NO CASE (INFORMATION ...)

2 October 1965
Salem, Massachusetts

NICAP MASSACHUSETTS INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE
13 Friend Court
Wenham, Massachusetts

SUBJECT: UFO Report - 2 October 1965 - Salem, Massachusetts

DATE: 26 October 1965

FROM: Raymond E. Fowler
Chairman: NICAP Massachusetts Investigating Subcommittee

TO: NICAP
Washington, D.C. Attention: Richard Hall

CC: PROJECT BLUEBOOK

The attached is a UFO Report concerning a sighting of a cigar-shaped UFO hovering over the New England Power Plant in Salem, Massachusetts by James Centorino on October 2, 1965 at 8:20 PM EDT. The U.S. Coast Guard received reports from other people in the area concerning a UFO but refused to give out their names and addresses. An addendum will follow if other witnesses are identified and are willing to report to NICAP.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Fowler
NICAP Investigator

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UFO SUMMARY SHEET

UFO REPORT - 10/2/65

WITNESSES: [redacted] (Age 16)
Salem, Massachusetts
Junior Year, St. John's Prep.
Danvers, Massachusetts
(Father - Professor, Meteorology)
(Salem State Teacher's College)

Many unknown witnesses
Input-U.S. Coast Guard,
Salem, Massachusetts

PLACE(S): 1. [redacted], Salem, Massachusetts

2. Corner Columbus and Vera Avenues

TIME: 8:20 PM EDT

BACKGROUND.

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SIGHTING ACCOUNT:

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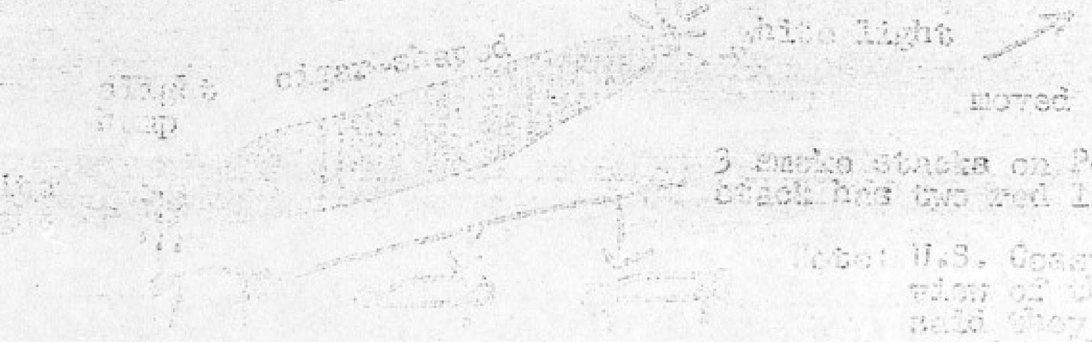
SIGHTING DATA:



moved into SSW

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Total sighting time was an estimated 5 minutes. There were a few [illegible] clouds. [illegible] noticed some stars but does not [illegible] seeing the moon. The moon was at First Quarter and set at 11 [illegible] EDT. The object was the apparent size of a silver dollar held at arm's length. This apparent size agreed exactly with the previous [illegible] size [illegible] had given me before we went to the spot where he [illegible] the apparent size of 2 1/2 chimneys [illegible] in the [illegible]. When [illegible], the object was

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about 1/4 of a mile away. James viewed it from about 500 feet away at his closest vantage point. The object hovered in a 45° position about 15 feet over the stacks. It seemed to have a dull non-reflective finish. Its edges were blurred hiding its exact shape although a crude outline could be plainly seen like a cigar. The object seemed to have a slight hump near the rear. James was facing ESE when viewing the object. He noticed a sound like "air being let out of a balloon" coming from the object. Almost as soon as he arrived and got off his bicycle the object started to rise from its hovering swaying position. The lights which had been steady began to flicker. After the object rose about 1[illegible] feet its lights went out and it moved off into the darkness and out of sight. James had viewed the object both through and above his eyeglasses. The object moved away into the SSW.

EVALUATION:

James impressed me as being a very bright sincere boy. I received the immediate impression that he was telling the truth. He had called the police soon after his sighting. They mistook him for his father. When I checked with the police they confirmed his phonecall and their sending a cruiser to investigate. When they got there the object was gone. The police told me that a woman phoned them about a lighted object in the same area later on that evening but she refused to give them her name. They told me that the U.S. Coast Guard had received many calls concerning the object. I phoned the Coast Guard. They admitted that they had received calls on UFO Sightings in the area that night but refused to give out the names and addresses of the witnesses. The officer told me that they are under orders to relay all UFO reports to Hanscom AFB. I phoned Hanscom AFB but they told me they had nothing to say on the matter. I phoned the Power Station on the chance that someone working there had seen the object but apparently no one had.

James had read a few articles on UFOs before but not extensively. The cigar-shape with two lights, the [illegible] position, the swaying motion as it hovered, the slight droning sound, etc. are all typical UFO characteristics. The fact that the Coast Guard admitted receiving calls from other witnesses is significant as well as the unknown woman witness who phoned the police. It is strange that James did not remember seeing the moon. James seemed to be very sincere and factual in his report. He was not aware that others had seen the object. Overally speaking I think that the weight of the evidence points to a genuine UFO sighting. It is unfortunate that the Coast Guard would not release more information. However, their admission of receiving many calls from other witnesses in itself adds much weight to this sighting. If further information becomes available, I will send out an addendum.

Respectfully submitted,
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Raymond E. Fowler
Chairman: NICAP MASS SUBCOM
[illegible] Court
Dunham, Mass. [illegible]

NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON AERIAL PHENOMENA
1536 Connecticut Avenue N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S)

[illegible] questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional [illegible] for full evaluation by NICAP.

[illegible] has been [illegible] studied, the conclusion of our evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly [illegible] publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, [illegible] Please print or type-rite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

No. [redacted] (Age 16)

Place of Employment

Occupation Student

Salem, Massachusetts

Education Junior Year
Special Training St. John's Prep.
Military Service Danvers, Mass.

Tel. [redacted]

Date of Observation 2 October 1965 Time 8:20 AM PM Time Zone EDT

Locality of Observation [redacted] then corner [redacted].
Salem, Mass. ***

How long did you see the object? Hours Minutes 5 Seconds

Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. A few Cirro-Cumulous clouds.

Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. Don't remember seeing moon.

If seen at night, twilight, or down, were the stars or moon visible? Saw some stars

Were there more than one object? One If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any.
Moved off into SSW after hovering 5 minutes.

Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light; was it revolving, [illegible] Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. Solid/Cigar-shaped-Two white lights, one on each end-had hump near back.

Was the object(s) [illegible] than the background of the sky? Lights were

If so, [illegible] brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. Dark shape silhouetted

Did the object(s) — (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

a. Appear to [illegible] at any time? Hovered in 45° position-swayed a little
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? Rose 100 feet slowly, lights went out
c. Break up into parts or explode? no
d. Give off smoke? no
e. Leave any visible trail? no
f. Drop anything? no
g. Change brightness? no, but lights flickered when it started moving
h. Change shape? no
i. Change color? no
j. Color - Dark

Did the object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind, anything? If so, please elaborate giving distance, size/etc, if possible.
In front of clouds.

Was there any wind? ??? If so, please give direction and speed.

Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, window pane, storm window, screening, etc.? What? Eyeglasses and over eyeglasses.

Did the object(s) have any sound? Yes What kind? Like air being How loud? very soft let out of toy balloon.

[illegible] of the object(s) was (were) —

Edges blurred hiding exact shape although a crude outline could be plainly seen like a cigar.

** --UFO hovered over N.E. Power Station, 24 Fort Ave., Salem, Mass.

Brilliant? - seemed a dull finish

When assumed 45° position it rose about 100 feet, lights went out, disappeared from sight.

a.	Pinhead	d.	Nickel	g.	Orange
b.	Pea	e.	Half dollar	h.	Grapefruit
c.	Dime	f.	X Silver dollar	i.	Larger

Riding bicycle-saw lights and dark shape between lights-rode within 500 feet of station to investigate-moved off just as I drew near. It hovered 15 feet from stacks of plant.

Into darkness when lights went out.

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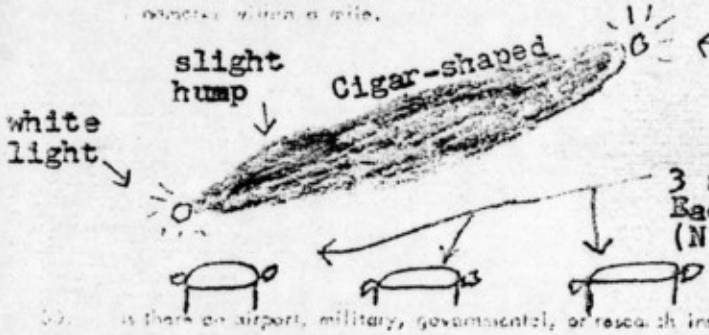
No

1/4 mile 1st & then 500 feet.

Investigator's note=Coast Guard received several UFO reports which they referred to USAF-Names withheld.



Coast Guard Station

Saw lights over Power Plant the previous evening-did not investigate.

Oct 5, 1965

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1 - 15 OCTOBER 1965 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
Oct	[illegible]	(19 Reports Filed Aug-Dec. Elling AFB Folder)	
Oct	[illegible] Hemisphere	Multiple (PHOTOS)	Astro (COMET IKEYA SE
1	Glacier National Park, Montana	Bob Wood	Other (Satellite Decay
1	Los Angeles, California	Steve Wood	Satellite
2	Dayton, Ohio	McGovern	[illegible]
2	Kent AFB, Oregon	Hall	1. A/C 2. Astro (METEOR)
2	Dayton, Ohio	Kreiszer	A/C
2	Houston, Pennsylvania	Stiltenpoll/Gamble	Other (Debris in Wind)
2	Monroe, New York	Lawniczak	Satellite
2	South San Gabriel, California	Lancaster	Astro (STAR/PLANET)
3	Independence, Kentucky	Fox, Spence	Astro (VENUS)
3	Cannon AFB, New Mexico	MSgt Hoadley	Astro (ARCTURUS)
3	39.35N, 126.35W (Pacific)	Meek/Ackerman	A/C
4	Rolla, Missouri	Packan	Satellite
4	McSherrytown and Hanover, Penn.	Clayton	Poss Astro (STAR/PLANET)
5	Wayen, Pennsylvania	Hughes	Astro (STAR/PLANET)
5	Cupertino, California	Crump	Other (Missile-Thor Agena)
6	39.42N 127.32W	Michaud	Poss Astro (METEOR)
9	Edwards AFB, California (Tapes) Separate folder	Military Visual	1. STARS/PLANETS 2. Balloon
		Radar	3. Returns Due to Astronomical cond.
8	Manhatten, New York	Numberg	A/C
10	Taipei	Ground observer	Insufficient Data
10	46.09N 126.02W	Unknown	Insufficient Data
10	Huntsville, Alabama	Reed	Astro (METEOR)
10	Laredo, Texas	Dodier	A/C
10	Miamisburg, Ohio	Vonderau	A/C
11	Chicago, Illinois	Contoin	A/C
12	Montgomery, New York	Stockhofer	A/C (helo)
13	Sceaux (Seine), France	Lambray	Astro (METEOR)
14	Over K. I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan	Capt. Jensen	Astro (VENUS)
14	New York, New York	Pucher/Saul	Other (Birds)
14	El Campo, Texas	Valcik	A/C
14-19	Bexley, Ohio	Fike	Astro (MARS, VENUS)
15	Sunnyvale, California	Stover	Astro (METEOR)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	OBSERVER
1	Greenfield, Massachusetts	Springfield Newspaper	Several unnamed persons
2	Southing, Connecticut	Saucer News	Rubenstein
2	Salem, Massachusetts	NICAP	Centorino
8	South Bay, California	Daily Breeze	Gillis
9	Cleveland, Ohio	Flying Saucer Investigating Comm	Several unnamed persons
10	Empire AFB, Michigan	Military	Military
14	Northfield, Minnesota	Sladek	Sladek
15	Credo, West Virginia	Stewart	Stewart