INVESTIGATION OF UFO INCIDENT-10 January 1996

Reference: UIR CFNAHQ G3 Air 500 091815Z Jan 96

1. Enclosed find the after-action report of our investigation including a taped copy of initial recording of subject event.

2. As this and similar events in various parts of the north have seen considerable media attention lately, we would appreciate any light you could shed as to causes, explanations, etc. CFNAHQ OPI for this is Capt Maedel, G3 Air, CSN 520-0813 or WO Nickerson, G2, CSN 520-0815.

3. Custos Borealis!

[Signature]

JGP Leblanc
Colonel
Commander CFNA

Enclosure: CFNAHQ Report on Investigation of UFO Incident, Fort Resolution, NT - 10 Jan 96
3000-18 (G2);  
Jan 96

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Ref: Unusual Incident Report CFNAHQ G3 Air 500 091815Z Jan 96

1. At the request of the mayor of Fort Resolution, NT, Comd CFNAHQ undertook a visit to  
the hamlet. The express purpose of the visit was to investigate the reliability of the reports  
received (detailed at ref, originals enclosed) from community inhabitants who had sighted a UFO  
in the vicinity of the hamlet. In addition, a copy was made of a video taken on the fourth of  
January of the event.

2. CFNAHQ personnel conducting the investigation:

   a. Col J.G.P. Leblanc, Comd;

   b. WO R.C. Nickerson, G2; and

   c. aircrew of 440 Squadron CC138/Twin Otter.

3. Sequence of investigation and details of trip were as follows:

   a. CC138 with Comd and G2 departed Yellowknife Airport 101510 (local) Jan 96;

   b. team arrived in vicinity of reported sightings SW Fort Resolution approximately  
      1540 hrs. (local);

   c. team flew perimeter of Resolution Bay (vicinity of sightings) from S to N, landing  
      in Fort Resolution approximately 1620 hrs (local);

   d. Comd and G2 met by the mayor, Mr. Euan Hunter, at the Fort Resolution Airport;

   e. Mayor transported Comd and G2 into the hamlet to meet with 17(1)  
      who had taken the video of the UFO. 19(1) allowed G2 to make a copy of  
      the original tape;

   f. 19(1) had two hamlet residents who had witnessed similar phenomena  
      come in to talk to us about the sightings 19(1)
g. Mayor transported Comd, G2 and 19\(1\) to the point where he had taped the event on 04 Jan 96;

h. Comd and G2 visited RCMP Cst. Kokesch;

i. Mayor transported Comd and G2 back to the airstrip at approx 1810 hrs local;

j. Team flew perimeter of Resolution Bay N to S vicinity reported sightings (approx 1820 to 1840 hrs); and

k. CC138 returned to Yellowknife, landing at approx 1910 hrs.

4. Details of investigation of sighting investigation are as follows:

a. Investigation flight was conducted at time of day of reported sightings; nothing of significance was observed by team on 10 Jan 96;

b. Video camera used for filming object was a "Goldstar VHS-HQ" with an 8 power lens and an auto focus capability;

c. Enhancement of the video image may discern the shoreline at Fort Resolution and fauna which was present. As the camera was hand held, this could provide a reference in order to discern movement/lack of movement of the object;

d. The video image was taken at an approximate SSW direction from the shoreline of Resolution Bay (Great Slave Lake) immediately in front of the hamlet of Fort Resolution at approximately 1800 hrs local time;

e. The RCMP member at Fort Resolution, Cst. Kokesch, indicated that the people reporting the sighting were reliable, credible witnesses. He had, however, some reservation as to how the interviews were conducted and that the information may be slanted somewhat due to this (see Cst Kokesch's fax, enclosed);

f. The video was taken by 19\(1\) General Delivery, Fort Resolution and he is retaining the original. His home phone is 19\(1\) is also a Canadian Ranger with the Fort Resolution Patrol; and

g. Mr. James Larouche, the Canadian Ranger Sgt. In Fort Resolution, was instrumental in compiling the reports from the various community members. His training in reporting and attention to detail are evident in the reports;

5. As of 12 Jan 96, media attention has included a local CBC short radio interview. This concentrated on what action the military had taken following the reports.
6. The following are enclosed:

   a. a copy of the video taken of the UFO sighting (the original is available from 1 if required);

   b. the originals of the individual statements referring to the events of 4, 5, 6 and 7 Jan 96 (11 reports) and fax from Mr. Hunter, Mayor of Fort Resolution WRT sightings on 14 Jan 96;

   c. Fax from Cst. Kokesch, RCMP, Fort Resolution, 15 Jan 96; and

   d. map portion depicting CFNAHQ flight on 10 Jan 96.

RC Nickerson  
WO  
G2  
CFNAHQ, Yellowknife
Local Resident:

19(1)    19(1)

Fort Resolution, NT

Approx. 5:30 PM Jan 4 Thursday evening, my nephew came and told me there was something above the lake and I should go check it out. I grabbed my video machine and went to check. When I arrived there I saw a light above the lake so I started videoing it. I could see red & blue lights flashing, white seemed to get dimmer than brighter. I video tape it for approx. 4 min. then went home to tell my wife. I kept checking on it over the period of an hour and it seemed to get dimmer & dimmer then fade away.

19(1)    11 report

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On Thursday night Jan 4/76 approx 5:30 pm
My son came home and said there was
a blurry bright star S.W. of house. But
it could not be a star as it was to
low in the sky. At 7 pm my son came
back to house saying there was a flashing
object on lake. On leaving house I checked
the blurry star and it was gone. We drove
to lake shore the object was flashing just
above ice seem to be coming from pine
Point Direction color red blue/green setting.
It didn't move. The star seem to be just a light.
Friday night Jan 5/76 on leaving store at
5 pm I notice a star quite bright star same
point as night before. At 7 pm I got
phone call from 19(1) saying flashing
object was on ice again.
On leaving house I checked and star was gone. This time flashing object was SE and really close. It settled to be hovering over a red marker light and pulsing.

Saturday Jan 5/96 Fogg to look for star but at 7:30 saw object same place as Friday.

My son 19(1) saw same as me but he noticed it moving east to west very slow.

19(1)
REPORT ON STRANGE LIGHTING  DECEMBER 1946

I was in Fort Resolution in the late afternoon, and I headed back for buffalo junction around 6:00 PM. As I was coming closer to little buffalo river, I noticed this bright light above the trees on the hill on the other side of the river. So I stopped the vehicle and I watched it for a while. And it wasn't an airplane or helicopter. And I shut my lights off and the light were changing colours. The top of whatever it was had bright white light on top and blue lights middle and red on bottom. I called Fort Resolution. 19(1) I was watching and told him if he went to look toward little buffalo he would see the lights. After a while, I called Fort Resolution again 19(1) to tell him what I was seeing and he told me to look toward buffalo junction from where I was at. At around Km 64, and I came around corner at Km 64 at 6:30 AM. And I saw this lighting again. This time it was just above the trees top on corner of Km 62. And it started moving west again. And again, I left the road at Km 56 at 6:30 AM and I met 19(1) and told him what was ahead of me. And he said he didn't see anything. So I left and again it was ahead of me at Km 55 at 6:40 AM and it stayed ahead of me from there to Km 42 and it left the road way again at 7:00 AM and I met 19(1) at Km 38 and told him what was ahead of me. And just as I was telling him 19(1) we saw the light again. It was west of us. Didn't see it again.
January 4/96 (Thurs.) 6:20 pm

Location: Saw from Water Treatment Plant, out on the lake

Description: Very bright object, could see it without my glasses. Put on my binoculars, saw bright colours, red, blue, changing colours. It was out past the islands. It is nowhere near the beacon. It was a lot brighter than the stars. You could see it through the trees. It was so bright.

Report taken by: 19(1)

map attached.
January 5/96 (Fri.) around 6:30 pm

I was at home, sitting in my window

When I walked down

Then I saw it, by the church, seen

it on the left hand side of

the Bay Manager's house.

Description: Green, blue, yellow and red

flickering lights. When the red

light came on, it was really,

really bright. It was sitting

in one spot for awhile. It

looked like it landed on the

lake from where I was standing.

It stayed still there and I

never seen it for awhile, it never

came up again, so I went home.

Report taken by: 19(1)
Refer to Map
Fort Resolution
E 20
H 85
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App. B 2
January 5/96 (Fri.) after 9:30 P.M.
Where: I was going towards 19(1) just seen it above 19(1) house, put on the lake.

Description: Red, blue, white lights flickering. Bright flickering lights. It was kind of high, then it started coming down slowly, then all of a sudden it flew back and disappeared. I thought it landed. Then I never seen it again.

Report taken by: 19(1)
UFO Sighting Near Fort Resolution

APP "D" Enum

On Jan 4, 1946 at 19:15 hrs. The plane was at 19,000 ft. flying some 20 miles from a lake near town. The noise is on the lake.

Facing S.W.

I noticed a bright white light approx 20-25 km to the S.W. over the lake.

At first I thought it was a snowmobile coming from Dawson Landing. The light was shining in intensity from dim to very bright.

The light then changed to bright red. Below the white light - at first dim and then brighter. As I watched, it changed to light blue - again in intensity. The sequence repeated itself several times - white, red, blue.

Even my eyes,

At a distance to the dark, I could see the lights were above the lake - estimated altitude - 500-600 ft. The lights were stationary as if in the hover.

I then returned to my shop which also faced the lake. The lights were still visible and repeating the color sequence. I watched for approx five or six minutes and then went into my shop. When I came back outside - the lights had disappeared. Time - approx 19:50.

19(1)

Statement received by Sgt. James B. Lawrenz at 1650 hrs on 01/26

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January 5/96 (Fri) between 6:30 - 7:00pm
Second sighting
Where: Out on the lake towards Round Island
Description: Red, blue, bright colours, could see it from my back door. It didn't land. The lights were changing.

January 4/96 (Thurs) about 7:00 pm
First sighting
Where: Out on the lake towards Round Island
Description: Red, blue, bright colours. The lights were changing. Lasted about 1/2 hour.
January 05th. /96

Friday.

It was about 6:40pm, as we looked out the window we saw a light in the sky that seemed to change colours like in a flashing motion. And then at about 7:10pm we saw the light move so we went to the other window to get a better look. It was straight across the lake, and at that time it looked as if it was just sitting on the lake then it disappeared into thin air. Some people say that it was a star but I have never seen a star in my entire life that was that close and that big. It may have been a satellite but I couldn't get a very close look at it.
January 4/94 (Thurs) 6:40 p.m.

Where: 8 km 609, was in my truck
Just before Buffalo River Village
Seen it out on the lake

Description: Blue, greenish, flickering light.
Centre was red, clear light above.
It went bright, then dim, then bright
The blue, green lights kept
flickering, and the centre lights kept flashing. I watched it
just about 1/2 minutes, and it
stayed above the trees. Then
when I was leaving, it started
going straight up real fast, and
all I seen was a red streak
from the red light, and it
disappeared.

Report taken by 19(1)

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FROM: ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

TO: ARMED FORCES, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ATTN: CAPTAIN MAIDEL

FACSIMILE / MESSAGE TRANSMITTAL
ENVOI D'UN MESSAGE PAR TÉLÉCOPIEUR

FOR FORT RESOLUTION RCMP DETACHMENT
GENERAL DELIVERY, FORT RESOLUTION

RE: SIGHTINGS OF UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS IN FORT RESOLUTION BAY.

AS PER OUR CONVERSATIONS I HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO SEE THE LIGHTS OVER RESOLUTION BAY
THAT NUMEROUS PERSONS IN OUR COMMUNITY HAVE BEEN SEEING SINCE 86-01-04, UP UNTIL TWO DAYS
AGO I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CROSS PATHS WITH THIS "STRANGE" LIGHT IN THE SKY.
ON 86-01-13 A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY POINTED OUT TO ME WHAT EVERYBODY HAS BEEN
WATCHING. I HAVE BEEN THIS SAME LIGHT ON OTHER DAYS BUT DID NOT GIVE IT MUCH CONSIDERATION.
THE LIGHT APPEARS TO ME TO BE A PLANET. IT IS VERY BRIGHT AS FAR AS STARS GO AND IS ONLY
VISIBLE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. IT APPEARS AT APPROX. 18:40 HRS AT A POSITION HIGH AND ALMOST
DUE SOUTH OF FORT RESOLUTION. THE LIGHT DISAPPEARS OVER THE HORIZON AT APPROX. 18:30 HRS
AT APPROX. 220 DEGREES SOUTH SW. AS THE LIGHT APPROACHES THE HORIZON IT FLICKERS
DIFFERENT COLORS. SOME BEING WHITE, BLUE/GREEN AND RED. THE RED BEING THE MOST PROMINENT
COLOR SEEN. I CREDIT THIS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE SUNSETS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS
HAVE BEEN VERY COLORFUL, I.E. RED. THE LIGHT IS ALSO ONLY VISIBLE IF THE SKY IS VERY CLEAR.
IF THERE IS ANY BIT OF CLOUD THE LIGHT WILL NOT APPEAR. I HAVE USED A GOOD QUALITY BINOCULAR
TO GET A CLOSER LOOK OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS BUT I HAVE NOT NOTED ANY ATTACHMENTS OR
STRUCTURE TO "THE LIGHT". I HAVE OBSERVED THE LIGHT NOW ON 86-01-13 AND ON 86-01-16. AS I
WATCHED THE LIGHT I NOTED IT TO TRAVEL IN A LONG SWEEPING MOTION FROM BASICALLY EAST TO
WEST, AND I DID NOT SEE IT TRAVEL ERRATICALLY IN ANY DIRECTION.

I HOPE THIS ASSISTS YOU IN HELPING ME IDENTIFY THIS "LIGHT" AS YOU CAN APPRECIATE THIS HAS
BECOME QUITE AN EVENT AND ADDITIONAL STORY'S OF "CLOSE ENCOUNTERS" ARE SURFACING DAILY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER

RESPECTFULLY

R.J. KOKESCHI
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SUNDAY JAN 14/95  BRIGHT OBJECT

2 - 6 pm Watched bright light from house
      Looked like 2 or 3 stars all in one
during that hour I could see it 2 ft on
the left side of my power pole at the end
of the house it had moved at least 8 ft
to the right of the power pole and quite
visibly came down in direction - South West of town

I went out and drove down to the lakeside
from 6 - 7 pm Watched bright object very slowly moved
west and downwards

7 - 7:25 p.m. Bright light but also red-blue
prominent flashing lights also green all
pulsing and very bright

SIGNED  
MAYOR EUREN HUNTER
D. C. FORT RESOLUTION
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SUBJ: UNUSUAL INCIDENT REPORT - UFO SIGHTING
REFS: A. CPAO 4-13
B. TELECON: CAPT MAEDEL/CAPT COLLIN 8 JAN 96
C. TELECON: CAPT MAEDEL/CAPT HUMBER 8 JAN 96

1. IAW REP A THIS HQ IS REPORTING UFO SIGHTINGS VICINITY OF FORT
RESOLUTION. UFO WAS SIGHTED APPROX 10-20 KM SOUTHWEST OF FORT
RESOLUTION EVERY NIGHT COMMENCING 4 JAN 96 AND ENDING 7 JAN 96. UFO
SIGHTED BETWEEN 1730 AND 1900 HRS EVERY NIGHT.
2. UFO DESCRIBED AS A BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT THAT WOULD CHANGE IN
INTENSITY FROM DIM TO BRIGHT. LIGHT WOULD THEN CHANGE IN COLOR FROM WHITE
TO RED TO BLUE AND REPEAT THE SEQUENCE CONTINUOUSLY. OBJECT WOULD
HOVER LOW ON HORIZON, APPROX 500-600 FEET AGL. THE LONGEST CONTINUOUS
OBSERVATION OF OBJECT WAS 30 MINUTES AFTER WHICH OBJECT FLEW OFF AT A
GREAT SPEED AND DISAPPEARED. A THREE MINUTE VIDEO WAS TAKEN OF THE
OBJECT - COPY TO BE FORWARDED WHEN RECEIVED BY THIS HQ. APPROX 20-30 PERS FROM FORT RESOLUTION WITNESSED OBJECT.

3. CBC HAVE RUN A FEW RADIO AND TV CLIPS FEATURING SIGHTING IN FORT RESOLUTION. INQUIRIES FM MEDIA TO THIS HQ TO DATE HAVE CENTERED AROUND QUESTIONS ON MILITARY EXERCISES IN FORT RESOLUTION AREA OF WHICH THERE HAVE BEEN NONE.

4. INITIAL SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED TO THIS HQ BY MR IAN HUNTER MAYOR OF FORT RESOLUTION (403-394-5521).

5. CFNAHQ OPI IS CAPT MAEDEL, G3 AIR, CSN 520-0813.

6. THIS HQ WILL MONITOR SITUATION FOR ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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