

An Indiana CE-III

TYPE: CE-III
DATE: Jan. 12, 1983
TIME: 4:30-5 P.M.
DURATION: 5 minutes
WITNESSES: 3 [Ages, 45, 15, 10]
PLACE: Pine Township, IN.

by R. A. Busse

The Center for UFO Studies asked me to investigate this case because of my proximity to the witnesses [Ed note: and because Mr. Busse has an established record as a serious, careful investigator]. The Center had been alerted to this UFO event by the principal witness who, after many attempts to find a logical place to report this event, called the White House and was then directed to the Center. He and his sons were fully cooperative, with the understanding that their real names not be used in view of the fact that the father, a 45-year-old man, holds a very visible position in the community and feared unfavorable comment if this highly strange CE-III event was generally known. You will soon see why.

It was after 4:30 p.m. and that January afternoon was a "dusky time of heavy cloud cover," according to Ed Eggen who had just returned from work. His two sons, John and Donald, had just come home from school.

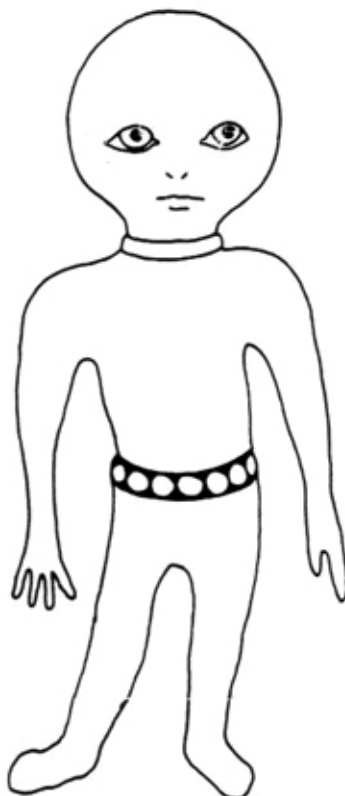
"It was getting dusk pretty fast," Ed stated, describing how he had glanced out of the living room windows and saw an inverted L-shaped object, glowing like a neon sign. It was over a clear portion of a swamp bordering the south side of X street (see diagram), approximately 300 feet from the window. Within seconds his son Donald called out that "something is moving out there!" Simultaneously, their three dogs became excited, one in particular barking loudly and becoming extremely agitated. Oddly enough, some yard geese, who were usually unflinching and very noisy "watch-dogs," were quiet.

John and his father immediately ran onto X street. Don stopped to put on his shoes, leaving the house just as his father and older brother got to the fence along X street. (It was Don who told his father while both were still in the house looking at the glowing object that "there's a little person holding it.")

It was at this moment that the father saw the small being holding the object, but the object and the being were floating two to three feet off the ground! The being itself, "about three feet tall" was facing southeast and thus away from Ed and John. It gave the impression that it was

"looking or searching for something." John apparently did not take note of the being which, at the moment, was stationary. "Funny thing," Ed said later, "I wasn't afraid." The being was wearing a light gray wetsuit-type "uniform" with a dark gray belt. The belt, the father said, was ringed with circles or circular objects, (at this time he was standing on X street about 50 to 60 feet from the being), and the being had two arms, legs, hands and feet, all appropriate to its size. The head of the being, however, was "very large," much larger than a human head, and bare.

We now have Don running out after his father and brother. When he was but 20 feet from the house, he saw a second little being peering over the fence (see diagram). Don immediately began "jogging" toward the second creature and was about midway



This is a drawing of the being studied by Ed from a distance of about 12 feet. It wore a wetsuit type of garb, with no zippers or buttons. The dark grey belt seemed to have circles or rings which touched each other and went all the way around.

between the house and X street when he called to his father, attempting to call his attention to the second being. Ed turned and confirmed the presence of the second being.

Don now increased his jog to a run and came close enough to the second being to note that its eyes were "bigger than a person's eyes—like a frog has, big old eyes." The being's nose area, Don said, "was little but caved-in and flat." Don added with some surprise that, as he came close, "the thing gave me a real weird stare. Usually, when you see something like that, you want to turn and go the other way. But my feet just kept going that way."

(It is this investigator's feeling that in saying this, Don meant that he was surprised that he wasn't afraid and couldn't deny his own curiosity about the being. I do not believe, after careful questioning of Don, that his statement implied anything paranormal or mind-controlling.)

The object that the being was apparently holding or guiding was 6 feet high and four to six inches in diameter, Ed estimated. However, he said that because it emitted a "fuzzy glow" and had "fuzzy edges" he could not be positive about the diameter. He could detect no definite physical outline within the glow. "It's like my cigarette," he explained, "it has a definite shape and thickness, but if it glowed like that thing glowed, I might never know it."

Ed said that the right-angled appendage atop the object, giving it the upside down L-shape, also glowed and was about two to three feet long. (John described it as T-shaped rather than L-shaped. The glow was steady, neither pulsing, brightening or dimming. There was no sound coming from either the being or the object.

At the time Ed turned at the sound of Don's voice, he found himself looking at the back of the second being (holding nothing) who was peering at Don over the fence from the X street side. This being also hovered two or three feet above the ground. Both Don and Ed were now approaching this second being, from opposite sides. It turned to face Ed. It wore the same wetsuit-type garb, with no zippers or buttons in evidence. It appeared to Ed as though the being had been literally "poured into" the suit.

Ed and the being now studied each other for the moment, some 12 feet separating them. Ed noticed that the rings or

↑ Different type of entity from the typical "gray"

circles (see drawing) on the dark gray belt touched each other and went all the way around. He reiterated that the being's uniform appeared to be moulded around him, like clear plastic is moulded around merchandise on a store shelf to protect it. This second being wore no mask over his nose area although Ed thought the first being may have.

Ed continued to be impressed, he stated during the interviews, with the being's very large head and its fish-like eyes, "twice the size of human eyes and resembling a carp's." The eyes had eyelashes and they blinked occasionally. The head was off-color ivory and its texture was "very smooth" although he detected what appeared to be "veins" along what he interpreted to be skin on the head. The being had no ears and its nose area was marked by "two slits or indentations."

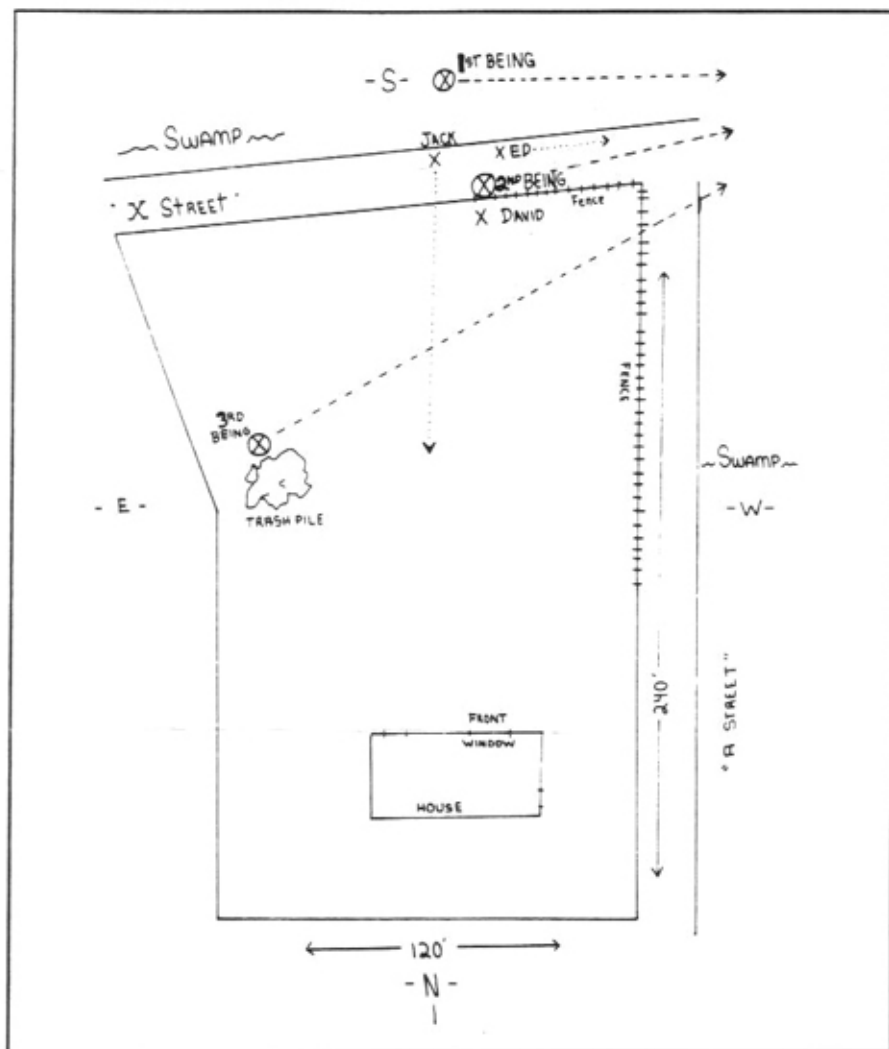
Ed said he tried to head off any panic among his boys by telling them: "They won't hurt us, boys. Jack, don't be scared." Ed said he felt positive that he and the boys would not be hurt. He tried also to pacify the second being by saying to it: "We won't hurt you, we won't hurt you." But he saw no expression on the being's face that would indicate that he was being understood. Ed also said that he detected no verbal or mental communication from this second being which continued to display no facial expressions.

John, the older boy, is slower and less communicative than the ten-year-old and appeared to have trouble in organizing and relating his thoughts. (Ed note: I can confirm from my telephone interview with Don that he is indeed a bright and articulate lad). John did become frightened and ran back to the house shortly after arriving on X street with his father.

To this point, there had been no motion on the part of the beings, and only a few moments had elapsed. Now, as if on cue, the first being (still holding the glowing object) began floating rapidly toward the west in a straight line nearly paralleling X street (see diagram). Ed ran after it, but it maintained a 50-60 foot interval from him. Now, the second being also began floating diagonally across X street, apparently intent upon intercepting the first being at whatever position the first being was headed for. Meanwhile, as Ed glanced momentarily backward, he saw Jack running back toward the house and Don trotting onto X street.



This photo was taken from Ed's living room window, looking south, at about the same time of day when Ed first noticed a bright L-shaped object held by a small being. The arrow points to the position where the being was seen.





This view looks north across the X street fence toward Ed's home. The arrow at right points to the trash site where the third being was seen.



This is the point along the fence where the second being watched Don and where Ed came within 12 feet of it.

Looking southwest down X street, this view shows the point where the three beings converged.



At this juncture, a third being entered the picture! Some 200 feet behind Don's position at the moment there was a small pile of junk in the yard (see diagram). It was near this pile that Ed saw a third being, also floating two or three feet above the ground. Immediately, it began to move through the air "very fast and much faster than the other two," moving diagonally across the yard on a line which would bring it toward the destination of the other two beings. The junk pile was near the eastern line of Ed's property, meaning that in order to rendezvous with the other beings it had to double and triple their speed to reach their meeting point at the same time.

Ed ran westward down X street, trying to keep pace with the first two beings as the trio ultimately converged at a point about 300 feet west of the first being's original position, still some 50 to 60 feet west of X street (see diagram). The third being, meantime, had cleared the fence on A street and moved diagonally across X street to join its two companions; all three reached the point of convergence almost simultaneously.

Meanwhile, Don reported, he had seen the first and second beings begin to move westward but did not see the third being "until the last second" and then only out of the corner of his eye as a "streak" heading toward the convergence point just a second before the beings came together. By "streak" he meant moving very swiftly, rapidly. But he perceived the third being as being similar to the other two.

Ed arrived at a position on X street directly alongside (perpendicular) the trio (see diagram) in time to witness the following: the beings came together, but did not merge or blend. Ed recalls that they remained separate entities, but, then, visual confusion occurred. Ed can't resolve in his mind whether each being held on to the glowing object or whether the second and third just gathered around it.

Then, at that moment, the three turned into a profusion (or better, confusion) of light and "shot" or "streaked" skyward in a southeasterly direction at about a 45 degree angle, clearing the highest trees in that part of the swamp, and vanished into the cloud cover. Ed remembers that the upside down L-shaped staff "straightened out into one long glowing thing when the beings took off."

Like his father, Don reported that all three beings converged at the departure

point, "turned into light" and shot into the sky. John had retreated to the house by that time. In his brief testimony he related that he perceived the glowing object in a somewhat different way: T-shaped and not stationary but drifting a few feet this way and that above the ground over the clear area in the swamp where it was originally sighted by his father.

Shortly after the spectacular disappearance, Ed examined the yard area next to the fence where the second being had floated and the clearing where he had first sighted the being and the glowing rod, but could find no physical evidence of the encounter. Although there was cloud cover, he said the air was crisp and clear that late afternoon. It had not snowed in a long while and the ground was snow-free and relatively dry.

Thus ends the testimony of Mr. Eggen and his sons.

Editorial Comment:

What can possibly be said of this testimony? As usual, or as is almost usual, there was no physical evidence to examine. The positive effect on the dogs and the seeming negative effect on the geese can hardly turn this into a CE-II since the action of the animals is also hearsay. Even had there been snow on the ground, the floating action of the beings would have precluded footprints.

As akin to a "fairy tale" as this account is, it bears much relation to other CE-III cases. None of them "belong" to our familiar physical world and the way we normally experience it. The appearance of the beings bears remarkable resemblance to other cases from many parts of the world. Yet, there is no evidence that Mr. Eggen and his sons knew or cared much about UFO cases of this or any sort. Of course, what beings from beyond our world are supposed to look like can be found in magazines and movies and cartoon books.

No one can say, however, that this account was spawned by a desire for publicity or to in any way capitalize on it. The witnesses, like the great majority of those interviewed by our staff and that of other UFO organizations, were truly puzzled. They had what was to them an unquestionably real experience, one which generally remains with them for many years. The witnesses in this case, as in many others, emphatically did not want to spread the

story around, yet they wished to report it to some responsible but sympathetic authorities for the record but also to receive assurance that they were not unique but that others in this and other countries had had similar experiences.

In a sense, a UFO "case" is never closed. It is becoming increasingly important to follow-up CE-III cases (as well as others which involve traumatic situations) to note possible effects on the lives of the percipients. Sometimes these have been notable indeed, and in some cases a similar experience has been repeated.

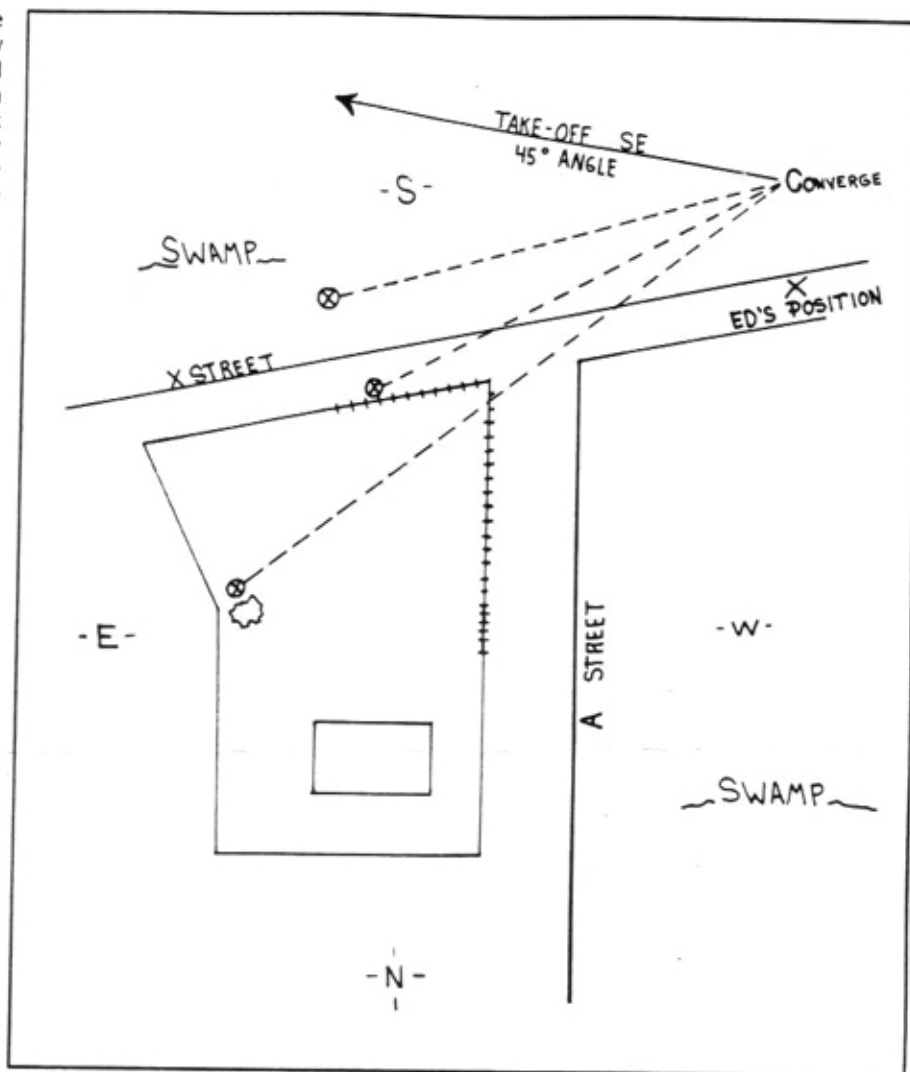
In the present case, our investigator, Mr. Busse, has this to report:

Ed Eggen reports no behavioral or psychological changes in his sons since the

incident. He stated that since the sighting he has been unable to sleep well but at certain times feels well rested with minimal sleep. When he prematurely awakens, he feels energized and ready and willing to tackle projects around the house and those related to his job and to family routine.

He said that since his encounter, he is able to do his regular job "much better, and things come easier. I feel more authoritative and sure of myself and about life. I'm not in a hurry anymore...less stress about everything."

Even though this is a purely subjective reaction, we can say nonetheless that this UFO encounter has been helpful, as, strangely enough, it seems to have been in a number of other cases.



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IN a rural area a man and his two sons saw a bright inverted L-shaped object hovering above the edge of a nearby swamp⁺. The dogs became agitated and two of the witnesses ran outside, they saw a 3 foot tall being holding a bright object floating three feet off the ground, the being appeared to be searching for something, the being wore a tight-fitting light-gray outfit with a dark gray belt that was ringed with circles, its head was large and hairless, with large staring eyes, a second similar being was also seen floating over a fence, one of the witnesses ran towards it, but stopped when the being gave him a real "weird stare". This being also held a luminous L-shaped device. Suddenly both beings began floating very fast towards each other, now a third being appeared from behind a pile of debris and also began floating very fast towards the other two, the beings converged to a spot near a dirt road. They got real close to each other and suddenly all three turned into a profusion of light and shot away at an angle skywards disappearing into the cloud cover.

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⁺ This object was apparently being held by one of the beings.