

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 Feb 53 28/2000Z	2. LOCATION Colorado Springs, Colo.
3. SOURCE 2 Civ Men	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Probably balloon observation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 Hrs	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Small shiny object was observed 60° above S horizon at a stationary position then drifting.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE S	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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JEDWP/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB O ATTN ATIAA-2C

INFO JEDKF/COC CADF KSC

[REDACTED] COC 63 FLYOBRPT (1) SHINY OBJECT HALF THE SIZE OF
PENNY, STATIONARY THEN DRIFTING. (2) 23/2000Z TO 23/2130Z (3) VISUAL,

SURFACE (4) 611 E. SAN MIGUEL, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. 63 DEGREES ABOVE
HORIZON TO SOUTH. (5) MR. [REDACTED] MR. [REDACTED] *Send question to*

[REDACTED] AND THEIR FAMILIES. RELIABILITY UNKNOWN (6) *Col. Springs, Col.*

CLEAR VIS 100 MILES, (7) NONE (8) NONE (9) NONE (10) 1 C-47 NORTH
OF COLO. SPGS.

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 Feb 53 28/2300Z	2. LOCATION Richmond, Va.
3. SOURCE AF Officer	10. CONCLUSION Probably contrail of jet a/c.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Bright rectangular long & narrow contrail traveled at speed less than jet. Object disappeared in normal straight line of flight from S to W. Object was observed from a car traveling 60 MPH.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE N	COMMENTS: 1. AF Officer states that contrail from high flying jet probably caused sighting.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	2. 1800 EST approximately sunset thus setting sun reflecting off objects or clouds.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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*8/19/53 EST
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JEDWF/CHIEF ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEPG/CGTAC LANGLEY AFB VA

/R E S T R I C T E D/FROM AFOIN 59913 FLYOBRPT. ATTN: ATIAA-2C.

ONE UNDISCERNABLE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT OBSERVED FLYING 30 MILES
SW RICHMOND CMA VIRGINIA. OBSERVERS SAW ONLY FLASH OF METAL WITH
A CONTRAIL. SINGLE CONTRAIL WAS VERY DISTINCT CMA BRIGHT LIKE
WHITE PHORPOROUS CMA RECTANGULAR CMA NARROW AND LONG. SPEED ESTIMATED
AT LESS THAN JET AIRCRAFT. NO SOUND HEARD CMA NO MANEUVERS. DISAPPEARED
IN NORMAL STRAIGHT LINE OF FLIGHT SOUTH TO NORTH. VISUAL OBSERVATION
MADE DURING PERIOD 18:00 TO 18:15 EST 28 FEB 53

BY COL GEORGE E. PERRY CMA USAF CURRENTLY ASSIGNED DIR INTELL
THIS HQS CMA AND FIVE OTHERS WHILE RIDING IN CAR ABOUT 60 MPH.
CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE. OBJECT CROSSED PATH OF CAR FROM LEFT
TO RIGHT PAREN SOUTH TO NORTH PAREN FLYING IN STRAIGHT LINE AT
5 TO 10 THOUSAND FEET ALTITUDE. OBJ FIRST OBSERVED ABOUT 10 MILES

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DISTANCE AT 45 DEG ANGLE TO CAR. WEATHER CLEAR. NO CLOUDS AND STILL
DAYLIGHT. NOOTHER ACFT OBSERVED IN AREA. ABOUT ONE HOUR LATER COL
PERRY VISITED COL JAMES BARKO CMA USAF AT 1212 E. 50TH ST CMA
RICHMOND CMA VA. BARKO INITIATED CONVERSATION BY SAYING HE HAD
SEEN A BRIGHT CONTRAIL IN SKY ABOUT 16:30 AT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE.
BARKO SAW NO OBJECT BUT ASSUMED CONTRAIL TO BE FROM JET ACFT.
BARKO CURRENTLY ASSIGNED WITH ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CMA MCQUIRE
GEN HOSP CMA RICHMOND CMA VA.

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Richmond, Virginia

28 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 1800 EST an Air Force colonel while traveling at 60 mph in his auto near Richmond observed a flash of metal with a long narrow rectangular contrail traveling from south to north. The object crossed the path of the auto from left to right traveling at less than jet speed. The object was observed approximately 15 minutes.

II. Discussion of Incident

Observer visited a friend of his about 1 hour later. The friend initiated the conversation by stating that he had seen a bright contrail in the sky about 1800 at a considerable distance. At 1800 EST on this date the sun was setting. The sun, reflecting from contrail, made it easily visible.

III. Conclusion

Probably contrail of jet aircraft.

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