

# Disc Over Okanagan Lake

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Jim:

I made phone calls to Canadian Pacific offices in Kelowna and Penticton but no record of a Cole. Fortunately I chatted a bit with a man in their Penticton office long enough to get him interested and he phoned their competition, Canadian National Railways, who quickly ran down Cole's location. (Cole works for C.N. Barge & Ferry Service)

Tonite I spoke with him at his Kelowna home for a half hour. Address: 549 Cambridge Ave., phone AC 604 762-3210. It turned out not to be a case of actual emergence from a water-body, so was not quite so directly relevant to what I am preparing for ONR. The large object came in over Lake Okanagan near 23:00 on unknown date in 1966 (he had no copies of the Courier clippings on it so couldn't give me an exact date). It descended to about 60 ft over lake, near midpoint of lake, and hovered for maybe 10-15 minutes, emitting a low drone. Disc of perhaps 20-30 ft diameter, he said, with 35-40 white lights spaced around the rim. Then a set of clamshell doors on bottom opened, two beams of light shone down on lake, and a small (2-3 ft) object of disc shape came down out of it and settled on the surface of the lake, whereupon doors reclosed, he stated. The little one bobbed for 4-5 minutes on lake surface, never submerging, then clamshell reopened, pair of light beams shone down and the small object arose into the object. Doors closed, and it revved up into a screaming whine and took off vertically to estimated half-mile and shot at very high speed out of sight to

west. He mentioned two confirmatory reports from other parts of town but had no names. I got his supervisor's name, and may check his reliability. He was sort of a Vermonter type, taciturn and terse. Obviously impressed by what he'd seen. I'd regard him as probably a very good witness. More details if you're interested, but this should do for now. Thanks again for the lead.

Regards, Jim (jem) [This must be Dr James E. McDonald, J.E.M.]

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