

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 September 53 23/0446Z		2. LOCATION Gathersburg, Maryland	
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT Observer thought object was a/c in trouble. Case evaluated as a/c.	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 minutes		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Red lights with glowing appearance appeared to bounce or waiver on a W course. Object disappeared below the horizon. No estimate of speed was made.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE West			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE			
☒ 23 Sep Maryland aircraft a-5			

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FROM AFOIN 49167 FLYOBRPT. ATTNCLN ATIAA-2C. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING
OBJECT REPORTED BY MR [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED] CMA GATHERSBURG CMA
MARYLAND CMA TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]. PINK OR RED LIGHTS
WITH GLOWING APPEARANCE POSSIBLY DISK SHAPE. OBJECT SEEMED TO
BOUNCE OR WAIVER. OBJECT ABOUT THE SIZE OF BASEBALL. ONLY ONE
OBJECT OBSERVED. NO SOUND HEARD. NO EXHAUST OBSERVED. OBJECT
TRAVELING FROM EAST TO WEST. OBSERVATION MADE FROM LIVING ROOM
WINDOW OF OBSERVERS HOME. OBSERVER RUSHED OUT DOORS TO SEE IF
IT WAS AN AIRCRAFT IN TROUBLE. OBJECT OBSERVED AT 2046 EDT
23SEP 1953. TIME OBSERVED CMA 7 MINUTES. OBJECT-DISAPPEARED OVER

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THE HORIZON WITH REDISH ORANGE APPEARANCE AS IT WENT AWAY. NO
OPTICAL AID USED. WEATHER AS REPORTED BY OBSERVER CLEAR MOONLIGHT
NO CLOUDS. AIR TRAFFIC OBSERVED AS THE OBJECT WENT OVER THE HORIZON
WAS A SMALL AIRCRAFT FL

LYING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM THE OBJECT.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIR PORT WEATHER REPORT FOR 22 SEP IS CLEAR
WITH 15 MILE VISIBILITY. THIS OFFICE HAS NO EXPLANATION FOR THIS
SIGHTING.

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