

Bright Orange Ball Seen From Mill Bay

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Sighting Report by the Mother:

Mrs. Drummond was calling her son for supper when she looked towards the north and saw a bright moving object coming towards her house from across the bay. Although it was very glaringly bright, Mrs. Drummond was able to tell that it was a sort of a yellowish-orange in colour. Calling her son's attention to the object, Mrs. Drummond watched it for a brief moment and then went in to call her neighbours on the phone so that they could see the object also.

Unfortunately, some of her neighbours weren't home; those who were, failed to see anything unusual. Mrs. Drummond then went outdoors again to watch the object. By this time it was overhead and going to the south, rising as it went. At this particular moment, Mrs. Drummond felt a tingling sensation on her left hand, as if a hot liquid had been sprinkled on it. She mentioned this to her son, who said that he didn't feel anything unusual. Meanwhile, the object was finally obscured by the trees which surround the house. The total time of Mrs. Drummond's sighting was from 2 to 3 minutes, and when the object was finally hidden, it was still very hard to look at because of its brightness.

Sighting Report by the Son:

While checking his equipment aboard his tugboat, Jim Drummond noticed an orange ball of light about 1 mile away to the north. At the same time, his mother, Mrs. Bea Drummond, noticed it also and called her son's attention to it. Jim Drummond's first impression was that the object was something unusual, so he

decided to get his camera, a Polaroid, and capture it on film. He had his camera focused and ready to shoot when the thought came to him that all the picture would show would be a spot of light as if a picture of a light bulb had been snapped. By this time the object had come closer and had increased in size until it was the size of an orange. Also, it was as bright as a spotlight and as hard to look at.

At this time, the object was overhead, and it had become stationary. Grabbing a telescope, which was nearby, Mr. Drummond started focusing it when a ray of light shot out from the object and then curved toward the ground. Although the light beam lasted for 3 or 4 seconds, Mr. Drummond did notice that it was composed of a series of dashes curving toward the ground. Unfortunately, he failed to notice whether the dashes were moving or stationary. Putting his telescope on the object and focusing it, Mr. Drummond noticed that the object looked like two cups put on top of one another, lip to lip, and that it had a very steep outline in black. Around the middle of the object was a transparent or lighted area which consisted of 9 dome-shaped lights, like tips of candles, which shone a cold whitish-blue in contrast to the orange colour of the object itself. There was no sound or movement.

Suddenly the object took off fantastically fast toward the south, rising as it sped away until it disappeared into the clouds about 1 mile away. Because an aeroplane beacon was located on a nearby mountain, Mr. Drummond was able to estimate that the clouds were from 800 to 900 feet high.

Also, it was computed that the object had flown overhead in a gigantic arc from north to south – that is to say, it came down from the north and rose up in the south. Mr. Drummond leveled his telescope at a nearby government wharf and, without refocusing his telescope, he compared what he saw at the wharf with the object of the previous night. In his estimate, the object was from 35 to 50 feet in diameter, at about 300 feet altitude when overhead and it was first seen from 1 mile away. Duration of sighting: 15 minutes.