenly, the UFO got extremely bright, and instantly accelerated away to the southeast at a fantastic speed! "Damn!" he thought. The object appeared to leave a bright streak behind it that faded rapidly. The object appeared to perform a few zig-zags in the distance.

FOX3 made a note of the time and date immediately after the UFO was gone, it was 8:30 pm December 11, 1996. FOX3 also recalls a vehicle passing by southbound about 5 minutes after the UFO departed.

He looked at his cousin in the distance and the two started walking toward each other. When they got to within conversing

distance they said, "Did you see something?", "Yeah", "Did you see something?", "Yeah", "OK, let's go". Each confirming to the other that neither was hallucinating. They walked back to their vehicles, got in and drove a short distance to the campground turnoff at Point D; there a lively discussion ensued. FOX3's car kept on running throughout the entire incident.

During their lively discussion at the campground turn-off, FOX3 recalls witnesses FOX4 and FOX5 pulling up in their vehicle and asking if they had seen anything? He recalls FOX4 saying "We should travel in groups, I think it's safer". FOX2 and FOX3 being in a state of shock continued their lively discussion, "What the 'heck' was that thing?....". FOX4 and FOX5 departed.

After getting on their way, FOX3 recalls stopping in at Braeburn Lodge and talking with Steve Watson, the lodge owner about their UFO sighting.

The next day, FOX3 called the Air Traffic Control Tower at the Whitehorse Airport and asked if there was anything out over Fox Lake the night before. Their answer was that there wasn't. FOX3 also did an interview with CHON-FM radio the next day regarding the UFO sighting. The radio station played a small portion of FOX3's interview.

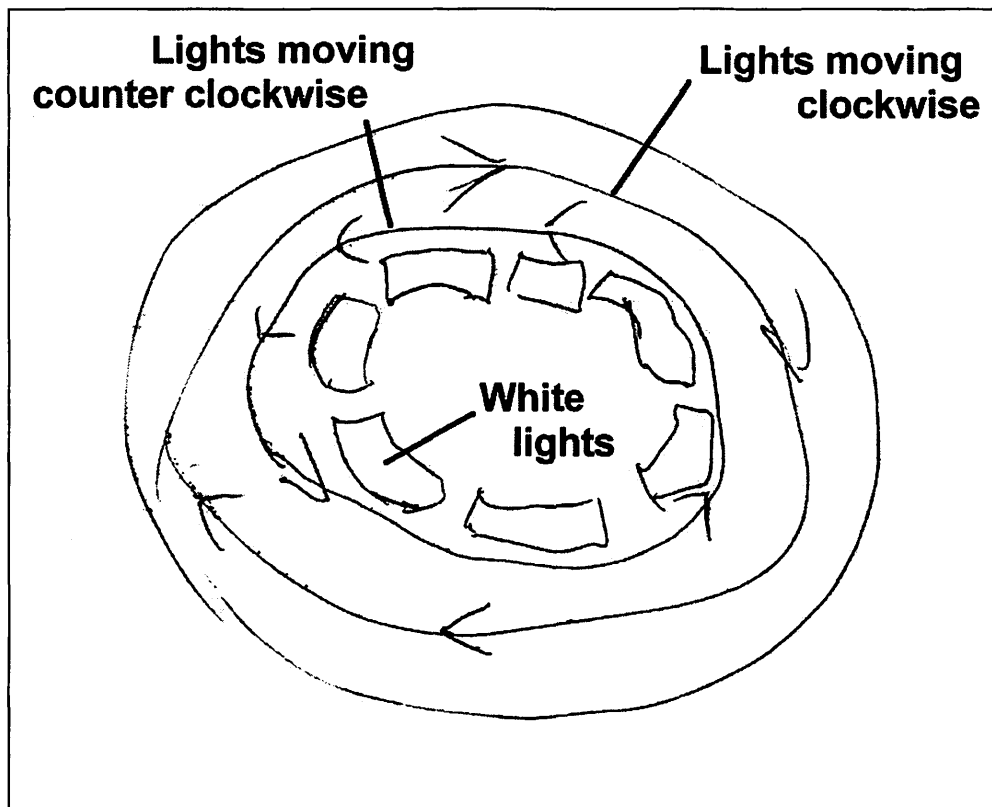


Figure 13. Second drawing by UFO witness FOX3 depicting the underside of the UFO near Fox Lake, Yukon.

The event prompted FOX3 to write down a detailed description of the sighting about 1 month after it occurred, titled "The Silence of December" (below). Interestingly enough it was the first serious writing that he had ever done. He was pleasantly surprised at his new found talent and has continued to write unrelated pieces ever since.

## *The Silence of December*

On December 11, 1996, at 8:30 p.m....

This is a story about the one day that changed my whole sense of reality forever. Before, you start thinking I'm weird or crazy.....just hear me out.

My daily routine started out pretty much normal until early that evening. Around 7:00 pm there was a knock at the door. 7:00 pm. Who can that be? I thought. It was FOX2! 7:20 pm. He is my first cousin who lives in Carmacks, Yukon with his family. FOX2 had stopped by while I was waiting for my girlfriend to come over and visit. She asked me to wait at my house until she arrived. 7:30 pm. FOX2 came in. I asked him what was going on. He said, "I need a driver for the night". "Do you want to drive my Camaro back to Carmacks for me, while I drive my truck?" I said OK, When do you want me to drive? FOX2 answered, "Right now! I'm ready, lets go." "I had to run around to pick up some stuff so by the time we got out of there, it was 7:30 pm.

We were on our way to Carmacks. We got to Lake Laberge about 7:50 pm and we pulled over to the side of the Highway to check out the Camaro to see if it was still OK. After we continued on our way down the highway. It was about 8:00 pm. We arrived at Fox Lake at 8:25 pm. In the next five minutes something made me sit up and think "What the hell is going on here?" I blinked my eyes and thought, "What on earth is that?" A group of bright lights were hovering over the highway far ahead of us. It's a UFO!!!! I thought for sure I must be dreaming!!! I wasn't dreaming. I was wide awake as FOX2 and I sped towards them in silence. The closer FOX2 and I came the more the object seemed to grow bigger and bigger. It was a huge ship with colored lights around its edges. As I saw FOX2 drive under the object, I was hanging out of my window gazing up at this vast bright circular object. Its bright colored lights lit up the tremendous land around us.

It was an astronomical silent presence passing slowly over us. I was hypnotized by the spectacular sight I had just witnessed. I thought to myself 'come on! stop the car!' But of course my body wouldn't do what my mind wanted it to do. So it was like I was frozen in time but time seemed to continue without me! I'm sure I wasn't myself at that moment and still think so to this day! In fact I was quite beside myself with fear of this immense thing! The drive up till this point had been nothing short of dull and the incident happening to me had just awakened me right up out of my

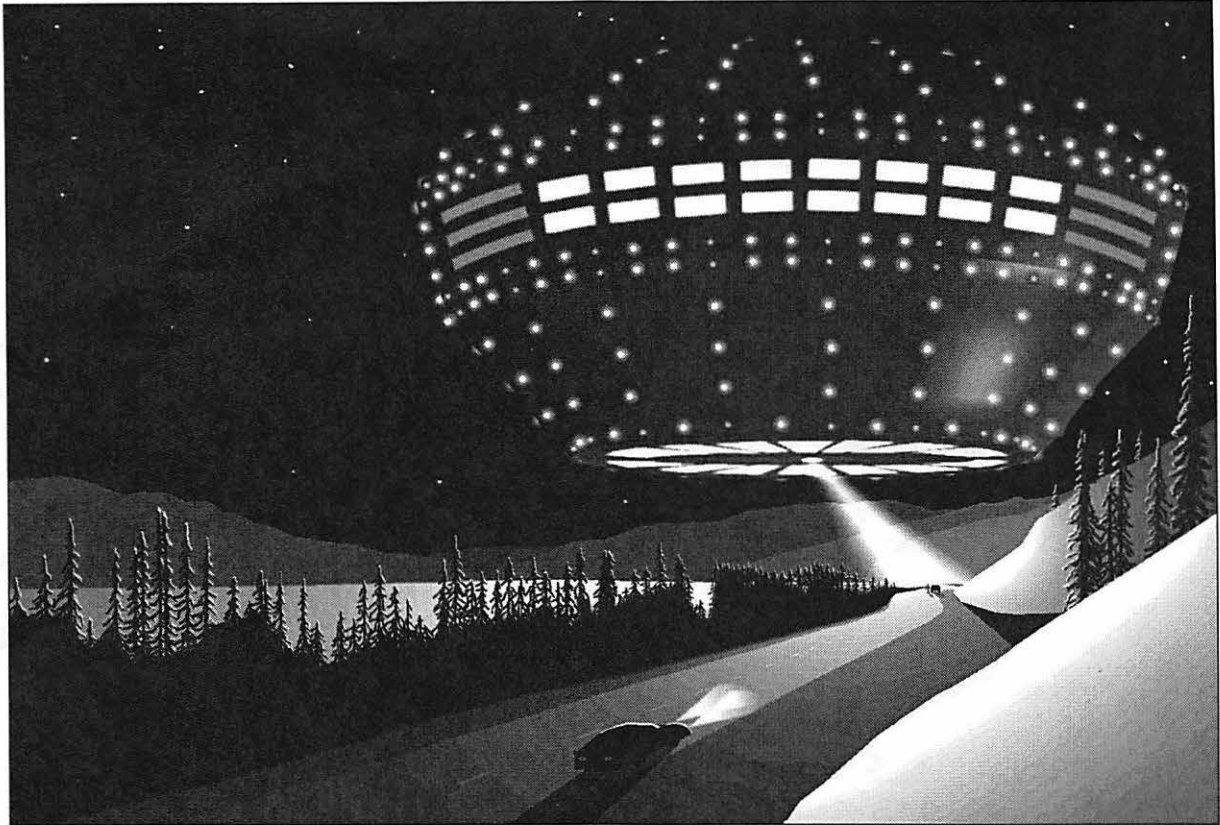
dull, sleepy drive. Having been expecting a long and boring drive I had not yet adjusted to the object above me! I guess I was a bit stunned at first, and if I was crazy enough I would have jumped out and shouted, "Hey abduct me! Abduct me!" But of course I stayed in the car and just imagined I had done that. To this day it has always bothered me that I hadn't or couldn't estimate it's size but I could say that it was about as large as a football stadium. So it was pretty damn big! But because of all the excitement I just couldn't think straight! The huge "ship" was near hover, drifting at about a 10 miles an hour speed moving towards the east side of the Fox Lake! It was like the ship was looking for something and I wasn't it! Strange I had this overpowering sense of loss.....Like that was it???!! A close encounter but not like of the third kind. No missing time line, no beaming me up, no probing, no implants, no extraterrestrial abduction, no glimpse of other worlds or of the other side, other beings, no nothing but just clear silence. Just a memory. Like ships that pass in the night! As I continued to go on my way I was stunned into "Silence". We just got into our vehicles and drove towards Carmacks in tranquillity.

But these Aliens (if they are just that)-must be much more technically advanced than us that's for sure? So isn't there enough in this world to worry about without little green men or grey men running around? OK so they are out there. What can I do about it? I guess that goes for many others too. I talked to various people over the next few days about our strange encounter, but simply got weird looks for my trouble and smart remarks like, "How many drinks did you have that night" And "Are you sure you weren't dreaming or hallucinating?" And "Are you positive you never saw a satellite" Or "Oh please, you know I never touch that sort of stuff" And another irritating suggestion: "Well it was probably some new top secret military plane, probably the Stealth bomber".... I know how the Stealth bomber sounds and it is not silent! It can not hover either!! It maybe invisible to radar but it isn't round. And then of course that most annoying remark of all: "Are you certain it wasn't VENUS?" I know what Venus looks like and I know why it's so bright. So since no one took my sighting very seriously, I started to think to myself more.

So has this U.F.O sighting changed me in any way?.....Of course. WHERE as before I wondered.....now I know. I'll give you the benefit of the doubt using the human analogy: if it looks like a human and talks like a human and walks like a human then it probably is a human, I would say to you. If it looks like a spaceship and moves like a spaceship, THEN IT PROBABLY IS A spaceship! Think about it!!

Seeing is believing. Its funny though to think that not many years ago just a few people believed in U.F.Os. Now it seems that only a few don't! Any questions? Not that I have any ANSWERS!!....From someone you might know.....See You!!

FOX3



**Figure 14.** Simulated graphic of FOX2 and FOX3's encounter with a UFO near Fox Lake, Yukon. The graphic is based on an actual site photo of the area (See below), FOX3's drawing (Figures 4 and 5), and the witnesses' descriptions. FOX2 can be seen in the distance standing next to his vehicle. FOX3 is in the vehicle which is in the foreground.



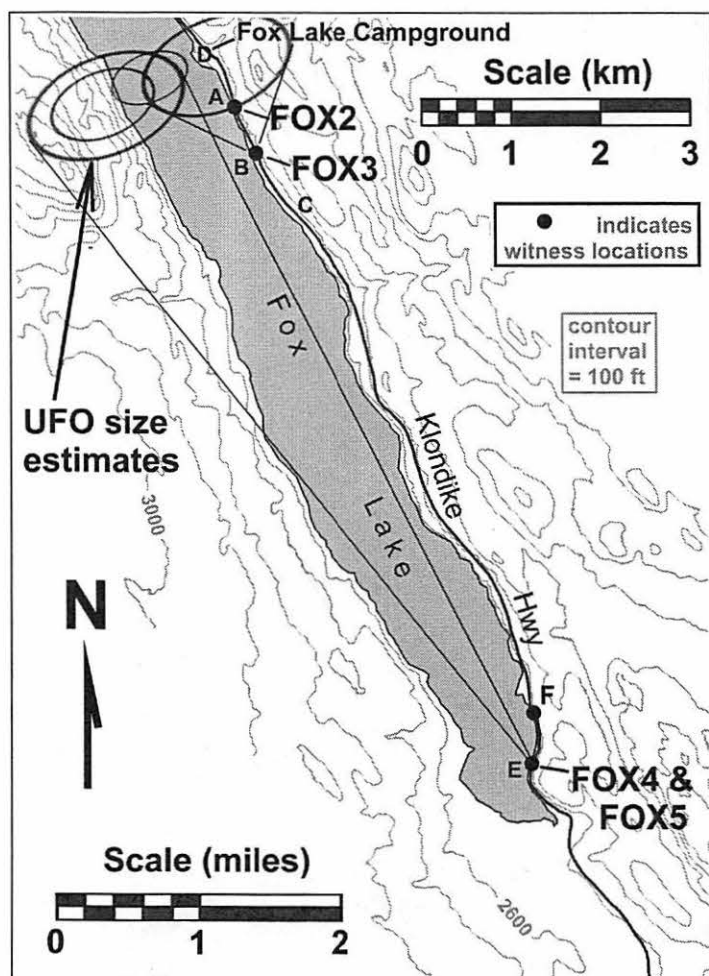
**Figure 15.** Site photo on which graphic Figure 14 was based.

## Testimonies of UFO Witnesses FOX4 and FOX5

*FOX4 and FOX5 were travelling together with their 2 year old son from Whitehorse to Pelly Crossing the night of the UFO sighting over Fox Lake, Carmacks, and Pelly Crossing. FOX4 was the driver and FOX5 was in the front passenger seat. They were interviewed separately.*

### Witness FOX4

The couple was travelling northbound on the Klondike Highway. There was a semi-trailer truck in front of them. When they were approaching the southern tip of Fox Lake (Point E, Figure 16) both FOX4 and FOX5 noticed a long arrangement of lights out over the lake to the north-northwest. FOX4 recalls two very long rows of rectangular lights in the distance (Figure 19). For a split second he thought it was a large truck on the highway (different from the one they were following). But that didn't make sense since there was no road in that direction. His second thought was that it was a 747 Jumbo Jet coming down



**Figure 16.** Map showing the locations of witnesses FOX2, 3, 4 and 5 during a sighting of a large UFO over Fox Lake, Yukon. The UFO size estimates ranged from 0.88 to 1.8 kilometres (0.55 to 1.1 miles) in length. The UFO size was calculated based on a method of triangulation since witnesses observed the UFO from more than one perspective at the same time.

but that didn't make sense either; it was moving way too slow for it to be an airplane. He was trying to decide whether to stop for a better look or continue on. Then the realization set in; the only thing left that this could possibly be was a UFO! Concern set in when he thought of their two-year-old son in the back seat and further thoughts of a possible encounter as depicted by the movie "Fire in the Sky". His wife was concerned as well, "Keep following that trailer, no, stop, no, turn around and go back!" she said. All this time he was slowing down, looking at the object, thinking what to do next, keeping an eye on the road; a somewhat tense situation.

Ultimately they decided to continue on with their journey. After all, by the time they made their decision, they were at Point F and could no longer see the UFO. They were at the base of a hill and into taller trees that obscured the view down the lake. FOX4 estimated that they observed the UFO for about one minute on this short stretch of the highway.

FOX4 surmised that the UFO was moving across the lake perpendicular to his view at about 10-20 miles/hr (16-32 km/h). It was moving from his left to his right or west to east. Thus it would be approaching the highway on the east side of the lake, which they were heading for. He was most amazed at its size and how slow it was moving. A drawing of the light configuration of the UFO by FOX4 is shown in Figure 17. The UFO consisted of two long rows of rectangular lights; several smaller lights that were barely visible in a dome pattern above the row lighting; some red or yellow lights at the front and back of the object (right and left) that may have been flashing or rotating. There also appeared to be a large beam of light shining down from the front (right) of the UFO. This beam was fairly bright and white in color. Although it was difficult for FOX4 to estimate, he figured the length of the object was 500 to 700 metres, the elevation was perhaps 300 metres above the lake and was perhaps 3 to 4 miles (5 to 7 km) away.

When they were passing by the campground turnoff, they noticed a couple of vehicles and two people standing around. They decided to pull over and talk to them. FOX4 identified the two individuals as FOX2 and FOX3. The first thing he said to them was "So, what are you guys looking at?" What he got back was a lively description of an encounter with a very, very large UFO, "what the 'heck' was that?", "They were talking fast, voices elevated and often both at the same time". FOX4 had trouble getting a word in edgewise. It was obvious to him that the close encounter with the UFO had a profound effect on FOX2 and FOX3. Underneath all that exuberance there may have been a state of shock.



FOX4 still had on his mind the semi-trailer that was ahead of him who must have seen something as well. Since it didn't look like FOX2 and FOX3 were in a hurry to go anywhere, he decided to resume his travel and try to catch up to the truck driver. FOX4 estimated that they spent about 3 to 5 minutes with FOX2 and FOX3.

When they got to a pullout often referred to as 50-Mile Hill, about 25 km (16 miles) further, they saw a tow truck pulled over. They wondered; had he seen it too? (Point H, Figure 2)

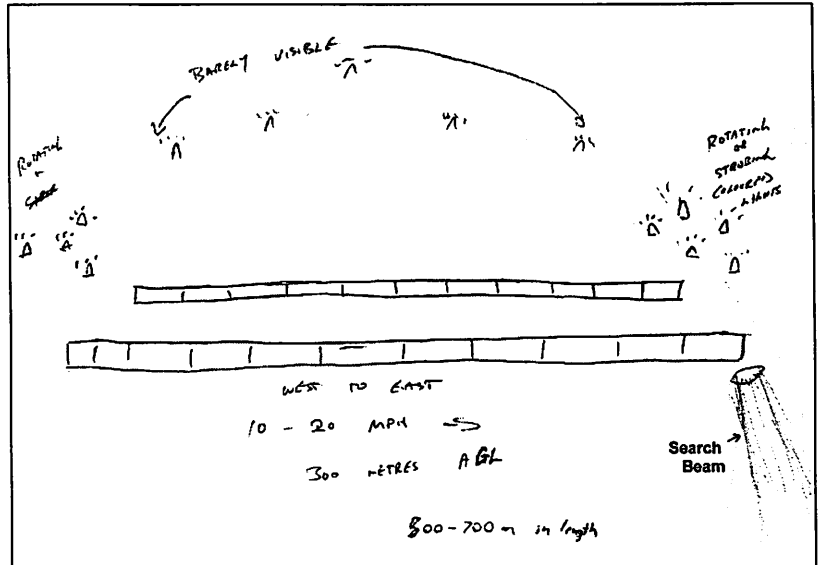
They continued on and were approaching Braeburn Lodge about 34 km (21 miles) up the highway from the campground turnoff at Fox Lake. They still had not caught up to the truck driver. They decided to pull into Braeburn Lodge anyway. When they got there they saw FOX1 gassing up his vehicle. FOX4 went into the lodge and FOX1 left for the highway. The two didn't speak to each other.

When inside, FOX4 said to Steve Watson, the owner of the lodge, "Steve, I really need a coffee!" Steve replied, "Oh, you must have seen the same thing as what FOX1 saw." FOX4 got his coffee to go, chatted with Steve for a bit, and continued up the road with FOX5 and their child. He figures that they must have been at Braeburn for about 10 minutes at most and doesn't recall anybody else showing up within that time.

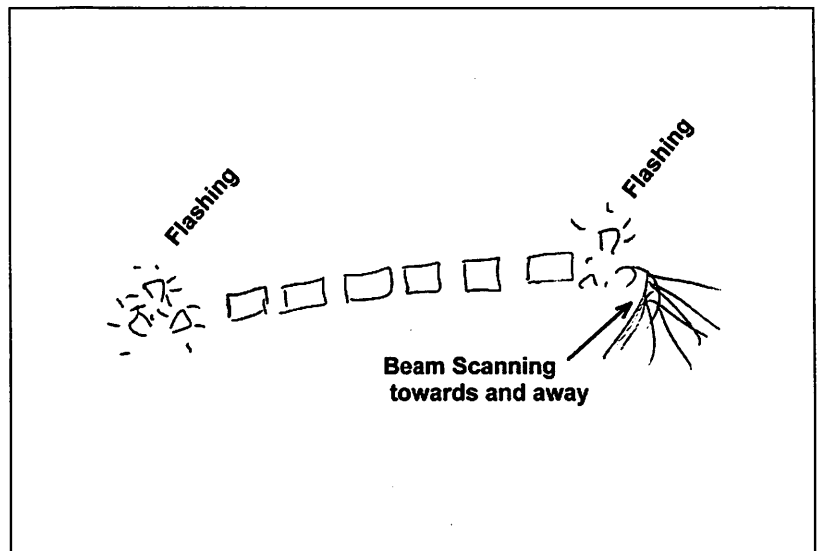
As they continued up the highway FOX4 and FOX5 noticed a glow just over the eastern horizon. At first they thought that the UFO was coming back! However, they surmised that it must have been the moon rising. (In actuality, the moon was new and had just set in the west).

When FOX4 and FOX5 were passing through Carmacks, they finally caught up to the truck driver that was ahead of them. FOX4 confronted him and asked if he saw anything at Fox Lake? He replied that he did not. FOX4 and FOX5 got back on the road, arrived at their home destination in Pelly Crossing without further incident.

The next day, FOX4 heard through others that people right in the Village of Pelly Crossing had some pretty spectacular sightings themselves. It became the talk of the town for two days! UFO accounts, old and new were being discussed freely and openly. He met with PEL1 that day. PEL1 described his UFO encounter to him that also occurred the previous evening. FOX4 related his UFO sighting to PEL1 and the two came to the conclusion that the sighting in Pelly occurred maybe 25 minutes after the Fox Lake sighting. FOX4 recalls that both sightings in Pelly and over Fox Lake occurred the evening of December 11, 1996.



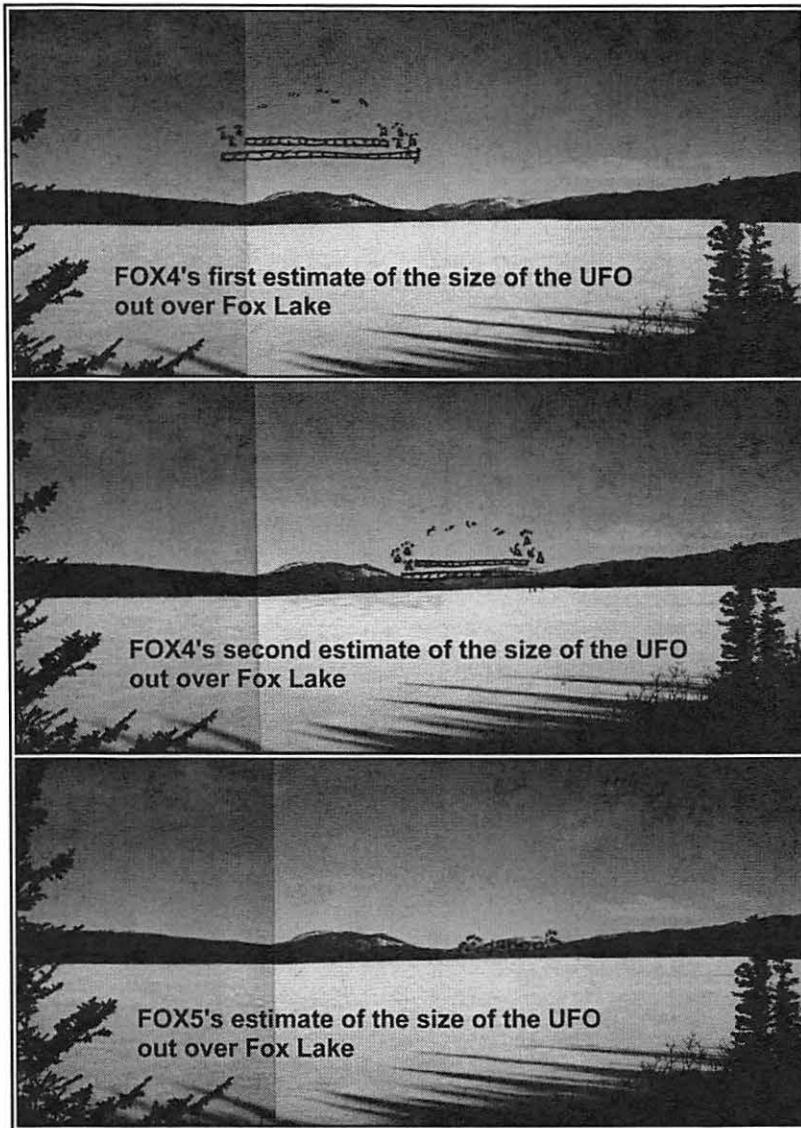
**Figure 17.** Drawing by FOX4 depicting the UFO he sighted out over Fox Lake from its southern end.



**Figure 18.** Drawing by FOX5 depicting the UFO she sighted out over Fox Lake from its southern end.

### Witness FOX5

As they came around the bend at the southern end of Fox Lake, FOX5 along with FOX4 noticed lights out over the lake. It was a huge row of rectangular lights. She first thought that it was a long truck on a road in the distance but then she realized, "That's the middle of the lake, there is no road up there!" The lights were slowly floating across the lake, left to right. There appeared to be a row of rectangular lights about the color of an incandescent light bulb (yellowish). There also appeared to be a multiple arrangement of flashing lights both at the back and front (left and right) of the UFO (see drawing by FOX5, Figure 18 and her estimated size of UFO with reference to known landmarks, Figure 19). Of particular notice to her was the large white beam pointing down from the front (right) of the craft. It was scanning the ground! As it would scan to one side, the beam would disappear; as it scanned back towards their direction it would come into view again; very eerie! FOX5 made a mental note of the time; she looked at the car clock; it was 8:23 pm.



**Figure 19.** Photographs taken from the southern end of Fox Lake depicting the size of the UFO to known landmarks. Two estimates by witness FOX4 and one by FOX5 were provided. To give readers some perspective, FOX2 and FOX3 are located on the right side of the lake across from the mountain shown in the center left of the photograph. Both the mountain and the UFO were about 8 kilometres (5 miles) away from witnesses FOX4 and FOX5.

FOX5 also recalled that they pulled over at the Fox Lake campground turn-off and spoke with FOX2 and FOX3 and that they too had seen the UFO. Before pulling over however, she remembers passing them and then doing a U-turn further up the road and driving back to their position. During the U-turn, she recalls seeing an additional set of tail lights travelling northbound away from them. She also recalls the tow truck parked at the top of 50-Mile Hill and seeing FOX1 at Braeburn Lodge. She estimates that their stop at Braeburn Lodge was about 5 minutes.

Once they got on the road again, she also recalls the glow over the eastern horizon.

The next day, she recalls hearing on CBC radio about other UFO sightings in communities around the Yukon. The radio station had a scientist come on and say that it was a meteor shower. This statement made no sense to her, "That was no meteor shower that I saw last night" she thought.

#### **Testimony of UFO Witness FOX6**

*There was a sixth witness to the Fox Lake UFO sighting who was not able to be interviewed directly, however her sighting description was related second hand by another witness and confirmed that it occurred the same night near Fox Lake by yet another individual.*

FOX6 was driving north on the Klondike Highway from Whitehorse to Carmacks near Fox Lake when she noticed a strange red glow illuminating the top of her dashboard. She looked at it, and looked at it, wondering what could be causing it? Where could this light be possibly coming from she wondered? Finally she decided to look straight up through her windshield and to her amazement she saw a large arrangement of multicolored lights over her vehicle. There were all kinds of colors. Her interior vehicle lights started to go dim; the music she was playing on the tape deck started to go funny. She kept observing the lights and they started to go out one by one, until eventually they were all gone.

## The Village of Carmacks Sightings



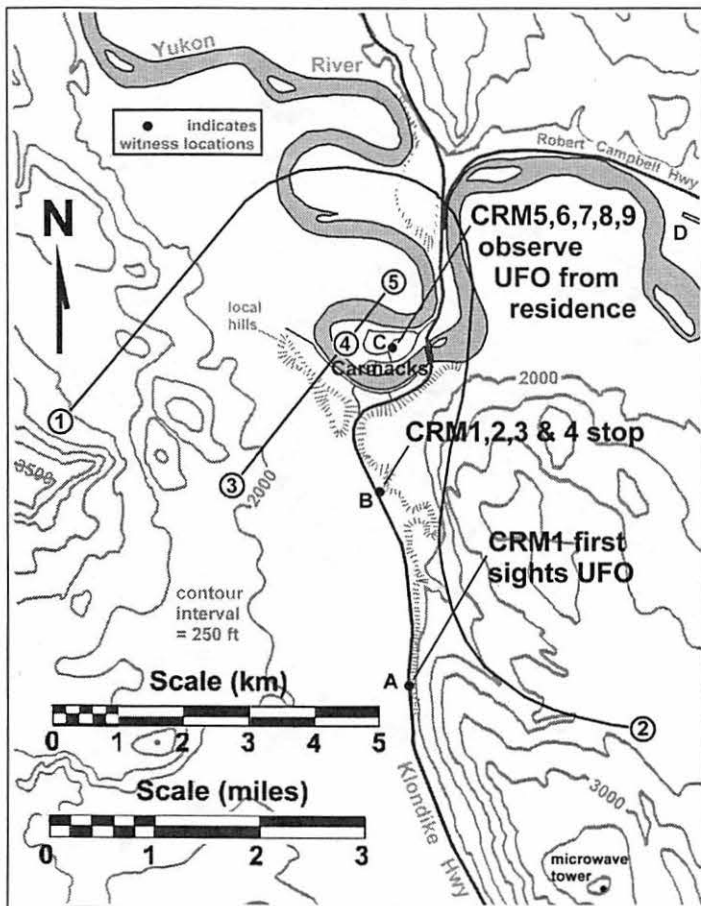
Carmacks is found 175 kilometres (105 miles) north of Whitehorse on the Klondike Highway and is situated on the banks of the Yukon River. The village is the home to the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation. The population of the village is about 460. Nine people have been identified who witnessed a giant UFO in the area on the evening of December 11, 1996.

## Testimonies of UFO Witnesses CRM1, CRM2, CRM3, and CRM4\*

The four witnesses were driving along the Klondike Highway northbound towards Carmacks. They were passing through Point A, Figure 20 about 3 km (2 miles) south of the village when CRM1 noticed a group of lights to the northwest but didn't say anything to the others. When they reached Point B the other three men noticed the UFO as well and the four decided to pull over at Point B, close to the Carmacks dump, which is about 1.6 km (1 mile) south of the Village. The witnesses were interviewed separately.

### Witness CRM1

As their vehicle came to a stop, CRM1 noticed that CRM2, the driver of their vehicle, put the truck in park but kept the ignition on. They stepped out of their vehicle and observed the UFO slowly come out from behind a mountain in the northwest. The UFO consisted of about 3 dark orange flashing lights in a horizontal row. The three lights were spread out a considerable distance apart and were flashing in synch (See CRM1 sketch of UFO, Figure 21). To the right of the 3 orange lights were a large number of smaller white lights arranged in a roughly elliptical



**Figure 20.** Map showing the locations of witnesses CRM1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 during a sighting of a large UFO near the Village of Carmacks, Yukon, December 11th, 1996. CRM1 first sighted UFO at Point A. CRM1, 2, 3 and 4 pulled over at point B to observe the UFO. CRM1 perceived the trajectory of the UFO to follow 1-2. CRM2 perceived the trajectory of the UFO to follow 3-4. CRM 5, 6, 7, and 8 observed the UFO from Point C and perceived the UFO trajectory to follow 4-5. Following the sighting, CRM1, 2, 3 and 4 drove to the local airstrip (Point D) to see if any large aircraft had landed. There were none.

pattern. These were not flashing. Around the entire arrangement of lights, CRM1 could almost see a shape but it was "so black out" that the precise shape was difficult to determine.

The UFO slowly travelled to the northeast (or their right) but then started to curve around to a southern heading (See CRM1's estimated trajectory 1-2, Figure 20) and was soon over the top of the hill immediately east of them. "It was huge!" (The witness spread his arms out during the interview at 90 degrees indicating how big it was in the sky). "Who was in it?" CRM1 wondered. There was no noise coming from the UFO.

At this point, CRM1 noticed a strange effect presumably as a result of the UFO. He distinctly recalls that CRM2 had left the vehicle running but there was no noise coming from the souped-up muffler system which normally is pretty loud, even when idling (strange?). Yet, they could hear the conversation among them without any problem. CRM1 was sure the truck was still running!

The gigantic UFO continued to travel southward and started to move up a valley next to a microwave tower south of the village. The UFO "sort of faded in the valley", right out of existence! CRM1 estimates that the entire sighting lasted a couple of minutes and occurred at about 7:00 pm.

The next day CRM1 recalls listening to CHON FM radio and hearing about the sighting over Fox Lake that occurred also the previous evening but about an hour and a half later.

In 1998, CRM1 contacted Lorraine Bretlyn, another UFO investigator here in Whitehorse, and a colleague of the author. Her interview with CRM1 is documented in her book "Lorraine Bretlyn's UFO Stories from the Yukon" and has been reproduced here. Although some of the information is as stated above, Lorraine's unique writing style has more effectively captured the emotional aspects of the sighting (from Pg. 15-16, The Carmacks Story):

Me and three of my friends were out for a drive in my truck one night, when I noticed a light far off in the distance that my friends didn't see.

We were a mile or two out of town on this side of Carmacks from Whitehorse, and the only ones on the highway. It was midwinter, about seven in the evening, and it was dark out.

When we came around the corner and out onto the road it



came out in front of us, at treetop level over the small hills there. It was so close I could have driven over to it.

It had three circular lights in back spread right out, and they were flashing. And the front was all pure white lights, not flashing. And this thing was huge! And so low and level that I could only make it out lengthwise. But it was bigger than a plane. Closer to the length of a football field, and there was no noise.

It was a bit scary, but we jumped out of the truck to look at it. Then I noticed that I couldn't hear my mufflers anymore. I had the kind that run along the back of the cab and they were loud.

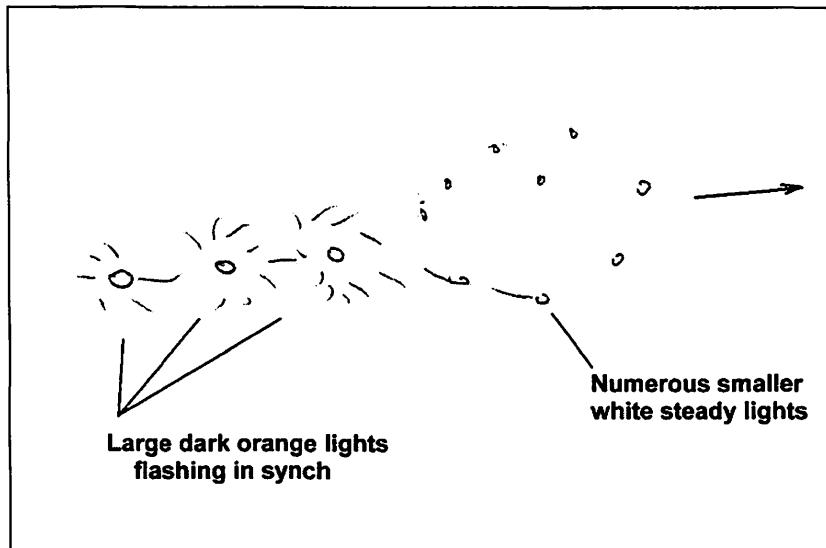
We watched for 30 or 40 seconds and then it coasted by us. And faded away instead of flying out of sight. And the first thing that came to mind was: "Who was in it?"

People in Carmacks seen it, and the next morning I heard on the radio that about an hour and a half later the object was seen at Fox Lake.

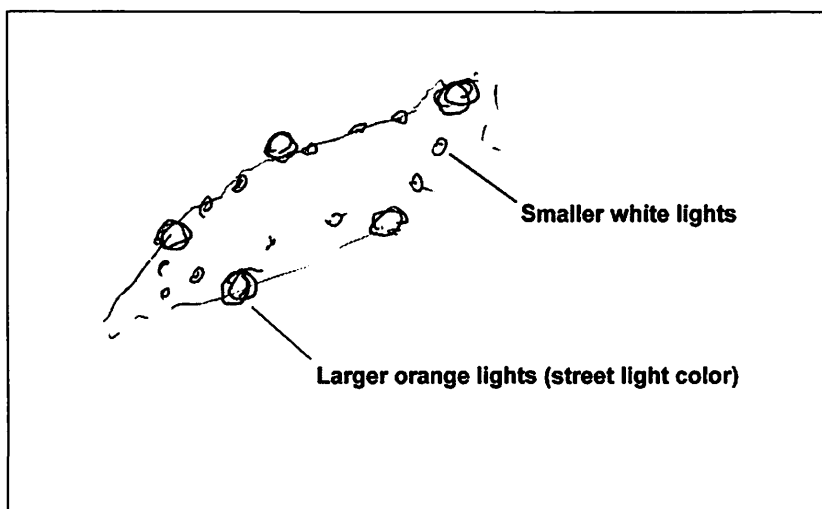
#### **Witness CRM2**

CRM2 was driving northbound near the landfill site south of Carmacks with three of his friends when he noticed what he initially thought was a formation of three airplanes flying. They pulled over (at Point B, Figure 20) to get a better look at the lights that were northwest of their position. The lights were moving way too slow to be airplanes and were heading northeast (to their right, see CRM2 estimated trajectory 3-4, Figure 20). When CRM2 was asked how big it was, he said "It was huge!" and held out his arms at about 60 degrees to show how big it was in the sky. The UFO consisted of several large orange lights (similar in color to streetlights) arranged in a fairly narrow oval pattern. Between the orange lights there were many more, smaller white lights also distributed along the oval (see drawing by CRM2, Figure 22). It was too dark to tell what the shape of the UFO might have been; he could only see the lights.

CRM2 estimates that they watched the UFO for about 10 minutes after which "it just disappeared!" After the UFO was gone they drove to the local airstrip to see if any large aircraft had landed there (Point D, Figure 20). There was nothing to be seen.



**Figure 21.** Drawing by witness CRM1 depicting the UFO sighted over the Village of Carmacks, December 11th, 1996.



**Figure 22.** Drawing by witness CRM2 depicting the UFO sighted over the Village of Carmacks, December 11th, 1996.

#### **Witness CRM3**

CRM3 was hesitant to talk to the investigator about his sighting, however he was interviewed by a third party that yielded the following details:

The UFO was moving left to right and consisted of three lights. They observed one end come out from behind the hillside near the local landfill and kept waiting for the other end to come out. "They waited for a long time!" The fact that they had to wait such a long time gave a strong impression of its size. All four got out of the truck. Nobody could hear any noise coming from the UFO.

#### **Witness CRM4**

\*CRM4 could not be located for an interview by the time of this writing. However, both CRM1 and CRM2 confirmed his identity.

## Testimonies of UFO Witnesses CRM5, CRM6, CRM7, CRM8 and CRM9

*This group of 5 witnesses to the UFO sighting in Carmacks consisted of a mother, father and their three children. At the time the family was staying at a house in Carmacks at Point C, Figure 20. The witnesses were interviewed together.*

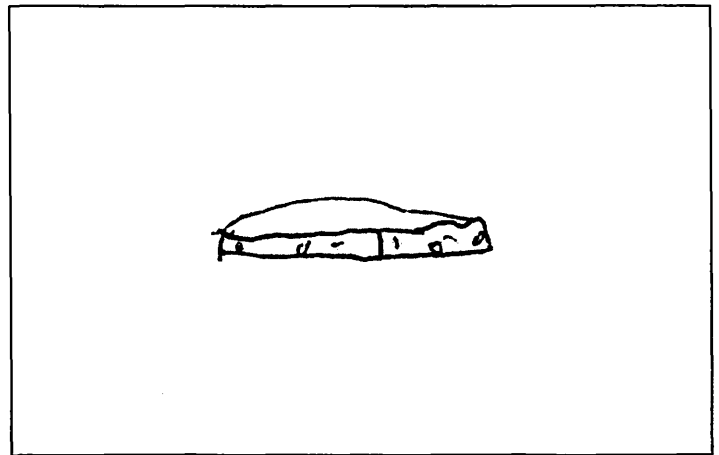
The Father of the family (CRM5) was watching television when he noticed a long row of lights moving in the distance through a window facing northeast. "I thought it was a jumbo 747! But I listened for sound, and nothing!" The father called the rest of the family to have a look. They were all amazed! Getting close to Christmas, the 3 children, of whom the eldest was six years old, thought that it was Santa Clause and his reindeer. The UFO consisted of "four big balls of light in a row" red-yellow in color with "a little bit of blue". At the left and right side of this row of lights were smaller lights that were orange and green (see drawing by the mother, CRM6, Figure 23). The UFO was slowly drifting from left to right, "it looked pretty low, just over the trees" and was about 2 feet at arm's length in size in the sky. He estimated the UFO to be 100 ft (33 m) or more in length. There were also what appeared to be white sparkles dropping away from the base of the larger lights. They were dropping at an angle to the left, consistent with the UFO moving to the right.

As the UFO continued to move to the right (to the northeast, trajectory 4-5, Figure 20), the lights started to "go out one by one" as if the UFO was moving behind a wall. The disappearance of each light would occur at the same point in the sky (Point 5), however there was no high mountain in that direction that could account for this. The UFO travelled through a horizontal span of about 60 degrees over the course of the sighting that lasted about 5 minutes. The eldest child (CRM7), 8 years old at the time of the interview, also made a drawing of the UFO, Figure 24. He recalls seeing red lights and yellow lights. Witnesses CRM8 and 9 were fairly young and did not provide further details. They were witnesses none the less. Their father does recall that they reacted to the sighting.

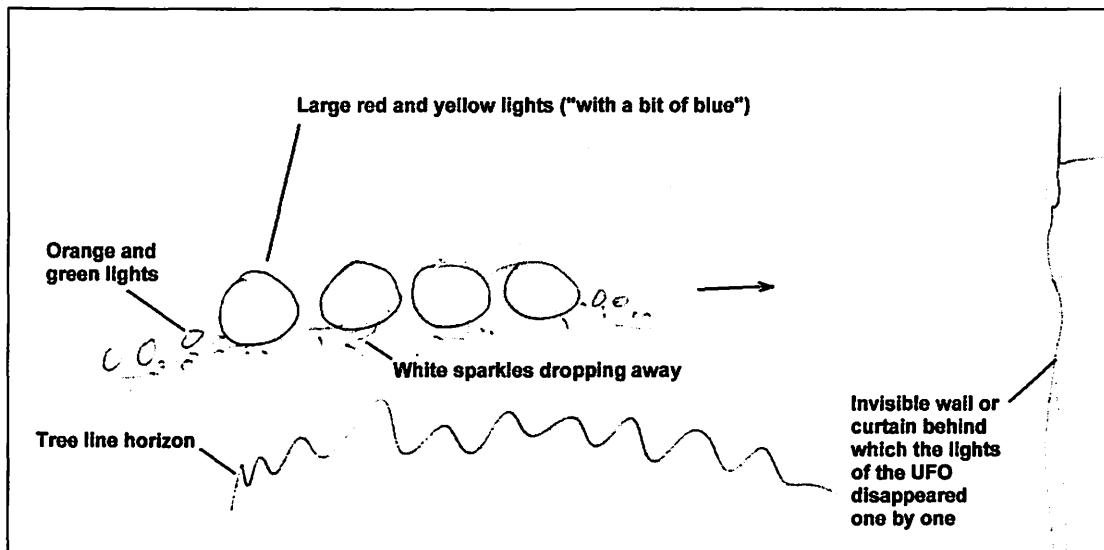
Shortly after the sighting the father (CRM5) found out that his

brother (CRM2) also had a UFO sighting just a few kilometres south of them the same evening. CRM5 states that his family's sighting occurred a few minutes after that of CRM1, 2, 3 and 4, but was unsure of the exact time. His first impression was that it occurred around 9 or 10 pm but suggested that it could have been as early as 7 pm, which would coincide with the time given by CRM1.

CRM5's relative who lives in the community of Ross River recalls hearing that someone in the town of Watson Lake also saw the UFO. The Town of Watson Lake is about 460 km (286 miles) to the southeast of Carmacks.



**Figure 24.** Drawing by witness CRM7 depicting the UFO sighted over the Village of Carmacks, December 11th, 1996. CRM7 is the eldest son of the family of 5 that saw the UFO. He was 6 years old at the time of the sighting and 8 years old when he drew the diagram.



**Figure 23.** Drawing by witness CRM6 depicting the UFO sighted over the Village of Carmacks, December 11th, 1996. CRM6 is the mother of the family of 5 that saw the UFO.

## The Village of Pelly Sightings



Pelly Crossing is situated on the banks of the Pelly River at the 282 kilometre (170 mile) point of the Klondike Highway between Whitehorse and Dawson City, Yukon. Pelly Crossing is the home of the Selkirk First Nations. The population of the village is about 240. Eight people have been identified who witnessed a giant UFO in the area on the evening of December 11, 1996.

## Testimony of Don Trudeau (PEL1)

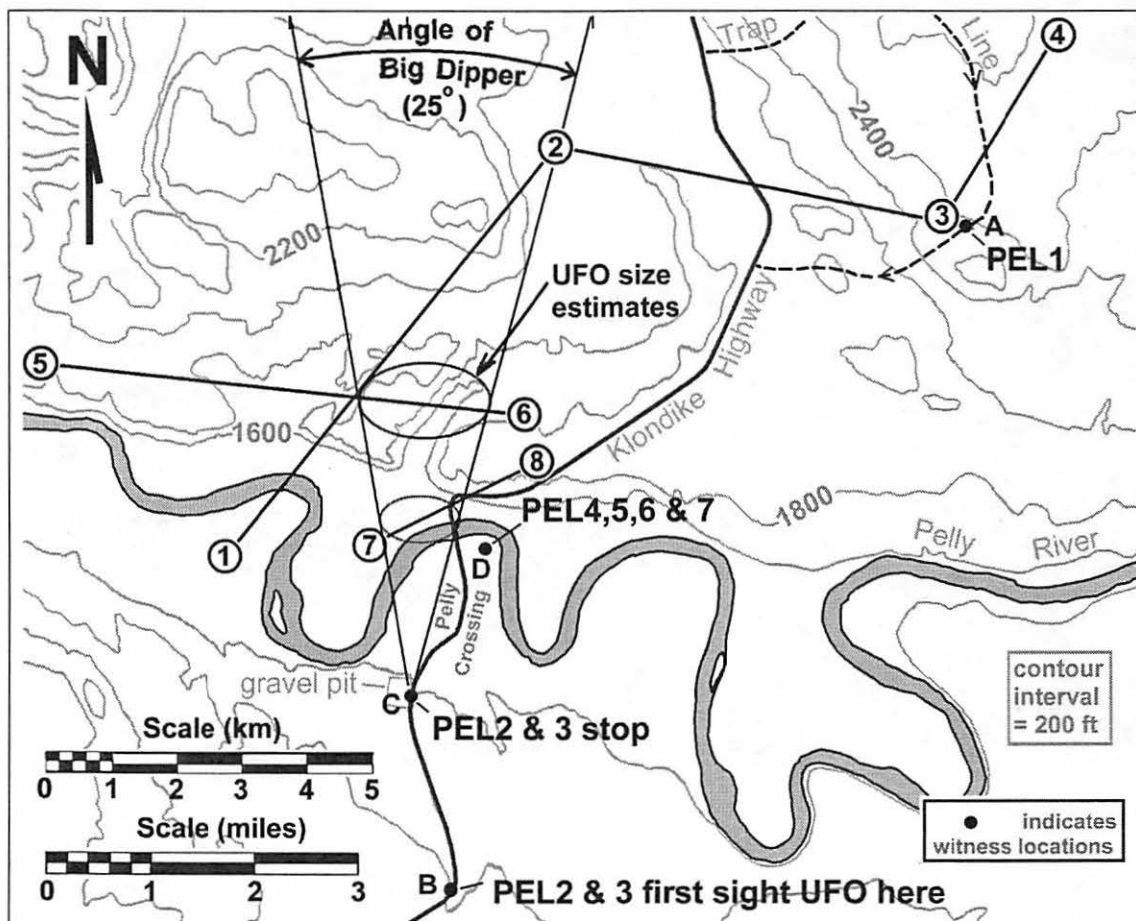
*Don Trudeau is another witness who is willing to have his identity disclosed. We commend him for his courage to do so. He has supported his testimony with a letter to the author (Appendix B).*

Mr. Trudeau was tending his trapline about 9 km (6 miles) northeast of the Village of Pelly Crossing when he sighted the UFO. His trapline runs east of the Klondike Highway in a large loop as shown in Figure 25. It was somewhere between 8:00 and 9:00 pm when he was at Point A. He was travelling on foot and recalls it being a very dark moonless night, clear sky, the stars were out, it was fairly cold and there were ice crystals in the air.

He was looking out over the hills to the west when he spotted a huge row of lights moving in the distance. Mr. Trudeau estimates that the object was travelling along trajectory 1-2 (from his left to his right). At first he thought it was a large airplane that was going to crash. But then he realized that it was moving way too slow to be an airplane and that there was no noise coming from that direction. He could only conclude one thing "It's a UFO!" The flashlight that he was carrying

happened to point towards the UFO. As if the UFO was reacting to his light source, it started to move rapidly towards him from across the valley along trajectory 2-3. As a result, he had an instinctive reaction to cup the end of his large flashlight with his hand, thinking that whatever that thing was, would see him. Well, the split second he completed that gesture, the huge UFO stopped instantly and was hovering an estimated 300 yards (274 metres) in front of him! "I had to turn my head from one side to the other to view the whole thing!" the man said. "It must have been about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile long!" "For some reason I wasn't frightened; I just stood there and watched it." The man estimates that the bottom of the craft was about 250 to 300 yards (229 to 274 metres) off the ground.

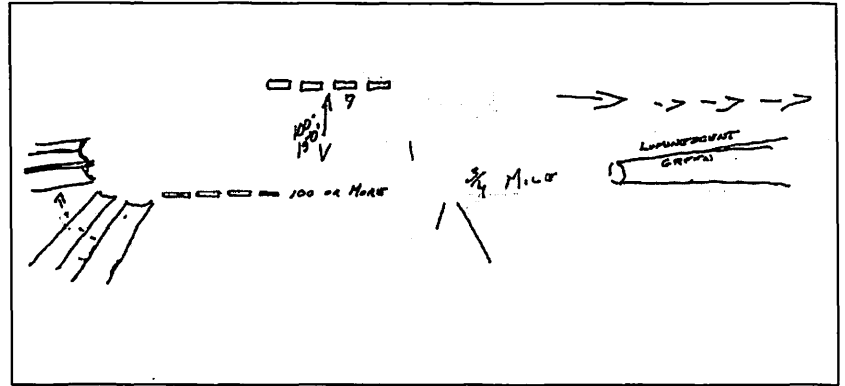
Mr. Trudeau described the object in great detail and provided a couple of sketches (Figures 26 and 27). The UFO consisted of a



**Figure 25.** Map showing the locations of witnesses PEL1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 during a sighting of a large UFO near Village of Pelly Crossing, Yukon, December 11th, 1996. The UFO size estimates ranged from 1.2 to 2.0 kilometres (0.55 to 1.3 miles) in length. The UFO size was calculated based on a method of triangulation since witnesses observed the UFO from more than one perspective at likely the same time. PEL2 compared the length of the UFO to the Big Dipper (it was equal in length). This helped in triangulating the size of the UFO. PEL1 perceived the trajectory of the UFO following path 1-2-3-4. PEL2 and 3 perceived the trajectory of the UFO following path 5-6. PEL5 and 6 perceived the trajectory of the UFO following path 7-8. (Update: new witness PEL8 was located on the bridge over the Pelly River)

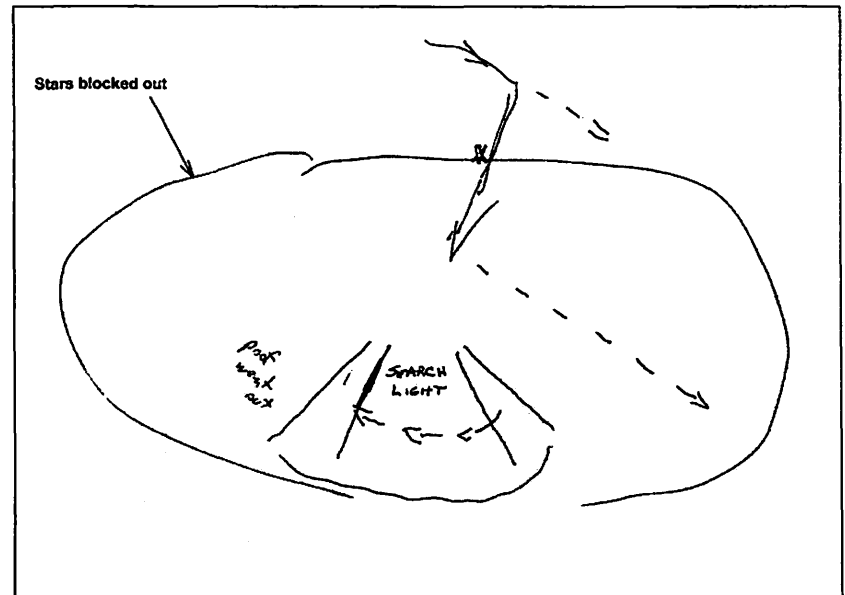


long row of about 100 or more rectangular lights, each an estimated 7 by 20 feet (2 by 6 metres) in size. Centered over these lights and about 100 to 150 feet (30 to 45 metres) above them were approximately 7 larger rectangular lights an estimated 20 by 30 feet (6 by 9 metres) in size each. All the rectangular lights were white or slightly yellowish in color, like that of a light bulb. He could not make out an overall shape of the object but the stars were blacked out in a large and roughly oval area around the arrangement of lights. Figure 28 and 29 show the author's rendition of the UFO based on drawings by PEL1. Don Trudeau has been shown these renditions and agrees that they represent what he saw fairly accurately.



**Figure 26.** First drawing by Don Trudeau (UFO witness PEL1) depicting the UFO he sighted on December 11th, 1996.

Shortly after the UFO arrived in front of him, a beam of white light suddenly emanated out of the bottom of the craft and swooped the ground once, from right to left. Was it a search beam? Searching for him? Not a sound was emanating from the craft, even at this close distance. "How does it stay there?" he thought; "no noise, no humming, nothing". He kept his flashlight covered or turned off as the object proceeded to slowly move to his right (trajectory 3-4, Figure 25) at an estimated "5-10 miles per hour, if that slow!" There was also a large "luminescent green" beam shining horizontally out of the front (right side) of the UFO, as well as two large parallel beams of light coming down at a 45 degree angle at the back or left side of the craft. The latter rotated slowly up to a horizontal position as the UFO moved slowly to his right. The ice crystals in the air made all these beams clearly visible.



**Figure 27.** Second drawing by Don Trudeau (UFO witness PEL1) depicting the UFO he sighted on December 11th, 1996. The drawing is actually two drawings in one. The first shows how the UFO blocked out stars in the background as well as the motion of the search light, and the second is a plan (bird's-eye) view of the path of the UFO.

The UFO was drifting behind some trees to his right so he turned away from it and decided to dash across a small clearing in the woods in order to get a better view. It only took him about 4 or 5 steps to get to the other side where he turned back around to look at the object. "It was gone!" He had watched the UFO for an estimated 4 minutes.

He returned home to his family and announced "Guess what I saw!?" The sighting was strange enough but coincidentally his family was watching the movie "Independence Day". The man's grandchildren got so scared that they wouldn't go out of the house for the next 4 or 5 nights. "I always hesitate to tell this part of the story because it sounds too Hollywood, but that is exactly what happened."

Don went to work the next day. "I never got one lick of work done that day" he said "I must have told my story twenty different times". He recalls speaking with FOX4 who had his own UFO account from Fox Lake, also the previous night.

\*\*\* On September 28, 1999 Don Trudeau was a guest on the "Jeff Rense Radio Show". The show was syndicated across the US and worldwide on the internet. The show is archived at [www.rense.com](http://www.rense.com) and can be listened to using a RealPlayer plug-in for your browser. \*\*\*

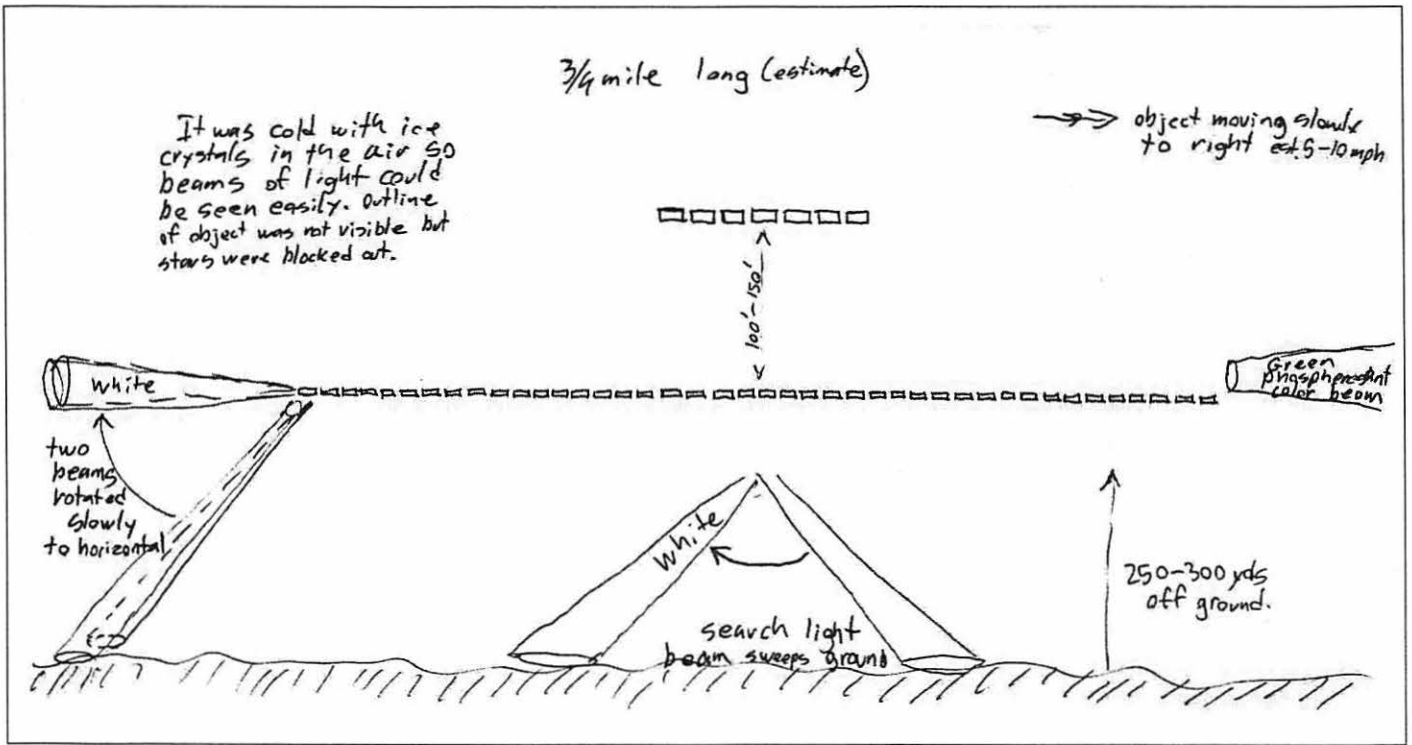


Figure 28. Investigators interpretation of UFO drawings (Figures 20 and 21) by UFO witness Don Trudeau (PEL1).

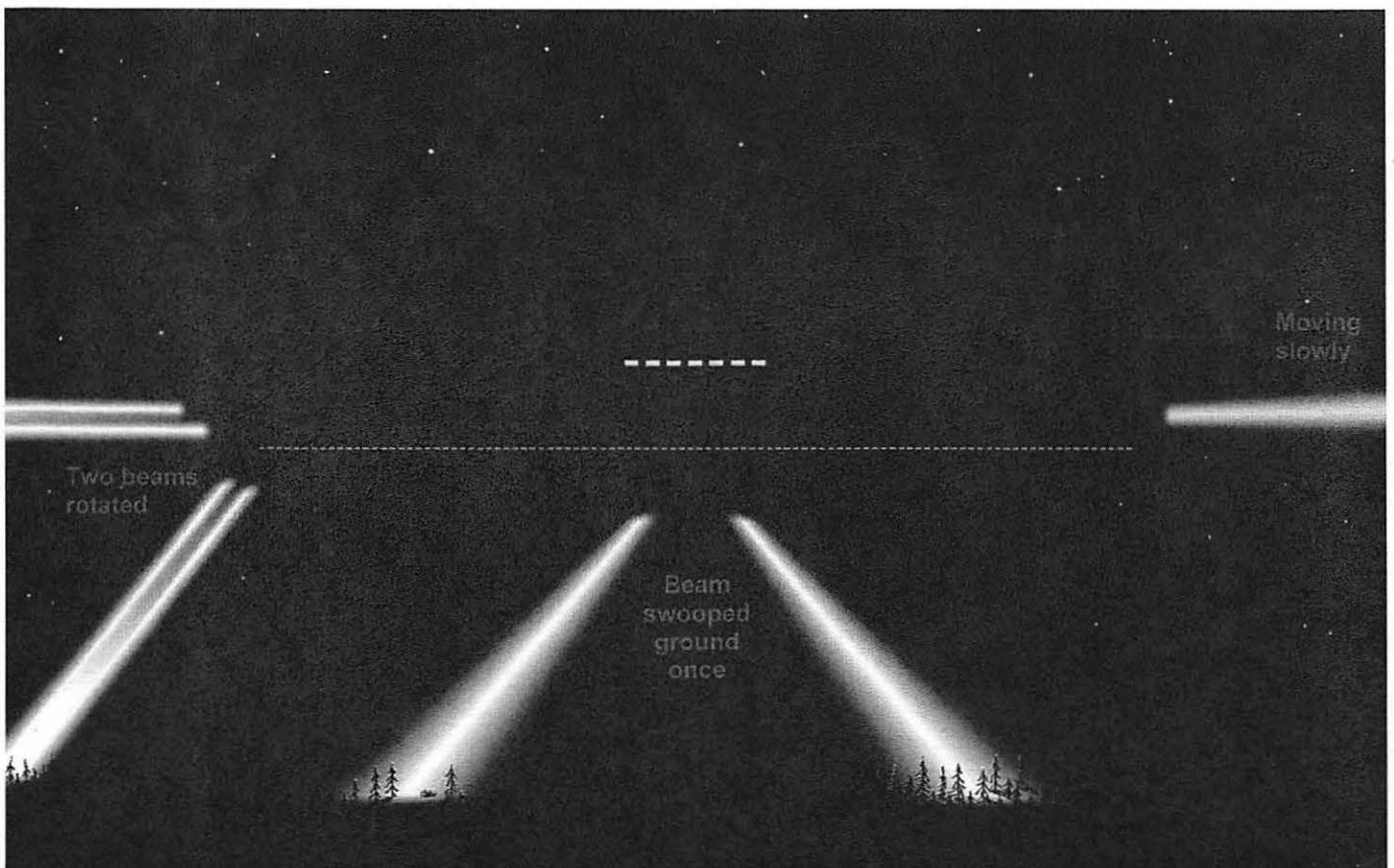


Figure 29. Graphic depicting UFO sighted by witness PEL1 (Don Trudeau) while he was out on his trapline in the evening of December 11th, 1996 near the Village of Pelly Crossing, Yukon. The graphic is based on the witness drawings Figure 20 and 21, and the investigators interpretation Figure 19. The UFO was about 300 yards (275 metres) in front of Mr. Trudeau. He said "I had to turn my head from one side to the other to take it all in". He estimated that the UFO might have been  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile (1.2 kilometers) in length.

## Testimony of Jean Van Bibber (PEL2) and PEL3

*Jean Van Bibber is another witness who is willing to have her identity disclosed. We commend her for her courage to do so. Jean and her brother (PEL3) were travelling in the same vehicle northbound on the Klondike Highway and about 6 km (4 miles) south of the Village of Pelly Crossing when they too observed the UFO. The witnesses were interviewed separately.*

### Witness PEL2

PEL2 and PEL3 were just entering the Pelly River Valley (Point B, Figure 25) which gave them a good view of the northern sky. At that point PEL2 noticed what looked like a "whole big cluster of stars moving!" PEL2 turned to her brother (PEL3) who was driving; "we couldn't say anything to each other, we were so shocked!" Looking back at the UFO, PEL2 could clearly see the constellation of the Big Dipper above the moving lights. The object was huge. "I remember comparing it to the length of the Big Dipper which was right above it at one point. It was the same length as the Big Dipper!" The lights were moving from left to right or west to east. PEL2 estimates that the object was above the hills on the north side of the valley and on trajectory 5-6 (Figure 25). The arrangement of lights consisted of a long row of about

4 large white lights. Then there was a grid pattern of smaller lights on the right side of the UFO, which were blue and green in color. (See drawing by PEL2, Fig. 30)

They continued to drive on as they watched the object continue to move slowly to the east. When they approached a gravel pit just 2 km south of the Village (Point C, Figure 25), various sections of lights on the UFO began turning off in rapid succession, "blink, blink, blink, blink", it was as if somebody was turning off switches. With the last section of lights turned off, the object was no longer visible. PEL2 estimated 3 to 4 minutes had elapsed from the time they first sighted the object.

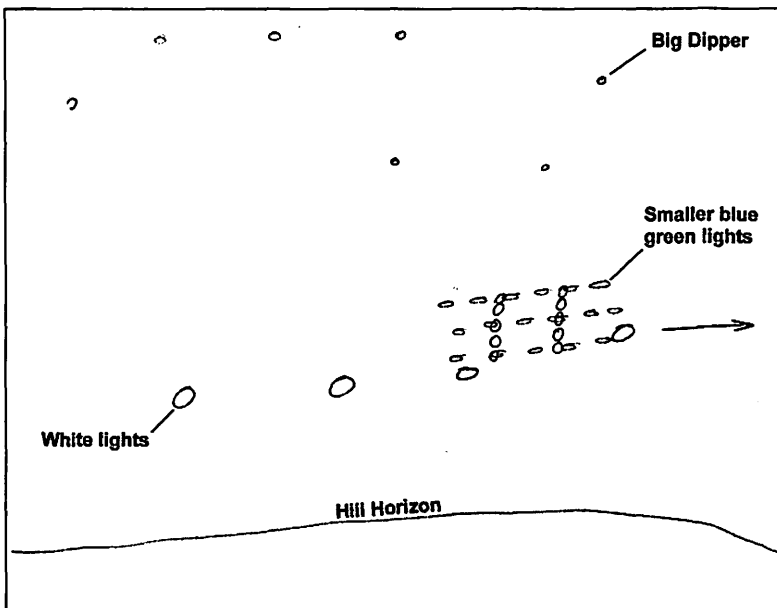
PEL2 then arrived at home in the Village of Pelly Crossing. PEL2's husband arrived home from work at about 9:10 pm and recalls his wife being home thereby indicating that the sighting occurred sometime before 9:00 pm.

### Witness PEL3

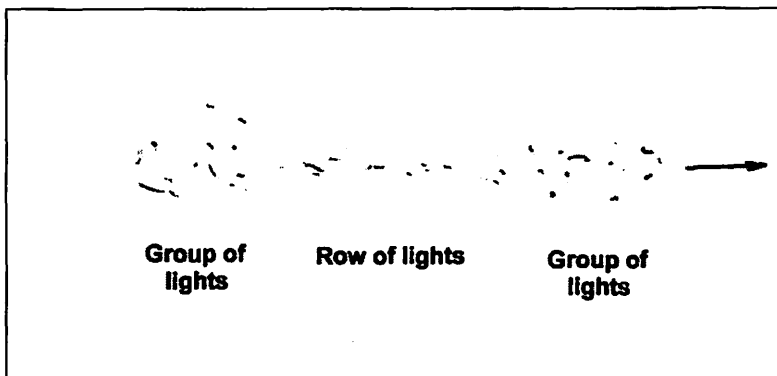
PEL3, along with his sister Jean (PEL2), left Whitehorse around 6:00pm and therefore PEL3 reasons that it must have been close to 9:00pm when they were arriving in the Village of Pelly Crossing. When they started heading into the Pelly River Valley (Point B, Figure 25), they noticed a huge row of lights over the hill to the north. PEL3 estimates it was about 0.5 km (0.3 miles) long, "bigger than any plane, anyway!" "I knew it was a UFO for sure!" They initially observed it near the first gravel pit as you start coming into the valley. "We had time to stop the car, get out, and observe it" They stopped near the second gravel pit (Point C, Figure 25) and observed the UFO for an estimated 30 seconds. It was slowly moving to the east and consisted of a row of lights, mostly white, with some blue and some red. There was a scattered group of lights at the front end (right) of the UFO and another group of lights near the back (left) of the UFO (see drawing by PEL3, Figure 31. "There was no noise" he added.

As they were observing it slowly move over the hill to the north, "some lights started to go out before the others", then "the whole thing just faded".

PEL3 recalls hearing that others in the communities of Dawson and Mayo saw the UFO the same night as well. Dawson is about 200 km (124 miles) to the northwest and Mayo is about 95 km (59 miles) to the north-northeast of Pelly Crossing.



**Figure 30.** Drawing by UFO by witness PEL2 and her comparison of the UFO to the star constellation, "The Big Dipper". It was equivalent in length. December 11th, 1996.



**Figure 31.** Drawing by witness PEL3 depicting the UFO sighted over the Village of Pelly Crossing, December 11th, 1996.

## Testimony of UFO Witnesses PEL4, PEL5, PEL6 and PEL7

The four witnesses were taking an evening course at a small satellite college (Yukon Community College) in the Village of Pelly Crossing. They were out on a break and were getting some fresh air out on a balcony of the small one-story classroom when they observed the UFO. The balcony faces west. The location of the college is shown on the map in Figure 26. Witnesses PEL5 and PEL6 were interviewed together. PEL7 was interviewed separately.

### Witness PEL4

-Interview pending

### Witnesses PEL5 and PEL6

Witnesses PEL5 and PEL6 recall that it was December or January. The class had been let out for a break at about 8:30pm. There was no moonlight and it was clear and cold. PEL4 noticed the UFO first and called PEL5, 6 and 7 to take a look. What they saw was a row of lights in the distance. They were looking northwest and the UFO was moving towards the northeast and was "pretty low" (see trajectory 7-8, Figure 26). It had "no sound" and it looked like it was a row of lights like that of a big plane but it was moving way too slow to be an aircraft. PEL5 indicated that the UFO was approximately 8 to 12 inches (20 to 30 cm) at arm's length distance. There was one large square light at the front (right) of the UFO that was trailed by about 7 smaller square lights as shown in a sketch by PEL6 (Figure 32). The color of the light was like that of an incandescent light bulb, a light yellow color. They were moving together "like one big unit". They observed the UFO for about 3 minutes after which it disappeared behind the hill to the north. It maintained on the same trajectory and speed throughout the sighting.

The next day, PEL5 spoke with PEL1 (Don Trudeau) and the two established that they seen a UFO at about the same time the previous evening. PEL5 also heard on CBC radio the next day that a couple in Dawson about 250 km (155 miles) north of Pelly Crossing) saw the same thing the same evening.

### Witness PEL7

PEL7 was still inside the classroom when the other three women were observing the UFO from the balcony. "(PEL5) came and got me" to have a look at the UFO. "It must have been around 8:30pm when we were let out for a break". PEL7 recalls the object being fairly high up over the northwestern horizon (indicated about 45 degrees above the horizon). It was moving slowly towards the hill to the north and maintained its heading. The UFO was a large oval shape that was lit up with rows of lights along the side of it. Another row of lights (barely noticeable) could be seen on the far side of the UFO. Trailing behind the oval shape on each side were rows of several larger lights (see drawing by PEL7, Figure 33). "It was a long time ago", PEL7 doesn't recall if there were 3 or as many as 6 lights trailing the UFO, or if they were round or square in shape. The lights were white in color. The object was very large in the sky. PEL7

indicated the UFO was about 2 feet (0.6 meters) at arm's length distance. No sound was coming from the UFO. "I didn't hear anything!"

"As soon as it got over the hill, it started to go fast!" The UFO appeared to speed up as it got over the hill to the north of the witnesses and disappeared behind it. PEL7 indicated that this acceleration and the disappearance of the UFO were brief, perhaps a few seconds or a fraction of a second. She indicated that they observed the UFO for 5 to 10 minutes. The evening was clear and cold.

PEL7 was very curious as to what this object was and added that it might have been "something from another solar system". She also recalls hearing that someone from the community of Mayo also saw the UFO that night.

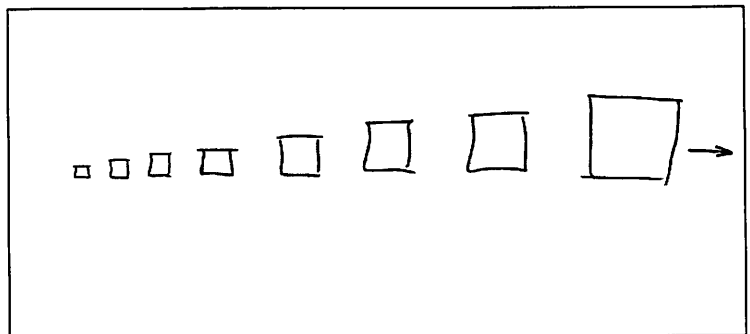


Figure 32. Drawing by witness PEL6 depicting the UFO sighted over the Village of Pelly Crossing, December 11th, 1996.

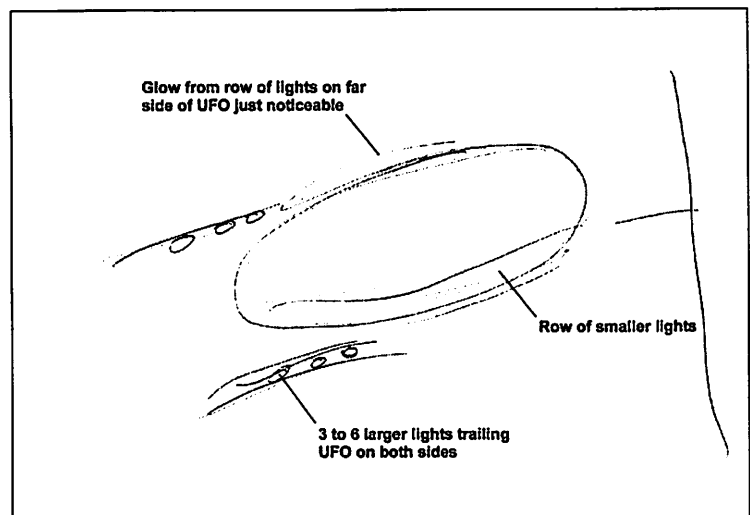


Figure 33. Drawing by witness PEL7 depicting the UFO sighted over the Village of Pelly Crossing, December 11th, 1996. This was likely a depiction of the UFO when it was more overhead than that depicted by PEL6, Figure 32.



## Analysis and Discussion



View of Fox Lake looking northbound



Fox Lake looking southbound from midpoint of lake. Campground is located at lower left.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why has it taken almost 3 years for this case to be made public?**

Actually, two of the witnesses (FOX2 and FOX3) did approach a local radio station (CHON FM) the day after the event (Dec 12, 1996) and their interviews did get on the air. However, that is as far as it went. The author was not aware of this broadcast at the time.

In 1998, witness CRM1 placed an anonymous call to Lorraine Bretlyn, another Yukon UFO investigator and mentioned that his sighting in Carmacks occurred the same evening as the Fox Lake sighting that he heard described on the radio. This was our first clue that a large UFO was seen, by multiple witnesses, and in multiple locations. However, all we knew at that point in time was that the incident occurred in the last few years and in winter conditions.

On January 28th, 1999 FOX2 called us to describe his sighting at Fox Lake. The call was spurred by a local newspaper article describing some unrelated UFO cases. He mentioned that many of the Fox Lake witnesses had stopped in at Braeburn Lodge and described their sighting to lodge owner Steve Watson. He was interviewed and confirmed that fact and was able to give us about three additional witness names. These witnesses were contacted and they in turn provided additional witness names, until we had a total of 22. (update: In March of 2000 the witnesses in the Village of Mayo brought the total number to 30 and in April a new witness from Pelly Crossing was discovered (PEL8) bringing the total to 31).

The time period between January and October 1999 was used to locate these other witnesses, interview them, obtain their drawings, and put the majority of the account on a web site. This was complicated by the facts that most of the witnesses live a 2 to 3 hours drive from the City of Whitehorse where the investigation is based and some of the witnesses did not have telephone service.

### **Why are the drawings and descriptions of the UFO different? Did the witnesses see the same UFO or maybe different ones?**

Yes, many of the drawings do look different. It could have been different UFOs but there could be other reasons for the differences in the drawings and descriptions:

1. It was two to three years ago from the time the sighting occurred to when the witnesses were asked to make their drawings. Memories do change.
2. Perhaps witnesses at different locations saw different sides of the UFO that may have had a different number or configuration of lights. The distance to the UFO also varied so those further

away would not see certain details.

3. Different witnesses spent different amount of time on their drawings. Some paid a lot of attention to detail while others just provided a quick sketch. Some drawings were constructed in just seconds while others, and one in particular, probably over 5 minutes. Artistic talent varied.

4. The UFO may have had certain lights turned off and certain lights turned on during that evening. It may have varied the "on lights" and "off lights" between the times when various witnesses observed it.

Note: Drawings by FOX2, FOX3, FOX4 and FOX5 were very similar with the minor differences that could easily be attributable to points 1, 2 and 3 above. All these witnesses were aware of the time that their sighting took place and it has therefore been established that these four were observing the same UFO at the same time. The differences in drawings of PEL2 and PEL3 could be mostly attributable to points 1 and 3. The differences between the drawing of PEL1 and the other Pelly witnesses may be attributable to points 2 and 4.

5. Points 2, 3 and 4 do not explain the differences in drawings by witnesses who were together during the sighting. To provide some explanation for this, one may consider the following. All the witnesses observed the UFO anywhere from one minute to several minutes. During their observation the UFO traversed a considerable distance across the sky thereby changing their perspective view of it. It likely looked much different from the different angles that it was observed. Each witness was asked to draw the UFO. One would suppose that each witness would pluck one image from their mind that corresponded to one of these perspectives. They would likely choose the one image that had the largest impression on them. This may explain the differences between the drawings of CRM1 and CRM2, and also between PEL6 and PEL7.

### **How do we know that the witnesses are not making it up?**

The answer lies in the demeanor of the witnesses in their interviews. Only two witnesses approached the media or a UFO investigator, the remaining 28 had to be sought after. Once found, they were reluctant to talk. However, when they were assured that their identity would be kept from being made public, they opened up. As they were describing their sighting, apprehension was replaced by excitement. It was like reliving the experience with them. This behaviour is not consistent with someone making up a story.

If it were an orchestrated hoax by all these people they would not have sat around for someone to show up at their door until two and a half years later. It is not likely that they would have arranged to stop consecutively at Braeburn Lodge and tell a

made-up UFO story to the lodge owner.

I have met with some of these witnesses several times, often invited into their homes. I have got to know them fairly well and consider many of them as friends. Among the ones I have met frequently are FOX1, FOX2, FOX3, FOX4, FOX5, PEL1 and PEL2. I can guarantee to you on a personal level that these people are telling the truth as they recall it. Even the ones I only met on one occasion, their demeanor was consistent with that of an honest person confronted with something that they seen that they could not explain in terms of conventional means.

A related question: is the investigator making this story up? This is equally improbable, as I would be taking a risk of losing my credibility as a professional and jeopardizing my future employment and livelihood for myself and my family.

### Calculation of UFO Size

Human beings can perceive the size of "unfamiliar objects"\* at a short distance with reasonable accuracy. However, this accuracy drops off dramatically after a distance of about 10 metres (33 ft). This is the limit of our binocular vision. To be able to estimate distance and size further away, our eyes would have to be further apart. If we have more than one person, each standing in different locations, we effectively have eyes that are "further apart". This is the basis for the size calculations below. (\*For familiar objects (such as a car, building or an animal) for which the size of the object is known to begin with, their distance can be estimated fairly accurately well beyond the 10 metre range. The difficulty comes with unfamiliar objects when both the size and distance are not known).

A reasonably accurate estimate of the size of the UFO (or UFOs) was accomplished through a method based on geometry called "triangulation". Triangulation relies on the observation of an object (in this case a UFO) from at least two different vantage points at the same time. In addition to this, it also relies on an estimate of the angular size from at least one of the witnesses. One way to describe angular size is by comparing the size of the UFO to something being held out at arm's length distance. An example would be "the UFO was the size of a fist at arm's length". Another way to describe angular size is to compare the UFO's size to something else in the scene. An example would be "the UFO was about twice the size of that mountaintop".

Given the large number of witnesses and vantage points associated with this case, six separate calculations of UFO size could be made.

#### Calculation#1.

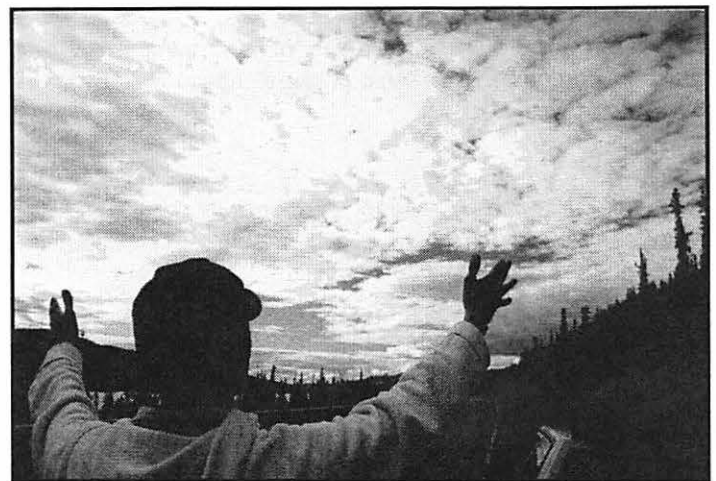
A trip to the Fox Lake sighting location was made with FOX3. The witness showed the locations along the highway where he and FOX2 pulled over to watch the UFO. This distance was measured to be 570 metres apart. We know from FOX2's testimony that he was directly underneath the edge of the UFO

at one point in time (See drawing by FOX2, Figure 10).

The next task at hand was for FOX3 to provide an estimate of the angular size of the UFO when it appeared to be directly over FOX2. He was asked to use local land marks to point to the location where the extreme left of the UFO was when the UFO was over his cousin. Then he was asked to point to a location on the extreme right side of where the UFO was when it was over his cousin. Finally, FOX3 was asked to point with both arms at the two directions (Figure 34). This distance was measured to be about 1.2 metres (4 feet) apart. The perpendicular distance from his eyes to the tip of his hands was measured to be 0.4 metres (1.3 ft). Using trigonometry, this calculates out to be about a 113 degrees of angular distance. Projecting this angle forward the 570 metres distance to the UFO one obtains a UFO size of 1710 metres or about 1.7 kilometres (1.1 miles) in length (See Figure 16). Note that the angle in Figure 16 is only about 80 degrees and not 113. However, the size of the UFO is presented as the calculated 1.7 km. The reason for this distortion of the angle is the fact that the precise shape of the UFO is not known and the shape of the UFO is important in determining its size for close observers (less than about 3 UFO lengths). Nevertheless, this smaller angle is conservative. A more detailed discussion about this can be found on the UFO\*BC web site.

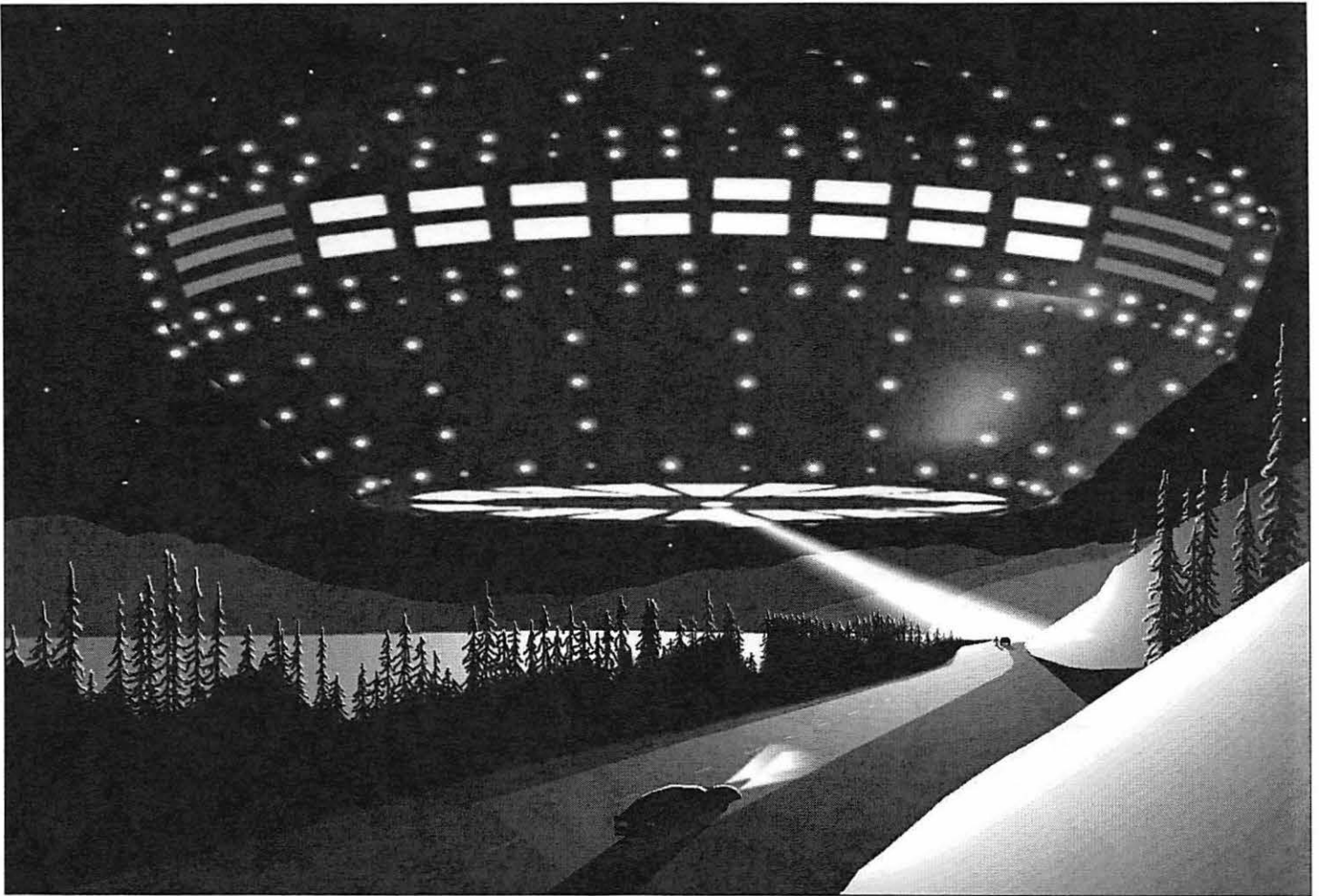
In a similar manner, the vertical dimension of the UFO was calculated. FOX3 was asked to hold his arms out where the top and bottom of the UFO was, the geometry was measured and the vertical dimension (or thickness if you prefer) of 400 metres (1300 ft) was calculated. This is as high as a 130 story skyscraper! One has to bear in mind however that there was no landmark in the sky for FOX3 to use as a reference.

It can be useful at this point to discuss the height to width ratio (h/w) of the above calculations as they relate to the drawings of

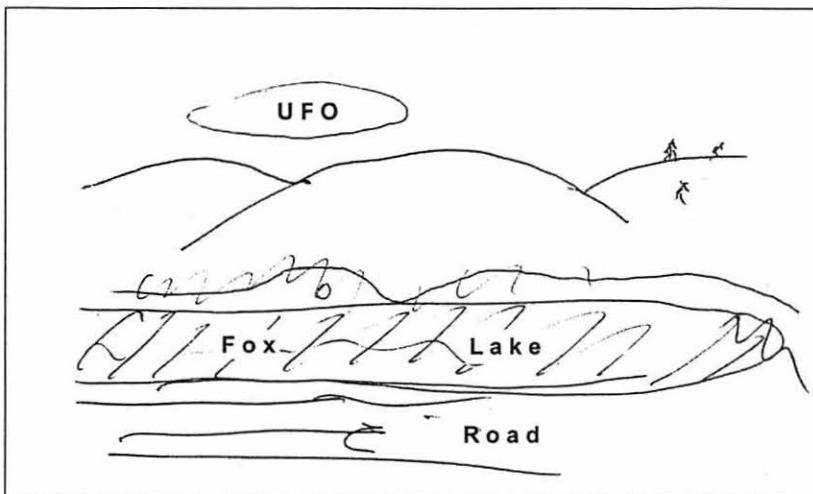


**Figure 34.** FOX3 estimates the angular size of the UFO while on site at the UFO sighting location. The geometry between his eyes and the tip of his hands was measured and used to calculate the UFO size. His cousin (FOX2) was 570 metres (1870 ft) ahead of him during the UFO sighting and was directly underneath the edge of the UFO. This information was used to obtain a UFO size of 1.7 km (1.1 miles) in length!





**Figure 36.** This figure is based on Figure 14 with the height to width ratio of the UFO adjusted to the average (0.39) obtained from FOX2 and FOX3.



**Figure 35.** Another drawing of the UFO by FOX2 when he first saw the UFO over the hills on the west side of Fox Lake. The investigator drew the lake and the hills and then asked FOX2 to draw the basic UFO shape relative to these landmarks. Although there is not enough information to use this drawing to obtain another estimate of UFO size, it is useful for obtaining another estimate of the height to width ratio of the UFO. ( $h/w=0.26$  for this drawing). This drawing was obtained from FOX2 at the same time as drawings 8 through 11 but was not included in the report until later.

FOX2 and FOX3. The above on site measurements given by FOX3 give a  $h/w=0.24$  (or the height being about 24% of the width). By contrast, the drawing by FOX3 gives an  $h/w$  of 0.69. This was likely too high and may have been the result of FOX3's attempt to illustrate the towering nature of the UFO. The drawings by FOX2 (Figure 8) gives a ratio of 0.38, and Figure 35 gives a ratio of 0.26. The graphical simulation Figure 14 has a  $h/w$  of 0.54 and was made before this height to width comparison was made. If one averages the four  $h/w$ : 0.69, 0.24, 0.38, and 0.26 one obtains an average of 0.39. Based on this average  $h/w$ , Figure 14 was augmented to Figure 36.

It is quiet understandable that the estimated height to width ratios varied dramatically since the actual ratio would have increased dramatically as the UFO approached the witnesses, not because the UFO changed shape but because of the changing perspective.

It was also of interest to obtain the elevation of the bottom of the UFO in this observation. Especially since it was almost directly overhead of FOX2. While

on location with FOX3, the investigator asked him to take a photograph of the scene and hold his finger at the spot where the bottom of the UFO was when it was over his cousin (FOX2), (See Figure 37). An angular height of 6.5 degrees above the ground was determined from the photograph. Using trigonometry one obtains a height of the UFO of only 65 metres (213 ft) above FOX2! This is consistent with FOX3's estimate of 4 or 5 lamppost heights.

#### Calculation #2 and #3

FOX4 was presented with a panoramic set of photographs taken of the scene from his vantage point. He was asked to mark on the photographs the length of the UFO. He was also instructed to hold the photographs 8 to 9 inches away from him in order that the angular size of the landmarks and actual scene was about the same. He gave two estimates (Figure 19). The two angles worked out to be 12.8 and 8.44 degrees angular size for the UFO. Since it was established that FOX2 and FOX3 were observing the UFO at the same time further up the lake, we know the distance to the UFO to be about 8 km (5 miles). Again, projecting those angles out to that distance, the UFO size for the two estimates worked out to be 1.8 km (1.1 miles) and 1.2 km (0.75 miles) in length respectively. (Figure 2). Note: the photographs were taken with a standard 50 mm lens (on a 35mm camera) as not to distort or magnify the size of the objects in the scene. Such effects occur when a wide angle lens or a telephoto is used.

#### Calculation #4

Similarly to above, FOX5 was presented with the same panoramic set of photographs taken of the scene. She gave her estimate of angular UFO size in Figure 19. The angle worked out to be 3.95 degrees. Projecting this angle out towards the UFO 8 km (5 miles) away, one obtains a UFO size of 0.88 km (0.55 miles) in length.

#### Calculation#5 and #6

These two calculations were based on observations by witnesses near the Village of Pelly Crossing. To her credit, PEL2 compared the size of the UFO she observed to something in the scene at the time of observation. She compared the UFO to the size of the star constellation, "The Big Dipper". This is more accurate than estimating after the fact or from a photograph. Since she perceived the angular length of the UFO to be the same length as the Big Dipper, from the position of the stars we can deduce that the angle was about 25 degrees. (See drawing by PEL2 (Figure 30) and the angle projected on the map shown in Figure 26). Since PEL4, 5, 6, and 7 were observing the UFO at about the same time from a different vantage point, we could triangulate a location of the UFO shown in Figure 26. The estimated trajectory of PEL2 was also used for a second calculation. The second calculation would not normally be considered a triangulation since it involves observations from only one vantage point. However, some



**Figure 37.** FOX3 was asked to take this photograph and put his finger at the location where the bottom of the UFO was. Knowing the distance to his cousin (FOX2) and the vertical angular height supplied from the photo above, it was calculated that the UFO was only 65 metres (213 ft) above FOX2!

weight has to be given to the estimated UFO trajectory of witness PEL1 that is even further away from PEL2. By projecting the angle of the Big Dipper out to these two trajectory locations, one obtains two more calculations of UFO size. The first trajectory is 2.6 km (1.6 miles) away and yields a UFO size of 1.2 km (0.75 miles) in length. The second trajectory is 4.4 km (2.8 miles) away and yields a UFO size of 2.0 km (1.3 miles) in length.

To summarize we have obtained the following sizes of the UFO by means of triangulation:

- FOX3 with FOX2: 1.7 km (1.1 miles)
- FOX4 with FOX2: 1.8 km (1.1 miles)
- FOX4 with FOX2: 1.2 km (0.75 miles)
- FOX5 with FOX2: 0.88 km (0.55 miles)
- PEL2 with PEL4,5,6,7: 1.2 km (0.75 miles)
- PEL2 with PEL1: 2.0 km (1.3 miles)

This is consistent with witness testimony of the object appearing to be "huge" in the sky. Several witnesses gave size estimates of their own and these were generally smaller than those obtained through the more accurate triangulation:

- FOX2: 0.5 km (0.3 miles) based on relative size to lake width (Figure 7)
- FOX3: 0.21 km (0.13 miles)- comparable to a football stadium
- FOX4: 0.5 to 0.7 km (0.3 to 0.4 miles) – direct estimate
- CRM1: 0.1 km - compared to a football field
- CRM5: 0.03 km -"100 ft or more"-direct estimate
- PEL1: 1.2 km (0.75 miles) – direct estimate
- PEL3: 0.5 km (0.3 miles) – direct estimate

By any stretch of the imagination or calculation, this thing was BIG!

A question that may arise: was it too dark for the witnesses to see the landmarks that were used in the size estimates? To gain some insight into this, the investigator drove out to Fox Lake under similar conditions (i.e. a moonless night with a clear sky and at about the same time of the day and year). Hills could be discerned from within a vehicle while driving as black silhouettes against a dark blue sky. This shows that FOX4 and

FOX5 would have had some reference for their size estimates. When out of the vehicle, the hills were clearly discernible in the star light. Trees and snow covered areas could be seen without any problem. This shows that FOX2, FOX3, PEL1-7, and CRM1-4 would have no problem using landmarks as reference, and that FOX1, FOX4-6, still could use the general shape of the hills for reference.

### Table of Witness Location, UFO Viewing Times and Directions

Before a discussion of possible explanations can begin, it is useful to summarize some of the essential data obtained from all the witnesses, namely their location, time and direction that they observed the UFO. Geographical co-ordinates were scaled from 1:50,000 NTS NAD27 maps in latitude and longitude (decimal-degrees).

Witness	Geographical Co-ordinates	Time on Dec 11, 1996	Directions of UFO Observation	Witness Location Map Reference
FOX1	61.3052 N 135.5552 W	7:45 to 8:15pm	initially NW, then NNE	Figure 2 NTS 105 E/5-East
FOX2	61.2405 N 135.4533 W	8:30pm (at end of sighting by association with FOX3 time)	initially WSW, then edge of UFO directly overhead and center of UFO to NNW, then traversed to ENE	Figures 7 and 16 NTS 105 E/3-West
FOX3	61.2359 N 135.4487 W	8:30pm (looked at watch at end of sighting)	initially NW, then traversed to NNW (over FOX2), then N, then rapid acceleration to ESE	"
FOX4,5	61.1750 N 135.3911 W	8:23pm (FOX5 looked at car clock during sighting)	NNW (UFO moving left to right)	"
FOX6	Same vicinity as FOX1 to FOX5	evening	?, almost straight up	NTS 105E
CRM1	62.0764 N 136.2873 W	7:00pm	initially WNW, then traversed to N, E, last SE	Figure 20 NTS 115 I/1
CRM2	"	7:00pm associated with CRM1 time	initially WNW, traversed to NNW	"
CRM3,4	"	7:00pm associated with CRM1 time	not available	"
CRM5,6,7,8,9	62.0978 N 136.2835 W	evening	initially WNW, traversed to NNW	"
PEL1	62.8703 N 136.4260 W	8:50pm (based on 25 min after FOX4 and 5)	initially WSW, traversed to W, then to N	Figure 25 NTS 115 I/16
PEL2,3	62.8070 N 136.5910 W	between 8:30pm and 9:00pm	initially NNW, traversed to NNE	Figure 25 NTS 115 I/15
PEL4,5,6,7	62.8260 N 136.5687 W	Shortly after 8:30pm	initially WNW, traversed to NNE	"

## Possible Conventional Explanations

There has been a lengthy discussion regarding this case on an Internet discussion group. The following are some non-ET hypotheses brought forward, followed by the investigator's response as to why they would not be the likely cause of the UFO sightings by these 31 people. If interested in reading the lengthy details of this discussion, please visit the web site.

### 1) Hoax?

A hoax by the witnesses is highly unlikely given the demeanor of the witnesses and the number of witnesses involved. Many of the witnesses do not associate with each other. Only 2 out of the 31 witnesses contacted the UFO investigator. The other witnesses had to be sought out. Once the investigator located the witnesses, they were hesitant to talk. After being reassured that their names would not be publicized, they opened up and told their accounts. They got excited when telling their stories. It was like reliving it with them. This behaviour is inconsistent with hoaxers.

A hoax by the investigator is equally unlikely. He would be risking his credibility, not only as a UFO investigator but also as a professional, and thus risking his livelihood for himself and his family.

### 2) Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights)?

There was too much structure (equally spaced rectangular lights in a row) for the UFO to have been Aurora Borealis. Most, if not all, of the witnesses have been brought up in these relatively remote villages and lead, at least partly, a sustenance life style and therefore have spent a lot of time outdoors. They know what the Northern Lights look like.

### 3) A barium-cloud experiment with multiple releases?

A barium cloud experiment is a high altitude release of barium gas (a glowing gas) to study the upper reaches of our atmosphere. They can vary in color. They start out the size of a star and expand into various shapes depending on the motion of the atmosphere and then fade away. If released near the jet stream, noticeable motion is possible. However, they are not typically large. One report references that it was slightly larger than a full moon. This small size and diffuse nature is inconsistent with the witness drawings and the calculation of the UFO size.

### 4) Launch of a space vehicle?

Kosmos-2335 was indeed launched on December 11, 1996, from Baykonour into a 65 degree inclined orbit, but theoretically should not have been seen more eastward than western Alaska. In addition to this, the angular expanse of the sky by the UFO reported by the witnesses was much too large for any manmade launched vehicle entering orbit. Also, the UFO possessed too much structure that would only be noticeable at close range. Again, refer to drawings by the witnesses.

### 5) Re-entry of rocket or satellite, or strange meteor?

The angular expanse of the sky by the UFO reported by the witnesses was much too large for it to be the re-entry of rocket or satellite, or strange meteor. There was also too much detailed structure (rectangular lights, search beam, many smaller lights that formed a pattern). See further elaboration below.

### 6) Multiple light sources on aircraft in a military exercise miles north of the observers?

Although the human mind tends to attribute some structure to multiple distant light sources, the investigator finds this to be a stretch of the imagination as an explanation for many of the witness descriptions and detailed drawings in this case.

There were also large differences between the viewing directions of the witnesses as indicated in Table of Observation Times and Directions for all three locations, as well as maps for Fox Lake, Carmacks, and Pelly Crossing. Depending on the location and the time during their sighting, directions of observations ranged from WSW to N to SE. This is consistent with a UFO flying in close proximity (within a few kilometres/miles or less) rather than a formation of lights or aircraft miles north of all the observers.

If it were true that the witnesses at Fox Lake were observing lights on a formation of aircraft far to the north, the angular size in the sky of the UFO observed by witnesses FOX2,3 compared to those of FOX4,5 would of appeared similar. In fact, they were very different. The numbers suggested that FOX2 and 3 were at least 14 times closer to the UFO than FOX4 and 5. Since FOX4,5 drove to the location of FOX2,3 about 5 minutes after the sighting, it was established that the 4 witnesses observed the UFO at the same time and their locations suggested that they were about 8 km apart from each other during the sighting (Refer to Figure 7). This establishes that the UFO was in close proximity to the witnesses (less than 1 km for FOX2 and 3) and therefore inconsistent with "multiple light sources on aircraft in a military exercise miles north of the observers". See also "Calculation of UFO size".

### 7) Multiple releases of lighted balloons (fire balloons or flares tied to balloons, other lights sources on balloons)? *Definition of "Fire Balloons": Plastic dry-cleaner bag (or equivalent) with candles or other heat source to provide a light source and lift.*

There were large rectangular lights that maintained spacing as they moved collectively; FOX2 and FOX3 recall seeing the smooth shiny surface of the entire UFO which was illuminated by a series of smaller lights. These observations are inconsistent with balloons carrying a light source.

The skeptics will argue that multiple light sources spaced closely together can create an illusion of a much larger solid



object. However, imagine the logistics and manpower needed to orchestrate the launch of balloons that collectively looked like Figure 8,12,14, 17, 18 or 25. This is inconsistent with a prank and probably impossible to engineer.

The rapid acceleration of the UFO noted by FOX3, PEL1, PEL7 and also MYO1 through MYO5 is also inconsistent with balloons.

**8) An ordinary commercial airship, with unusual lights for whatever reason (pranksters ?). Such craft can be very large (typical length about 50 meters)**

To determine how likely it would be that an airship may have been flying in the Yukon during the winter, a Canadian airship design company was contacted. The investigator interviewed Mr. Hokan Colting, Chairman and CEO of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Airships Inc., Newmarket, Ontario. Mr. Colting was asked if it would be possible for an airship to fly around in the Yukon in the winter. His response was "I doubt you would find any airships that far north in the winter. All the airships head south to work in the wintertime. They don't even fly in Toronto in the winter. The reason is that if it snows, it can weigh down the airship, this can be very hazardous. We certainly did not have an airship flying in the Yukon at that time"

The typical 50 metre length is also inconsistent with the UFO size calculation that ranged from 880 metres to 2000 metres. See "Calculation of UFO Size". Since airships are incapable of accelerating to or attaining high speeds, the airship theory is also inconsistent with the rapid acceleration witnessed by FOX3, PEL1, PEL7, and MYO1 to 5.

If there were a large commercial airship flying around the Yukon for some purpose on December 11, 1996 it would have been "Big News". The Yukon is very large, 465,000 sq-km and a small population, 22,000 in the capital of Whitehorse and 8,000 in the rest of the territory. In terms of the way the media works, the Yukon as a whole is a small community of 30,000 that just happens to be spread out. News in Old Crow is also news in Whitehorse, etc. There was no news of a commercial airship in the Yukon in 1996.

**9) A huge lenticular airship (diameter about 500 meters) which the Russians intended to build. Apparently, this airship has never been built. Could there be a similar U.S. project?**

The UFO was calculated to be between 880 metres to 2000 metres in size. This is inconsistent with 500 metres although it is the same order of magnitude. Perhaps 500 metres would be a lower limit due to errors in angular size estimates. However, FOX3, PEL1, PEL7 and MYO1-5 observed rapid acceleration. This would be inconsistent with an airship. The danger of falling snow weighing down the airship would also be hazardous to a military airship as well as a civilian one.

## 10) Mirages

Mirages are caused by the bending of light that can make distant objects appear distorted, magnified, inverted, or out of place. It has therefore been suggested that this UFO sighting was caused by another light source that was far away (perhaps a lighted building) but was magnified and shifted spatially by the mirage effect.

To assess if this could be true in this case we first have to examine the physics behind mirages. Mirages are made possible by the fact that light travels at slightly different speeds for different air densities. This causes light rays to bend as they travel from an air layer of one density to another air layer of a different density. Now, the direction of the bending occurs perpendicular to the air layering. In other words, horizontal air layers would cause light rays to bend up and down but not sideways. Under winter conditions, and if there are no large heat sources present, these layers are horizontal and cause light to bend in the vertical plane only. For the UFO to be a mirage of any light source in the distance and for the two simultaneous observers to see it in different directions, light bending would have to occur in the horizontal plane. This is not possible under winter conditions with no large heat sources present. If one looks at Figure 7, the UFO was observed simultaneously from 3 different directions (80 degrees horizontal angle) This amount of horizontal bending would not be possible under winter or even summer conditions.

**11) An undisclosed military project or testing? Alaska is not far from the location of the sightings. Are there often, or sometimes, US military exercises over the Yukon, with aircraft coming from Alaska? There was also a large UFO sighting on November 17, 1986 by a Japanese Airlines 747 pilot over Alaska. Could it be that the US, which spends about 20 billion dollars each year in "black programs", has a kind of Area 51 in Alaska? Weather conditions are far worse than in the Nevada desert, but secrecy could be better.**

US military aircraft occasionally refuel in Whitehorse and sometimes spend the night there. Of all the UFO witnesses the investigator has interviewed in the Yukon, the only mention of military aircraft was in transit. They were likely on route between Alaska and the main states. There was never any mention of "acrobatic" flying that would suggest an exercise. Who knows for sure? There does not appear to be any formal nor informal designated area of the Yukon that holds frequent military exercises. If there is such an area, it would be remote enough so the skies above it would not be visible from any highways in the Yukon.

A check of the Alaska Atlas & Gazetteer for US military land reserves in Alaska showed two military reservations to the northwest of the sighting locations. They were Fort Wainwright and Fort Greely Military Reservations, both substantial in land mass. The distance from the eastern-most corners of these to Fox Lake was scaled from the maps. Both were about 600 km (375 miles) away. These are fair distances to suggest an error in

navigation of a secret military project. The Alaska border is about 290 km (180 miles) due west of Fox Lake. This is still a substantial distance. Also, anything flying in from due west would have to cross a major transportation route, the Alaska Highway.

There are a lot more remote areas in Alaska, as well as the Yukon, than Fox Lake, Carmacks, and Pelly Crossing to conduct secret military testing.

### 12) Mass Hallucination

The author is not qualified to provide an expert opinion regarding this explanation. However, having met the witnesses he strongly disagrees with this hypothesis and lists it here only for completeness.

## What about Radar?

Unfortunately the Whitehorse airport does not possess weather or aircraft radar equipment. The only other possible radar in the area would be of a military nature. Perhaps with the submission of this report, the Department of National Defence can check their radar data for the locations and date in question. One has to keep in mind however that a technologically advanced craft may also possess the capability of absorbing or deflecting radar (stealth technology).

## Conclusion

In the previous section we looked at 12 possible conventional explanations that may be seen by some to explain the sighting of a giant UFO in the Yukon on December 11th, 1996. However, it was shown for each of these explanations how they did not adequately explain the data obtained from these witnesses. This was not just a small deficiency in the explanations but a large one, well outside that accountable by witness error in memory, perception, or judgement.

Since present technology and natural phenomenon have been shown to be unlikely, we are thus left with only one possible conclusion as described below.

**The sightings of a giant UFO(s) in the Yukon Territory on December 11th, 1996 by at least 31 people were most likely a product of non-human intelligence and a technology far beyond current scientific knowledge reported by mainstream science.**

One has to caution here that the data in this report does not constitute absolute proof of this conclusion but only points that it is the likely cause.

The conclusion above can be both exciting and disturbing and thus deserves serious scientific inquiry. This inquiry should not be conditional on the presentation of concrete proof, but should begin immediately.

## Where Do We Go From Here?

This report shows that phenomenal events can slip through the cracks (go unnoticed by the general public and mainstream science). This is demonstrated by the amount of time that has passed before somebody interested in compiling the details of such a case was contacted. More than 2 years had passed when to his credit, FOX2 filed a report with the author that led to an investigation that eventually involved 31 people.

There are strong indications that other citizens as well as other Yukon communities were witness to a giant UFO sighting on Dec 11th, 1996. In this regards the search remains for additional witnesses.

The investigation was carried out entirely through private funds, during leisure time and thus has fallen short of the extensive investigation that should be done regarding this case and others like it.

It is for this reason that this report is being filed with all levels of government (Appendix A) as well as particular agencies who should be "in the know" of such events. It is the authors hope that these agencies will treat this information seriously and also provide feedback to the people that they serve, Canadian Citizens. The witnesses as well as other members of the public look forward to this information. The public is thus encouraged to contact these agencies periodically and inquire as to the status of their conclusions regarding the sighting of a Giant UFO(s) in the Yukon on Dec 11th, 1996 as well as the UFO issue in general.

*Appendix A is a letter to Ms. Louise Hardy, Member of Parliament - Yukon, that contains information and action requests to the Government of Canada regarding this UFO case and the UFO issue in general. She can be reached at: (867)668-3030 or 1-800-304-0672 (toll free Yukon only), 307A Wood Street, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2E7, Canada.*

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## Additional Witnesses Sought

If you have any information regarding this case or know of additional witnesses please call Martin Jasek in Whitehorse at (867) 633-2472 or e-mail at: [mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca](mailto:mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca)

## Appendices



Northern end of Fox Lake. Location of UFO sighting by FOX1.

## *Appendix A*

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June 1, 2000

[ Hand Delivered ]

Louise Hardy, M.P., Yukon  
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Dear Ms. Hardy:

Thank you for our meeting of December 20, 1999 that allowed me to present to you some reports of notable "Unidentified Flying Object" sightings in the Yukon. Although there were many that we covered, I am submitting only one case in particular at this point in time. It is the one I briefed you on most extensively. When I spoke with you there were 22 witnesses that were identified regarding this case. Since that time, the number of witnesses has increased substantially.

This incident took place on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1996 and was witnessed by at least 31 Yukon residents along the Klondike and Silver Trail Highways between Fox Lake and Mayo. The attached report (3 copies) "**Giant UFO in the Yukon Territory**" documents this case in considerable detail and by way of this letter it is officially being filed with the Government of Canada. I have every reason to believe when I spoke with these people that they were honest and forthright with their accounts.

This report is being filed on behalf of the witnesses, as many of them fear ridicule if they should officially come forward. There are a few exceptions to this, Don Trudeau is one of these witnesses and has chosen to endorse his testimony presented in this report with an attached letter (Appendix B). He has also officially filed (or will be filing) his testimony with the RCMP in Village of Pelly Crossing. I will also be filing this report personally with the RCMP here in Whitehorse. Two other witnesses have allowed their names to be published in the report.

The attached report demonstrates that the ultimate cause of this UFO sighting was **not** any of the following: a military or commercial airship (balloon, blimp, etc.), a multiple release of lighted balloons, multiple light sources on aircraft far away from the observers, a launch of a



space vehicle, a re-entry of a rocket or satellite, a mirage, a meteor, the northern lights, a barium cloud experiment, mass hallucinations, or a hoax.

Since this UFO by virtue of its sheer size, silent operation, and rapid acceleration showed a technology way beyond that currently possessed by human beings, we are left with one conclusion that fits the data, namely: **“The sightings of a giant UFO(s) in the Yukon Territory on December 11th, 1996 by at least 31 people were most likely a product of non-human intelligence and a technology far beyond current scientific knowledge reported by main stream science.”** Although the data in this report does not prove this so, we are forced to accept this as a likely possibility since there are no other plausible alternative explanations.

I would also like to direct your attention to the “stigma” attached to the UFO subject. The fear of ridicule appears to be getting in the way of us making progress with regards to solving this mystery. Regardless of how the official policy of the Government of Canada reads, the “apparent policy” appears to be one of silence with regards to the UFO issue. This policy of silence has bred an atmosphere of mistrust of the government. A Yukon wide poll with regards to the UFO topic conducted August 14th, 1999 (Appendix C) supports this. Of particular concern is the low level of trust of the Canadian Government with regards to the UFO issue shown by question#6: 43% believe that there is a government or military cover-up regarding UFOs, 19% believe that there is not, another 38% are not sure if there is. Therefore 81% believe that there either is or that there could potentially be a UFO cover-up by the Government or the Military. As a Minister of Parliament this must be of utmost concern. The results for British Columbia show similar results.

The above has created a highly undesirable situation. UFO sightings of potential defence significance are not being officially reported. Most UFO sightings are investigated by private individuals working out of their homes, on their own time, and using their own resources. How can significant progress be made in this situation? This is supported by the fact that none of the 31 witnesses were ever approached by “an official” investigator nor did any of them file their sighting with the RCMP or DND (to my knowledge) until a civilian investigator suggested that they do so. The 31 witnesses mostly kept the sightings to themselves or between friends and family for over 2 years before it started to be uncovered. It should alarm us that such a large Unidentified Flying Object flew over the Yukon Territory and was not officially reported. I must stress here that the UFO did not show any signs of a threatening nature towards any of the witnesses. Nevertheless, at least one of the witnesses experienced possible physical after-effects, which may or may not have been attributable to the UFO sighting. Several of the witnesses had to negotiate uncontrolled stops in winter driving conditions due to the shocking nature of this UFO sighting. The consequences could have been worse. One vehicle experienced voltage irregularities while underneath the object.

The atmosphere of witness ridicule and government silence on the UFO topic is damaging the trust between our government and our citizens. I would like to work with you to help reverse this trend and have the following suggestions:

1. Ask the Government of Canada to assess what was likely the cause of the sighting of a giant (at least 0.88 km long) UFO on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1996 at Fox Lake, Carmacks, Pelly Crossing and Mayo, Yukon. Most importantly, they should make their conclusions public.
2. Ask the Government of Canada what conclusions they have reached about the large quantity of other UFO data that they have collected and specifically the reports that are highly suggestive of non-human intelligence.
3. Ask the Government of Canada what actions citizens should take if they are confronted with intelligently controlled vehicles of apparent non-human intelligence?
4. Ask the Government of Canada to educate the public and civil servants about the potential seriousness of UFO sightings to encourage witnesses to report their sightings as well as feel free to discuss them openly.
6. Explicitly list "Ridicule of UFO Witnesses" as a form of discrimination.
7. Encourage scientific study of the phenomena by sharing data that the Government of Canada has collected and conclusions (past and recent) it may have reached.
8. Ask the Government of Canada to encourage and support Universities and Colleges to study the UFO issue/topic much the same way that they support other scientific programs.
9. Ask the Government of Canada to establish a government-sanctioned UFO study committee including both military and civilian investigators such has been done by the Government of Chile.

I would like to bring up one media article that was printed recently that will help emphasize #4 above. The December 13, 1999 issue of the National Post ran an article (front page) "Canada's X-Files grow dusty as fewer people spot UFOs" (Appendix D). The article was based on an interview with a spokesperson for Transport Canada, Aviation Operations Centre in Ottawa with regards to UFO reports. If this article is accurate, the spokesperson was promoting the element of ridicule with regards to UFO witnesses suggested by the phrases quoted in the article; "I have never been that drunk" when he was asked if he had ever seen a UFO. It was ironic that this person was talking about the decline of UFO reports to his department over the years. It is not surprising that UFO witnesses would not be inclined to report their UFO sighting to a department that displays a negative attitude about the subject. The article states that official reporting is on the decline, however the truth of the matter is that UFO reports to civilian organizations in Canada have been on an increase throughout the 1990's (Appendix D). Whether this person was acting officially to represent the department or not, this type of behavior by public service officials should be discouraged in order that trust is re-affirmed between the Government of Canada and the public regarding the UFO issue. I don't think that action should be directed specifically at this individual as his remarks may have only been indicative of his nervousness with regards to the UFO subject and/or a poor knowledge base thereof. But I would suggest that an educational process be initiated among government departments, that potentially receive UFO reports, to increase their empathy towards the witnesses. I must add that most Transport Canada personnel whom I have called here in Whitehorse have been very co-operative when asked to cross-reference UFO sightings with conventional aircraft. This has been greatly appreciated and has led to finding possible explanations for some of the UFO reports.

I also urge that UFO reports not only be collected and filed away by various government departments but that the data, investigations and conclusions be made available to the public, who after all, are the ones confronted with most of these sightings.

I realize that this letter may have put yourself in a situation where you could be ridiculed. However, the evidence presented in this report, and the apparent non-functioning relationship between the Government of Canada and the Canadian Citizens on the UFO issue must deserve serious attention at the highest levels. I hope to assist you in any way I can.

Sincerely



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Appendix B

MR. MARTIN JASEK

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FEB. 21, 2000

DEAR MARTIN,

I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORT THAT YOU HAVE PUT FORWARD IN YOUR RESEARCH OF U.F.O. SIGHTING OF DECEMBER 11, 1996. I AM AS STATED IN YOUR REPORTS PEL 2 AND HAVE CONSENTED TO HAVE MY NAME REVEALED AS ONE OF THE WITNESSES.

THE ACCOUNT OF MY SIGHTING THAT YOU HAVE WRITTEN IS VERY ACCURATE. YOU HAVE DONE A FINE JOB OF DEPICTING EXACTLY WHAT I SAW ONTO THE COMPUTER FILES OF THE EVENT. WHEN I FIRST SAW THE IMAGE ON THE COMPUTER IN THE FALL OF 1999, IT TOOK ME BACK TO THE MOMENT THAT I SAW THE U.F.O.

THE TITLE "GIANT UFO IN THE YUKON TERRITORY" IS AN APPROPRIATE TITLE FOR THIS REPORT AS THE UFO THAT I SAW WAS INDEED VERY BIG OR GIANTIC. I STILL CAN NOT UNDERSTAND HOW SOMETHING SO BIG CAN GO SO SLOWLY AND DEFFY GRAVITY AS I UNDERSTAND GRAVITY.

I KNOW THAT PEOPLE WHOM HAVE NOT SEEN A UFO WILL SAY THIS STORY IS HOGWASH BUT THAT MATTERS LITTLE TO ME. I KNOW WHAT I SAW AND DON'T CARE WHAT SKEPTICS BELIEVE OR SAY. I DON'T NEED TO IMPRESS THEM OR ANY OTHERS. I NEED ONLY TO BELIEVE IN MYSELF. I HOPE ONE DAY THAT I WILL SEE ANOTHER.



I AM OFTEN OUT AT NIGHT AND WHILE OUT CAST MY GLANCE INTO THE SKY WONDERING IF I SHALL EVER SEE ANOTHER.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR BELIEF IN ME AND THE ACCURACY IN WHICH YOU FILED MY STORY INTO YOUR REPORT. THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN CONNECTING ME WITH THE RADIO SHOW "SIGHTINGS ON THE RADIO" HOSTED BY JEFF RENSE. IT GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY SIGHTING WITH OTHERS WHOM HAVE WITNESSED UFO SIGHTINGS.

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RESPECTFULLY

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## Appendix C

### Canadian UFO Poll

On August 14, 1999, Ufology Research of Manitoba co-ordinated a volunteer effort of civilian UFO organizations to poll Canadians on the UFO issue. The national results of the poll have not been assembled and analyzed as of this writing. However, the data for the Yukon and British Columbia is presented below. There were 112 people surveyed in the Yukon and 100 in British Columbia. The results for the Province and Territory were similar. In the Yukon, the results were broken down further to show differences between Whitehorse and smaller Yukon communities.

The sample size fell short of a true scientific poll which generally numbers at about 1500 to reach a desired accuracy of  $\pm 3\%$ . However, the results are not too different from that of a US based Poll conducted by Life Magazine on January 12-13, 2000 (March 2000 Issue) with the Yukon and BC results being somewhat more on the affirmative side.

#### 1. Do you believe in the existence of life somewhere else in the Universe?

	VANCOUVER	YUKON	WHITEHORSE	YUKON COMMUNITIES
YES	68%	65%	67%	61%
NO	7%	6%	5%	10%
NOT SURE	25%	29%	28%	29%

#### 2. Do you believe there is intelligent life on some other planets in the Universe?

	VANCOUVER	YUKON	WHITEHORSE	YUKON COMMUNITIES
DEFINITELY	33%	27%	24%	33%
PROBABLY	43%	58%	63%	43%
PROBABLY NOT	15%	12%	9%	20%
DEFINITELY NOT	8%	4%	4%	3%

#### 3. Do you believe that some UFOs are Alien Spacecraft?

	VANCOUVER	YUKON	WHITEHORSE	YUKON COMMUNITIES
YES	25%	38%	38%	35%
NO	31%	15%	15%	16%
NOT SURE	43%	47%	47%	48%

#### 4. Have you ever seen a UFO?

	VANCOUVER	YUKON	WHITEHORSE	YUKON COMMUNITIES
YES	11%	9%	6%	16%
NO	83%	79%	85%	65%
NOT SURE	7%	12%	9%	19%

#### 5. Has anyone else in your family ever seen a UFO?

	VANCOUVER	YUKON	WHITEHORSE	YUKON COMMUNITIES
YES	15%	15%	10%	29%
NO	70%	54%	62%	32%
NOT SURE	11%	31%	28%	39%

#### 6. Do you believe that there is a military or government cover-up regarding UFOs?

	VANCOUVER	YUKON	WHITEHORSE	YUKON COMMUNITIES
YES	46%	43%	43%	42%
NO	24%	19%	20%	16%
NOT SURE	29%	38%	37%	42%

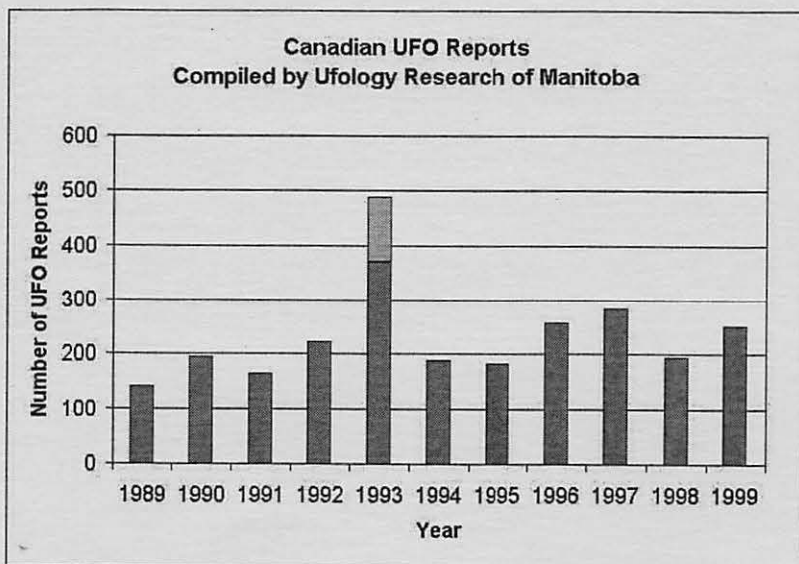
## Appendix D

### Trends in Annual UFO Reporting Across Canada

At right the "Canadian Annual UFO Survey" compiled by Ufology Research of Manitoba for the past decade shows that the number of UFO reports varies from year to year with a slight upward trend. In the last few years, the majority of these reports have been received and compiled by volunteer civilian organizations. By contrast, the December 13, 1999 issue of the "National Post" below suggests that UFO reporting to a Federal Government Department (Transport Canada) are down.

The tone of the article suggests that the Government of Canada is disinterested in UFO reports and at the same time the article discourages UFO reporting by promoting an element of ridicule regarding the subject.

Overall, the Government of Canada has been silent on the UFO issue.



Above: Annual Canadian UFO reports for 1989 to 1999. The 1993 reports designated by light gray were a result of a single fireball or meteor that occurred on Oct 30, 1993 and that was reported by 120 people.

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**Life goes on**  
Paul McCartney will perform his first gig since Linda died. *Page D6*

**Secrets and lies**  
Cristi-Lynne Sacht bared the family secret, and all hell broke loose. *Page D1*

## Canada's X-Files grow dusty as fewer people spot UFOs

BY PAUL WALDIE

Maybe we're getting too much science fiction on television or maybe we just don't care anymore.

Whatever the reason, Canadians are reporting fewer UFO sightings, according to the federal bureaucrat who receives the reports.

"I would say it's really dropped off," said Mike Hunzicker, who heads Transport Canada's Aviation Operations Centre in Ottawa. "Nobody really cares anymore. I

really wish I could find somebody who wanted these [reports]. UFOs are just a non-issue."

The centre monitors all air traffic in Canada but it also has the job of keeping reports of UFOs. At one time, the military and the National Research Council monitored UFO sightings. But they stopped doing that years ago, Mr. Hunzicker said. Now the sightings end up in a folder marked "X-Files" that sits in a drawer in his office.

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## Aliens scarce, centre finds

UFOs

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"We seem to be the only ones that are collecting these things," he said, adding that he receives about one report a month. "We used to take these things and pass them to the military thinking they were doing something with them, and they were sending them back to us thinking we were doing something with them. Now we're the end of the line."

Mr. Hunzicker said most of the sightings end up being meteorites or "space junk" that's burning up while re-entering Earth's atmosphere. Many of those re-

ports are passed on to researchers at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick who are studying meteorites.

The centre has no plans to prepare for any rash of calls when the millennium closes in a few weeks. Instead, it's concentrating on monitoring possible computer problems associated with the new year.

"That's all I need are UFO calls. We just don't need to tie up our phone lines with that."

When asked if he believes in extraterrestrials, Mr. Hunzicker replied: "I'd like to think so. I think it would be neat."

So, has he ever seen a UFO? "I haven't been that drunk yet."

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