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HUGE UFO OVER MINNESOTA



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On March 18, 1978, Leo Giampietro and his wife drove to Palm Springs from their Huntington Beach, California home. Palm Springs is a resort town where the affluent and "garden-variety" people go to relax in the warm winter sunshine. It was an enjoyable Saturday for the Giampietros. They mingled with the celebrities and the tourists. Mrs. Giampietro even did some shopping. The hours go by rapidly when you are having fun and soon it was time to head back home.

Leo, a cosmetologist by trade, is 26 years old. He has a deep thirst for knowledge and enrolls in college each semester. One of his many interests is the space-program. He is a student pilot and has a keen interest in all types of aircraft. Although he reads a lot, Leo had not read any UFO literature and did not pay much attention to the subject. Now he searches everywhere for information about UFOs.

At approximately 3:30 in the afternoon Leo and his wife were returning home from Palm Springs.

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On the 22nd of March more than fifty people in Washington County, Minnesota observed an airborne object which all described as huge, with red lights and making no sound. A study of the reports indicates that the UFO was first seen at 9:15 p.m. by a family in Chisago City and it was traveling on a NNE to SSW course. It was last sighted at Mahtomedi, a small town Northeast of St. Paul. The following is the basic information from some of the witnesses:

Cynthia Darr, 15, and her friend Kari Driver, also 15, were on the patio of the Darr's mobile home at Chisago City at 9:15 p.m. when they noticed "7 or 8" red lights arranged in a horizontal position at 30 degrees elevation in the west. At treetop level, the object appeared to be about 500 yards away and hovering. Cynthia called the rest of the family--Greg, 16, Jeff, 13, and Mrs. Darr. They all watched as the object began to move south toward Scandia, at a very low speed, estimated at 10 miles per hour. When it started moving the lights began moving; the lights on the trailing end of the object began moving forward, over and between the lights on the front, then back to the original position. They could make out no shape behind or around the lights. As the lights crossed Highway 8, the youngsters got into the car and chased the object for three miles. They went west on Highway 8, and turned south on the first dirt road and headed south, but the object finally moved out of their range as they could no longer get closer because of the lack of roads leading in its direction. The Darrs watched the object for a total of 30 minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hawkinson who live near Goose Lake, watched an object which hovered to the east of them, then moved slowly south, for a period of 10 minutes. Hawkinson counted 12 to 15 lights, on two levels, giving a curved, circular appearance.

Ted Zempel of Scandia was on his way home from church with his wife at 9:15 when they saw five red lights about one fourth mile ahead of them which they thought were a formation of helicopters. They stopped the car and watched the lights which moved slowly from north to south at very low speed until out of sight. They heard absolutely no sound.

Bill Woelker, who lives 2 miles east of the Zempels, saw the same 5 lights at 9:15 and was able to make out a shape on the underside. He heard a low buzzing sound, which none of the other witnesses reported.

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