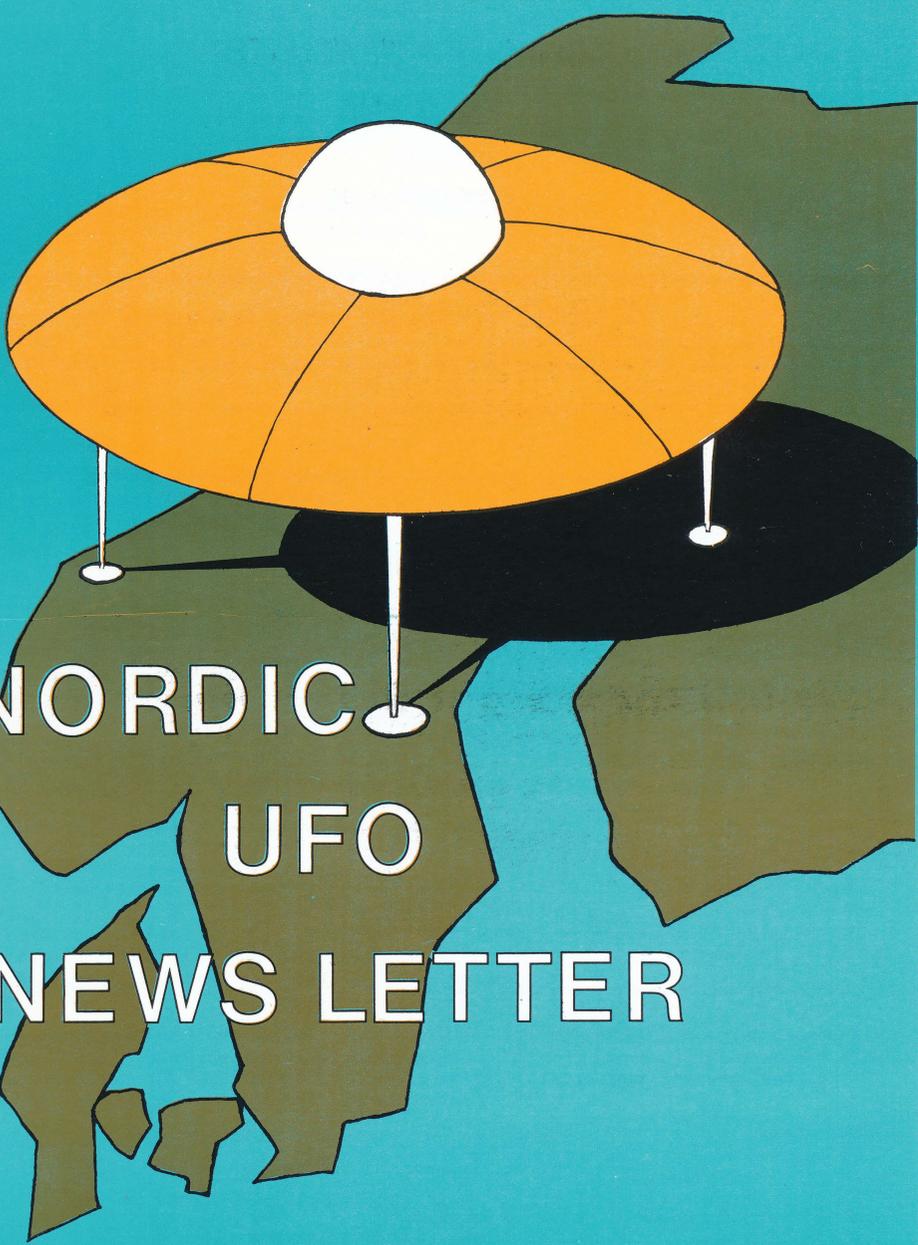


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CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE THIRD KIND IN SMÅLAND

By Håkan Sterner

Date: Friday 3 February 1984

Time: Around 1.50 am

Place: Between Växjö and Tingryd

Witness: Ante Jonsson

Nature of sighting: Several huge objects together with creatures

A dark night a little more than a year ago something very strange and dramatic happened close by a road between Växjö and Tingsryd. A man was pulled out of his car and came close of being abducted by small strange creatures. This was short after he almost had collided with a UFO that had landed on the road... The man was Ante Jonsson, 41 years of age and living in Tingsryd. He claims that he experienced this spooky and incredible event the night towards 3 February 1984.

Ante Jonsson had spent the evening with some friends in Ingelstad, a village 12 miles south of Växjö. At 1.00 am he left to drive south towards his home in Tingsryd about 14 miles distant.

He tells: "The road was slippery and it started to snow. I went on a bit slower and I slowed down even more just before a meadow where I knew that mooses used to cross the road. It was a couple of miles before the village Väckelsång. Just before that meadow I met a pedestrian on the other side of the road. When I reached the meadow I saw something through my left side window that made me look twice. I turned the handle to open the window and to my big surprise I saw something huge and oblong hovering, without making a sound, just a few feet above the distant part of the meadow. It should have been almost 350 feet away and appeared to be 250-300 feet long and 30 feet high. The shape looked like a submarine with curved ends and something rising up from the middle. The external erection was longer and more curved at the top than the tower on a submarine. No light could be seen from the object - it was completely black. Although dark and snowing its outlines could easily be seen. I looked for the pedestrian I spotted earlier, but no one could be seen beside the road anylonger. Then I came to think of my camera and that it would be fantastic if I could take a picture of such a strange object. I was sure that it wasn't any airplane or any other normal object. Since I am rather interested in photographing I usually bring my camera along when I drive longer distances, but this time I naturally hadn't brought it along. I therefore decided to drive home to fetch it and take a chance on that the strange craft would remain sited. It was really hovering without moving. As fast as I could - despite the slippery road - I returned home, rushed in and got hold of my camera. My wife who was sleeping woke up and wondered what was going on. I explained in a hurry what I had seen north of Väckelsång and I was going to drive back to take some pictures".

UFO blocking the road

"When I returned to the site I became disappointed to see that the object was gone. The snowing had stopped. I looked around while I slowly drove along the road. There was no traffic and I can't remember meeting a single car either when I drove home or back again. I soon quit searching and thought of turning back at a sideroad further along. Just before I was to slow down to turn around I spotted something blocking the road just pass the crossing. I got all shook up and stepped on the break, which made the car skid and turn a full circle on the road. It stopped just a few feet from a large and high object that was completely black, just like the one from the meadow. The headlights shone on the matte surface of the object. The object was 50-60 feet wide and maybe 20-30 feet high. Beneath the object I could see three bulges that looked like

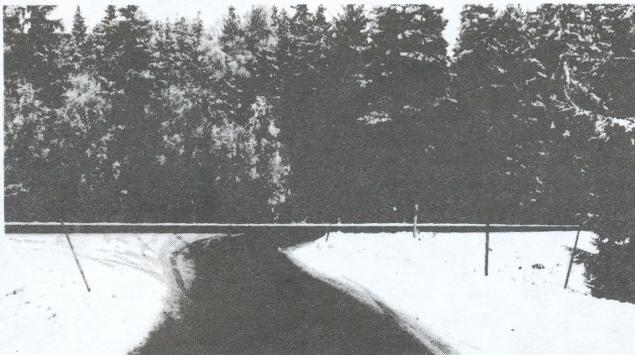
protons on some boats. It was really frightening and I had only one thing in mind: to get the hell out of there. I turned the car around at the crossing, but a bit too fast. It began sliding towards a snowdrift at the side of the road. When I tried to back the car out of the drift it was stuck. When I looked behind me I could to my relief see that the object was gone".

The shock

"I opened the car door to try to push the car free. I had just got my foot out when someone grabbed my left arm. A small creature 4-5 feet high and dressed in some kind of cowl that hid his face. The body shape looked "square" just like the head. I don't remember what the arms and hands looked like and I couldn't see any legs - maybe the cowl hid them. The creature pulled me out of the car with surprising strength. I got real scared and screamed and tried to pull free from the grip of the creature. Soon I also got free and started running towards some houses I knew of close by. But I had only ran a few feet when a couple of new creatures appeared in the dark and jumped towards me. They pulled my clothes and tried to get me further away from the road. With an increasing fear I realised why. When looking in that direction I saw another object, or maybe it was the same that stood on the road earlier, hovering 60-80 feet



Ante Jonsson



The crossing seen from the sideroad

above some open fields close by the road about 500 feet away. This craft made no sound either. I totally panicked and fought to get free. Then the surroundings were lighted by a car coming from the north. Suddenly the creatures released me and left and I saw a truck come rolling and slowing down before crossing. I tried to run back to the car, but fell on the ground exhausted or maybe it was the shock. The last few feet I crawled in the snow - my legs wouldn't carry me. After I had reached the car I don't remember anything before I woke up at the hospital in Växjö".

This was Ante's story. About 1.50 am a phonecall was placed to the police in Växjö. A man in a car travelling north on Road 30 had seen something strange a few miles north of Väckelsång and driven back to a phonebooth in the village. He wanted to report a car with the lights on in a snowdrift by the road. Over the road an object hovered. The man reported his name and said that he was going to wait for the police to arrive. But unfortunately he didn't and has not been heard from since then.

Two policemen arrived and found Ante sitting in his car in a state of shock. He was brought to Växjö Hospital and could after receiving tranquillizer gradually tell what had happened. After examination one could see that apart from the state of shock Ante was completely well. No signs of mental illness could be found either.

For a long time Ante refused to talk about his experience, because he rea-

lized he risked becoming a public laughing-stock. He therefore asked the police to keep the event secret. Gradually his disappointment with the authorities grew because of their lack to take any action. Both the police and military authorities had been informed about the event, but neither seemed to take it for real. He means that any real investigation was never made. Therefore Ante finally contacted Kvällsposten (an evening newspaper) and revealed the whole story. The result was a large sensational article 22 November 1984.

Conflicting statements

Most details in the story from Ante was of course impossible to confirm. What can be confirmed is that in the area Ante was attacked no civil or military air-traffic took place. No other military activities was taking place in the area. The weather report as received from Växjö Airport tells about a cloudy sky, about zero degrees Centigrade, wind from east; 7-9 feet/sec and good visibility.

After a careful reconstruction of the course of event a time schedule has been made for the events. By comparing this with the statements from one of the police officers who found Ante, Ante's wife and some other persons indirectly involved, one comes up with a messy and conflicting picture of the event. There could be different explanations to this. Almost a year has passed since the event and that could cause that Ante didn't remember all the details any more. Another explanation could be that Ante's experience was published both in Kvällsposten and the local newspaper Kronobergaren with different description of the details. Those who now has left reports could easily have mixed what they had known with what they later read in the papers.

Some circumstances can in some parts confirm Ante's story:

1. Ante himself. He is a settled person with work, wife and children. He appears to be engaging and is calm and sensible. It could also be pointed out that he is a teetotaller. His free time he uses for photographing and model building of old cultural buildings. He has been noticed for his cultural work the last years.
2. The person who called the police reporting seeing an object hovering above the road beside Ante's car.
3. The policemen found Ante in a state of shock and this condition was confirmed from the hospital.
4. A lot of persons in the area of Tingsryd and north of the area have reported different kinds of UFO phenomena for many years. Only a couple of



miles from the site where Ante saw a huge object, a strange UFO sighting was made exactly a year earlier by four witnesses. An investigation of this and other events is being conducted and a combination will be done as soon as possible.

Some conditions of this case have weaknesses; especially the mysterious phonecall from the secretive driver to the police.

There is some uncertainty as regards this phonecall, both what was said, who placed the call and why he didn't show up or was heard from after the event. He said his name was Bengt Johansson, which is almost the only clue one has in the search for him. Maybe he was afraid of getting involved as a witness to "a flying saucer story" and therefore has been out of touch. It is unfortunate that Bengt Johansson (if it is his real name) never was heard from again. The point is: can his sighting at the spoken of crossing confirm Ante's story or not?



Ante in the crossing where he was attacked by the small creatures. Somewhat left of the roadsigns his car was stuck in a snowdrift. In the background the main road goes southwards.

The events north of Väckelsång 3 February 1984 are puzzling and really on the edge of reality. The investigation conducted by members of Malmö UFO-Jour has this far been prolix and hard to perform. All details concerning this investigation of the case has not been presented in this short report. Nothing has been found that puts any doubt to Ante's story. It seems to be more in favour of Ante's story than against. But to get closer to knowing is not possible at this point.

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UFO FLAP OVER VÄSTERÅS

By Stig Aggestad

Date: Around Christmas and New Year 1984/85

Time: Mostly in the evening, from 4.30 pm to 1.00 am

Place: Västerås, in the eastern part of Sweden

Witnesses: Several

Nature of sightings: Strange light phenomena (Nocturnal Lights)

"I was sitting in bed reading at about 1 am when the room suddenly was lighted. When I ran to the window I saw the source of light come flying from northeast. It was as large as the street lamps I could see beside E18 outside my house".

Marianne Gustafsson in Bomansgatan in Västerås became the first of many witnesses observing strange light phenomena around Christmas and New Year 1984/85. It was Friday night 21 December 1984 that Marianne saw the strong light above the multi-store building in Vitmorgatan.

"The light stopped and grew in size for a second, before it shrank to a tiny spot of light and made a change of direction and disappeared towards north", Marianne tells. "I called the police and they informed me that another person had called them about the strange light".

"The police had no theories of what it could have been and neither have I", Marianne Gustafsson ends.

Next in turn was the Åkerman family in Malmbergsgatan in Västerås. They were watching a late movie on TV at 11.40 pm Sunday 30 December when the wife Reeta spotted a large flash outside the window.

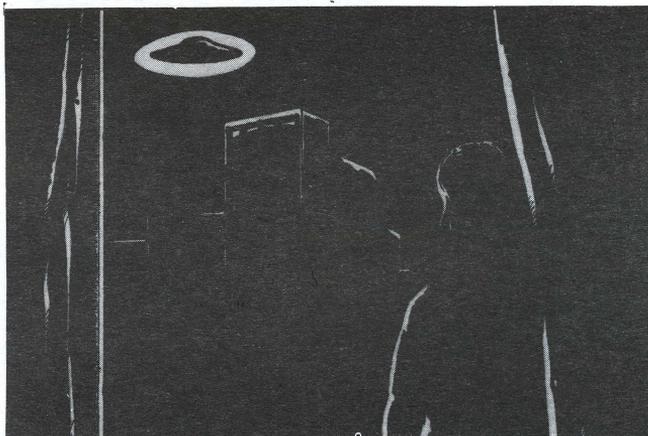
"It lighted the sky for 2-3 seconds", she tells. "It looked very strange...". When her husband came to the window they could see a yellow-orange ball lighting up in the sky about 700-900 feet up.

"The ball speeded towards northwest and flew with vibrating movements out of sight", Sven-Olof establishes. "The light seemed to be directed for it didn't shine all around it and I don't believe it was a new year's eve rocket or other pyrotechnical equipment that could have caused these effects", Sven Olof Åkerman ends.

Roland Åhlén in Dingtuna outside Västerås saw something strange on New Year's Eve 1984 at 4.30 pm.

"I suddenly saw a stationary object in northwest. It looked like a ball surrounded by light that was strongest below", Roland tells. "After a while the object started on a straight course towards west".

"It didn't look like new year's rockets or fireworks that we saw later in the evening", Roland Åhlén finally assures.



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Lisa Moxness Vestli, who lives just beside Åbrua to the east of Tynset, who discovered the "candy" in the sky at about 9.25 pm on Monday 18 February 1985. She caught sight of the strange phenomenon in the bright, starry wintersky: the temperature being below -30 degrees Centigrade. The object hovered motionless for almost half an hour before it disappeared in the direction of Folldal.

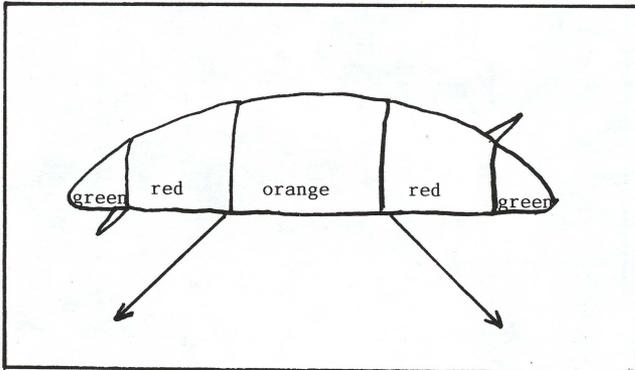
Tynset is a rather small country community, situated high in the Gudbrandsdalen valley, in the central regions of southeastern Norway.

Lisa herself has no explanation for the phenomenon. She has never seen anything like it before, nor have the three children in the house: Anders Martin Korslund Nordli, Ingun Bjørge and Kjetil Bjørge. These children were spending their winter holiday at Tynset, and have obviously had an experience they will not soon forget.

A cigarshaped UFO

The strange phenomenon was shaped as a cigar, though more straight on the lower than on the upper side. It was divided into several patches of colour: green, red-orange, red and green once more. At the upper right and below left one could see some strange protrusions.

Most strange, however, were some beams of light which were "shot down" from the object intermittently. These were rather thin, resembling lightning; however, they were completely straight. The beams protruded alternately from both left and right, and were slightly inclined to the ground. They flashed so rapidly that one couldn't see them if one blinked at the same moment.



This is how the UFO looked like, say the four witnesses.
Arrows indicate the direction of the thin light beams.

25 minutes observing time

After having studied the UFO from outside the house, Lisa went inside and observed it together with the three others. Suddenly it descended, and then hurtled through the air towards the west. The UFO disappeared at 9.50 pm; very quickly and without any detectable sound. The witnesses won't estimate its absolute size, for the surroundings were completely dark and hence it was difficult to estimate the distance; however, it must have been very big. Both Lisa and the reporting newspaper "Arbeidets Rett" wonder if there were any other witnesses to this phenomenon.

Report

Lisa Moxness Vestli reported her observation to the leader of UFO-Norge, eastern Norway, Mr. Knut Aasheim, with whom she is well acquainted. Hitherto she hasn't paid much attention to such unexplainable phenomena, but she accepts that there may be things defying logical explanation. However, she seems somewhat uncertain about the nature of her observation; the same holds true for the children. Because of its sheer size, they rule out the possibility it being a star; the object almost resembling a large parachute.

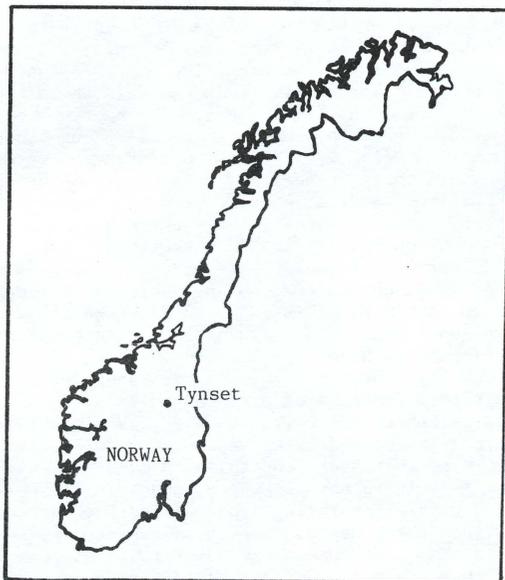
Comments

The UFO-Norge representative, Mr. Knut Aasheim, received a report via telephone three days after the observation. Lisa Moxness Vestli was employed in the same firm as Mr. Aasheim for almost 10 years. She has also earlier reported another strange phenomenon. In January 1979 she was awakened at 3 o'clock in the night by what seemed to be a powerful explosion. The crack was followed by a powerful, humming sound which slowly grew weaker. The whole event lasted for some 5 minutes, but nothing was observed outside the house in the starry night. Two dogs in the house also reacted to the sound.

(Excerpt from the newspaper "Arbeidets Rett" (Røros) 20 February 1985 together with a phone call from the observer 21 February.)

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FINLAND

STRANGE LIGHT PHENOMENON OBSERVED AT SAARIJÄRVI

Date: Monday 29 July 1985

Time: 12.00 pm

Place: Saarijärvi in the vicinity of the town Mahlu, central part of Finland

Witnesses: Olavi Schroderus and Erkki Nieminen

Nature of sighting: Strange sparkling light spot with a light column

Here is the story told by the observer:

"It was Monday 29 July 1985. I, Olavi Schroderus, and Erkki Nieminen were in Erkki's summer cottage during that evening. The weather was calm, very cloudy and dark. We were sitting inside the cottage, watching TV and eating sausages. The time was around 10.30 pm when I went outside in order to move my car from the road. The road was going through the yard of the cottage, so if people should be able to drive to the other cottages nearby, I had to move it. I finally parked the car to a place some 40 m from Erkki's cottage. At that time, nothing unusual could be observed.

At Erkki's cottage the forest road branches off to the shore of Lake Kalajärvi and goes on to the other cottages. I placed my car on the road that leads directly to the shore. Because the electric current to the movable TV-set was becoming inadequate, we had to take the accumulator from Erkki's car. To be able to put the lights on also in the cottage I had to move my car again to the grass in the yard of the cottage. I went to move my car at about 12.00 pm.

When I was walking towards the car, I noticed on the left hand side of the forest road, some 16 m away, a reddish, strangely sparkling light spot on the ground. It was about 0.5 m in diameter. I stopped at once and tried to look for the origin of the light. However, I couldn't see or hear anything. I thought perhaps that the light might be coming from the Lake Kalajärvi. After having been looking around for some 15 seconds, I started to carefully approach the sparkling light on the ground. When I came to a distance of 2 m, I observed that the light was coming down in tapelike sections from an altitude of some 3 m. Thus, the light was not coming from the lake. Again, I made a halt, listening, but couldn't hear anything special. Then I carefully approached the light spot on the ground. Immediately, I began to search for warmth with my hands. I was greatly astonished when I couldn't feel any raise in temperature from the sparkling spot. After having confirmed this, at once I put both hands in the bandlike stream which was flowing from above. All of a sudden, the light clung to my hands while sparkling, and I became enormously scared. I tried to shake it off and rubbed my hands together, but it just spread around. I couldn't feel it at all, however, it didn't have any weight, it didn't burn, and I couldn't sense any smell. When I couldn't feel the light in any way, I dared to take more of it in my hands, taken from about 20 cm off the ground, where the light was more dense. Then I started to run towards the summer cottage with the light sparkling in my hands.

When I was running I held the palms of my hands upright and observed that the light didn't react to the stream of air, caused by my running. When I reached the porch of the cottage, I shouted loudly: "Look Erkki, something strange is taking place on the road". I stormed inside and Erkki was quite perplexed and couldn't say anything. I explained that more of this sparkling thing in my hands was up there on the road, and that I could not feel it in any way in my hands. Still, Erkki was quiet.

When I was showing my sparkling fingers, I stretched them a bit, causing an increasing distance between them. Hence, I observed that it still sparkled from fingertip to fingertip; a distance of some 5 mm. However, it was not very much compared with the light outside which was about 3 m. The tops of the bright areas were not pointing upwards, as normal flames of fire do, but were instead blazing between the fingers. On the fingertips the bright areas pointed out from my body. The bright light didn't

light up the cottage at all. The brightness began to vanish by and by from my fingers after some 30 seconds, and at last it disappeared completely.

Immediately, I went out to reinvestigate the light phenomenon on the forest road, but it too, had disappeared. Erkki didn't follow me outside, but looked through the window, even if he was looking in the wrong direction. He didn't see me, because of the darkness. I tried to listen and see something in the darkness of night perhaps for five minutes, but nothing happened. At last I dared to go to my car, but I was quite afraid. I backed my car to the cottage yard.

During the evening we were thinking what really had taken place. I could not sleep well that night. In the morning we investigated the area where the light phenomenon was seen, but there was not trace of any kind to be found. It was raining a little in the morning. After I had told about the matter at home, we came back on Tuesday (30 July) at the same point of time, together with other persons, but nothing happened.

On Wednesday, I called several professors at the Biological institute and Institute on environmental research at the University of Jyväskylä. They could not give me any complete answers directly. However, they suggested two possibilities, namely fireflies and a kind of luminous bacteria. A firefly emits pointlike light, whereas the light from bacteria is yellow-green. These phenomena, however, are observed mainly around the equator, so they are not satisfactory as an explanation to these phenomena".



Olavi Schroderus showing his hands.

Investigations

Lasse Ahonen from The UFO Research of Finland visited the observation place together with Olavi Schroderus 10 August 1985. The place where the light spot had been, is the left hand side of the forest road, seen from the cottage. Nothing could be seen on the ground where the light spot had been. There were several ant paths on the place, and the small insects seemed to move as usual.

The first observation was made from a distance of 16 m, when only a clearly contrasted reddish light spot was seen on the ground. The diameter was then

50 cm and the thickness 2-3 cm.

When the observer had approached the light spot to a distance of some 2 m away, some kind of light pillar ca. 3 m high, could be seen. Where the light was coming from is unknown, because nothing particular could be seen above the light pillar. The light simply ended at a height of 3 m. It seemed to come down in bandlike wedges. The light on the ground was so dense or so bright that the ground couldn't be seen behind it. On the other hand, the trees behind the light pillar could be observed. Even if the light on the ground was bright, it was not dazzling, however.

The branches of a nearby spruce were very close, but not inside the light pillar. The branches of the trees or the heather close to the light spot on the ground were not lit up.

When the light grabbed the hands of the observer, it didn't illuminate the arms at all. The light was only on the bare skin. The shoes of weren't uplit either, despite being just beside of the light spot. He did not get any aftermath; like eczema, illness or else. The light spot was stationary during the entire time of observation. The time totalled 1-2 minutes.

During the observation the weather was cloudy, very dark and completely without winds. No thunder could be detected; the temperature was about 10 °C.

What caused this phenomenon is still unexplained. It can hardly be an electric phenomenon caused by some manmade electric device, because there is no electricity or power lines in the vicinity. No reflecting objects of any kind were visible, either.

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