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Another Eye Witness Account From Switzerland

Mme Vivot, wife of M M. Vivot, son of an industrialist, officer in the army, living at Rue de Corcelles 4, Peseux (Neuenburg) saw on the morning of 31 Dec 1954 at 7:55 o'clock from her window an oval, dull, steel grey object about 500 yards away. At this distance the object appeared as large as a 15 yard wide roof about 100 yds from her window. On this basis M Vivot estimated the objects circumference (?) at about 100 to 150 yards. The front portion of the object which remained stationary vibrated like a falling leaf. The object had a powerful searchlight, not unlike strongly phosphorescent neon, on one side and on the other end something like a fire of sparks that gave off a faint crackling noise; or like an emission of steam. As the sparks went out a thick cloud of white smoke became visible.

Now the thing began to turn for the searchlight and the smoke on the other end began to spin round the object at increasing speed. Slowly the machine began to climb at an angle. Mme Vivot called her tennant, Mme Jaunin and her maid. These people watched the revolving object also. Over a ten minute period M Vivot observed through binoculars and corroborated the other witnesses' findings. The weather was quite clear. M Vivot telephoned the observatory at Neuenburg where his account met with deaf ears and the sentence: "You don't mean to tell us you saw a flying saucer?" A weather balloon was mentioned.

Until now the object had moved very slowly. At a certain point the thing became stationary and M Vivot saw through his binoculars a puff of smoke issuing both at front and in back. The machine gained speed now, however, was still visible at 8:30. As the distance increased the light became stronger. A tremendous force seemed to issue from this craft which annoyed Mme Vivot for at least three days. She drove with her husband to the vicinity where she supposed a landing took place near Chantemerle above Corcelles. The search for traces proved unsuccessful. Telling their friends about the sighting provoked laughter. Mme Vivot wishes to tell about this sighting to all interested persons. Both had never believed in flying saucers and never read works about the subject.

After a personal report by Mme Vivot to Roger Girardet, member AMI. From Le Courier Interplanétaire, Lausanne.

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