

L602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NUMBER	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING	RECD AISOP
AISS-UFOB-108-56	21/1539Z Apr 56	26 Apr 56
LOCATION OF SIGHTING		LOGGED BY
Richmond, Virginia		S/Sgt DeRudder
MEANS RECD	ACTION TAKEN	
Letter	No investigation authorized	
INVEST UNIT	DATE INVEST ASSIGNED	ASSIGNED BY
N/A	N/A	N/A
DATE IR RECD HQ	DATE IR APPROVED	DATE IR TO ATIC
N/A	N/A	N/A
DATE AISOP FORM 5		
26 Apr 56		
COMMENTS		
Concur with the opinion of the preparing officer that this sighting was undoubtedly caused by a balloon.		
CONCLUSIONS		
WAS BALLOON		

AISOP FORM 7 (2 APR 55)

Was Balloon

DETACHMENT #2
4716TH GROUND OBSERVER SQUADRON
Broad Street Station
Richmond 20, Virginia

23 April 1956

SUBJECT: UFOB

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TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Richmond, Virginia

1. In accordance with paragraph 7, AFR 200-2, 12 August 1954, the following report is submitted:

a. Information required by paragraph 7d:

(1) Description of the object:

- (a) Shape - indefinite round on top coming to a point on the bottom.
- (b) Size - a little larger than a basketball, varying according to time and place of observation.
- (c) Color - a light translucent silvery color.
- (d) Number - one
- (e) Formation - not applicable
- (f) Features or details - appeared to be a balloon.
- (g) Tail, trail, or exhaust - none
- (h) Sound - none
- (i) Other pertinent or unusual features - none

(2) Description of course of object:

- (a) Observed in sky.
- (b) First observed overhead at NH 1138 at 1539Z.

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- (c) Not reported
- (d) Moved very slowly to northeast at a high altitude.
- (e) Gradually disappeared.
- (f) First spotted at 1539Z - last reported 1836Z.
- (3) Manner of observation:
 - (a) Ground-visual
 - (b) Two reports by telescope, one of 35 power.
 - (c) Observed by light aircraft flying at 6000 feet, Northeast of Richmond.
- (4) Time and date of sighting:
 - (a) 1539Z, 21 Apr 56
 - (b) Day
- (5) Location of observers:
 - (a) 1539Z NH 1138
 - (b) 1545Z NH 2742
 - (c) 1600Z NH 2742
 - (d) 1609Z NH 3232
 - (e) 1620Z NH 3232
 - (f) 1720Z NH 3232
 - (g) 1726Z NH 3637
 - (h) 1748Z NH 4753
 - (i) 1802Z NH 4753
 - (j) 1816Z NH 3236 vis to northeast
 - (k) 1836Z NH 4753

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(6) Identifying information of all observers:

(a) Civilians:

1. Volunteer on duty at GOC Post NH 13 B & NH 33 R:
Mr George Wey at NH 33 B
2408 Buckingham Avenue
Richmond, Virginia
Occupation: Employee Internal Revenue Service
Age: Unknown
2. Mr [REDACTED]
Mechanicsville, Virginia
Other information unknown
3. Mrs Matilda Moren
Duane, Virginia
Occupation: GOC Observer and Postmistress
Age: Unknown
4. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Richmond, Virginia
Occupation: Student
Age: Unknown
5. Mr [REDACTED]
Byrd Field Weather Station, Richmond, Va
Occupation: Weather Observers
Ages: Unknown

(b) Military:

1. 1/Lt Samuel A. Biondo
Det #2, 4716th Ground Observer Squadron
Broad Street Station
Richmond 20, Virginia
Duty: Field Training Officer
Estimate of reliability: very reliable
2. S/Sgt James A. Smith
Det #2, 4716th Ground Observer Squadron
Broad Street Station
Richmond 20, Virginia
Duty: Operations NCO
Estimate of reliability: very reliable

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- (7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:
 - (a) Scattered cirrus at 30,000 feet.
 - (b) At 10,000 feet - wind 30K northwest (only report available)
 - (c) None
 - (d) 15 plus
 - (e) one tenth
 - (f) None
- (8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise - none
- (9) Interception or identification action taken:
 - (a) An F-94C from Langley AFB, Va made short search in area of Richmond, Va at 15,000 feet. However, due to shortage of fuel, had to return to base before locating object.
 - (b) A light aircraft from civilian airport 'North Field' - went to 6,000 feet and seemed no closer to object than when on ground.
- (10) Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting - unknown
- (11) Captain Samuel W. O'Brien, Commander, Richmond Air Defense Filter Center. Object appeared to be some type of balloon flying at very high altitude.
- (12) Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs - none known

Info cy to:
Comdr, 4716th GOS


SAMUEL W. O'BRIEN
Captain, USAF
Commander