

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 5 August 65 06/0310Z	2. LOCATION Des Moines, Iowa
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (STAR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Yellow light changing to orange and then blue-green with four of five windows. Oval shaped. With naked eye appeared to be glowing. Glow disappeared when BX were used. Initial position 18-20 thousand feet, disappeared at 8,000 ft. Initial sighting in SW with the object in flight to the North. Speed given as FAST. Object in sight for over two hours. Course slightly erratic.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Hours, 15 Minutes	COMMENTS: Antares (Mag 1.2) at 15 deg elevation 220 deg azimuth. ARCTURUS (Mag 0.2) at 25 deg elevation, 270 deg azimuth. Antares more near reported position. ARCTURUS more closely associated with the reported observable characteristics. Details and features attributed to the imagination of the 15 year old youth.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	
7. COURSE North Descending	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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FM 788TH RADAR SQ WAVERLY AFS IOWA

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RUDDAH/CHADS TRUAX FLD WIS

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UNCLAS 780000-00000 AUG 65. FOR ADD(COIN), 30-CIN, CHADS

CIN, AFSC(FTD), HQ USAF(CAFNIN), SEC USAF(SAFOD).

INFO REPORT. THIS MESSAGE IN 12 PARTS. PART 1. DESCRIP-

TION OF THE OBJECT: A. SHAPE: OVAL. B. SIZE: SIMILAR TO A

LARGE ORANGE. C. COLOR: YELLOW, CHANGING TO ORANGE, THEN

BRIGHT ORANGE WITH A BLUE GREEN TINT. D. NUMBER: ONE.

E. DISCERNIBLE FEATURES AND DETAILS: UFO APPEARED TO HAVE

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FOUR TO FIVE WINDOWS, OVAL SHAPED, ORIGINALLY APPEARED
TO BE GLOWING. WHEN SUBSEQUENTLY OBSERVED WITH BINOCULARS
GLOWING FEATURE WAS NOT EVIDENT. F. NO TAIL, TRAIL OR
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EXHAUST WAS OBSERVED. G. SOUND: NONE. H. NO OTHER
PERTINENT OR UNUSAL FEATURES. PART 2. DESCRIPTION OF
COURSE OF OBJECT: A. GLOWING FEATURE OF OBJECT FIRST
CAUSED REPORTEE TO NOTICE IT. B. INITIAL ALTITUDE EST
BETWEEN 18 AND 20 THOUSAND FEET. C. ALTITUDE AT TIME OF
DISAPPEARANCE EST AT 8 THOUSAND FEET. D. FIRST
NOTICED SOUTH WEST OF DESMOINES, IOWA THEN TURNED NORTH
AND CONTINUED NORTH UNTIL IT FADED. COURSE WAS SLIGHTLY
ERRATIC. OBJECT DID NOT CLIMB OR DESCEND IN ALTITUDE.
OBJECT WAS MOVING AT A FAST RATE OF SPEED. E. OBJECT
DISAPPEARED INSTANTANEOUSLY. F. OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR
TWO HOURS AND FIFTEEN MINUTES. PART 3. MANNER OF OBSERVA-
TION: A. OBJECT WAS ORIGINALLY OBSERVED WITH THE NAKED
EYE. SUBSEQUENT SIGHTING WAS WITH BINOCULARS. B. MANNER
OF OBSERVATION WAS GROUND VISUAL. PART 4. TIME AND DATE
OF SIGHTING. A. OBJECT WAS SIGHTED AT 0610310Z. B. THIS

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WAS DURING NIGHTTIME. PART 5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

OBSERVER WAS LOCATED IN DES MOINES, IOWA, 41 30N, 93 40W.

PART 6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: A. INITIAL

OBSERVER IS A CIVILIAN, MR. [REDACTED], AGE 15,

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414TH 40TH PLACE, DES MOINES, IOWA, STUDENT, RELIABILITY

UNKNOWN. SUBSEQUENT OBSERVER WAS MR. [REDACTED] (FATHER),

AGE 36. SAME ADDRESS AS A [REDACTED], OCCUPATION IS

MECHANIC, RELIABILITY UNKNOWN. PART 7. WEATHER AND WINDS

ALOFT. A. OBSERVER REPORTED ONLY ONE STAR VISIBLE IN THE

SKY. B. WINDS ALOFT: 6,000 FEET-230/30, 10,000 FEET-240/

25, 16,000 FEET-230/25, 20,000 FEET 220/30, 30,000 FEET-

240/30, 50,000 FEET-280/30, 80,000 FEET UNAVAILABLE.

C. CEILING WAS ESTIMATED 10,000 SCATTERED. D. VISIBILITY

WAS 12 MILES. E. CLOUD COVER WAS SCATTERED. F. THERE

WERE NO THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AREA. G. VERTICAL TEMPERA-

TURE GRADIENT: 6,000 FEET-PLUS 17, 10,000 FEET -PLUS 7, 16,000

FEET-MINUS 5, 20,000 FEET-MINUS 15, 30,000 FEET-MINUS 38, 50,000

FEET-MINUS 60. CBB , 28. THEREKAA WAS NO OTHER ACTIVITY OR CONDITION

WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING. PART 9. INTERCEPTION OR

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IDENTIFICATION WAS NOT ATTEMPTED. PART 10. NO KNOWN BALLOON
RELEASES IN THE AREA. PART 11. PREPARING OFFICER IS INTELLIGENCE
OFFICER, 788TH RADAR SQUADRON, WAVERLY AFS, IOWA. PART 12.
THERE IS NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE SIGHTING.

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