



**RCAF pilot Childerhose  
Canada 1956 UFO Photo** over  
the Canadian Rockies near Ft.  
MacCleod, Alberta, by Canadian  
Air Force pilot R. J. Childerhose

A Royal Canadian Air Force pilot while flying in a 4 plane formation at an altitude of about 11 km on 27-Aug-1958, saw and photographed a bright disc, that was remaining stationary between the clouds.

From a letter to Philip Klass: "I had the object in good view for upwards of 45 seconds. It was stationary, with sharply defined edges. Looked like a shiny silver dollar sitting horizontal. The light emitted was much brighter than the existing sunlight and overexposed the film causing blurred edges in the picture... It neither moved nor changed

shape while I had it in sight."

From a letter to Dr. James McDonald: "...the photo of the bright object doesn't represent quite what appeared to the naked eye. When I first saw the object it appeared as a **very bright, clearly defined discoid, like a silver dollar lying on its side**. The photo makes it look like a blob of light, the result of light intensity. It appeared much brighter than that (sic) of the sun which, of course, was setting behind the clouds up ahead. What appears in the Kodachrome slide is a disappointment, really." "It was in good view for some minutes because I looked at it trying to figure out what I was seeing and I called the attention of the formation to it before remembering that I had a camera in my leg pocket."

Related: There are many reports of brightly luminous UFOs in flight appearing as "blobs of light" in photos, due to camera film over-exposure, e.g. [USCG 1952](#), [Zurich Airport](#) and [San Jacinto 1988](#). Also, the [World War II "foo fighters"](#) [more](#) were luminous objects that would pace aircraft over battle-zones. Considering this, one can

imagine why the vast majority of UFO reports are of strange "lights in the sky", moving erratically zig-zagging etc.