

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 January 65 01/0613Z	2. LOCATION Norfolk, Virginia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR) ? No unusual Radar pickup this date. FAA listed no A/C at Norfolk this time period. Description of sighting is similar to a meteor with portions of the original object trailing. Duration and flight consistent with this analysis.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 7 - 8	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 7-8 bright white lights. One round large light leading 6-7 pin-head size object in trail (close single file formation). No sound. Appeared in Western sky and appeared to be a great distance away from the observer. Flight path straight and level from North to South. A split second before final disappearance another large object seemed to shoot out ahead of the original object. WX clear. Witness police patrolman. <i>7 or 8 horizontal line object would be most unusual for meteor!</i>
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 - 3 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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REPLY TO: DO/2711
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SUBJECT: Initial Report of Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. The following information is presented as directed by paragraph 14, AFR 200-2:

a. Description of the objects:

- (1) Shape: Round.
- (2) Size: Largest compared with a dime held in the hand at about arm's length.
- (3) Color: Bright white light.
- (4) Number: Seven or eight.
- (5) Formation: Large dime size object led six or seven pin-head size objects in close single-file formation.
- (6) Discernible features: None.
- (7) Tail: See (5) above.
- (8) Sound: None.

b. Description of course of objects:

- (1) The observer's attention was first called to the object while he casually watched the sky.
- (2) The elevation of the objects was estimated to be between three and six thousand feet and did not change. The objects were in the western sky relative to the observer. The objects appeared to be a great distance away.
- (3) The flight path appeared to be straight and level from south to north. Another large dime size object appeared to spring from the original and shoot ahead. This occurred in the split second before the entire formation disappeared.

(4) The objects disappeared instantly as they moved across the sky.

(5) The objects appeared and disappeared within two to three seconds and were observed throughout this time.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground-visual.

(2) No optical aids were used.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 0813 Zulu (0313 local) 1 January 1965.

(2) Light conditions: Night. ✓

e. Location of observer: The observer was standing besides a bench behind Wimpy's Hamburger Stand in the 4200 block of Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia.

f. Observer identification:

(1) Name: [REDACTED]

(2) Age: 21.

(3) Mailing Address: [REDACTED] Norfolk, Virginia.

(4) Patrolman, Norfolk Police Department.

(5) [REDACTED]

g. Weather and winds: Aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions: clear.

(2) Reported winds (Fleet Weather Facility, Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia):

6,000 feet:	305°/30 knots
10,000 feet:	310°/45 knots
16,000 feet:	300°/65 knots
20,000 feet:	300°/80 knots
30,000 feet:	300°/30 knots

(3) Ceiling: Clear.

(4) Visibility: Unlimited.

(5) Cloud Cover: None.

(6) Thunderstorms: None.

(7) Vertical Temperature Gradient: An inversion was reported between 1600 feet and 1850 feet. The following temperatures were reported by the Fleet Weather Facility:

900 feet: +2.1°C

1600 feet: +0.5°C

1850 feet: +3.6°C

5000 feet: +0.3°C

7500 feet: -3.0°C

10000 feet: -5.0°C

These temperatures were taken by the Norfolk Weather Bureau at 1200 Zulu (0700 local) 1 January 1965.

h. A check was made by the Oceana Naval Air Station Public Information Office of all local radar sites in the Norfolk area. No unusual activity was reported. The Navy Norfolk Weather Service reported the only meteorological condition which might account for the sighting. This condition was the inversion described in g(7) above.

i. No interception action was taken due to a one-day time lag before the observer reported his sighting to the Navy.

j. The FAA Norfolk Approach Control reported that there was no air traffic under their control from 0600 to 100 Zulu on 1 January 1965.

k. This report was prepared by First Lieutenant Robert R. Dockum, USAF, 4500 Air Base Wing (DOO-H), Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. The description of this UFO sighting was given by Patrolman Bulebush to Lieutenant Dockum during a personal interview on 8 January 1965. No other reports of a similar sighting were found. A possible cause of the reported objects is ground lights reflecting off the weather inversion. This possibility was confirmed by the duty forecasters at the Norfolk Fleet Weather Facility, the Langley Base Weather Facility, the Patuxent River Naval Weather Facility, and the Norfolk Weather Bureau.

1. No physical evidence was reported to exist.
2. The observer was prompted to report his sighting after the local news announced the Patuxent River Naval Air Station radar tracking of two UFOs on 29 December. The Patuxent River Public Information Officer stated that these December sightings were currently under investigation by Major Quintanilla, USAF, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

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