

MARCH 31, 1966 – VICKSBURG MICHIGAN

Early on the morning of March 31, Jeno Udvardy, a 1956 Hungarian refugee, was driving home (*) from a late work shift near Vicksburg, Michigan. When he reached the crest of a hill (**) he saw a cluster of lights on the road ahead which he assumed was an ambulance at an accident. He slowed and approached cautiously.

When within about 10 feet of the lights, he suddenly realized that they were not on any recognizable vehicle.

Instead they were seen to be on a disc-shaped object hovering a few feet above the road and blocking his passage.

Brilliant lights from the object, some steady and some blinking, concealed some details of the object. Udvardy became frightened and tried to back away from the strange object. At that moment his car was buffeted violently as if by strong gusts of wind.

Then he saw what he first thought was another object hovering behind his car, but a quick glance ahead showed that the object was no longer on the road ahead.

Apparently it had darted overhead and taken a new position behind him. The same pattern of lights was visible on the object.

Udvardy then realized that his motor had stalled. (It is not known whether this was due to electro-magnetic interference as reported in many cases, but he could easily have stalled the car in the excitement of the moment). He rolled down his window and looked out.

For the first time he heard a low humming sound like a swarm of bees.

Moments later, the UFO rose abruptly and sped off at a steep angle, disappearing in the eastern sky.

Having experienced Communist terrorism and other violence in his native country, Udvardy told the NICAP investigator, he did not scare easily. But this encounter with something unknown had shaken him. The incident probably lasted less than a minute, but, for many minutes Udvardy sat in the car regaining his composure before he was able to drive home.

At his wife's urging he reported the experience to the Kalamazoo Sheriff's office. He later became somewhat bitter over the ridicule his report evoked. However, he stuck to his story in the face of skepticism though he had nothing to gain from it.

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Source: *Michigan's Rich UFO Sighting History* by Billy Booth

On March 31, 1966, Hungarian refugee, Jeno Udvardy, was driving home from work in the early morning hours near Vicksburg. As he came over the crest of a hill, he was shocked to see a grouping of lights on the road ahead. He thought it might be an ambulance, or other emergency vehicles. He slowed down as he edged closer to the lights ahead. He soon realized the lights were coming from a disc-shaped object, hovering just above the road. When within about 10 feet of the lights, he suddenly realized that they were not on any recognizable vehicle. Instead they were on a disc-shaped object

hovering a few feet above the road and blocking his passage. The lights were so intense it made it was difficult to discern the exact shape of the UFO.

He soon felt his car moved by what seemed to be a great gust of wind. Looking behind his car, he saw what he thought was another UFO, but looking back, he realized the first object had somehow moved from the front to the rear of his vehicle. Trying to make an escape, he found that his car would not start.

Sticking his head out of the window, he could hear a low, humming sound. Shortly thereafter, the UFO rose up, and sped away. He later reported his encounter with the Kalamazoo Sheriff's office, but his report received only skepticism. His case was never properly investigated

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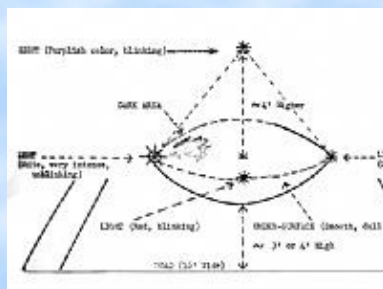
Source: Mufon Journal – Date of the event: March 30 (?), 1966

Carpenter Jenő Udvardy (32), a refugee from the 1956 Hungarian uprising and former member of the Hungarian Air Force, was driving home from a late work shift when, at the crest of a hill on 27th Street, he noticed a cluster of lights several hundreds of meters ahead on a straight level section of the highway. Thinking there had been an accident he slowed down. When he was within 3 meters of what he thought was an ambulance obstructing the road, he realized that the object had no wheels or other means of support, so he braked hard. His headlights illuminated the smooth rounded under surface of a dull gray object hovering about 1 meter above the road. He was not able to see more details because of the intense white light on the left of the object. There was also red blinking light in the

center and a green blinking light on the right and above the object was a purple flashing light; Jeno, now frightened, put the car into reverse. As he did so, his car was buffeted violently, as if by a strong wind and he then saw that the object was suddenly hovering over the road at a higher altitude. Now his vehicle motor stalled and he rolled down the window to get a better look. As he did so, Jeno heard a low hum, like a swarm of bees, come from the object. Moments later it rose abruptly, sped off at a steep angle and disappeared in the west. The incident lasted about 1 minute.

(*) Today Jeno Udvardy (85) lives in Portage, Mi.

(**) There's no hill on South 27th Street in Vicksburg.



Sketch of the craft



Alleged site of the incident, today

**Reliability evaluation:
medium**

**one witness only, insufficient or non correct data,
no investigation, no evidences, possible confusion,
the event took place 2 weeks after the famous “swamp-gas”
declaration of J. A. Hynek concerning Frank Mannor’s and
Ann Arbor cases**

