

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 October 53 27/0100Z	2. LOCATION Baltimore, Maryland
3. SOURCE Military & Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	It has been a common policy for pilots flying in the Washington area to turn on landing lights prior to entering traffic patterns, especially during busy conditions. The ACCAF Sq had no recorded
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 & 7 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS However, all traffic in Wash-Baltimore area displayed on radar are not plotted.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Round orange colored object slightly larger than a star changed to a white color with two small red lights. The airman stated that increased intensity of orange light blotted out red lights as object approached. All lights disappeared abruptly after object passed overhead. A heavy haze existed at the time of observation.
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8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ORADANCE WITH AFR 200-2 DTD 26

AUG 53 THE FOLLOWING IFO IS SUBMITTED PD

1A ROUND

B SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN A STAR

C FIRST ORANGE THEN WHITE WITH 2 SMALLER RED LIGHTS ON EITHER SIDE

D ONE

E N/A

F N/A

G N/A

H NONE

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I NONE

2A NOT REPORTED

N/A

C N/A

D FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTH EAST NO MANEUVERS

E LIGHTS JUST SEEMED TO GO OUT

F NOT REPORTED

3A GROUND VISUAL.

B NONE

C N/A

4A 2100Z 27 OCT 53

B NIGHT

4 PD 1923

6A MR DEHOFF 3502 SPULDING AVE BALTIMORE MD

B PFC JOHN RAILA C BATTERY 89TH AAA GUN BN PIKESVILLE 8 MD

7A NOT REPORTED

B 6200 220 DEC 12 K

10000 230 DEC 19 K

16000 230 DEC 23 K

20000 220 DEC 31 K

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30000 220 DEG 20 K

50000 250 DEG 35 K

70000 240 DEG 13 K

C 25000 CSATTERED

D 7 MILES

E 4/10 CIRRUS

F NONE

8 NONE

9 NONE

10 NONE

11 ONE REPORTED

12 SENIOR DIRECTOR 2ND LT ALFRED A PICINICH INFORMATION RECEIVED
FROM BALTIMORE FILTER CENTER WAS NOT COMPLETE ENOUGH TO ARRIVE AT ANY
PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS BUT OUR BELIEF IS THAT SIGHTING WAS JET AIR CRAFT
IN THE NEAR VICINITY OF OBSERVATION

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COMDR ATIC

TO: COMDR 647TH AC&W SQ MANASSAS VIRGINIA

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INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-10-14-E

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Reurmsg ACC 1162 regarding UFOB observed at 0100Z 27 Oct 53 by PFC John Raila and Mr. [REDACTED]. Request interrogation of observers be made with respect to length of observation, speed, angular velocity, and the probability that the object could have been the jet aircraft that was in the vicinity of the sighting.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 Max G. Futch DATE 30 Oct 53

A/IC FUTCH

ATIAE H. B. Johnston DATE 30 Oct 53

LT COL JOHNSTON

ATIA William R. Harg DATE 2 Nov 53

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

A/IC Max G. Futch/jos

SYMBOL ATIAE-5

TELEPHONE 65365

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL TITLE R. C. SCHUM, CWO, USAF
ASST. ADJUTANT

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TO:

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Headquarters USAF
ATTN: Collection Operations Div.
Washington 25, D. C.

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT NUMBER

DATED

5 Nov 1953

SOURCE OF REPORT (Air Attache, Command, etc.)

Ground Observer

INTELLIGENCE REPORT PREPARED BY (Name of officer)

Robert E. Warren, Captain, USAF

USABILITY OF REPORT

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FULFILLMENT OF REQUIREMENT

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CONFIRMED

COMPLETE

SPECIFIC

X

PROBABLY TRUE

X

PARTIAL

X USABLE

POSSIBLY TRUE

SLIGHT

TOO GENERAL

DOUBTFUL

CANNOT JUDGE

COMMENTS (Keep the intelligence collectors informed. Your comments, guidance and criticism are greatly appreciated. Definite and detailed evaluation will lead to improvement in the quality of intelligence reporting).

Reference 647th AC&W Squadron UFOB Report ACC 1162, 28 October 1953. Information required by telegram AFOIN ATIAE 10 14E, 3 November 1953 is as follows:

1. Length of observation; Pfc. Raila, 5 minutes. Mr. ~~XXXX~~, 7 minutes.

Angular velocity ; estimated in sight at 35 degrees elevation 6328 mill in azimuth.

Out of sight at 70 degrees of elevation, 3328 mill in azimuth. Object estimated to

be at approximately 16,000 feet by Pfc. Raila. After further interrogation, both

observers stated the sighting could not have been a jet aircraft.

2. Corrections to 647th AC&W Squadron ACC 1162 are made as follows:

Par 2e should read, "Pfc. Raila indicated that increased intensity of

orange light blotted out red lights as object approached. All lights

disappeared abruptly after object passed overhead. Par 5 should read,

"PK 1923." Par 8 should indicate that heavy haze conditions were present

and had existed for a period of at least three weeks.

3. Statement of Capt. Robert E. Warren, Direction Center Chief, AFSC 1635 -

1221, Rated Pilot. "It is a common policy of pilots flying into the Washington area

to turn on landing lights prior to entering traffic patterns, particularly during

hazy conditions. Red lights could well be the passing light and navigational light

installed on conventional aircraft. In this case, all lights would disappear abruptly

after the aircraft passed overhead of the observers. This station has no recorded

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ANALYST (Signature)

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DATE 5 Nov 1953	AGENCY AND OFFICE 647th AC&W Sq. ADDC Manassas, Virginia	ANALYST (Signature) ROBERT E. WARREN Captain, USAF Direction Center Chief
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