

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 November 1957		2. LOCATION Abington, West Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1730 GMT 06/2235Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object shaped like a projectile, flying at a speed less than that of an airliner, orange to red in color. Appeared 12 ft in length and 2 ft wide at the widest end, tapering to a point at the opposite end. Seemed to be at a higher altitude than an a/c could be.				11. COMMENTS U.S. aero charts show Abington is almost directly under major airway traffic lane. Often considerable traffic. This airway runs NE. There is no reason to believe object was other than a high flying a/c. The shape and color caused by specular reflection due to the setting sun.	

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REPORT NO. IR-2-57		(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency) Hq, 345th Bomb Wing, TAC, Langley AFB, Va.	
DATE OF REPORT 25 November 1957	DATE OF INFORMATION 6 November 1957	EVALUATION P-6
PREPARED BY (Official) Clarke E. Johnston, Major, USAF	SOURCE Hq, 21st District OSI, Langley AFB, Va.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFM 200-2, 12 Aug 54		

SUMMARY: (First sentence 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.)

1. ~~Unidentified Flying Object~~ and ~~Unidentified Flying Object~~, all residing in Abington, Virginia, advised they sighted a glowing object high in the sky above Abington on 6 November 1957. Object appeared somewhat differently to each viewer. All advised object observed for approximately five (5) minutes and traveled in a northwest direction.

2. Special Agent W. D. Stone, Hq region 6, CIO, U.S. Army, Richmond, Va., informed Special Agent Clifford G. Kure, Commander, Detachment 2102, 21st District OSI, Richmond, Va. that Special Agent William K. Little, CIO in Abington, Va., was informed by Mr. ~~Unidentified Flying Object~~, Clerk Circuit Court, Abington, Va. that he, ~~Unidentified Flying Object~~, had observed at 1730 hours, 6 November 1957, an unidentified flying object traveling northeast of Abington at a speed less than that of a commercial airplane; shaped like a projectile; orange to red in color. This information was relayed to Hqs 7 November 1957 and in turn relayed by him to 21st District OSI, and reported to Major Johnston, Intelligence Officer, 345th Bombardment Wing, Langley AFB, on 9 November 1957, at which time Major Johnston stated that he did not have any method or personnel with which to assemble additional data concerning the unidentified flying object. Major Johnston requested that the 21st District OSI assemble the data as required by paragraph 7d, AFM 200-2.

3. Report is submitted on obsolete AF Form 112 because no current forms are available on this base.

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1. Special Agent John R. McNeill, DO #21, obtained the following information from three individuals who stated that they had observed the object:

a. On 13 November 1957, [redacted], No. 2, [redacted], Va., was interviewed concerning his sighting of an unidentified object on 8 November 1957. [redacted] furnished the following information:

(A) Description of Object:

(a) Carrot shaped

(b) Appeared 12-14 feet in length, and two feet wide at the widest end, tapering to a point at the opposite end.

(c) Bright red-orange, similar to the light given off by a star.

(d) Only one (1) object observed.

(e) The object was void of shape, except for the previously mentioned carrot shape, no projections of any description observed.

(f) See above.

(g) No sound of any sort was heard at the time of the sighting.

(h) None

(B) Description of course of object:

(a) Upon arriving home from work and after debarking from his auto, [redacted] happened to look up into the sky, immediately observing the object. The object appeared to follow a straight course and did not vary from that course.

(b) The object was first observed almost directly overhead.

(c) The object was observed for a good five minutes during which it seemed to maintain its position [redacted] gradually toward the horizon and eventually disappearing below the horizon.

(d) The object remained in a vertical position with the narrow end up and maintained this attitude during its flight.

(e) Slowly descending eventually behind the horizon.

(f) Observed object for a full five minutes, object came from Southwest proceeding in a Northwesterly direction, predominantly North.

Note: slowly descending

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(3) Manner of Observation:

(a) None

(b) None

(c) N/A

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) 1735 hours EST. 6 November 1957

(b) Day Dusk

(c) Residence, backyard, Abingdon, Va. estimated age of Observer 50-55 years. Occupation, Washington County, Va.

(d) N/A

(5) Weather and wind conditions at time and place of sighting. (the following weather conditions were given by observer BOOTH):

(a) N/A

(b) N/A

(c) Ceiling very clear, almost unlimited

(d) Visibility very good

(e) There were no cloud formation observed at time of sighting.

(f) No thunderstorms in the area at time of sighting.

(g) Any other unusual activities or conditions:

(a) None

(7) Interception or identification action:

(a) None

(8) Location of any air traffic in area at time of sighting:

(a) None observed Does this mean "known from immediate records"?

(9) N/A

(10) None

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On 13 November 1957, [REDACTED] No. 1, [REDACTED] was interviewed concerning his sighting an unidentified object, 13 November 1957. [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

(1) Description of object:

(a) The object appeared to be the shape of an elongated egg. A portion of which appeared to be a short blast area trailing. [REDACTED] explained that this blast area did not resemble what is known as a "con trail" normally seen in the sky above Abington. It appeared to be that which would be expected trailing a rocket. The blast appeared to be about one third the length of the overall size of the object.

(b) Unable to estimate size due to what appeared to be extreme altitude. The object appeared to be flying at an altitude far above that which normal aircraft traffic is observed.

(c) The color appeared as a glowing red-orange of such a magnitude as a bright star.

(d) Only one object observed.

(e) None

(f) Due to its extreme height the object was void of any shape other than the previously described elongated egg shape.

(g) Approximately one-third of the object appeared to be a blast area similar to that which would be expected from a rocket. There was no trail following the object.

(h) There were no sounds of any kind heard during the sighting which could have come from the object.

(i) None

(2) Description of course of object:

(a) [REDACTED] attention was drawn to the object by a comment made by [REDACTED] who resides across the street, "Look at the Sputnik". [REDACTED] observed the object for a period of three to four minutes then went into the house and brought his wife and child out to view the object, and again viewed the object for an additional two to three minutes, until it disappeared below the horizon.

(b) The object was first observed approximately 45 degrees above a level plane of the earth.

(c) The object proceeded in a straight and apparently level path across the sky from the time it was first observed until it disappeared below the horizon.

(d) See (c) above

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(a) Disappeared below the horizon

(c) Observed for a full five or six minutes

(3) **Manner of observation:**

(a) N/A

(b) N/A

(c) N/A

(4) **Time and date of sighting:**

(a) 1735 hours, 5 November 1957

(b) Day ← DUSK (See HR, - Astro tables)

(5) **Location of observer:**

(a) 1st Bomb Wing, Abingdon, Virginia (residence)

(6) **Identifying information of all observers:**

(a) [REDACTED], estimated age 35-40 years, civilian, occupation accountant.

(b) N/A

(7) **Weather and winds aloft conditions:**
(The following conditions were observed by COMB)

(a) N/A

(b) N/A

(c) N/A

(d) N/A

(e) The nearest weather station is located at TRI CITY Airport, between Bristol, Tenn. and Kingsport, Tenn.

(a) Ceiling very clear

(d) Visibility clear

(e) There were no cloud formations in the sky at time of sighting.

(f) No thunder storms in the area as far as could be observed.

(8) **Any other unusual activities or conditions:**

(a) None

(9) **Interception or identification actions:**

(a) N/A

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(10) Location of any air traffic in area at time of sighting.

(11) Sight observed.

On 13 November 1957, Miss [redacted], Abington, Virginia, was interviewed and advised substantially the same as [redacted]. In addition, [redacted] stated that at the time she sighted the object she was just coming out of a store on Main Street, Lebanon, Va., when she happened to look up and saw what appeared to be a bright orange light very high in the sky. [redacted] stated that she saw the object 1735 hours 13 November 1957, also that the object appeared to her as an elongated lensed shape light. Miss [redacted] is employed in the bookkeeping department of the Abington Grocery Co., Abington, Va. and is estimated to be 42 to 47 years of age. [redacted] stated that the object appeared to come out of North Carolina enroute to St. Paul, Virginia, which would be a northerly direction.

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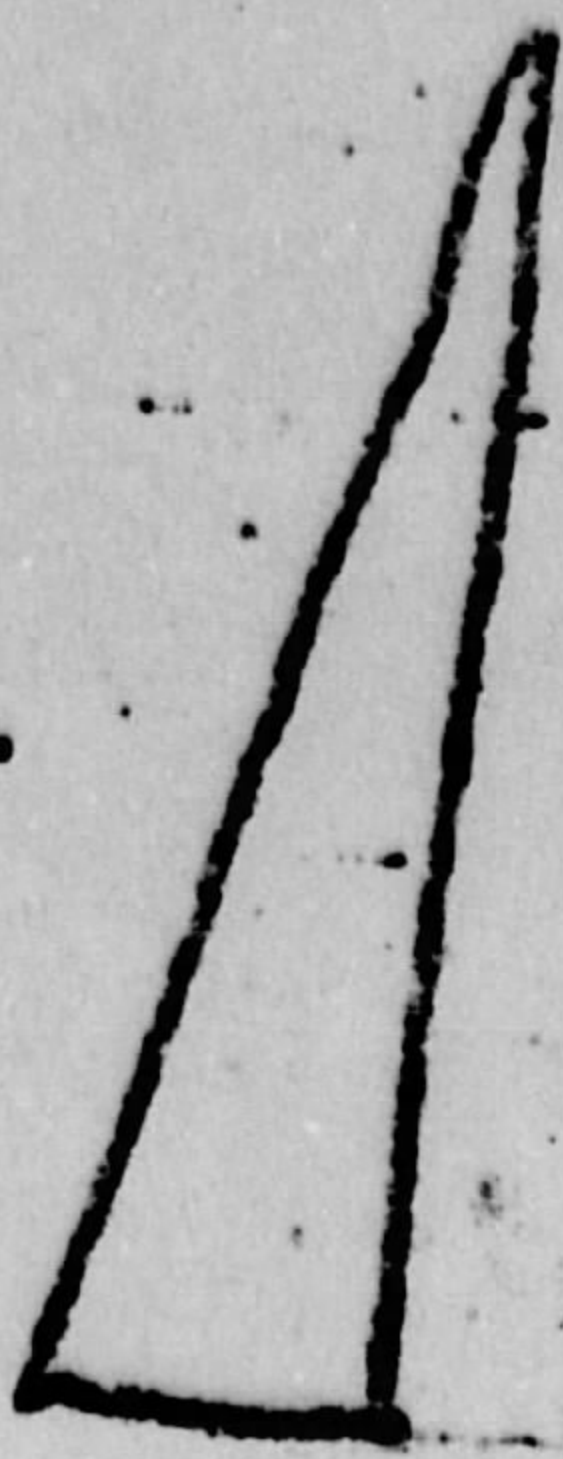
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The object, as seen by each of the aforementioned interviewees was classified and illustrated as follows:

tooth:



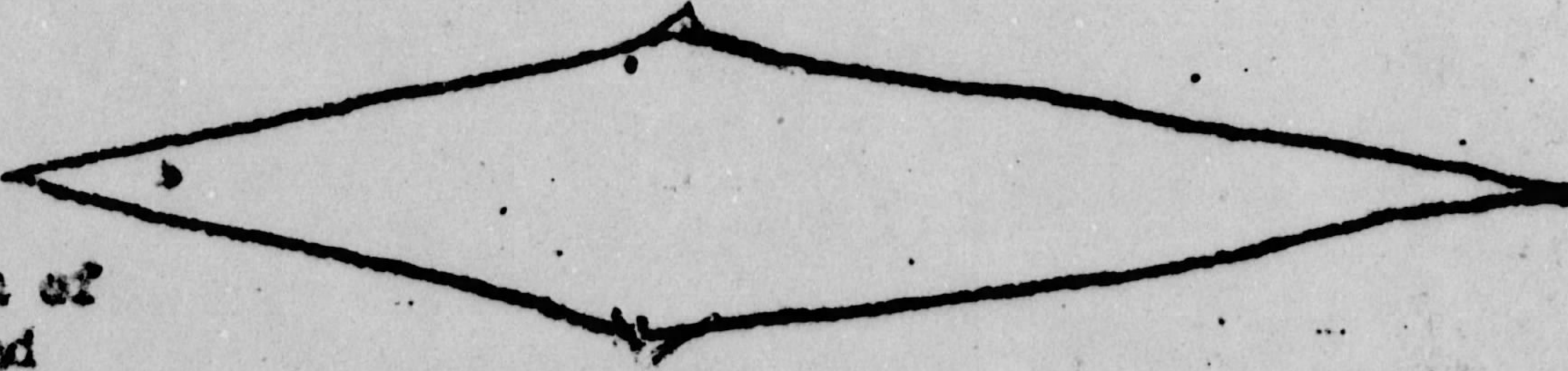
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Coconut:



Direction of flight and attitude

tooth:



Direction of flight and attitude

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- COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS -

<u>Observer</u>	<u>Direction</u> <u>Traced</u>	<u>Time Seen</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Shape</u>
C.H. BATH	NE.	1735 (E.T.)	5 min.	br. orange	Cont. & heavy
H.L. COOMS	NE. (approx)	1735 (E.T.)	4 min	br. red-orange	Egg
M.C. MAST	N. (approx)	1735 (E.T.)	1 min	br. orange	Diamond
	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
	N-NE	Constant	Constant	Constant in constant color	Persistent shape

Summary: An orange-colored light (or shape) of varying shape, seen observed in a generally NE heading. Observed for about 4 minutes.

ATTC Conclusions: U.S. Aero chart ~~2500~~ (No. 358-06) shows ABINGDON is almost directly under major airway Traffic Lane #5, Green. Often considerable traffic. Note - this airway runs **NORTHEAST!** Time 1000. - hear dash. Objects apparently at high alt. level.

The effect of the sun's slant rays (when it is near the horizon - as in this case) on aircraft at high altitudes has been known & analyzed for years. The general color from the specular reflections of the a/c surfaces is generally RED - ORANGE.

Therefore, there is no compelling reason to believe that the object observed on a general NE path was other than a high-flying a/c, the observed shapes caused by specular reflection due to the setting sun.

Check showed no UFOs seen by:

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| a. Radar units | } in that area
at that
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time |
| b. EOC posts | |
| c. Airline / airports | |
| d. Others | |