

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 5 January 65 05/2256Z	2. LOCATION Wallops Island, Virginia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA. JAH.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 - 9 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round bright yellow light rising from the horizon at 200 deg azimuth. Object disappeared overhead after appearing to follow the curvature of the Earth. Believed to be a great distance away. Flickered at disappearance. Total observation time 8-9 seconds. Witness claims wife and brother-in-law made same observation. Also observed by a Dr. [redacted] who reported the time as 1815.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Based	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	COMMENTS: No missiles launched from Wallops Island after 1746 (10 minutes previous to the sighting). Witness sure of his accuracy in time check. Was convinced that this was not the missile launch. SPADATS indicated that a Satellite (obj 590) was a possible cause, however the duration and flight path does not conform with this analysis. Observation more consistent with missile launch, and time error on the part of the observer.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE)

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x January 5, 1965— Wallop's Island, Virginia — Two NASA Officials

and reported a round white oval object, which changed to yellowish-orange in color and traveled from low on the horizon to overhead and made a 90 degree turn before disappearing in the distance. SOURCE: Salisbury Times, Maryland.

No Case, Information Only
Source: TSIC Bulletin, Vol 2, #1

January 1965 .
Wallops Island

Wallops Island . . . January (7), 1965 . . . A number of persons reported seeing a "bright yellow thing" like a comet coming straight at them at a high rate of speed. (Wallops Island is a rocket launch base on the east coast of Virginia.)

5 JAN 65
Wallops Island, Va.

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UFO Observation 5 Jan 65

31 Mar 65

[REDACTED]
Project Engineer
NASA Station
Wallops Island, Virginia

Dear Sir,

There are certain omissions in information regarding your reported observation on 5 Jan 65. The azimuth and elevation of the objects at appearance and disappearance was omitted. Also, we would like to know the direction of the missile launch pad in relation to the direction of the observation. It was not stated as to whether or not you observed the 1746 local launch. The report also stated that your wife and brother-in-law made the same observation. If possible we would like to know the direction that they were looking and the point of observation in relation to the point from which you observed the object.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr
Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch

*Inconsistent and contradictory
evidence without answer from
observers. "Rising from horizon"
and "following curvature of earth"
are contradictory. If Az. 200
represents direction of launch
pad from observer, missile theory
should be favored. If not, matter
is a
yet still
possible*

[REDACTED]
PROJECT ENGINEER

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HEADQUARTERS
4500TH AIR BASE WING
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA 23365



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DO/2711

SUBJECT: Initial Report of Investigation of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: AFSC (FID)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. The following information is presented as directed by paragraph 14, AFR 200-2.

a. Description of the object:

- (1) Shape: Round.
- (2) Size: Compared with a nickel held in the hand at about arm's length.
- (3) Color: Bright yellow light.
- (4) Number: One.
- (5) Formation: None.
- (6) Discernible features: None.
- (7) Tail: None.
- (8) Sound: None.

b. Description of course of object:

- (1) The observer's attention was first called to the object when he glanced at the horizon as he entered his automobile.
- (2) The object was first observed rising from the horizon at an azimuth of 200 degrees from the observer.
- (3) The object disappeared as it reached an overhead position relative to the observer.
- (4) The flight path of the object appeared to follow the curvature of the earth, but at a great distance from the earth.
- (5) The object disappeared instantly after an observed flicker.
- (6) The object was visible to the observer for eight or nine seconds.

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c. Manner of observation:

- (1) Ground - visual.
- (2) No optical aids were used.

d. Time and date of sighting:

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- (1) 2256 Zulu (1756 local), 5 January 1965
- (2) Light conditions: Night.

e. Location of observer: On-station housing area, Wallops Island NASA Station.

f. Identifying information on observer: Mr. [REDACTED], age 28, Wallops Island NASA Station, Project Engineer.

g. Weather and winds: Aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:

- (1) Observer's account of weather conditions: Clear and calm.
- (2) Wind direction and velocity (Patuxent River Naval Air Station Weather Facility)

Surface:	230°/2 knots
6,000 ft:	290°/21 knots
10,000 ft:	300°/20 knots
16,000 ft:	310°/36 knots
20,000 ft:	310°/44 knots
30,000 ft:	310°/49 knots
50,000 ft:	300°/57 knots
- (3) Ceiling: Clear.
- (4) Visibility: 8 miles
- (5) Amount of cloud cover: None.
- (6) Thunderstorms: None.
- (7) Vertical temperature gradient: Normal lapse rate.

h. No unusual meteorological activity or conditions were reported. At 2246 Zulu (1746 local) 5 January 1965, Wallops Island NASA Missile Firing Range fired their last missile for that day. Mr. [REDACTED] insisted that he had checked the accuracy of his watch and the accuracy of his reported sighting time. He was aware of the missile firing, and was convinced there was no relationship.

i. There was no interception or immediate identification action taken because of a one-day delay from the sighting time to the reporting time.

j. A check was made with the Air Traffic Control Facility in the Patuxent River Naval Air Station and the Wallops Island NASA Station area. They reported Navy P3A aircraft operating in Warning Area 108 from 2430 Zulu to 0400 Zulu. They were at a "low" altitude and not exceeding 250 knots. They were firing objects down - but not up. Contact was made with NORAD Headquarters, Colorado, Commander McGraph, SPADATS Operations Office, Extension 6614. Commander McGraph stated there was a 50 percent possibility of the sighting being an orbiting satellite and specifically SPADATS Object 530. His office later reported that their computer would not confirm nor deny the possibility of a satellite orbiting over Wallops Island at the time of the sighting. This was because no accurate estimate of elevation could be given to be fed to the computer.

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k. This report was prepared by First Lieutenant Robert R. Dockum, USAF, 4500 Air Base Wing (D00-H), Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. The description of this UFO sighting was given by Mr. [REDACTED] to Lieutenant Dockum during a personal interview on 11 January 1965. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that his wife and brother-in-law had made the same observation. Mr. [REDACTED] also had talked with Dr. [REDACTED], M.D., [REDACTED] Virginia ([REDACTED]). Dr. [REDACTED] had made a very similar observation and had reported it to the Wallops Island NASA Station Chief of Security. Dr. [REDACTED] had reported his sighting time as 2315 Zulu (1815 local) 5 January 1965. The most probable cause of the reported object is an orbiting satellite. This possibility was confirmed by NORAD SPADATS Operations. Another possible cause of the reported object is a temperature inversion caused by the missile launching and not measured by the weather bureau. This possible inversion may have caused a reflective pattern that would appear after the missile firing. This possibility was confirmed by the Patuxent Naval Air Station Weather Facility duty forecaster and the Norfolk Weather Bureau.

1. No physical evidence was reported to exist.

2. The observer was prompted to report his sighting after the local news announced the Patuxent River Naval Air Station radar tracking of two UFO's on 29 December. The Patuxent River Public Information Office stated that these December sightings were currently under investigation by Major Quintanilla, USAF, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The observer (Mr. [REDACTED]) also reported his sighting to Commander Carson,

USN, at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Mr. [REDACTED] seemed very anxious to fully report and consider all the aspects of his sighting. Also, he had recruited letters reporting other people's observations of lights and reflections when they were not sure of the source.

FOR THE COMMANDER

J. M. Forster
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Lt Col, USAF

Deputy Commander for Operations

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March 10th, 1965

WE REGRET TO ANNOUNCE the recent death of Manon Darlaine of Hollywood, California. Born in France, Madam Darlaine was a long-time researcher into flying saucers, psychic phenomena, and other related mysteries. Her voluminous files go back for many years, and she was keenly interested in the mysterious goings-on in the Los Angeles area in the early 1950's, notably the disappearance of saucer researchers Hunrath and Wilkinson. Her interest in UFOs continued, though her health failed in recent years, and she was seen regularly at the annual Giant Rock conventions. Your Editor met her several times, corresponded regularly, and considered her a close personal friend.

NEW "CONTACTEE" STORY: On February 11th, a Watsonville, California television repairman named Sid Padrick told newspaper reporters that he took a ride in a flying saucer at 2 a.m. one night the previous month. Padrick claimed that he was invited aboard with assurances that the nine-man crew was "absolutely not hostile," and that he found the craft perched on a hillside near his home. The contactee was vague about some aspects of his trip, but did say that the crew looked like normal human beings of average height, and that the ship's motive power came from "energy transferred through a light source known to them," i.e., known to the space people. The commander of the craft also told him that they have been here before and that they are visiting us on an exploratory trip of some sort, though Padrick feels that they have other peaceful motives, as well.

Padrick claimed that the Air Force had asked him not to discuss the incident in detail. His report of the adventure was made to Major D. B. Reader at Hamilton Air Force Base, and the data was forwarded to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, as is the routine procedure in UFO cases. More details on this incident will appear in our forthcoming June issue of SAUCER NEWS.

SAUCER FLAP IN VIRGINIA CONTINUES: Clippings are still pouring into our office regarding the saucer flap which began in Virginia last December, and which extended at least through the end of January.

On the night of January 25th, several people watched a twinkling object, shaped like a pie plate and looking like a spinning top, which bobbed up and down at very low altitude over the Rappahannock River, at Fredericksburg, Va. The object was observed for a period of ten minutes.

Another sighting was made the same night at the foot of a mountain near Marion, Va. This UFO had sparks flying from it, and was heard to explode with a "cracking sound." A few seconds later, something rose up from the explosion and headed toward Marion. A small fire resulting from the explosion was put out by forestry officials, but apparently no physical evidence was found.

(See Reverse)

At Wallops Station, Va., one of America's NASA rocket launching facilities, a NASA engineer and others observed a UFO on January 5th, at 6 p.m. The engineer, named ~~Robert Burton~~, described it as a bright object shooting up from the southwestern horizon. It appeared about one fourth the size of the moon; was yellowish-orange in color; and traveled from the horizon to directly overhead in just a few seconds. Burton added that the mysterious object looked "like an oversized comet without a tail." The Air Force is investigating the incident as well as another previously unpublished UFO sighting which took place at Wallops Station back in October of 1964.

Finally, we have a report from Staunton - scene of several previous UFO incidents - which tells of a group of seven teenagers who saw and later photographed little men from outer space. This story has all the earmarks of a hoax to us, but we give it to you for what it is worth: Steven Houffer, 16, was driving on U.S. Route 250 with several friends when he saw a suspicious-looking man near the side of the road. He stopped the car and chased the individual until the man was joined by two others, all about 3½ feet in stature. They were allegedly wearing one-piece, skin-tight garmets that were silver in color. Later Houffer went to a nearby barn with a photographer, where a color picture of one little man was taken. Just how they knew the creature was in the barn is not clear, nor had the picture been developed at last report.

SAUCER FLAP IN ALASKA: On the night of January 27th, dozens of residents of Anchorage, Alaska, contacted local police and newspapers in concern over a multicolored flickering UFO which hovered near the city. Dr. William C. Langworthy, assistant professor of chemistry at Alaska Methodist University, trained a 100-power telescope on the object and concluded that it was "odder than anything I've seen before." The professor stated that although smaller than Jupiter in apparent size, the unknown object cast off more light than does that planet. Whatever the object was, it apparently stayed beyond the range of our radar, according to an Air Force spokesman, who said the incident was under investigation.

Many other sightings were made the previous night, including one by Mrs. Ed Ray of Anchorage. She was sitting in her living room with the family when she saw an extremely bright light "with the intensity of an arc light" shining through one of the house's large windows. The frightening event was accompanied by a buzzing sound, which turned into an explosion a few seconds later. The whole family observed that the light was coming down through the trees from above, and for a few moments, just before the explosion, it shined into the living room with blinding intensity.

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