

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25-26 January 65 26/0415Z		2. LOCATION Bolar, Virginia	
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION GROUND LIGHTS	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One or More			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Minutes		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round reddish orange or glowing light believed to be about 270 yds away. Following night the object or light appeared again in same locations. Watched light for at least 20 minutes. Light was about 8 inches in diameter. Would disappear for 2-3 seconds and reappear. Either on the ground or a few feet above the ground. About 75 yds from the light large circles resembling flourescent lights were observed, and these circles moved in various directions. Location of observation in valley between mountains. COMMENTS: Bright light attributed to light from flashlight or lantern and larger circles the beam hitting the mountain side or other such solid body. Possible lights from hunters in the woods. Case regarded as groun lights from some source similar to flash-light or lantern.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE Random			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			

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GROUND STOPS

February 3, 1965

Commanding General
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir,

On advisement of Mr. J. S. Whitlock, Postal Inspector of Staunton Virginia, I am giving you the following information.

On January 25, 1965 around 11:15 P.M. we saw a round reddish-orange, glowing object or light, approximately 270 yards from the Bolar, Virginia Post Office. Then again on January 26, 1965 around 10:45 P.M. the object or light appeared again at the same place. Both my husband and I watched it for at least twenty minutes. It looked to be about eight inches in diameter. At one time it disappeared for two or three seconds and then appeared again. We could not tell if it was on the ground or just a few feet above ground. About seventy five yards from the glowing object or light, we could plainly see large bluish-white circles that glowed, similar to a light from a fluorescent lamp. These circles of light moved in different directions and were seen through the windows of a trailer by our son-in-law who lives near the Post Office.

Recently from newspapers and television we have learned that an unidentified object had been sighted in different sections of Virginia, and due to these reports, pranks have been played by teenagers and also adults. I can truthfully say the lighted object we saw was not faked and I do not consider it a laughing matter. The small Village of Bolar is located on a narrow strip of land between mountains. We have checked and re-checked and are certain there is nothing in our area that would make the kind of light we saw.

I am Postmaster here at Bolar and I hesitated before reporting this subject to the Postal Inspector. But after a great deal of serious thinking, I felt that I could not be a good American Citizen if I did not ask these questions. "What was the lighted object and where did it come from?"

Sincerely,
Mrs. Virginia C. Howdyshell
Postmaster

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