

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 August 1954		2. LOCATION Langley AFB Hampton, Newport News, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical METEOR ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/0100Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 10 Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE ENE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Glowing white, not solid, sparkler type. In flight from WSW to ENE. Vanished suddenly like light bulb going out.				11. COMMENTS Meteor sighting 90 deg arc in 3 - 10 seconds.	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object			
AREA REPORTED ON Langley Air Force Base, Virginia		FROM (Agency) 405th Fighter Bomber Wing, Intelligence	
DATE OF REPORT 20 August 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION 18 August 1954	EVALUATION Known facts	
PREPARED BY (Officer) George W. Satterfield Jr., Maj.		SOURCE See Item (5) and (6)	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AF Regulation 200-2 and 2A			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

On Tuesday evening, 17 August 1954, a newspaperman from Hampton, Virginia, two (2) civilians from Warwick, Virginia, and a Langley AFB Airman, reported that at approximately 0010Z Hours, 18 August 1954, they observed an unusual phenomena over this area in the form of a glowing white spherical object, appearing from WSW direction and disappearing on an ENE heading.

This glowing object which varied in size according to the individual observers moved on a straight and level path, vanishing suddenly as a light bulb turned off.

The Wednesday morning edition of the "Daily Press" from Newport News, Virginia carried an account of the incident, and by 1700Z, 18 August 1954, two more observers had called in and stated that they had witnessed the phenomena.

for David B. Satterfield Capt.
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1. Description of the Object

- a. Round, not solid object, more like a sparkler.
- b. Some observers witnessed it as a little larger than a softball, others saw it the size of a basketball.
- c. Glowing white
- d. One (1)
- e. N/A
- f. Negative
- g. Negative
- h. Negative
- i. Negative

2. Description of Course of Object

- a. Observers caught sight of object with corner of eye.
- b. 45° angle from horizon appearing from WSW.
- c. 45° angle from horizon disappearing towards ENE.
- d. Straight and level, parallel to horizon.
- e. Vanished suddenly like a light bulb turned off.
- f. Period of observation varied from 3 to 10 seconds.

3. Manner of Observation

- a. Ground visual
- b. No optical aids, except one observer who wears glasses.
- c. N/A

4. Time and Date of Sighting

- a. 180010Z August 1954
- b. Dusk

5. Observer "A"—Front of police Station, Newport News, Va., GJPH 34155909
Observer "B"—3325 Chesapeake, Hampton, Va., GJPH 38300215
Observer "C"—1138 6th St., Stuart Gardens, Newport News, Va., GJPH 38300150
Observer "D"—2d Tac Depot Sq., Langley AFB, Va., GJPH 38250715

6. Identifying Information of all Observers

- a. Observer "A"—[REDACTED] Age 34, [REDACTED], Sussex Hampton, Va., Newspaperman.
Observer "B"—[REDACTED] Age 50, [REDACTED], Hampton, Va., Co-owner, L. D. Amory & Co., Hampton, Va.
Observer "C"—[REDACTED] Age 34, [REDACTED], Stuart Gardens, Newport News, Va., NACA employee, civil services.
- b. Observer "D"—A/1C [REDACTED] Bl, 405th Air Police Squadron, Langley AFB, Va., Air Policeman.

Reliability of observers: Unknown

7. Weather

- a. Clear

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b. Winds--2100Z, sounding from Norfolk Naval Station, Va.

Surface	172330Z	SE/9 kts
	180030Z	SE/6 kts
6,000'		310°/22kts
10,000'		310°/25 kts
16,000'		300°/33 kts
20,000'		290°/30 kts
30,000'		290°/28 kts
50,000'		290°/20 kts
77,000'		120°/12 kts

c. Ceiling--none

d. Visibility--10 miles

e. Cloud cover--1/10 altocumulus at 10,000'; 1/10 cirrus at 25,000'

f. Negative

8. Negative

9. Negative

10. Negative

11. Known traffic over Langley AFB, Va. consisted of two (2) B-36's; also in the vicinity were one (1) B-57 and numerous conventional type aircraft. In addition the Newport News-Hampton area is within the local flying area for the Naval aircraft from Oceania and the Norfolk Naval Air Station.

12. Base Intelligence Officer's Comment:

In addition to the observers contacted (Item 6) two other persons were reported by the newspapers as having seen the object. Preliminary attempts to interview these persons have been unsuccessful. It is believed that the sighting was the exhaust of a jet aircraft or a tail light on a low flying jet aircraft.

for David B. Satterfield Jr.
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