

UFO INVESTIGATOR



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CLUSTER OF LIGHTS SIGHTED NEAR BALTIMORE

The evening sky over the state of Maryland was clear and crisp on the night of January 2, 1975; a perfect night for anyone wanting to view the stars. Reports reaching NICAP show that anyone viewing the sky in the area West and North-west of Baltimore, Maryland would have seen more than the usual display of stars, planets, and passing aircraft. Something very unusual was moving through the sky between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m., and was seen by witnesses at two different locations.

January 2, 1975 — 7:35 P.M.

The first observation occurred just West of the Baltimore Beltway near Route 83. (The primary highway leading to York, Pa.) Mr. John Goode and his wife Margy were in the family auto expecting this ride to be no more eventful than any other. However, lights in the sky which John Goode thought were on a tower when he first saw them made the evening an awesome one for the observers. The witnesses first saw the four bright lights at 7:35 EST to the West of Route 83, and soon realized that they were moving and not part of any ground structure. The white lights were traveling in a glide-like motion in a formation that Mr. Goode described "like a gliding ladder." In his many travels with the Air Force, and as a sales manager for his company, he had never seen anything of this nature in the nighttime sky.

Mr. Goode pulled his car off of the highway, and the family continued to observe the objects through the car windows. They rolled down the windows to achieve a clear view and saw the objects both from the front as they were moving toward them, and from the side as they moved toward the West. No defined structure was seen, but an "impression of structure existed with the light source."

When the lights were viewed from the front, a triangular formation was seen. When viewed from the side the four lights were in a straight line formation with the leading light about 20° higher than the trailing lights.

The observers could hear no sound being emitted from the UFO, but traffic noise from the nearby Baltimore Beltway could have been interfering with the witnesses' attempts to determine if a noise was associated with the UFO. During the approximate five minutes that the lights were in view, the couple was able to compare the lights with passing aircraft and the stars in the background. They estimated that the lights were within 300 yards of their car. They were larger and brighter than the stars, and were moving more slowly than an aircraft. The witnesses remained calm throughout their observation, but were left with the feeling that is so typical of UFO observers... awe regarding their experience.

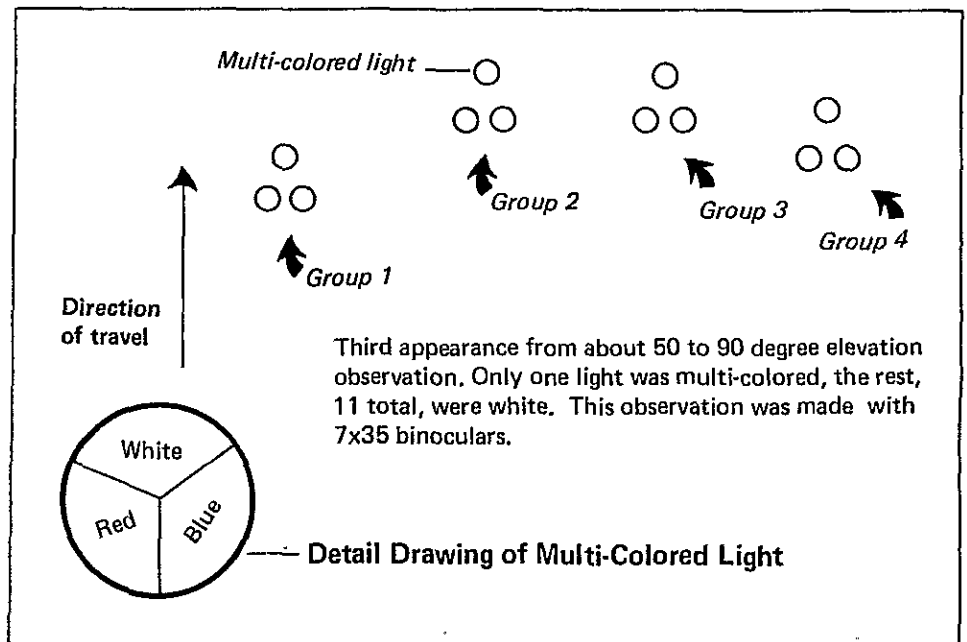
January 2, 1975 — 7:45 P.M.

Finksburg, Maryland, is about twenty miles West of Baltimore and although NICAP does not have reports as yet from observers between the two sites, it would seem that the same UFO was observed at a later time.

Mr. Kenneth C. Ryan, an electrical engineer and a private pilot, went to his backdoor at about 7:45 p.m. to let his dog into the house. He immediately noticed four very bright lights about 10° above the horizon in the Southeast sky. At first he thought they were part of "some constellation" but he soon realized that they were much brighter and more well defined than the stars and did not fit the pattern of stars that he was accustomed to viewing. Ryan stepped outside to view the lights and noticed that they were moving.

Mr. Ryan stated that his next impression was, "that maybe it was an airplane"

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with its landing lights turned on." He ruled out this thought, since he knew that an extremely large aircraft would have to be very close and very low to account for what he was seeing. As the lights came closer, Ryan saw that each of the four lights were really three lights, and that there were a total of twelve. He was now aware that they were on a path that would bring them almost directly above his home.

While viewing the approach of the lights, Kenneth Ryan noticed an airplane with conventional lights and a rotating beacon light going in the opposite direction several miles to the southeast of the UFO. *Although he had no references near the lights to assist him in determining the size or altitude of the lights, his impression was that the lights were slightly higher than the aircraft. He stated that, "I would have to guess an altitude somewhere between four to ten thousand feet." His description continued as follows: "When the lights got closer, I decided to go get my binoculars (7x35 power) and see if I could observe any outline or shape around the light sources that would indicate some kind of airplane. Looking through the binoculars, I could see the lights very plainly but no outline or shape to indicate any kind of supporting framework; just the lights."*

The UFO continued toward Mr. Ryan, and passed almost directly overhead. He stated that "they flew in perfect formation, and did not at any time perform erratically. I noticed that the leading light in group four was multicolored (see diagram). It was the only light out of the twelve that was not all white... my feeling was that they were traveling slowly, but since there was no way to judge their altitude, the speed was just an impression. Two of the things that impressed me were the fact that I didn't hear any sound and that no matter what angle I saw them from, the light appeared constant. It didn't appear to be any kind of point source focused beam, as I would expect to see if I were looking at landing lights. The objects seemed to emit light all over."

As with the earlier sighting, Mr. Ryan also was able to observe the objects for about five minutes before they passed from view in the Northwest sky.

January 2, 1975 - 9:20 P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Christie along with their small children witnessed an identical configuration of lights. However, their observation occurred approximately an hour and one-half later than Mr. Ryan's sighting, and was seen by Mr & Mrs. Christie in the Timonium (suburban Baltimore) area. The objects when observed by Mr. Ryan were going in a Northwesterly direction. It would seem that the objects turned and came back to the Baltimore area where they were sighted by the Christies.

Mr. Millard F. Kirk, NICAP's Regional

Investigator for the area, obtained detailed follow-up reports from all of the witnesses involved. NICAP's staff has contacted the Bendix Corporation in Towson, Md., and all known airports; it has found that no aircraft were in the area that could account for the strange lights in the sky. All witnesses were well qualified observers and made every effort to find a conventional explanation for the UFOs. The reported occurrences do not seem to be attributed to a conventional phenomenon and remain classified as UFOs.

ANIMAL MUTILATIONS

For the past three months, NICAP has been inundated with calls and letters of inquiries regarding reports of animals that have been mutilated in different parts of the country. NICAP investigators have been working feverishly trying to explain these phenomena. *The prime target area for the mutilated animals centers around Meeker County, Minnesota.*

NICAP's investigator, Jack Bostract, who resides over 100 miles from Meeker County, has made several trips in order to conduct interviews with witnesses and the Sheriff of Meeker County. Most of the individuals that Mr. Bostract has interviewed have been cooperative and most obviously shaken by the incident.

On December 1, 1974, at 1:04 p.m., Mike Rogers, the Sheriff of Meeker County, received a report from Frank Schiefelbein, a cattle owner, who resides at North Kingston Township in Meeker County. He had found one of his female black angus calves mutilated. Sheriff Rogers drove to the site immediately and examined the animal. The lips from the animal had been cut off from one inch above the nose to behind the rear of the left jaw bone. The tongue was cut out deep in the throat and the jugular vein was slit. However, approximately only one cup of blood was on the ground, indicating that the majority of the animal's blood had been collected and removed from the site. The edge of the left ear and the reproductive organs had also been removed.

The veterinarian, Dr. Nelson, estimated that the animal had been dead

approximately twelve hours making the time of the slaughter between 12:00 midnight and 3:00 a.m. Dr. Nelson performed an autopsy on the animal and took sections of the kidney, liver, some outside portions of the skin, and two vials of blood from the heart. He sent the specimens to the University of Minnesota Veterinary School for further analysis.

Photographs of the animal and the area where the slaughter took place were taken. (Photos are at this writing, still unavailable to NICAP.) The spot surrounding the animal in one of the photos revealed that the snow was melted in a perfect diameter with no traces of foot prints in the snow.

Prior to the mutilation of the cow, UFOs had been sighted in the area on several occasions by residents of Meeker County. However, as of this writing, there is no concrete evidence to make a conclusive judgement that a UFO has or had any connection with the mutilated animals.

As previously mentioned, other animals, such as hogs, sheep and a horse, had been found with similar mutilations. Other locations were Dallas, Texas and sections of California.

As with most UFO sightings, when widely publicized such as the Meeker County case, there is sometimes a tendency to create more activity of this same type. A case of similar nature occurred several years ago regarding the mutilation of a horse named "Snippy." After a thorough investigation it was established

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NICAP Financial Report

(CASH BASIS)

January 1, 1974 through December 31, 1974

INCOME

Membership dues		
New members	\$ 9,312.20	
Renewals	<u>28,819.57</u>	
	\$38,131.77	\$38,131.77
Subscriptions, UFO Quarterly Review		4,144.07
Back issues of Newsletter		82.98
Contributions		2,555.80
Books		5,001.05
Jewelry		140.50
Other		<u>705.45</u>
	Total Income	\$50,761.62

EXPENSE

Direct

Newsletter:		
Production		- 0 -
Postage & mailing		\$2,298.89
Publicity & Promotion		904.03
Publications		
UFO Quarterly Review		438.50
Interplanetary Visitors		1,849.45
Postage		52.30
Other		<u>66.99</u>
	Total Direct	\$5,610.15

EXPENSE

Indirect

Employee benefits		342.70
Office supplies		38.08
Postage		1,307.36
Telephone		1,192.78
Travel		1,041.92
Taxes		255.94
General printing		3,666.88
Duplicating		58.10
Contract services		31,250.00
Includes: 1) Rent	4) Executive	
2) Staff	5) Equipment	
3) Writing & Printing of Newsletter		
Bank charges (loan & checks)		606.83
General research		67.00
Insurance		<u>124.00</u>
	Total Payable	\$39,893.49
	Ledger Expense	5,610.15
	Total 1974 Expense	\$45,503.64

Accounts Payable

Total Payable	\$ 5,871.63
Ledger Expense	<u>45,503.64</u>
Total 1974 Expense	\$51,375.27

Accounts Receivable

Total Receivable	\$ 318.80
Ledger Income	<u>50,761.62</u>
Total 1974 Income	\$51,080.42

1974 Expense	\$51,375.27
1974 Income	<u>51,080.42</u>

1974 Profit or Loss (-\$294.85 Loss)

Statement prepared on cash basis from books and records without audit.

1973 INCOME: \$48,524.30
1974 INCOME: \$50,761.62

Income increased \$2,237.32, or 4.61%.

1973 EXPENSE: \$48,267.23

1975 EXPENSE: \$51,375.27

Expense increased by \$3,108.04, or 6.43%.

Statement prepared by:

John L. Acuff
President
NICAP

International Advisory

EDMONTON, CANADA—Constable Dave Grundy reported that he observed three objects in the sky near Priddis on October 13. The officer was reluctant to discuss the sighting because several newspapers distorted the original testimony, and blew the entire report out of proportion. "You tell somebody something and it comes out altogether different. I just went there to investigate and do my job."

The constable reported that he saw three objects with lights. He was able to observe them for a period of about two hours. Unfortunately, NICAP does not have an investigator in Canada, and we have not been able to uncover any further information regarding this sighting.

Lima, Peru—A Lima architect and his client were surveying the Peruvian countryside several months ago when they spotted in the bottom of a valley a shiny object which was slowly moving toward them. It advanced until it was about fifty yards from the two men and twenty yards off the ground. Then suddenly the craft changed direction and increased its speed until it vanished. Both men were very excited about their experience, and one of them gave an excellent description of what he saw: The object "was the color of burnished silver and shaped like an overturned soup plate with a cupola on the top. At the very top of the cupola there was a round object giving off a fixed sky-blue light. Lower on the cupola we could see a row of small windows like port holes in a ship."

He went on to explain that a red throbbing light was located on the underneath of the craft and was aimed toward the ground. It was the belief of these two witnesses that the ship got its propulsive force from the lower light.

WELLINGBOROUGH, ENGLAND—"At first there were three red lights. Then they joined together and the light turned to blue." This was the statement of two different witnesses who reported, "It was circular in shape and it was definitely following me." They concurred that it was not very high, and that it made no sound whatever.

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that "Snippy" had died of natural causes. However, the news media "latched" on to the case and inferred that the horse had been slaughtered by creatures from space. This publicity caused additional mutilations and disturbed many concerned citizens.

The Meeker County case has definite mysteries. There were no traces of entry or departure in the area, and a circular bare spot in the snow was observed. Mr. Bostract is continuing his investigations, and if further information is revealed, NICAP will publish the findings.

FEEDBACK / Readers write

Gentlemen:

I am writing in reply to J.T. Ryan's letter in your October, 1974 issue.

It is my opinion that a superior intelligence has found the secret of making matter directly from light and controlling the release of the stored energy, allowing them to travel anywhere in the universe and recharge as they move.

The force of light is the reciprocal of gravity; therefore antigravitational? If the force of light is the motive force of U.F.O's this would explain the high speed turns and quick stops, as there would be no "G" force on the craft or its occupants.

If any of your readers have the facilities and would like to work with me to prove how I believe solar energy is stored and released, I would like to have them write to me.

Yours truly,

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January 1, 1975

Dear Mrs. Kieffer:

I just had to take a few moments to thank you for allowing me to become a member of your fine organization, for the recent copies of the UFO INVESTIGATOR, and for the valuable information contained therein.

Could you please tell me if NBC might present the UFO Documentary, again?

Thanks once again. Keep smiling, keep up the good work, and have a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Michael H. Landwehr

Dear Mr. Landwehr:

Thank you for your very kind letter. We have not received any information concerning plans to re-run the NBC special. We will keep our members informed of any UFO productions that come to our attention.

—Editor



The "battle with the bulge" is one thing, but trying to battle the computer is even more frustrating, we know. NICAP members receive three renewal notices before the subscription is cancelled. It is not unusual to receive a second or third renewal notice after your check has been sent. The reason for this is that between the time the updated computer run is made and the newsletter is mailed, your check has not had time for processing. Therefore, please allow up to approximately forty-five days after mailing your check before contacting the NICAP office. The same time delay applies to new members before they would receive their first newsletter. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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