

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 21 January 65 22/0010Z	2. LOCATION Richmond, Virginia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object observed hovering over Radio Station tower. Elevation estimated at 4,000 ft. Bright light yellow in back blending to white in front. Object was South of observer. After hovering for a few seconds it appeared to move rapidly to the North and disappeared over the horizon. Followed the curvature of the Earth. Straight flight. Three day delay in reporting observation. Observer more interested in obtaining information on UFO's in general than in reporting his observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE North	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	COMMENTS: FAA reported on A/C in area at time of sighting. Report of dubious value. Possibility exists of an unreliable report. If an object WAS observed no data was presented to indicate that the sighting could NOT have been caused by an A/C known to be in the area at the time. Sighting evaluated as an A/C?

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



AD FED 4-2

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DO/2711

SUBJECT: Initial Report of Investigation of UFO

TO: AFSC (FTD)
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: Bright light.
- (2) Size: Compared with a half-dollar held in the hand at about an arm's length.
- (3) Color: Yellow in back blending to white in front.
- (4) Number: One.
- (5) Formation: None.
- (6) Discernible features: None.
- (7) Tail: None.
- (8) Sound: None.

b. Description of course of objects:

- (1) The observer's attention was first called to the object as it reportedly hovered above the WTVR station's tower.
- (2) The elevation of the object was estimated to be 4000 feet above the ground. It was reported to be south of the observer (over the tower) from his position on West Broad Street.
- (3) After hovering for a few seconds the object appeared to move rapidly to the north and disappeared over the northern horizon. It appeared to follow the curvature of the earth and did not maneuver.

(4) The object was observed for a period of approximately 45 seconds.

c. Manner of observation:

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

d. Time and date of sighting:

- (1) 0010 Zulu (1910 local), 22 January 1965.
- (2) Light conditions: Night.

e. Location of observer: The observer was driving on West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, when he saw the reported object. He immediately stopped his car in the 2400 block of West Broad Street and got out to observe the object.

f. Observer identification:

- (1) Name: [REDACTED]
- (2) Age: 26 years.
- (3) Address: [REDACTED] and 30, Virginia.
- (4) Occupation: Newsman, WLEE Radio, Richmond, Virginia.

g. Weather and winds - aloft conditions at time and place of sighting.

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions: Winds, no report; cloud cover, clear; visibility, unlimited.

(2) Reported weather: U. S. Weather Service, Weather Bureau Airport Station, Byrd Field, Richmond, Virginia.

(a) Winds:

Surface 220°/14 knots	20,000 ft 270°/56 knots
6000 ft 270°/24 knots	30,000 ft 280°/78 knots
10,000 ft 280°/38 knots	50,000 ft 280°/68 knots
16,000 ft 290°/60 knots	53,000 ft 280°/56 knots

Ceiling: None.
Visibility: 12 miles.
Cloud cover: high, thin scattered 5/10ths (1/10th opaque).
Thunderstorms: None.
Vertical temperature gradient: surface: 45°F., 200 ft, 53°F., normal lapse rate above 200 feet.

h. The only unusual meteorological condition reported is the temperature described in g (2) above.

i. No interceptive action was taken due to a 3-day time delay from the sighting time to the reporting time. Mr. [REDACTED] reported his sighting to Langley AFB Command Post at 2100 local, 25 January 1965.

j. The Richmond, Virginia FAA facility reported an inbound on an Army plane which estimated Byrd Field at 1925 local time. This aircraft was on a VFR Flight plan and could have been in the area of the sighting at 1910 local.

k. This report was prepared by First Lieutenant Robert R. Dockum, USAF, 4500 Air Base Wing (DOO-H), Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. The description of this UFO was given by Mr. Taylor to Lieutenant Dockum during a personal interview on 26 January 1965.

l. The most probable cause of this sighting was reflected or angled ground lights due to the low altitude temperature inversion. The existence of the temperature inversion was confirmed by the Byrd Field Weather Station (g (2)).

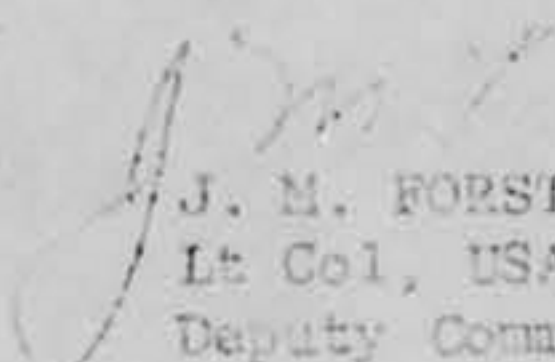
m. Another possible cause of the sighting was an airplane. Richmond FAA confirmed the existence of one plane in the area at the time of the sighting ("j").

n. A third possible cause of this sighting would be the sun reflecting from an orbiting satellite. This possibility could be confirmed or denied by NORAD Headquarters, SPADATS.

o. A fourth possible cause of this sighting was intentional publicity seeking on the part of the reporter. This possibility was confirmed by the observer's great desire for information on UFO's in general. He frankly stated that he and his colleagues at WLEE were doing a "special" on UFO's. This show would include an interview with retired Major Keyhoe. Mr. [REDACTED] seemed to be wanting an Air Force "position" on UFO's more than his specific sighting. The investigator referred Mr. [REDACTED] to USAF Headquarters, Office of Information.

p. No physical evidence was reported to exist.

FOR THE COMMANDER

J. M. FORSTER

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