



This photo was taken by Ron Gregory on August 5, 1988. The location was Sperling, Manitoba, and the time was about 11:00 PM. There were six other witnesses. The view is directly south down the road where this LATER (Light-at-the-end-of-the-road) was seen. It remained in sight for over two hours, and was at times accompanied by other lights at its sides. It is typical of the lights seen in the Carman area for this particular kind of UFO. Many more photographs were taken, although none show much more detail. The exact origin of the light is uncertain, though a number of explanations have been offered.

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Michael Persinger continues the unstoppable publishing of articles about his Tectonic Strain Theory. The latest slant is that the "rock radiation" that causes UFOs may be causing mutations in the bodies of UFO investigators and witnesses, creating a higher incidence of cancer! Warning! UFOs may be dangerous to your health!

In August, I travelled to Ottawa to do some research in the National Library and elsewhere. I was asked to contribute a few chapters to Hilary Evans' latest book: Frontiers of Reality, due out this winter in England. I found these next cases in the NRC files.

Canadian UFO Cases in the NRC Non-Meteoritic Sighting Files

Cases for 1988 as of August, 1988

N88/1 ? Jacquet River, NB PH Insuf

N88/2 10 January ? NL Meteor

N88/3 21 January Sault Ste Marie, ON ND 2325Z 1735L Insuf

The Flight Services Duty Person at the airport observed a "silver object at the lower right hand corner of the moon" (?). It was observed for about one hour.

N88/4 21 January Dunville, ON CE1 220105Z,1905L Insuf

A circular object with white green and yellow lights in order from left to right was observed by witnesses who were driving. The object was reported to come within 50 feet of their car, follow them for 5 to 10 minutes, then left the area. The report was submitted by J. Muskat of CUFORN.

N88/5 23 January Androssen (?), AL ND 2345L Insuf

An object "as big as a house" was observed. It was seen for 5 minutes. The object appeared to be separated into a top, middle and bottom, & was oval in shape.

N88/6 27 January Nanton, AL CE1 280330Z,2130L Insuf

Some witnesses named "..." observed a series of lights from their location about 22 miles west of Nanton. On one occasion, the light appeared as a sphere, white in colour with an orange band. It came within 100 feet of their house, and hovered only 3 feet from the ground. It made no sound before it took off with "incredible speed". Local authorities deemed the lights typical of the "Taber Lights", some spook lights that are seen frequently in the area, and are caused by "ball of gas". The lights were also seen on 29 January, 14 February and 15 February by the same witnesses.

N88/7 1 February Kingston, ON NL 1130Z,0530L Meteor

A blue ball of light was seen briefly in its flight from south to north.

N88/8 1 February Hythe, AL NL 020350Z,2150L Insuf

A white light was observed for 15 minutes.

N88/9 7 February Head Bay, BC CE1 2000 hrs Insuf

Two witnesses were near the Gold River and observed 5 lights in the sky, apparently stationary. One descended towards them as they watched, until it was close enough that it took on the shape of a domed disc with a "bubble" on its upper surface. The object was thought to be about 8 feet in diameter and about 5 feet in height. Its dome had a red, flashing light, while there were red and blue steady lights on its lower surface. It seemed to land behind a ridge not far away. On the 10th of February, RCMP officers found broken trees in an area 43.8 miles west of Gold River, near where it was estimated the object "landed". The trees appeared to be broken off over 15 feet above the ground. Nothing else was observed by the officers.

N88/10 14 February Bowden, AL NL 1950 local Prob.Astron.

A witness observed a diamond-shaped object in the southeastern sky. It appeared to flash a red and green light. It was observed for 51 minutes through a telescope.

N88/11 15 February Tahsis, BC NL 160545Z,2345L Insuf

A multicoloured object was observed for 15 seconds.

N88/12 19 February Gander, NF NL 1920 local Astron.

A bolide was observed. However, authorities felt that the object observed could also have been some flares which were known to have been shot off that evening.

N88/13 2 March Saltspring I., BC NL 030500Z,2300L Insuf

Two lights with red "umbras" and yellow centers were observed. Similar objects were also seen on 4 March at about the same time (050545Z). Apparently, a local newspaper carried information about a series of UFOs seen in the area one week earlier.

N88/14 4 March Glace Bay, NS NL 050015Z,1815L Insuf

Two flickering lights were observed for 15 minutes.

N88/15 9 March Burnt Point, PE NL 0525 local Prob.Astron.

One witness observed an object like a "rocket booster" for about five seconds as it moved quickly through the sky. It was thought to be a bolide. In the RCMP report, the witness was described as "not known to have any mental disorder".

N88/16 10 March Breton, AL ND ? Insuf

An oblong object with red and green lights was observed. A humming noise was heard during the sighting.

N88/17 13 March ? ,PQ NL ? Insuf

An object was observed. According to the brief report, "il n'est pas Venus".

N88/18 13 March Cape Ronge, PQ NL 2100 local Prob. Astro

An object was observed which was like Venus in appearance.

N88/19 15 March US/CDN Bdr, Estevan CE1 1800 local Insuf

A total of seven witnesses, including two customs officers and one policeman, observed an unusual object at close range. An object described as a silver cylinder, with oval protrusions on each side, was seen to come within 200 yards of the customs building. The object made no sound as it approached, then hovered at an estimated altitude of about 100 to 200 feet above the ground over a nearby field. It was observed for two minutes. It then proceeded slowly to the northeast. Investigations showed that no balloon launches had occurred that evening, and that the wind was blowing at 5 mph from the northwest. This took place at the US/Canada border Port of Entry south of Estevan, Saskatchewan.

N88/20 16 March Shippagan, NB NL 2335 local Insuf

A round, red object was observed to "fall" slowly in the sky over a period of 30 minutes. Reference was made to another sighting near "Plaster Rock" (?) on 17 April, 1988, which was identified as a "meteorite".

N88/21 26 March Edmonton, AL PH ? Insuf

A witness named " " took several photographs of an object which was 50 feet in diameter. It apparently hovered over some trees as he took the photos. The photographs were labelled "unknown".

N88/22 1 April Moncton, NB NL 2005 local Astron

A green fireball was observed.

N88/23 6 April Richmond, BC (?) ND 1930 local Insuf

A witness observed a bright light over his neighbor's chimney. It appeared to be "dome-shaped". It was observed for 2 or 3 minutes.

N88/24 17 April High Level, AL NL 2300 local Astron

A bright green light was seen by numerous witnesses, travelling west to east with a duration of about 30 seconds.

N88/25 21 April Mississauga, ON ND 220255Z,2055L Insuf

A witness observed a triangular arrangement of white lights. Each light appeared to have a definite rectangular shape, and they seemed to be on a much larger object. During its movement, the object "banked" and took on the appearance of a "wagon wheel".

N88/26 1 May Matewa, ON NL 020415Z,2215L Insuf

Two red lights, one slightly above the other, moved in tandem for about 10 minutes.

N88/27 5 May Dominion, NS NL 0523502,1750L Insuf
A diamond-shaped arrangement of four lights was observed for two minutes.

N88/28 15 May Montreal I., PQ NL 1602402,2040L Prob.Astron.
A "big star" was observed.

N88/29 22 May Port Severn, ON DD 221730Z,1130L Insuf
A object with the appearance of an aircraft was observed. (?)

N88/30 29 May Pubnico, ON (?) NL ? Insuf

A group of investigators and interested individuals decided to travel to Sperling to see if the spot was still host to UFOs. Two of the group are professional and experienced photographers, and had brought their equipment.

As soon as the group had arrived at the site, a very bright LATER was observed directly down the road. Everyone observed the light with the naked eye and with binoculars. During the course of a few hours, the light did not appear to vary much in intensity, though at several times, other lights were observed to appear near the main light, then disappear. Other lights on other roads were also observed.

A variety of photographs were taken. Many clearly show a bright light source directly down the road, with no detail.

Several of the group walked or drove towards the light for a better look, though the light seemed to recede, and maintain a great distance from them.

The identity of the light is still being debated. It is certain that it was not a distant farm light, refracted along the ground, since it was not visible on other occasions. It may have been a car headlight or taillight at some distance, though why it did not appear to get nearer or farther away after a considerable length of time is puzzling.

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Sperling, Manitoba

(Non)-NL Case 880812.1
August 12, 1988
10:00 PM and later

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"The Burden of Skepticism." I noticed that Carl Sagan employed only a little sarcasm regarding UFOs. This may be because in his own articles in *Icarus* he recognizes, and has contributed to, the hypothesis that extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI) may well be in our vicinity and aware of mankind, and employ vehicles with seemingly magical capabilities. In *Icarus*, 19 (1977): 350, he emphasized what is now known as Clark's law: "Such societies [of ETI, much advanced over us] will have discovered laws of nature and invented technologies whose applications will appear to us indistinguishable from magic." This would make more likely than not include the technology of efficient travel within the galaxy for exploration or other purposes, since most ETI in advance of us would be millions of years ahead, not just thousands. With W. Newman in 1981 (*Icarus*, 46:295) he wrote, "Civilizations, say, 10+ years more advanced than ours may have little interest in interstellar colonization (while retaining an understandable concern about younger, more aggressive civilizations)." Interested readers should peruse this and the more recent literature (especially the *Quart. J. Roy. Astron. Soc.* and *J. British Interplanetary Soc.*) to learn the plausibility and scientific credibility of this in-proximity school of thought regarding ETI.

The in-proximity hypothesis agrees with Sagan's implication that ETI might be as intelligent as we, and allows them to have a strategy for handling rare "emerging" societies like ours. If this strategy should include occasional purposeful sightings of their craft, and occasional covert contacts with humans over a multi-decade period, should we reject those possibilities simply because the claims would often be accompanied by "emotional vulnerability"? Or because the in-proximity hypothesis makes SETI, via radio telescope, less credible? ETI strategy just might be intelligent enough to turn the behavior of skeptic-extremists to its advantage.

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A large number of people travelled to the Sperling LATER site to see UFOs. Some had smoked marijuana and others had been drinking moderate amounts of alcohol.

Although they were at the same location as other expeditions, absolutely no LATERs were seen for the duration of their visit.

I was approached by a TV producer for information that might help him in work on a TV show: the infamous UFO Cover-Up. By the time you read this, it will already have been aired. My pre-screening comments are that I would like to wait and make them post-screening comments. Will the show reveal all and be absolutely convincing? Or will it leave Philip Klass giggling?

This letter in the *Skeptical Inquirer* supports the contention that some UFOs might be extraterrestrial, without contradicting any SETI strategy.

And then there's this from the *Free Press*

The Gulf Breeze debate rages on, and I have to admit that the affair is a bit amusing, with backstabbing, claims and counterclaims from MUFON, CUFOS and Mr. Ed himself. The case has all the earmarks of a Meier-style hoax, yet the photos appear to be difficult to reproduce under "field conditions". Time to call in the UFO-buster: Phil Klass. Or is this one of Randi's experiments in human guillibility?

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Another expedition to Sperling was launched, this time armed with CB radios, cameras and telescopes. The night was cold and windy, and rain occasionally pelted the group. After several minutes of observing the road ahead, the famous Sperling LATER was seen. During the course of observation, it brightened and faded at irregular intervals, often dimming to a hazy glow only observable through binoculars.

The group split up, and two people travelled one mile west, then southward parallel to the road on which the LATER was situated. Radio contact was maintained between the two sub-groups. Unfortunately, the people "sneaking up" on the LATER were unable to conclusively maintain sight of the LATER from their location. They continued to move south closer to the LATER, but lost radio contact after a few miles.

The mobile group at one point felt that they had identified the LATER as a car several miles away. Triangulation was attempted before the radio contact was lost, and it was calculated that the LATER was approximately four miles away from the stationary group, based on the change in angle of the LATER as observed by the mobile group.

Once radio contact had been lost, however, the expedition halted their experiment, regrouped, compared notes, and headed back to Winnipeg.

Sperling, Manitoba

NL Case 880919.1
September 19, 1988
10:00 PM

After a meeting of the Spiritual Science Fellowship in Winnipeg, four members decided to travel to Sperling to see UFOs. One of the members who did not go with the four was Joan Townsend, a professor at the University of Manitoba. Sara Delorenzo is the current president of the group. Tia is a psychic and lecturer, and had just told the meeting about her journeys with space beings, and demonstrated her healing powers. Roy Bauer is an investigator and researcher with Manitoba Paranormal Investigations and Ufology Research of Manitoba.

Though the night was stormy, the group still went ahead with their plans. During the ride out, Sara and Tia were in the front seats of the car. Roy and another were in the back seat. At one point, Sara and Tia announced that they had just seen a UFO, a large, white "craft". Roy asked them if they had seen it psychically or physically. They both affirmed that it was definitely "physical". Roy had not seen anything. Later, he saw what he believed to be their "craft": lightning reflecting off clouds.

When they arrived at the Sperling site, it was raining, and the road was muddy. The famous LATER (light-at-the-end-of-the-road) was not visible. They headed home. But on the ride home, Sara and Tia pointed to the clearing sky and declared that they were being "escorted" by several spacecraft, which Roy identified as Mars, Jupiter and some stars.

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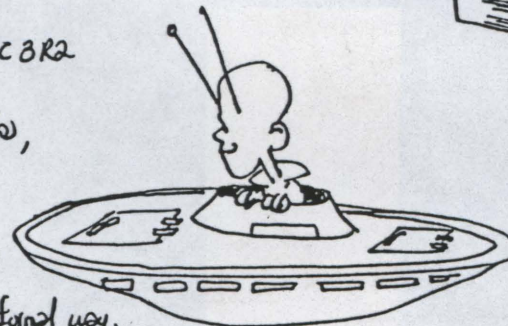
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Dear Chris,

Allow me
to thank you,
in perhaps a
slightly less formal way,

for coming down to Grant Park on Friday (March 4th) to speak to my senior citizen class. As you no doubt perceived, your talk was very well received by the class and afterwards I heard all kinds of complimentary remarks about your presentation. It was very well done, Chris. I realize you were restricted by time from giving us anything but a cursory introduction to the subject of 'U.F.O.'s', but the content of the slide show, combined with your interesting commentary, made it a most enjoyable and thought provoking lesson. When dealing with a subject such as this on it's not so much a matter of convincing people that "UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS" here in fact landed on earth, but I think it's more a case of opening people's minds to the possibility of those landings. The evidence certainly merits this admission at the very least.

I'm afraid I'll have to sign off now. There's a funny green creature waiting to take me for a saucer ride. But before I go, let me thank you once again for giving so generously of your time and effort on our behalf. I just wanted you to know it was much

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