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Secret NORAD UFO Files: U.S.-Canadian Air Force Intercepts 75 UFOs Every Year, Documents Reveal **[John Thomas Didymus](#), June 29, 2016**

In a move described as a “bold step towards disclosure,” [Victor Viggiani](#), a Canadian disclosure advocate, made public on Saturday secret [UFO files](#) from the Runic Archives of the North American Aerospace Defense Command ([NORAD](#)). As he released the files to the public, the activist for #Disclosure dared the U.S. government to charge him for the action.

Reacting to the latest development in the decades-long campaign for full [UFO and ET disclosure](#), UFO researchers and disclosure advocates said the documents prove that contrary to the U.S. government’s public posturing that it does not take UFO phenomenon seriously, officials at the highest levels of civilian and military authority have been investigating, researching and documenting UFOs for decades.

At the first Canadian National Inquiry into UFOs — [ET Disclosure Hearing](#) — [held](#) on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at the Alien Cosmic Expo in Brantford, Ontario, Viggiani [released](#) to the public a cache of secret NORAD UFO files.

“I am hereby releasing it to you and I dare the US Government to charge me.”

<https://youtu.be/HM7bZx5av3A>

“It appears that I have been threatened with indictment if I release the NORAD files in my possession,” he commented, quoting from a section of the document that [stated](#), “Any distribution of this kind of information threatens National Security in addition to being a violation of the Espionage Act of the United States.”

He then released the documents to media representatives, saying, “I dare the U.S. government to charge me.”

Viggiani, a retired school administrator from Toronto and veteran UFO investigator who has [researched](#) UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) — better known in UFO research circles as UAPs (Unidentified Aerial Objects) — and related phenomena for decades, released a total of 11 documents obtained through a Canadian Access of Information Act (AIA) request.

“I have here in front of me eleven documents,” he said in a video from *Earth Mystery News*. “I call them the Runic Files and they are directly from NORAD indicating that over the last five years an average



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of 1,800 ‘tracks of interest’ with 75 intercepts. This is directly from the commander of NORAD.”

NORAD is the US-Canadian organization responsible for aerospace warning and defense of the North American airspace.

“Over the last five years [there have been] an average of 1,800 ‘tracks of interest’ with 75 [UFO] intercepts.”

The documents, as Viggiani stated, reveal that in the past five years NORAD has handled every year, on the average, about 1,800 “tracks of interest” (TOIs) and 75 intercepts of UFOs.

UFO In Area 51 Hangar [Image via Shutterstock]“This means that the jet fighter pilots manage to get close enough to the UFOs to not only establish visual contact, but also get a target lock,” a UFO enthusiast commented.

And while the newly released documents give no information about the nature of the objects intercepted — whether they were extraterrestrial crafts or man-made crafts — UFO researchers consider the figures to be significant because they offer a glimpse into the intensity of UFO-related activity at NORAD.

Advocates pointed out that the figures released represent only the number of “tracks of interest” (TOIs) that NORAD chose to disclose. The number of TOIs that remain undisclosed is uncertain but some speculate “it could be in the thousands.”

Viggiani’s AIA had reportedly aimed at full disclosure of “tracks of interest.” But NORAD declined full disclosure, claiming that the complete “Table of Tracks of Interest” was classified information. But the organization approved release of a limited set of data.

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“The request for Table of Tracks of Interest (TOI) are classified unclassified/for official use only (FOUO),” the NORAD response to Viggiani’s AIA [read](#). “It is to be controlled, stored, handled, transmitted, distributed and disposed of in accordance with DOD policy relating to FOUO information and is not to be released to the public, the media or other personnel who do not have a valid need-to-know without prior approval of an authorized NORAD official.”

“However, the NORAD Commander has approved the release of the following information regarding Tracks of Interest and Unknown Tracks,” the document added.

The documents contained a list of TOIs with much of the information redacted.

Viggiani explained that much of the redacted information pertained to what pilots saw when they intercepted UFOs. The information was redacted because the details of eyewitness accounts of the nature of the intercepted UFOs were considered “sensitive.”

Viggiani revealed that one of the documents contained information about UFOs discovered by the RCMP. Another contained an air traffic control report about an incident in which two Canadian CF-18s, scrambled from the Comox Air Force Base, pursued three UFOs at an altitude of about 35,000 feet, gained contact with and engaged the UFOs.

Over the last five years NORAD has had an average of 1,800 UFO ‘tracks of interest’ and 75 intercepts [Image via Shutterstock] [Paul Hellyer](#), former Canadian Defense Minister, and leading UFO/ET disclosure advocate, had reportedly spoken about the 2001 UFO sighting incident.

Another document, dated November 14, 2008, [contained](#) information about the recovery of a metal fragment, reportedly part “of a vehicle that traveled in outer space.” The fragment, discovered by a pilot from Wollaston Lake area in Saskatchewan, was taken to the National Research Council in Ottawa for analysis.

Referring to a section of the document that stated that “Any distribution of this kind of information threatens National Security in addition to being a violation of the Espionage Act of the United States,” Viggiani said, “I am hereby releasing it to you and I dare the US Government to charge me.”

He then released the files to media representatives at the ET Disclosure Hearing.

But some UFO disclosure advocates were not impressed with what some described as a “bold step towards disclosure.”

“Some documents were released to the public,” UFO blogger Scott C. Waring [commented](#) in his *UFO Sightings Daily* blog, “but most are decades

old. It seems the government only releases old records, rather than the new more important ones.”

<https://youtu.be/Xv8XB3qE8JM>

UFO/ET disclosure advocates have campaigned tirelessly for decades, demanding full [UFO and ET disclosure](#) by governments. Disclosure advocates argue that the “massive hoarding” of vital UFO and ET information is unconstitutional and hinders the growth and development of knowledge about possible extraterrestrial phenomena.

“In a constitutional democracy, the government has always been given the right to keep secrets, but the government has never been given the right to lie to the people,” a UFO blogger writes, [quoting](#) Stephen G. Bassett, Executive Director of the Paradigm Research Group (PRG).

NASA Reports on Credible UFO Sightings in Ancient Times By [Tara MacIsaac](#), [Epoch Times](#) May 29, 2014

<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n3/703237-nasa-reports-on-credible-ufo-sightings-in-ancient-times/>

The description of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) has remained fairly consistent throughout history, stretching back into antiquity. While many could be attributed to natural phenomena, an in-depth [study by NASA’s Richard Stothers](#) found “There nonetheless remains a small residue of puzzling accounts, and regardless of what interpretation one places on them, these constitute a phenomenon that spans centuries of time and widely different cultures.”

Stothers (1939–2009) received a degree in mathematics at Princeton University, earned his Ph.D. at Harvard, and was a permanent member of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies. Here’s a look at 5 UFO sightings Stothers deemed puzzling in a 2007 report.

1. Chariots in the Sky Witnessed by Many

Historian Josephus wrote around 65 A.D. about a fantastical sighting over Judea: “On the 21st of the month Artemisium, there appeared a miraculous phenomenon, passing belief. Indeed, what I am about to relate would, I imagine, have been deemed a fable, were it not for the narratives of eyewitnesses and the subsequent calamities which

deserved to be so signaled. For, before sunset throughout all parts of the country, chariots were seen in the air and armed battalions hurtling through the clouds and encompassing the cities.”

Josephus likely witnessed this event himself, said Stothers, though he bolstered his credibility by appealing to eyewitness accounts. The description does not seem to correspond to any natural phenomena, Stothers wrote.

2. Thousands of Roman Soldiers Witness UFO?

Plutarch wrote of a sighting witnessed by thousands. In 74 B.C., the Roman army was moving to engage the forces of King Mithridates VI in the area of modern-day Turkey.

“With no apparent change of weather, but all on a sudden, the sky burst asunder, and a huge, flame-like body was seen to fall between the two armies,” he wrote. “In shape, it was most like a wine-jar (pithoi), and in color, like molten silver. Both sides were astonished at the sight, and separated. This marvel, as they say, occurred in Phrygia, at a place called Otryae.”

Stothers pointed out that freshly fallen meteorites are black, not “molten silver” color, which suggests it was not a meteorite. Plutarch also made no mention of the impact.

Stothers wrote: “The object must have measured much more than a meter across, since it was easily resolved at a distance greater than half the range of a bowshot. If it had remained on the ground, a meteorite of such size would doubtless have become a cult object in Phrygia, with its long tradition of meteorite worship, yet later historical records referring to Phrygian meteorites are silent about it.”

Nonetheless, there is a chance the UFO was a bolide, a bright meteor that often explodes.

3. Sightings During the Second Punic War in Rome

Many sightings were recorded during and following the Second Punic War (218–201 B.C.) in Livy’s prodigy lists. The lists were derived from the *Annales Maximi*, published by the Pontifex Maximus of Rome. This source is considered trustworthy and accurate, explained Stothers, because of the time-consuming and thorough

procedure required by Roman authorities to investigate claims before they would be recorded.

In Rome, in the winter of 218 B.C., “A spectacle of ships (navium) gleamed in the sky.”

In 217 B.C., “at Arpi, round shields (parmas) were seen in the sky.”

In 173 B.C., “at Lanuvium a spectacle of a great fleet was said to have been seen in the sky.”

It is not likely that suggestive cloud formations would have been mistaken for UFOs, Strother said, since these formations had long been understood and were familiar features. These sightings are also not likely a mock sun, because mock suns are routinely described as “double suns” or “triple suns.”

4. ‘Angel Hair’ Glassy Fibers

In modern UFO reports, it is common to hear about either glassy fibers or a chalky substance left behind by the UFO, known as angel hair. Ancient reports also include angel hair.

In 196 A.D., the historian Cassius Dio wrote: “A fine rain resembling silver descended from a clear sky upon the Forum of Augustus. I did not, it is true, see it as it was falling, but noticed it after it had fallen, and by means of it I plated some bronze coins with silver; they retained the same appearance for three days, but by the fourth day all the substance rubbed on them had disappeared.”

Two other “rains of chalk” were reported in Caes 214 B.C. and in Rome 98 B.C.

5. UFO Inhabited

Pope Pius I’s brother was probably the only witness of this UFO sighting near Via Campana, Italy, around 150 A.D.: “On a sunny day, a ‘beast’ like a piece of pottery (ceramos) about 100 feet in size, multicolored on top and shooting out fiery rays, landed in a dust cloud accompanied by a ‘maiden’ clad in white.”

Stothers concluded “This collection of what might be termed ancient UFO reports has been culled from a much larger number of reports of aerial objects, most of whose identifications with known phenomena are either certain or at least probable. Embedded in the mass of relatively explicable ancient reports, however, is a small set of

unexplained (or at least not wholly explained) reports from presumably credible witnesses.”

“Any viable theory must reckon with the extraordinary persistence and consistency of the phenomena discussed here over many centuries.”

UFOs Confront Soldiers During War, Says Ex-Air Force Intelligence Officer
Lee Spiegel Writer; Reporter;
Paranormal expert, Apr 27, 2015
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/04/19/ufos-during-wartime_n_7046472.html

The public rarely hears about interactions between military personnel and unexplained aircraft — especially during wartime.

As time goes on, however, UFO stories stuck behind red tape begin to see the light of day. The Vietnam War saw its share of UFO activity in the 1960s.

One close encounter, in 1968, involved the crew of an American patrol boat that reported two glowing circular craft following them in the demilitarized zone that separated North and South Vietnam (see depiction below).



The crew aboard a second patrol boat later reported seeing the UFOs over the first boat and a flash of light, followed by an explosion that completely destroyed the boat. These Vietnam reports included close observation of the unknown aerial craft which appeared to house pilots (see recreation image at the top of this story).

Wartime UFO stories are recreated in the [premiere episode](#) of the second season of History’s “Hangar 1: The UFO Files.” The accounts are drawn from tens of thousands of UFO cases in the archives of the [Mutual UFO Network](#), the world’s largest UFO investigation group.

“The military was interested in [UFOs] because they had capabilities far above anything that we had, and they wanted to find out what the technology was and, frankly, who they belonged to,” according to former Air Force intelligence officer, Capt. George Filer.

While in Vietnam, Filer — who had a top secret clearance — gave daily briefings to Gen. George S. Brown, deputy commander for air operations in Vietnam.

“Frequently, the Vietcong or North Vietnamese would be attacking an outpost and I would explain that, and we would have ground-air support, particularly at night where we’d go in there with these gun ships, and I would give briefings on all of that,” Filer told The Huffington Post. “Some of the time, there would be unidentified craft over the DMZ.”

Filer described a typical report that he’d receive and which he included in his briefings to Brown:

“You’d have an aircraft flying along, doing around 500 knots and a UFO comes alongside and does some barrel rolls around the aircraft and then flies off at three times the speed of one of the fastest jets we have in the Air Force. So, obviously, it has a technology far in advance of anything we have.

“I would be told this unofficially. People tell you a lot of things that they don’t put in writing or sign their name to. There was always this part of UFOs that, if you got too interested, it could mess up your career. And [this is true today even with commercial pilots](#). I’ve also heard from people serving in Afghanistan saying they’ve seen UFOs, and the Iranian news carries UFO reports pretty regularly.”

During a 1973 press conference, five years after the patrol boat UFO encounters, Brown — as USAF chief of staff — was asked about the Air Force’s position on UFOs:

I don’t know whether this story has ever been told or not. They weren’t called UFOs. They were called enemy helicopters. And they were only seen at night and they were only seen in certain places. They were seen up around the DMZ in the early summer of ‘68. And this resulted in quite a little battle.

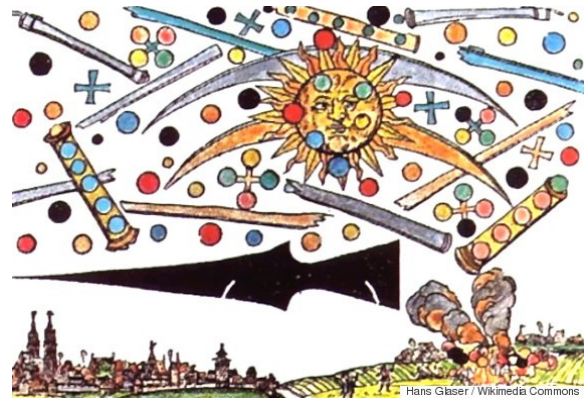
And in the course of this, an Australian destroyer took a hit and we never found any

enemy, we only found ourselves when this had all been sorted out. And this caused some shooting there, and there was no enemy at all involved, but we always reacted.

Always after dark, the same thing happened up at Pleiku at the Highlands in ‘69.

Many stories about battling UFOs have emerged throughout history.

One early account of UFO warfare was supposedly seen by the citizens of Nuremberg, Germany, in 1561. On a morning in April, the Nuremberg Gazette reportedly described [an aerial battle](#) between large “cylindrical shapes from which emerged black, red, orange and blue-white spheres that darted about... All these elements started to fight one against the other.” An artist, Hans Glaser, created a woodcut of the spectacle, seen below:



During World War II, also in Germany, Allied aircraft pilots often reported mysterious glowing, fast-moving, circular lights, which were dubbed Foo Fighters. [The New York Times](#) reported it as “military slang for flying saucers.”

George Filer — who documents his sightings and other UFO news at the [National UFO Center site](#) — was one of several military eyewitnesses to something extraordinary in the sky over England. It was 1962, and he was the navigator on a refueling tanker.

“We were out over the North Sea when London Control called and asked if we would be willing to intercept an unidentified that was over Oxford and the Stonehenge area. We had just finished up our refueling mission, so we said sure, and they cleared all the traffic around us and gave us top priority as we descended towards the UFO. All they really had

was a very large radar return, but it was much bigger than a normal aircraft.”

Filer (pictured at right) recalled how his radar scope indicated the UFO was as big as the huge Firth of Forth Bridge in Scotland that he and his crew often used as a regular navigation point.

“The ‘thing’ was at 1,000 feet and we were descending from 32,000 feet. We picked up this huge radar return while we were still about 30 miles out. It was dark out and when we got much closer to the object, we saw lights around it, outlining the shape of a cylinder, like a cruise ship. It then just quickly rose and went up into space.

“We were pretty sure we’d just seen a UFO.”

Filer also told HuffPost that he has heard from air traffic controllers who claimed they were told to “always divert aircraft away from UFOs and deny that it existed. I think they want this whole situation to go away, and I think [the policy] is coming from the National Security Council — they’re at the highest level. It sounds funny, but presidents don’t always know what their National Security Council is doing.”

10 UFO Sightings That Predate The 1900s by [Marcus Lowth](http://listverse.com/2016/04/05/10-ufo-sightings-that-pre-date-the-1900s/), April 5, 2016 <http://listverse.com/2016/04/05/10-ufo-sightings-that-pre-date-the-1900s/>

There’s no doubt that the modern UFO phenomenon took hold of society following the Roswell incident of 1947. History, however, is riddled with strange incidents that, had they occurred today, would be described as UFO sightings. Here are 10 of them, all of which were witnessed before the 20th century.

10 The Hatton Garden Sighting, London, 1809

In 1809, English astronomer John Staveley submitted an account of [something strange](#) that he’d witnessed in the night sky above Hatton Garden to *The Journal of Natural History And Philosophy And Chemistry*.

Staveley stated that he saw what looked to be a black cloud that had meteors moving around it as well as lightning flashing through it. At first, he thought he was witnessing a strange meteor

shower, until one suddenly “increased size till It became the [brilliance and magnitude](#) of Venus.” He then realized that it was something rather more extraordinary. The object became stationary and dimmed before vanishing.

He watched the spectacle for around an hour, with the lights dancing in and out of the black cloud, moving in ways unlike natural elements such as meteors. The fact that Staveley was an astronomer and the fact that he submitted his report to such an established and respected journal of the times grant at least some credibility to the sighting.

9 UFO Over St Albans, England, 1254

On New Year’s Day 1254, several monks at St Albans in Hertfordshire saw what looked like “a kind of [large ship](#), elegantly shaped and of marvelous color.”

As it was New Year’s Day, there were multiple witnesses to the event; the monks were at the church as part of the celebrations. The ship hung over them silently, with one describing it as seeming to paint the sky. The incident was recorded by Matthew of Paris in precise detail, right down to the fact that the Moon was eight days old and that the night sky was covered with stars.

The ship eventually climbed into the sky without incident. It was theorized afterward it had most likely had been [a cloud](#), as it appeared to dissolve and disappear. It’s possible that Matthew’s account may have been a bit more imaginative than others, although there is no doubt that something was witnessed.

A similar experience also occurred in 1290 at Byland Abbey in Yorkshire. The abbot and several monks witnessed a “large, round, [silver disc](#)” flying over them at great speed.

8 The Sky Battle Over Basel, Switzerland, 1566

On August 7, 1566, in Basel, Switzerland, not only were many UFOs sighted, but they appeared to be [engaged in battle](#). The incident was recorded by Samuel Coccius, who wrote for the local newspaper. At sunrise that day, many large, black balls were seen moving at high speed through the air. They collided with each other as if they were fighting. Many of them turned red before fading from sight. The incident lasted several hours before they

disappeared, leaving the townsfolk to contemplate what they had just witnessed. UFO investigators and researchers noted that descriptions of how the objects moved were almost identical to modern UFO reports.



Photo credit: [Samuel Apiarius](#)

A [very similar account](#) was recorded by Hans Glaser in Nuremberg five years earlier. The villagers awoke to strange objects in the sky, which then appeared to engage in battle.

7 The Airship Sightings Of 1897



Photo via [Wikimedia](#)

A wave of airship sightings over the skies of North America in 1897 actually began in November 1896 in San Francisco when an airship was seen by hundreds of people traveling “[against the wind](#)” and using “searchlights” as it moved through the air. Several hours later, there were further sightings over Santa Rosa and Sacramento that appeared to be of the same craft.

Over the next few months, there were numerous sightings of the strange airships. Although some were later proven to be hoaxes, several sightings were regarded as genuine, with solid and credible witnesses. One particular sighting over the skies of Chicago on April 10, 1897, was witnessed by thousands of people.

By the time these sightings reached Texas, they were more than just sightings. At least one person, John Barclay, was approached by the “crew” of the airship and was asked to buy them supplies and tools. Slightly bemused, Barclay did as he was asked. Before the airship left, Barclay asked one of the men where they were from, to which he replied, “From anywhere, but we will be in Greece the day after tomorrow!”

6 Ship Drops An Anchor From The Sky, Ireland, 1211

According to the 13th-century text *The King’s Mirror*, an anchor attached to a rope was said to have [fallen from the sky](#) during a Sunday mass in Cloera, Ireland, in 1211. The rope was then pulled taut. It dragged along the ground before becoming caught on the arch of the church. A crowd gathered to witness the event. As they looked toward the heavens to see where the rope came from, they could vaguely make out the hull of a ship.

After 10 minutes or so, a figure was seen exiting the ship, and it made its way down toward the anchor. The figure was said to move like a swimmer diving into water. As the figure noticed the crowd that had gathered, he panicked and headed back to the vessel, cutting the rope before the ship sailed away. The anchor was allegedly put on display in the church.

The story is [remarkably similar](#) to one told by chronicler Gervase of Tilbury around the same time. Churchgoers were leaving Sunday mass in an unspecified English village and noticed an anchor caught on a tombstone in the graveyard. Attached to the anchor was a rope that stretched up into the clouds. In this tale, a man also descended the rope, but the villagers grabbed him. The man then died, apparently due to Earth’s dense, humid air.

5 Flying Saucer Over Kii Province, Japan, 1180

The term “flying saucer” is widely accepted to have been [coined in 1947](#) by a newspaper reporter who

heard Kenneth Arnold describe UFOs he saw while flying. The pilot described how the UFOs moved like a saucer skipping over water. Although Arnold himself didn't use the term, the phrase "flying saucers" began to appear in newspapers across the world shortly thereafter.

However, at least one Japanese fisherman used a similar phrase 800 years earlier, when he and several fellow fishermen were witness to a strange sighting in the night sky. The unusually bright object was described as an "[earthen-ware vessel](#)." The UFO was [first sighted](#) coming from Mount Nyoigadake in the Kii province, heading in a northeasterly direction. However, it suddenly altered its direction and sped off over the horizon, leaving nothing but a bright, luminous trail.

4 General Yoritsune Orders The First UFO Investigation, Japan, 1235

If Japan can make a legitimate claim to the term "flying saucer," then they may also be able to boast about ordering the [first official investigation](#) of a UFO sighting, recorded in the *Azuma Kagami* (a medieval Japanese text). In 1235, 55 years after the Kii province sightings, General Yoritsune and his troops were encamped for the night when they witnessed strange lights in the night sky.

The display went on for hours, with the lights encircling each other and moving through the sky in loops. Obviously shaken, Yoritsune ordered his most intelligent men to look into the matter and report back to him. Interestingly enough, their findings were very similar to many modern-day "investigations," in that they assured the general that there was nothing sinister about what they had witnessed. They said it was "completely natural" and simply "the wind, [making the stars sway](#)."

3 The First Documented UFO Sighting In North America, Massachusetts, 1638

Recorded in the journal of Governor John Winthrop is what is widely regarded as the first documented UFO sighting in North America. Winthrop wrote that a usually "sober, discreet" man named James Everell (along with two others who weren't named) witnessed a great light in the night sky over the banks of the Muddy River, near Boston.

The witnesses stated that when the object stood still, it "flamed up," and when it was in motion it

"took the shape of a swine." This would have been the easiest reference that Everell, who was a pig farmer, would have had for what he witnessed. The UFO may have been a cigar-shaped object. The three witnesses followed the lights for about 1.6 kilometers (1 mi), noting that it was "[swift as an arrow](#)" as it moved along, before it disappeared from their view. Winthrop's account of the incident is only one known to exist.

2 The Great Ball Of Fire Over Robozero, Russia, 1663

Just after 12:00 PM on August 15, 1663, the majority of the inhabitants of Robozero, Russia, were at the village's church. They heard the sound of a "great crash from out of the heavens," causing them to flock outside to see what had happened.

Heading toward them was a "ball of fire" out of the clear blue sky, which had two "fiery beams" in front of it. It moved across the sky, over the church, and out toward the lake, disappearing out of sight.

An hour later, the object reappeared over the lake and moved within 500 meters (1,600 ft) of the villagers before vanishing once more. When it appeared a third time, it filled "all who saw it with [great dread](#)," as this time, it stayed above the village for an hour and a half. Fishermen on the lake were burned by the "fire" that the object omitted as it passed over them, and the whole lake was lit up as if it was rust.

1 Mass UFO Sighting Over Tennessee College, 1853

In the early morning hours of June 1, 1853, several students awoke to witness [two objects](#) in the night sky above the campus of Tennessee College. One of the objects was described as a moon, the other as a star. While the moon-like object began to grow smaller until it vanished from sight, the other grew larger and then appeared to change form, first into a globe and then into an elongated shape that was level with the horizon.

Professor A.C. Carnes recorded the account in a letter he wrote to the *Scientific American*:
The first then became visible again, and increased rapidly in size, while the other diminished, and the two spots kept changing thus for about half an hour. There was considerable wind at the time, and light fleecy clouds passed by, showing the lights to be [confined to one place](#).

The students sought answers for what they had seen from Carnes and other professors on campus, but no one could offer a satisfactory explanation. Carnes himself theorized that it could have been electrical energy of some kind, while *Scientific American* speculated that it could have been atmospheric moisture in the clouds. Officially, however, the incident is still unexplained.

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**Possibly, Just Maybe,
it is a Real UFO in Minnesota
By Lisa Marie, June 14, 2016**

<http://krforadio.com/possibly-just-maybe-it-is-a-real-ufo/>

Maybe you believe in UFOs, which is an unidentified flying object. Lights, moving fast and big. Just what could it be?

National UFO Reporting Center or NUFORC, has a long list of sightings in Minnesota. Some reports have a long description. Others just a few lines.

There is another site to report sightings – Mufon, Mutual UFO Network.

By the way, NUFORC and Mufon are not the only people that investigate UFO sightings. The CIA and the British government each have a special force to investigate.

Yes UFOs have been reported in our area. The NUFORC detailed list is in date order. I wonder if some are the same sighting? Some dates have more reports than others. Are you ready?

February 2016: A report was made in Faribault that the sighting lasted for three hours and there are lots of details with 12 or more UFOs.

February 2016: A family in Preston had a sighting that lasted 20 minutes. The report said an object hovered over a field and vanished.

September 2015: Someone was traveling near Owatonna and noticed a bright white light with red and green lights beside it. The object moved very fast.

August 2015: Two people stargazing in Faribault with astronomy binoculars noticed a light and object. At one time it had gotten close and they

noticed it was quiet. The two also noticed another set of lights but that appeared to be an aircraft.

August 2015: For one to two seconds, out walking in Owatonna, someone noticed a large white ball in the sky with a green tail that was very long. It was claimed to have been larger than a meteor and silent.

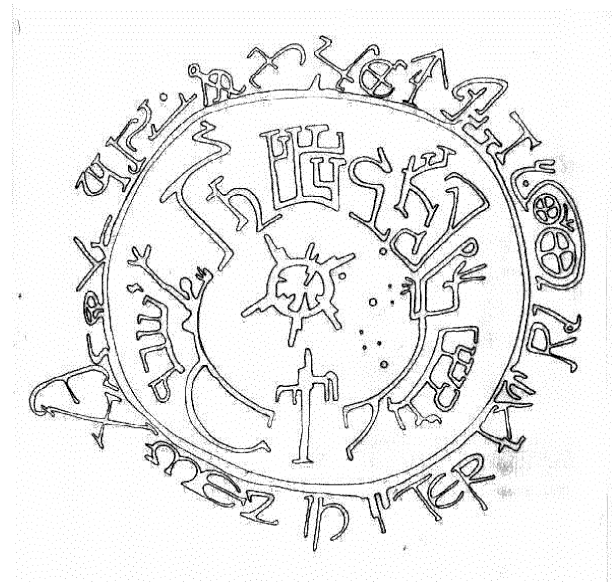
August 2015: A short report from Dodge Center stated that someone noticed a slim, round dish hovering in the sky for 45 minutes.

These are just a select few from our area in the past year. It doesn't seem that unusual to see something flying around out there. If we are not alone, let's hope they're more like E.T. than Independence Day.

**Alien Symbols: Index of Alphabets,
Insignias, Maps, Star Charts and
Symbols**

<http://www.abduct.com/symbols/so1.php>

Alien Star Chart Shown to Minnesota Man



Manuel is an abductee from Minnesota who has been shown many strange symbols and pictures by the aliens. He knows the meaning of some of the symbols and drawings. He is hoping to find other abductees who recognize this star chart and what it means. Here is what he explained about the drawing.

He said, "This is a particular piece. I have almost a ream of symbols related to 'memories' I now know

to be implanted and 'received' that come from possible contact experiences."

"I have material I am compelled to transcribe which are Rune-like in appearance. I have been compiling them since 1978. I call them automatic writings. I drew this symbol below in 1990 and it was finally translated in 1997. I know what it means. I have recent material that may have been the result of a recent abduction experience. Something is up. Secondly, do any abductees report being told that they are 'mission engineers'? I really need to know."

COUSINS POSSIBLE ALIEN ABDUCTION IN MINNESOTA

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<http://www.findingufu.tv/cousins-possible-alien-abduction-minnesota/>

JULY 14, 2003 – GLENWOOD, MINNESOTA

These events happened when I was 14 years old, and it included myself and my cousin. The day wasn't anything out of the ordinary. During the summertime Minnesota can get pretty hot, and we were in the middle of a hot summer that year. All through the day of wandering through the local parks, swimming in the local lake, and then hanging out at my cousin's house at night we didn't experience anything out of the ordinary. At that age we would always attempt to stay awake as long as we could and squeeze what time we could get out of the summer.

When we finally decided that we were going to go to bed, we both found ourselves uncomfortably hot. Wandering down stairs, we looked around the kitchen trying to get something to make us cold again. Fans, cold water douses, or soaked towels. We couldn't get cool. We weren't to the point of sickness about it, we just couldn't take the sticky heat. And so we decided to fill a couple spray bottles normally used for fending off cats from plants, and use them to mist our faces. We both ended up in the living room connected to the kitchen.

All the lights were off and we both were laying on the floor. Talking, laughing, complaining about how hot it was. The living room had a wall of three windows all facing a slight rise in

the ground that led upwards towards the next property. This "divider" also had many trees planted giving it the look like a wooded area. Of course the length from just outside the window to the lawn of the next person up the hill was probably around 50-60ft. The windows were probably around 3-4ft off the ground from their base. And the window that was important, was the middle window. My cousin and I talked for quite a while, trying to pass the time until exhaustion would overtake our annoyance about the heat. Very suddenly my cousin stopped talking and in the midst of misting my face, I called for him by name. When I didn't receive a response, I looked over at him. Previously he had been laying flat on his back on the floor, spraying his face every now and again.

Now when I looked over at him, he was slightly propped up on his arms and staring intently at the middle window. A few more times I called his name, each time becoming a little bit more worried about what was going on. Of course then I decided to see what he was looking at. When I looked over towards the middle window, I saw what he was looking at. No limbs, no body, just the head of a creature just poking above the bottom of the window. Shape of it's head was like an upside down tear-drop, the same head that has been reported by so many people. Two very slightly slanted black eyes, and not very many other discernible facial features.

There was a direct connection, from the creature's posture I could tell that this thing and my cousin were locked onto each other. I watched in horror for around 20 seconds before this thing turned to looked at me. I would say we only locked gazes for about five seconds before this thing disappeared. But it didn't just "vanish", I could see it had moved to it's left and to my right at an unbelievable speed. I can remember so vividly that day. I can remember getting a pizza from a certain local gas station and enjoying it with my cousin, Uncle, and Aunt. I remember how it progressed into that night, playing video games until we tried to sleep. I remember how hot it was, how heavy the air felt.

I can remember laughing about our predicament together while laying in that living room. I don't know if I missed time, or if it was the heat, but I don't remember what happened after seeing that thing. The next day, we were sleeping up in his room on the top floor of the house. We both remembered seeing that thing, still to this day we could tell the story identically. But neither of us remember how we got back to bed that day. It was the first and only time I have seen one of these things, but it is not the first time that I have suspected something.

Minnesota UFO Reports

Occurred : 6/12/2016 01:05

Location: Shakopee, MN

Shape: Other

Duration:5 minutes

Driving south on a major highway in the city a red/orange large bell shaped object seemed to float thousands of feet above a local event venue. Was not a balloon, as it was far larger than practical for any event. The moon was behind the witness ruling that out as well. Far to large to be any other known celestial body or man made object. After 5 minutes, the object disappeared behind what appeared to be clouds. ((NUFORC Note: Witness elects to remain totally anonymous; provides no contact information. PD))

Location: United States, Minnesota, Duluth

Event Date: 05/04/2016 Event Time: 23:00

Craft Shape: Star shaped Number of objects: 1

Additional Details: Object had lights

Report Details:

Out looking at stars on night of 5/4/2016 about 11 PM. One fairly bright star just dimmed out and I thought nothing of it. About 2 minutes later it was there again for about 30 seconds and it dimmed out again. I watched it do this about 6 times in a row. It was really high up and could have been in space cause I thought it could've been a satellite but it stayed in the same position and never moved. I thought nothing of it till my daughter came by my house on 5/6/2016 and asked if we heard about the UFO. She told me quite a few people had seen this light dimming out and coming back on up high in the sky. She told me people had seen it from Duluth, Mn; Superior, Wi; and a few other outlying small towns.

Location: United States, Minnesota, Benson

Event Date: 03/20/2015 Event Time: 10:23

Craft Shape: Disc Number of objects: 1

Additional Details: Object had lights, Object made a sound, Electrical or magnetic effects were present

Report Details:

I was driving home from work, my radio started to not work for any radio station, static white noise, so I turned it off. Then an object manifested above the road in front of me out of nowhere. It turned into a GIANT ball of Blinding light. My car electrical system went crazy when the object manifested. In fear, I hit the gas pedal to the floor, the sounds through the radio were unnatural, and my lights in my car and my headlights were glitching. The object remained above the road, which was now behind me at this point, I grabbed my phone as I'm accelerating to call my mom, but my phone wouldn't turn on. The object started to follow me getting closer and closer. At this point, I'm going so fast and my car lights are still glitching, but the way I could see the road in front of me is from the UFO's light. It made the road look like it's day time. By the time it easily caught up to me, it was right over me and I could here a deafning vibrating buzz sound, the light blinding me through my sunroof, I was so scared for my life I thought I was dead then like a light switch, gone. It vanished and my car almost turned off, but it regained power, then my electrical system was back to normal, my radio was playing music and I was so rattled. It chased me for about 1 mile. I drove home going like 80 mph but I felt like I was going so slow. I got home, ran inside and told my parents what happened, I didn't settle down and I couldn't the whole night. Whatever chased me that night was not from this world.

Location: United States, Minnesota, Fridley

Event Date: 02/22/2016 Event Time: 12:30

Craft Shape: Cigar Number of objects: 1

Additional Details: Object had lights

Report Details:

The most Steven Spielberg UFO you could imagine. Oblong with blue lights on the ends, white light and red light in the middle. Slowly flying south over the interstate and following the river. Moving too slow for a plane. At first I thought it was a red light on a tower. I almost went off the road. I turned around to see it again but it was gone.

The True Story of Travis Walton **Sat. July 9th, 2 PM**

When: Saturday, July 9, 2016 2:00 PM

Where: New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th St NW, New Brighton, MN 55112

This is a Do Not Miss meeting of the monthly MN MUFON featuring the new Travis Walton documentary followed by a Skype interview with Travis.

Travis: The True Story of Travis Walton recounts one of the most well-documented UFO cases of all time. The event took place in the Sitgreaves National Forest near Heber, Arizona November 5, 1975 when a logging crew of seven men encounters a craft of unknown origin. As one of the crew members gets too close to the object, the craft reacts with a light beam that knocks him unconscious. The event changed their lives forever.

Travis: The True Story of Travis Walton - <http://traviswaltonthemovie.com/>

The film documents how these men struggle to make sense of the event enduring humiliation, job losses and lifelong ridicule.

Numerous production companies have supported the production, providing special effects, artwork, animation, and re-enactments to bring this story to life as it has never been done before. Travis's story became a book called Fire in the Sky by Travis Walton, and a movie by the same name (1993), made by Paramount Pictures.

The Travis Walton UFO story commemorates the 40th anniversary of this incident. Jennifer W. Stein's documentary has recently won two EBE Film Festival awards: the People's Choice and the Best Long Documentary Film at the February 2015 Open Minds International UFO Congress.

MN MUFON will be showing the documentary film from 2:15 to 3:45, following a 15 minute break. At 4 p.m. we will be interviewing Travis via Skype.

Cost is \$3 for MUFON members, \$5 for non-members (you can join the MUFON organization through the MUFON website at: www.mufon.com)

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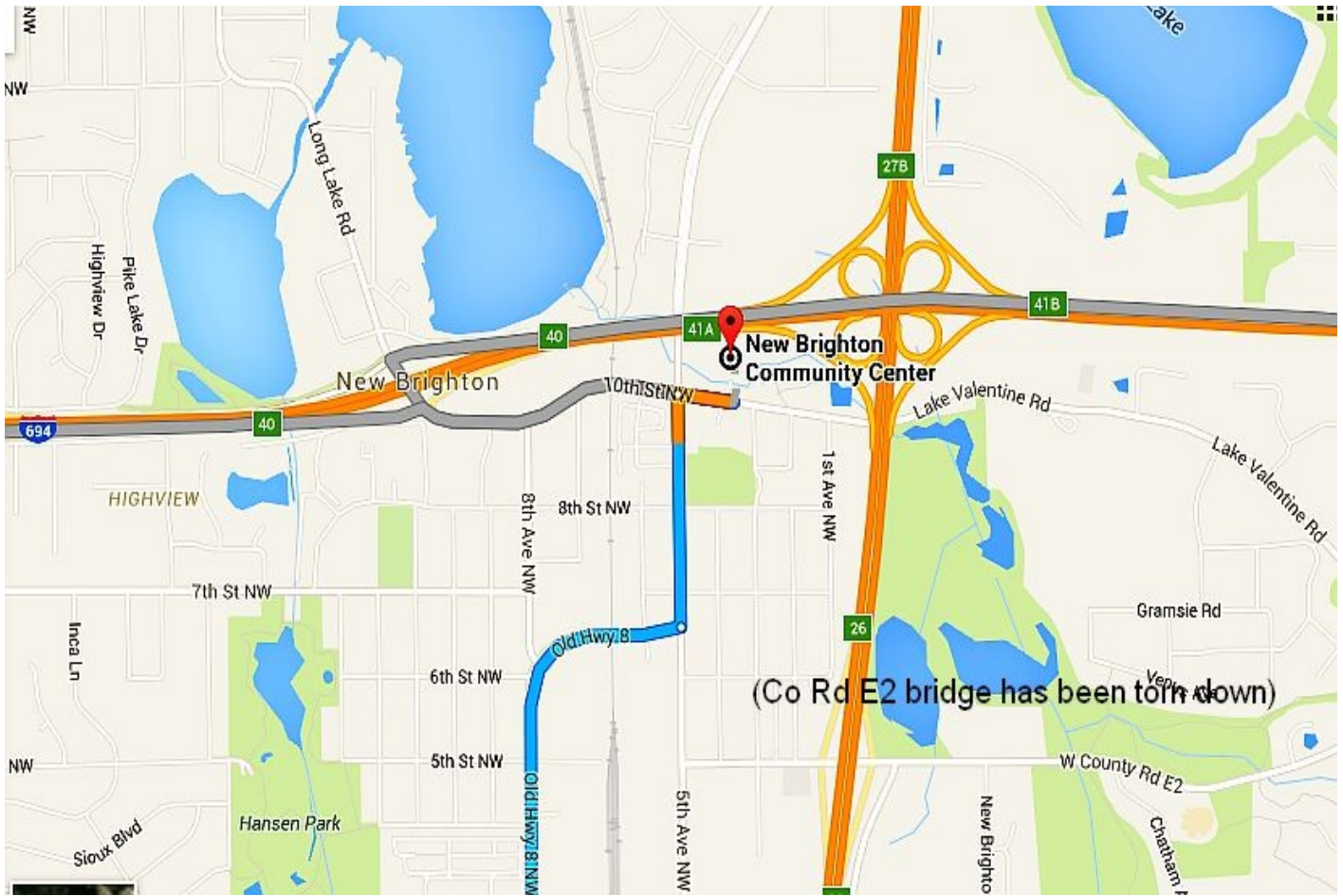
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