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**L**ansdale, Pennsylvania, October, 1958. Dr. J.V. Hales, at General Electric's Valley Forge Space Technology Centre, near Philadelphia, heard of this incident from his former secretary. Confidence in her reliability led him to have her telephone me to recount an event that had occurred about nine years earlier.

Miss Carol Loburak, then aged 16, was sitting outside her house with a brother, Daniel, aged 14, and two other teenage boys—Lee Kellner, 15, and Rudy Usic, 14. (There is a noticeable skewing of UFO witness-ages to low values. More youngsters are outside, on the average, than adults.) The time she recalls as about 10 p.m. (Night observations of UFOs predominate, part of this may be due to easier detection of a glowing object at night, as here.)

Lee noticed a flash of light from the backyard and on going back to investigate, they saw a disc about 15-20 feet in diameter, with a

transparent bubble on top, hovering just above the phone lines over their backyard. Miss Loburak said that the only sound audible was a "faint buzzing noise" emitted as it hovered motionlessly for an estimated several minutes.

Curious to get a better look at its rounded bottom, the boys walked cautiously under it, and were looking up at the base when a bright shaft of light came on, illuminating them and a circular area 10-15 feet in diameter. Nothing further happened. No other lights came on besides the one in the base (which they assumed had been responsible for the glow that initially attracted their attention). After a minute or two longer, it went off horizontally, accelerating somewhat as it went, but not attaining any unusual speed, she recalled.

They never heard of any other neighbours who had seen the object, but Miss Loburak remarked that behind their house were only fields

and woods for some distance. The four teenagers discussed the incident among themselves immediately, and decided that no-one would believe them if they did report it. They decided that even their parents would not believe it—so, to Miss Loburak's knowledge, none of the four ever mentioned it to any parents. (The parents of the three teenage girls cited just above in the Las Vegas sighting of 1962 did not take seriously the account given them by their daughters, I was told. I believe that this response would vary in individual cases, dependent upon a number of familiar patterns.)

Remarks: Miss Loburak said that she and her brother Daniel seldom discussed the incident thereafter, and she does not recall ever talking to the other boys about it again. Dr. Hales was the first person to whom she had ever described the event, and she did so primarily because she felt that perhaps his knowledge of atmospheric physics might suggest some natural explanation.

If that seems difficult to accept, let me mention an incident in Gary, Indiana, in which a husband and wife happened to see a UFO from different parts of their home (one outside, one indoors) and for a week neither mentioned it to a daughter who told the father. His remark: "Oh, did mother see that thing too?" finally opened mutual discussion of something neither had quite been willing to believe while thinking he was a sole witness.

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