

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Feb 58		2. LOCATION Hampton, Va.		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 25/2330Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical Meteor ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 5 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS about 7	9. COURSE S to N		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A series of lights in V formation. Another sighting occurred within a few blocks of the first, approx 2 hrs & 30 mins later. The lights emitted a rather diffused glow & seemed to oscillate in the formation w/relation to each other. The overall formation seemed to hold a comparatively steady course.			11. COMMENTS Duration & distance traveled indicate that the objs were moving rapidly. The witness had the impression that lights were reflecting fm wires in the first observation. This is possible. His rpt was initiated by the second sighting which had a few sec duration. Description of the 2nd sighting conforms to a meteor sighting after it has broken up into pieces. Disappearance by "just going out" indicates that the objs had burned up in the atmosphere & is consistent w/this and I		

Statement of [REDACTED], concerning unexplained lights:

On the night of February 25, 1958, around 6:30 p.m., after darkness had settled, I was walking west on Melrose Avenue in Hampton and I sighted what appeared to be a V-formation of jets flying about 45° above the horizon and to my right. They were a series of lights in V-formation which I at first took to be a formation of jets with their lights shining. They passed from view behind a house and I subconsciously listened for the sound that these jets would have made, but there was no sound. They appeared to be not over 3,000 feet high and flying at what would be a normally fast speed for jets. Upon not hearing the sound, I assumed they were lights shining on some wires that I saw, as sometimes the reflection of lights moves down wires very rapidly. So I dismissed it from my mind.

Later on, at approximately 9:00 o'clock that night, I was walking down Newport News Avenue, going in a westerly direction, and I noticed the moon in the sky was about a one-quarter moon and was rather hazy. As I was looking at the moon, directly overhead I spotted a V-formation of lights which I again took to be a group of jets flying about, I would estimate, twice the normal speed of jets and at about 3,000 feet. All this is my impression; I have no way of really knowing how high they were or how fast they were flying. The appearance was that of diffused lights, rather than point sources of light. They held generally to a formation of about a 120° angle; although they held a general V-formation, they moved about very rapidly within that formation - not like a jet would fly along a very straight line, these wobbled in flight. Again, without thinking, I listened for the sound that would normally follow high-speed jets, and there was no sound. These lights continued moving until they were about 45° above the horizon, and then passed from my view behind some trees. The lights were very distinct. Although I did not count the lights, the impression I got was of about seven lights, and they must have been in view from three to five seconds. I went out several times later on that night to try to get another view of them, but I did not see them again.

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My Comment:

Strange - that two (2) sightings of this nature - one at 6:30 PM and the other at 9:00 PM. DIRECTLY OVER CITY - yet not from any UFOs. SIZED

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a. Others.
b. C/C ops
c. Airlines
d. Radar units
e. GOC

units in the area

* See labeled area - where migrating birds fly low over city - reflect light from buildings

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REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)		
No previous reports.		
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)		
UFO Sighting, Hampton, Virginia, 25 February 1958		
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)		
Two UFO sightings in Hampton, Virginia the night of 25 February 1958 were reported by Mr. [REDACTED] civilian aeronautical research engineer, employed by NACA facilities at Langley AFB, Virginia. The time of the first sighting was 1830 local (2330Z). In this instance a series of lights were observed in V-formation at about a 45° angle above the horizon moving from south to north at an estimated 600 knots. The second sighting occurred within a few blocks of the first, approximately two hours and 30 minutes after the first sighting. In this case the lights were first observed when directly overhead moving in a north westerly direction. As in the first instance, the lights were in a V-formation. Because of the better vantage point in the second sighting, the observer was able to report that the lights emitted a rather diffused glow rather than a pinpoint of light sources and that the lights seemed to oscillate in the formation with relation to each other. Preliminary investigation by the originator of this report revealed nothing which would explain the above reported sightings. (See AF Forms 112a attached)		
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SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, Hampton, Virginia, 25 February 1958

The following information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 15, AFR 200-2. The information is that which was gained in an interview of Mr. [REDACTED] on 10 March and additional information obtained from the Base Weather Station, the Langley Forecast Center and Base Operations.

a. Description of the Objects:

- (1) Shape. Circular sources of light.
- (2) The size was estimated to be slightly smaller than a dime held in the hand at about arms length.
- (3) Color was white tinged with yellow.
- (4) Approximately seven light sources were observed.
- (5) The lights were observed to be in a rough V formation of about a 120° angle.
- (6) No features or details were discernable.
- (7) No tail, trail, or exhaust was observed.
- (8) Observer reported no sound. He indicated he had specifically listened for this since he was sure that anything moving that fast would undoubtedly be a jet aircraft.
- (9) The only unusual features of the sightings seemed to be the apparent speed which was estimated by the observer to be approximately 600 knots. This speed was based on the fact that aircraft at lower altitudes in this immediate area are restricted to 300 knots and in both of these sightings the apparent speed was approximately twice the maximum normally observed. One other unusual feature was Mr. [REDACTED] observation regarding the second sighting in which he stated the individual light sources seemed to move or oscillate within the formation. He further stated that this movement was quite rapid, but the total movement was less than the diameter of the light source. This movement affected the individual light sources but the overall formation seemed to hold a comparatively steady course.

b. Description of Course of Objects:

- (1) Attention of the observer was called to the objects by the movement of lights.
- (2) When first observed on the first sighting, the lights appeared to be 30 to 45 degrees above the horizon. On the second sighting the lights were directly overhead when first observed.
- (3) The lights in the first sighting appeared to maintain the same elevation angle until they disappeared behind the landscape. In the second sighting, Mr. [REDACTED] stated the lights disappeared when they were at about a 45° angle above the horizon. He indicated that in this instance they did not disappear behind the landscape but simply disappeared from his view as though the lights had been turned off or angled from their previous course so rapidly that he missed the change in course.

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(4) The flight path of the formation appeared straight during both observations. However, as indicated above, during the second observation, individual lights within the formation appeared to be moving with relation to the formation as a whole. In the first observation the formation moved in a northerly direction and in the second instance was moving to the northwest.

(5) In the case of the first sighting the formation disappeared from view behind a house. (See par b(3) above concerning second sighting).

(6) Observer stated that the formation was in view for not over three seconds during the first sighting and in the second instance was observed for approximately three to five seconds.

c. Manner of Observation.

(1) The observation was visual from the ground.

(2) No optical aids were used.

(3) Not applicable.

d. Time and Date of Sighting.

(1) The first observation was at approximately 2330Z hours on 25 February. The second observation was at approximately 0200Z on 26 February.

(2) Light Conditions: Both sightings were made at night with a moon and some haze conditions according to the observer.

e. Location of observer in both sightings was fixed as approximately 1/2 miles SW of downtown Hampton, Virginia, a position roughly 37° 01' 30" N and 76° 21' 15" W.

f. Identifying information on observer. Observer is a civilian, Mr. [REDACTED] a veteran of World War II who held a commission as a 1st Lt in US Army Ordnance. Mr. [REDACTED] is employed by NACA Laboratories and has worked there since 3 March 1947. He is assigned duties as an aeronautical research engineer in the 16-foot wind tunnel and holds a GS-11 civil service rating. NACA authorities advise he has been recently issued a C type security clearance. His home address is [REDACTED] Hampton, Virginia (phone number [REDACTED]).

g. Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sightings. (This information obtained from Base Forecaster at Langley AFB, Virginia and the Langley Forecast Center)

(1) The observer reported some haze but did not mention cloud cover.

(2) The Langley Forecast Center advises winds at 2400Z hours on 25 February were as follows:

Surface	0200	6 Knots
6,000 ft	2700	14 Knots
10,000 ft	2900	33 Knots
16,000 ft	2900	32 Knots
20,000 ft	3000	35 Knots

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30,000 ft	290°	60 Knots
47,000 ft	280°	112 Knots
80,000 ft	250°	19 Knots

(3) The ceiling visibility and cloud cover were as indicated in the following Langley observed weather sequences:

2315Z hours, high, overcast, visibility 7 miles
 2357Z hrs, high, overcast, visibility 8 miles, temperature
 48°, dew point 36°, wind NNE 6 knots, smoke drifting over
 field.

0156Z hrs, high, thin, broken, visibility 10 miles, temperature
 45°, dew point 35°, wind NNE 7 knots.

h. There were no meteorological conditions or activity which might account for the sightings.

i. No interception or identification action was taken at the time of the sightings.

j. Records of Base Operations, Langley AFB and the CAA Center at Norfolk revealed the following information concerning traffic in the area at the time of the sightings:

LOCAL

1 - C-47	Departed Langley AFB at 1942Z	Returned 2209Z
2 - F-100	Departed Langley AFB at 2200Z	Returned 0030Z
2 - F-100	Departed Langley AFB at 2225Z	Returned 0030Z
1 - F-100	Departed Langley AFB at 2255Z	Returned 0105Z
1 - F-100	Departed Langley AFB at 2255Z	Returned 0025Z
2 - F-100	Departed Langley AFB at 2310Z	Returned 0110Z

TRANSIENT TRAFFIC

2 - F-100	Departed Langley AFB at 2309Z	Destination - Andrews AFB
1 - T-33	Departed Langley AFB at 0154Z	Destination - Andrews AFB
1 - C-45	Departed Langley AFB at 0206Z	Destination - Andrews AFB
1 - T-33	Arrived Langley AFB from Tulsa at 0217Z	
1 - T-33	Arrived Langley AFB from Wright Patterson AFB at 0224Z	

k. The statement of Mr. [REDACTED] concerning two unexplained sightings experienced by him on the night of 25 February is attached. Mr. [REDACTED] originally contacted the Base Flying Safety Officer by telephone on the morning of 26 February concerning these sightings. The officer contacted requested Mr. [REDACTED] to prepare a written statement and forward it to him. Unfortunately these arrangements were not discussed with anyone else and the Officer involved was absent for several days immediately subsequent. During this period the report was received addressed personally to the officer concerned and lay unopened until a late hour on 7 March. Attempts to contact Mr. [REDACTED] on 8 and 9 March proved fruitless. However, he was interviewed at work at 0800 hours on 10 March by Major Francis T. Boren, Base Inspector. In the opinion of the preparing officer, nothing has been disclosed by the investigation which would offer a good explanation for the sightings reported by Mr. [REDACTED].

l. No photographs or other materials concerning these sightings are available.

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1. Check with U.S. Wildlife Service - indicates that migratory birds often do fly over cities at times at night. Never at high altitudes (Note: Source here states that altitude of objects about 3000 ft). Canadian geese and other of duck family fly in formations.
2. All a/c plotted. No 6 or 7 in area at same time.
3. Radar claims nothing in area at those times, but states objects size of birds very seldom show on certain scopes + frequencies.
4. Significant: Nobody else observed anything unusual - yet the objects were alleged to be directly over Hampton - BOTH times. G.H.