

Report to RCAF

RCAF Station, Sea Island, Vancouver Airport, Dec 1, 1953

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New Westminster, BC

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Officer in Charge,
R.C.A.F. Station,
Sea Island, -
Vancouver Airport,
Vancouver, B.C.

ATTENTION : Intelligence section

Dear Sir:

I wish to report the following sighting of unusual objects:

Observers: Myself and my wife. I am a Research Assistant with the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board and my wife was a graduate assistant at U.B.C. for two years in the Department of Geography and Geology, during which time she instructed in methods of weather observation.

Place of Sighting: Junction of the B.C.E.R. railway tracks and the Burkhart Road in the Municipality of Surrey. (Approximately 25 miles SE of Vancouver B. C.)

Time of Observation: 10 pm to 10.05 pm, Friday, November 27th, 1953.

Weather Conditions: Light rain falling 10/10 stratus cloud cover. Ceiling estimated at about 1200' . No surface wind.

Description of Objects: We were at the junction of the Burkhart Road and the B.C.E.R. tracks when we noticed 7 objects in the sky to the east of us. They did not seem to be ranged in any pattern and were spread over about 120° of the eastern sky with about 4 to the north of the Burkhart Road and 3 to the south. Six of them appeared to be bright lights seen through a heavy bank of clouds while the seventh was sufficiently low to be more clearly distinguished. This brightest light was circular in shape and gave off a bright blue-white light over its whole surface. It seemed to be right at the base of the cloud cover, since a few wisps of cloud seemed to pass over its surface and a circular halo was formed around it, such as can be seen when the moon is shining through a thin covering of cirrus. This light seemed to move up and down, since it became brighter, then dimmer, then brighter again. While this bright light seemed to be moving up and down 5 of the other lights gradually dimmed and disappeared, then the light that had been bright dimmed very quickly and disappeared leaving only one which remained for about a minute and then dimmed very slowly, the whole operation took about 5 minutes. They remained in the same position relative to the ground during this whole period with only vertical movement being observed. There was no sound associated with them.

If there is some explanation for this series of observations that can be released I hope that you will pass it along to me. Incidentally, I checked with the Weather Bureau to see whether they could have been weather balloons but I was told they do not release them in the rain.

Yours sincerely ,
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Group Commander
12 Air Defence Group Hq
Vancouver, B.C

Att'n Command Intelligence Officer

FLYOB RPT - RCAF Station Sea Island - 21 Nov 53

1. Seven (7) unidentified objects of unknown size, described as brilliant silver discs, were observed by two civilians in the Municipality of Surrey, B.C. (Approximately 25 miles south of Vancouver.) These objects remained

- stationary except for vertical motion. Objects faded from view with no sound having been heard and no trail of exhaust having been noticed.
2. These objects were first noticed at 2200 Pacific Standard Time on the 27 Nov. 53 and were observed continually for five minutes.
 3. Observation was by the naked eye by the observers standing on the side of the road in Surrey.
 4. These objects appeared in a south easterly direction from where the observers were standing at a 30 degree angle from them. They remained in this position for approximately five minutes and then faded from sight. During the time in view, one of these discs seemed to descend and became brighter as it came nearer the ground. The observers would roughly estimate that these objects were three or four miles from the observation point. Height estimated 1200 feet.
 5. Observers were XXX Research assistant with the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board of British Columbia and Mrs. XXX, formerly a Graduate Assistant in Geography and Geology at the University of British Columbia. Both observers were in complete agreement in all the main points although they were together during the observations.
 6. Weather at 21.30 PST was 3500 feet scattered strato-cumulus, two tenths, and alto-cumulus, eight tenths. Surface wind was 10 knots from the east north east. Winds aloft were unobtainable.
 7. No activity or condition which might account for the sighting is known to this office.
 8. The observers were not able to obtain any pictures, etc., of this activity.
 9. No interception or identification action was taken at this station as this report was not received until 4 Dec 53.
 10. To our knowledge there were no aircraft in the immediate vicinity during this period of time.
 11. It is certain that the objects were not aircraft and a check made with the Meteorological office shows that no weather balloons were released during this period.

(Signed) H.B. Taylor F/O
for Commanding Officer
RCAF Station, Sea Island
Encl:
Statement of XXX

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