

PAULS CHURCH, VA.

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AV Colonel

Three lights, one red and two white, similar to the flashing lights were sighted at about 20° elevation. Objects traveled a straight path inclining about 45° to horizon going west. Sound was an irregular sputtering.

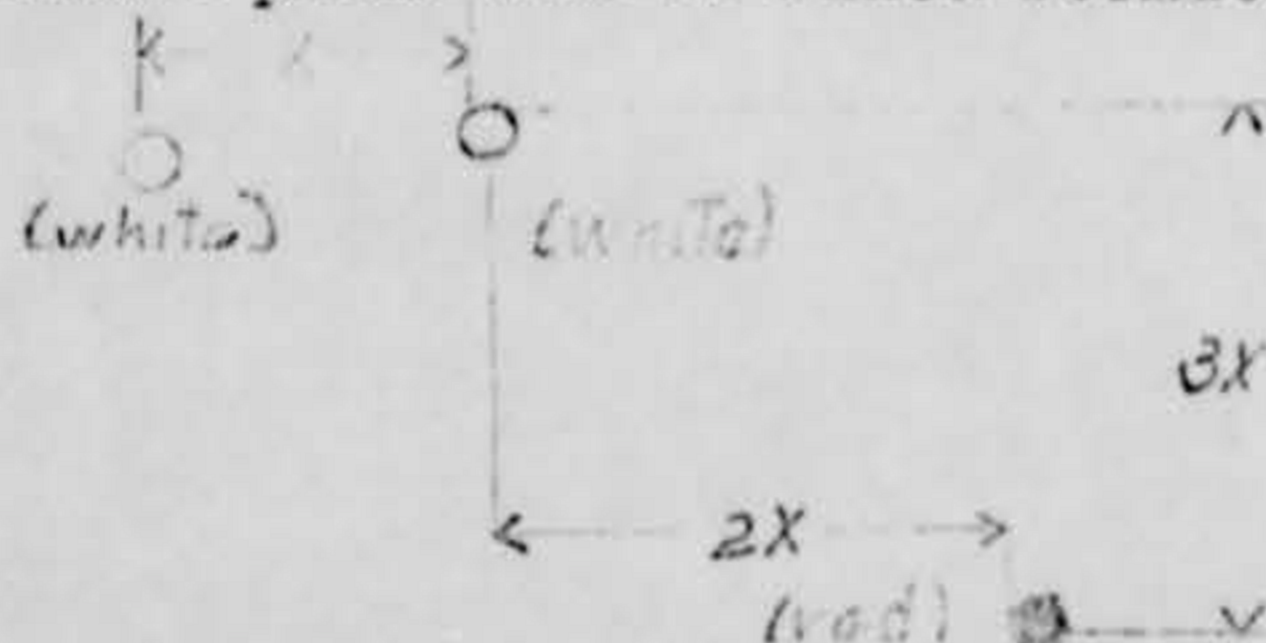
2. It is believed that objects sighted been an aircraft although no aircraft reported in area.

Falls Church, Va.
17 July 52

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Report of sighting as submitted by Colonel [REDACTED], USAF, during interview with Major Fournet on 21 July 1952:

(a) Three lights, one red and two white, appearing to be traveling in same vertical plane and in fixed formation. Appearance as follows:

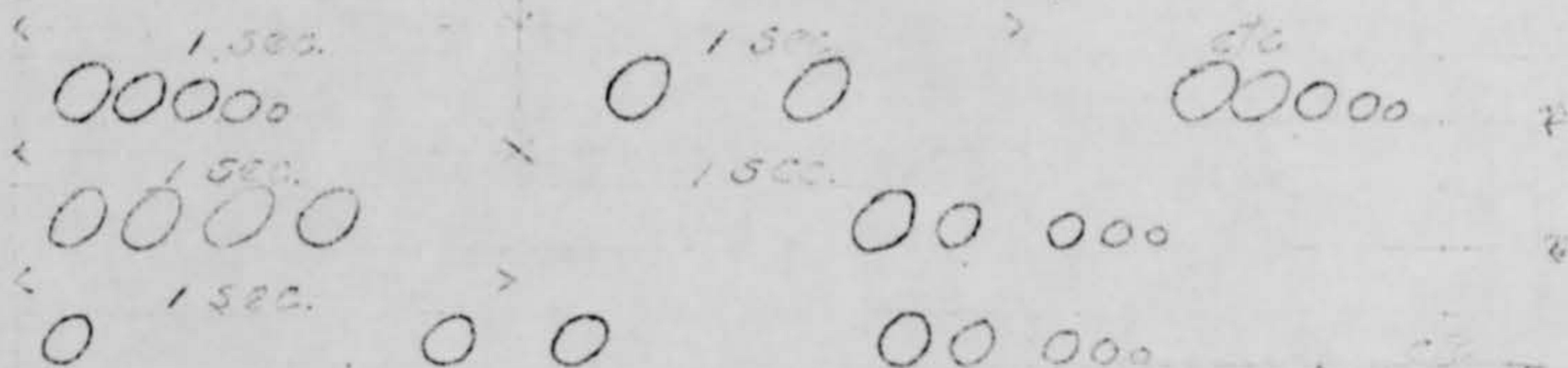


All objects same size with diam est = .015 - .020x. Estimates that a circle with diam = 2 1/2 diam of dime at arm's length would cover the three objects. Objects seemed to be low intensity diffused light source similar to a/c running lights; did not blink. Other lights, very much dimmer and very vague, were in area between three objects, but number and locations could not be established. Impression that something connected them. However, although looked for this very carefully, never established conclusively.

(b) Sighted at 2205 EDST 17 Jul 52 from yard at home [REDACTED], Falls Church, Virginia).

(c) First observed about 350° azimuth. Followed through about 85° of travel, equivalent to 10-15 seconds time. When picked up initially, objects were at about 30° elevation. Straight flight path inclined at about 45° to horizon and going down (at first gave impression of a/c about to crash). Last from sight behind trees. No trails, etc., observed.

(d) Sound: Irregular "sputtering" with low resonant pitch (definitely different from a/c engines). Considered very unusual (source states the sound is what motivated his submission of report). Sequence of sound, using different size circles to depict sound level, would be about as follows (example):



Sound heard simultaneously with visual, continued throughout sighting, although in gradually diminishing intensity, and persisted for very short period after lost from view.

(e) Observed with naked eye.

(f) Observer reports no moon or clouds but slight overcast at "high altitude."

(g) Besides observer, his wife witnessed incident and agrees with all details except description of lower light which she remembers as orange instead of red. Wife actually saw object shortly before Col Begg first observed it.

(h) Col [REDACTED] reported incident to USAF Command Post immediately after sighting, but states that they evinced no interest in report.

(i) No a/c observed in area at time of sighting; no other unusual activity noted.

(j) Col [REDACTED] assigned to Hq USAF, DCS/O, Asst for Atomic Energy (AFOAT), Ex [REDACTED].