

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 27-28 January 65 27/0635Z-28/0635Z	2. LOCATION Altavista, Virginia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT (REFUELING OPERATION)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Multiple	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION One Hour, Period	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Objects observed in erratic patten maneuvering in and around 3 A/C. Up and down over and above. 2 A/C first night, 1 A/C second night. Objects visible for 3-10 seconds intermitantly. Would flash and then reappear at a different location. Observed as bright lights <u>only</u> , no shape etc. Appeared to be only one object. At least seven different sightings of this one object.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Varied	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	COMMENTS: "Border Town", Refuel Area, 11th ARS at Dover Controls this area in use only at 1700Z on 27th By 305-376th from Lockborne. ARTCC Watch supervisor reported that on both nights light to moderate air traffic in area and that two refueling zones are in the approximate location.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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FOR: ADC (ADOIN); 26AIRDIV (26OIN); AFSC (SCF); HQ USAF (AFNIN)

OSAF (SAFIO); WAADS (WOADC-I). SUBJ: UFO SIGHTING.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS
SUBMITTED:

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(1) BRIGHT LIGHT, COULD NOT DETERMINE SHAPE.

(2) BETWEEN THE SIZE OF A GOLF BALL AND A BASEBALL, DEPENDING
ON DISTANCE AT WHICH IT APPEARED TO BE.

(3) NO DISTINGUISHABLE COLOR, APPEARED AS A BRIGHT FLASH.

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FADE5 AND THEN REAPPEAR AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

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(1) GROUND-VISUAL.

(2) NONE USED.

(3) N/7-

S. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 27 JAN 0635ZJAND 28 JAN 0635Z

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: LATITUDE 37DEGREES 15 MINUTES
NORTH, LONGITUDE 70 DEGREES 37 MINUTES WEST. ONE MILE WEST OF
ALTAVISTA, VA. ON STATE RT. 43.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) MRS. [REDACTED], 47, [REDACTED] ALTA VISTA, VA.,
HAIRDRESSER, SEEMED MATURE AND RATIONAL.

(2) N/A

G. WEATHER:

(1) CLEAR, NO CLOUDS OR HAZE OBSERVED.

(2) WINDS ALOFT OBTAINED FROM THE DUTY FORECASTER, DET. 41,
12TH WEATHER SQUADRON AT THE WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR, THE
REMAINDER OF THE REPORT FROM THE WEATHER BUREAU AT LYNCHBURG, VA.,

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(4) APPEARED TO BE ONLY ONE.

(5) N/A

(6) NONE HEARD.

(7) LEFT A FAINT TRAIL, DESCRIBED AS A WISP.

(8) NONE.

(9) NONE.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) BY AN AIRCRAFT PASSING OVERHEAD ON BOTH NIGHTS OF THE SIGHTINGS.

(2) THERE WERE AT LEAST SEVEN SIGHTINGS MADE BY THE OBSERVER AT DIFFERENT ELEVATIONS AND AZIMUTHS.

(3) SAME AS ITEM (2).

(4) THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED IN ERRATIC PATTERN FROM A STRAIGHT LINE TO MANEUVERING AROUND THREE DIFFERENT AIRCRAFT, UP AND DOWN, OVER AND ABOVE AND TO THE SIDES OF THESE AIRCRAFT. MANEUVERED IN THIS MANNER AROUND TWO AIRCRAFT ON THE FIRST SIGHTING AND ONE ON THE SECOND SIGHTING.

(5) INSTANTANEOUSLY.

(6) THE OBJECTS WERE VISIBLE FOR FROM THREE TO TEN SECONDS FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HOUR ON BOTH NIGHTS. IT WOULD FLASH,

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SURFACE 270 DEGREES 14 K

6,000 250 DEGREES 40K

10,000 260 DEGREES 50K

16,000 250 DEGREES 95K

20,000 250 DEGREES 100K

30,000 MISSING

50,000 MISSING

80,000 NOT AVAILABLE

28 JAN 65:

SURFACE LIGHT AND VARIABLE

6,000 290 DEGREES 35K

10,000 300 DEGREES 45K

16,000 280 DEGREES 45K

20,000 260 DEGREES 100K

30,000 250 DEGREES 160K

40,000 260 DEGREES 120K

50,000 260 DEGREES 100K

(3) CLEAR THE 27THSAND 28TH.

(4) 15 PLUS THE 27TH AND 28TH.

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(5) NONE

(6) NONE.

(7) OBTAINED FROM THE DUTY FORECASTER, DET .41, 12TH
WEATHER SQUADRON AT THE WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR:

27 JAN 65:

SURFACE PLUS 43 DEGREES

6,000 PLUS 50 DEGREES

10,000 PLUS 30 DEGREES

16,000 PLUS 19 DEGREES

20,000 PLUS 1 DEGREE

30,000 MINUS 38 DEGREES

40,000 MINUS 65 DEGREES

50,000 MINUS 85 DEGREES

H 80,000 NOT AVAILABLE.

28 JAN 65:

SURFACE PLUS 39 DEGREES

6,000 PLUS 18 DEGREES

10,000 PLUS 1 DEGREE

16,000 MINUS 8 DEGREES

20,000 MINUS 17 DEGREES

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30,000 MINUS 36 DEGREES

40,000 MINUS 54 DEGREES

50,000 KMINUS 72 DEGREES

80,000 NOT AVAILABLE

H. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION: NONE ACCOUNTED
FOR.

I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: N/A

J. THE DUTY FORECASTER, DET. 41, 12TH WEATHER SQUADRON AT THE
WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR STATED THAT WEATHER BALLOONS WERE

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RELEASED AT 1100Z AND 2300Z ON BOTH THE 27TH AND 28TH FROM
GREENSBORO, NC, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., AND DULLES INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT.

K. POSITION , TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:
FRANCIS X. KELLY, 1ST LT., ASSISTANT CEM SUPERVISOR.

(1) FAA TOWER AT LYNCHBURG VA. ADVISED THERE WERE NO
LOCAL OR SCHEDULED FLIGHT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTINGS ON EITHER
DAYS.

(2) A CHECK WITH THE WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR
INDICATED NO AIRCRAFT UNDER THEIR OPERATIONAL CONTROL AT THE TIME
OF THE SIGHTINGS ON EITHER DAYS.

(3) DUE TO THE OBJECT FLASHING, INITIAL AND DISAPPEARING
ANGLES OF ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

(4) THE OBSERVER DID NOT REPORT THE SIGHTINGS UNTIL
0030Z 30 JAN 65.

(5) THE ARTCC WATCH SUPERVISOR AT LEESBURG, VA. STATED
THAT ON BOTH NIGHTS OF THE SIGHTINGS THERE WAS LIGHT TO MODERATE
TRAFFIC IN THE GENERAL AREA OF ALTAVISTA, VA. IN ADDITION, THE
SIGHTING WAS IN THE APPROXIMATE AREA OF TWO REFUELING ZONES AND
THE MAJORITY OF REFUELING OPERATIONS ARE CLEARED FOR NIGHT, DURING

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PERIOD OF LOW DENSITY TRAFFIC.

(6) DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE LIGHTS FLASING, TIME OF SIGHTINGS AND REFUELING ZONES IN THE AREA I FEEL THIS SIGHTING COULD POSSIBLE HAVE BEEN MILITARY AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN REFUELING OPERATIONS OR A COMBINATION OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AT THE SAME TIME.

L. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: NONE.

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