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Last week in June. Viola, Wisconsin. (10:30 p.m.)

"It circled, it hovered, it quivered like a jello salad."

It was a warm evening with a relatively mild breeze blowing. There were scattered clouds moving overhead with spots of open sky.

Mrs. Clyde Schroeder was walking through her house. She didn't have many lights turned on and in the darkness quickly noticed something bright outside. She couldn't see that much through the window so she went out on to the front porch. The porch was about 12 feet above ground level which gave her a good view to the north where the light was coming from. She was stunned by what she saw:

"This object was most unusual. I have never seen anything like it before or since. It was longer than wide and relatively flat. It was a soft golden yellow much like a lit light bulb. It moved in a circle, flat with the earth and covered a field which consists roughly of three to five acres. The size of this object appeared to be ten to twelve feet in diameter, longer than wide.

"This object stopped behind a row of trees once when a car appeared on the highway [State Highway 131 ran along the west side of the open field]. When car came near, the object stopped behind tall popular trees and in a immobile position, it hovered and rather quivered like a jello salad. When the car had gone on, this object started to go in circles again. The object left very mysteriously. All of a sudden the light was gone. It did not streak off or fall. It was gone just like a light goes off when some one flicks a switch. The object did not throw off any streaks of light into the air or on the ground. I heard no noise from it.

"All of the time I observed this object it was behind a row of tall popular trees which are on a line fence bordering our property and the neighbors. It is approximately 170 feet from the porch where I was standing and the row of trees. Between the line fence and the neighbors' buildings there is an open, slanted, hill. It is about 400 feet from the line fence to the neighbors. I could swear that this object was directly over this open field." (112.)

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The Schroeder story is a bizarre account by any measure. BLUE BOOK might have filed this report in a folder labeled "crackpot," but someone familiar with all the data collected over the years would find it interesting. The expression "like a light goes off when someone flicks a switch" has been used many times by witnesses. Perhaps the object was circling in that area waiting for the appearance of a "cosmic wormhole" so it could cross space and time in a brief moment. If we had a chance to observe technology a 1,000 years in advance of our own, would we have any idea what we were seeing? While we are doing some wild speculating, the fact that the object was so timid it felt it had to hide from an approaching car, makes one question another theory about UFOs. Some favor the idea UFOs are demons, but who ever heard of a timid demon?