PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 Oct. 66 21/0400Z	2. LOCATION Rock Tavern, New York one witness
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other(Locomotive headlight) ✓ JEH
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer watched a round bright white light that appeared to progress very slowly along the top of some hills and a mountain. The light disappeared instantaneously behind the mountain. The observer compared the unknown light to that of a fluorescent lamp. The light never appeared to become completely airborne. Investigating officer conclusions are that the observer saw the light on a railroad locomotive. A train trestle, terrain features, and pin-pointing the spot where the observer was support this conclusion. Rail traffic usually passes on the trestle in the vicinity of midnight. The NY State Police at Monroe stated that they had numerous reports at different times of the same phenomena. In all cases this turned out to be rail traffic on the trestle.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE N/A	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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20 OCT 66 Rock Tavern, N.Y.

A. Description of the Object(s):

1. Shape: round

2. Size compared to a know object: compared to a pea held at arms length.

3. Color: bright, white light

4. Number: one

5. Formation, if more than one: N/A

6. Any discernible features or details: compared light to fluorescent lamp.

7. Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s): None.

8. Sound; if heard, describe sound: None, too far away to hear anything; also stayed inside house trailer.

9. Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

B. Description of Course of Object(s):

1. What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s): Glanced out window and was attracted to unusual bright light.

2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) when first observed: Appeared to be right on edge of mountain.

3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance: same as 2 above.

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4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s): progressed very slowly along top of hills and mountain.

5. How did the object(s) disappear: instantaneously behind mountain.

6. How long (were) the object(s) visible: estimates less than 5 minutes.

C. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground - visual

2. Optical Aids: naked eye

3. N/A

D. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. Zulu time-date group of sighting: 21 October 1966, 0400Z.

2. Light conditions: Night.

E. Location of Observer(s): Rock Tavern, New York. Exact position marked on map attached to this Report.

F. Identifying Information on Observer(s):

1. Military or Civilian: civilian

2. Name: Mrs. [redacted]

3. Age: 28

4. Mailing Address: [redacted], Rock Tavern, New York

5. Occupation: Housewife

6. Estimate of Reliability: Fair

G. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings:

1. Observer(s) account of weather conditions: clear, very good visibility.

2. Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office:

Surface	290/10
6,000'	310/20
10,000'	300/30
16,000'	270/50
20,000'	270/55
30,000'	270/65
50,000'	270/60
80,000'	not available

3. Ceiling: clear

4. Visibility: 15 miles.

5. Amount of cloud cover: None

6. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located: None

7. Vertical temperature gradient: 2 1/2^0 per 1,000 feet

H. Any Other Unusual Activity or Condition: None

I. Interception or Identification Action Taken: N/A

J. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon releases in the area which might possibly account for the sighting:
None

K. Position, title and comments of the preparing officer:

Captain Stephen Levine, USAF, Rated Pilot/Navigator

(1) Preliminary analysis of facts obtained from my investigation has led me to deduce that Mrs. [redacted] observed the light on a railroad locomotive. A train trestle, terrain features, and pin-pointing the spot of her observation support this conclusion. The following are statements and evidence in support of my analysis:

(a) When interviewed, Mrs. [redacted] showed me two telephone poles 100 yards south east of her trailer between which she observed this light. She also estimated that the light was four or five miles away on the north east end of Schunemunk Mt. Based on this information, I have drawn a plot on the attached map accompanying this report.

(b) Mrs. [redacted] stated that the light never appeared to become completely airborne; the only time she feels it may have left the ground was when she saw it flickering through the tops of trees. She also thought that there were possibly two beams of light emitting from the same source, one straight beam resembling a headlight, the other a bobbing beam of light. Her discription matches perfectly with the headlamp of a locomotive.

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L. Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs: None

(c) One mile east of Salisbury Mills, lying within my plot and four miles from the observer, is a very high railroad trestle almost one mile long. This is part of an Erie Railroad freight line used for unscheduled runs. Rail traffic usually passes on the trestle in the vicinity of midnight. The NYState Police at Monroe stated that they have had numerous reports at different times of the same phenomena observed by Mrs. [redacted] In all cases, this has turned out to be rail traffic on the Salisbury Mills trestle.

NEW WINDSOR

HAMPTONBURG

BLOOMING GROVE

CORNWALL

HUDSON RIVER

Little Britain

School No 7

Burnside Sta

Rock Tavern

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Vails Gate Junc

Plum Point

New Windsor

Burnside

Girdle Ridge

School No 12

Meadowbrook

Fitchcliffe Heights

Vails Gate

Cornwall on the Hudson

Cornwall Landing

Firthcliffe

Ramsdell Lake

Bethlehem Sch

Lincolndale Sch

Washingtonville

Salisbury Mills

West Cornwall

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Hampteenburg

Hudson Sch

South Sch

Storm King Sch

Black Rock

Whitehorse Mtn

Upper Res

Tamahawk Lake

Blooming Grove

Saltery Creek

Woodcock Hill

Mountainville

Black Rock

Aleck Meadow Res

Mt Misery

Farmingdale

Barton Swamp

Houghton Farm

Hill of Pines

Arthurs Pd

Sphagnum Pd

Sutherland Pd

Tamarack Pond

Rattlesnake Hill

Bog Meadow Pond

Spy Rock

FIRE TOWER

Craigville

Round Hill

Mountain Lodge

Jims Pd

WEST PT MIL RES

Mt Rascal

Round Pond

High Pt

Highland

BM 500

Schunnemunk Mountain

Moodna Creek

Silver Stream

Catskill Aqueduct

Erie Railroad

Lehigh and Hudson River Railroad

New York, Ontario and Western Railway

New York State Thruway

Transmission Line

West Shore Railroad

4 Lane

Ferry Creek

Baby Brook

Clove

Otter Brook

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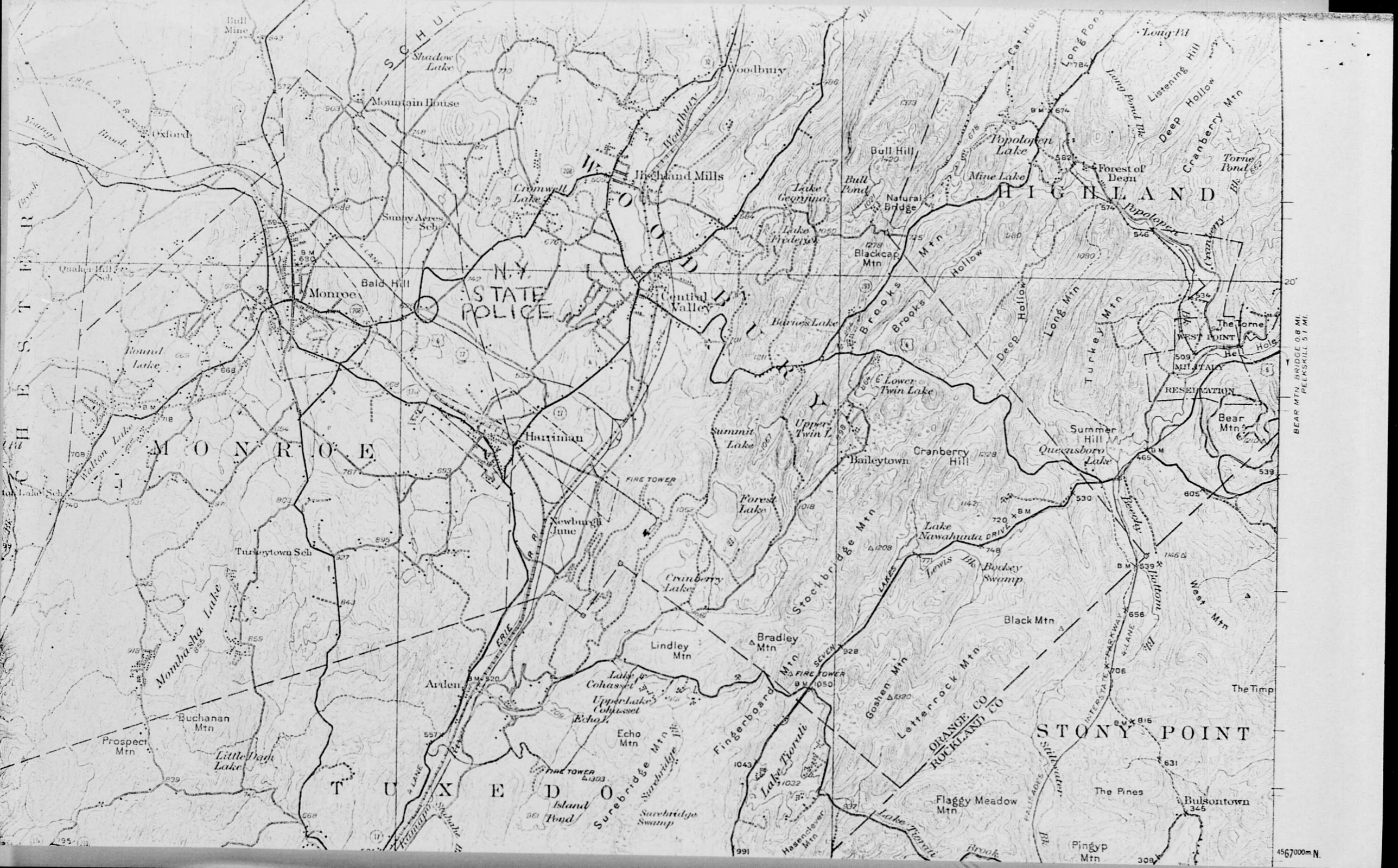

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Central Valley
Round Lake
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Buchanan Mtn
Prospect Mtn
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Surebridge Mtn
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Fingerboard Mtn
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Hasenclever Mtn
Stockbridge Mtn
Forest Lake
Summit Lake
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Lower Twin Lake
Baileytown
Cranberry Hill
Lake Nawahunta
Bockey Swamp
Black Mtn
Goshen Mtn
Letterrock Mtn
ORANGE CO
ROCKLAND CO
Flaggy Meadow Mtn
Pingyp Mtn
Lake Tiorati Brook
Lake Georgina
Lake Frederick
Bull Pond
Bull Hill
Natural Bridge
Blackcap Mtn
Barnes Lake
Brooks Mtn
Brooks Hollow
Deep Hollow
Long Mtn
Turkey Mtn
Popolopen Lake
Mine Lake
Forest of Dean
HIGHLAND
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Long Pond
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Listening Hill
Deep Hollow
Cranberry Mtn
Torne Pond
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MILITARY RESERVATION
Bear Mtn
Summer Hill
Queensboro Lake
Beecly Bottom
West Mtn
The Timp
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The Pines
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