MULTIPLE REPORTS

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 March, 1960	2. LOCATION Eastern United States	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Discoverer VIII ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local ____ GMT 0107Z-0130Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION XX ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar XX ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military and Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ----	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE Southerly

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object described as oblong to spherical silver and cherry-red with a long tail appeared to break up over Florida. Many reports from the Eastern part of the United States.

11. COMMENTS

Official report from Air Force Missile Test Center, at Patrick AFB identified object as the reentry of Satellite 1959 Lambda (Discoverer VIII)

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

HEADQUARTERS
AIR FORCE MISSILE TEST CENTER
AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: MTGRY

15 Mar 60

SUBJECT: Final Report on UFO

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Reference is made to message MTGRY-09-03-12E, reporting UFO sighting at 2015E, 7 March 1960. Information received from the AFMTC Range Contractor and the Space Track Filter Center, Cambridge, Mass. has identified the phenomena observed as the decay and re-entry of satellite 1959 Lambda, Discoverer 8. The incident is therefore considered closed.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OSCAR C. BRIDGEMAN, Jr.
Captain, USAF
Chief, Technical Information
and Intelligence Branch

March 25, 1960

FOR THE PRESS:

Control

According to the National Space Surveillance Center, Bedford, Massachusetts, the satellite carrier of DISCOVERER VIII reentered the earth's atmosphere and decomposed at approximately 6 p.m. March 7, 1960.

This ties coincides with the so-called meteor sightings reported on March 7th. DISCOVERER VIII reentered the atmosphere on the 1595th revolution around the earth.

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URGENT

WASHINGTON, MARCH 7--(UPI)--A STREAM OF BRILLIANT LIGHTS SEEN STREAKING ACROSS THE SKY OVER THE EASTERN UNITED STATES TONIGHT ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN A METEOR, AIR FORCE OFFICIALS SAID TONIGHT.

THE OFFICIALS SAID IN A STATEMENT RELEASED BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT THAT THE LIGHTS WERE SEEN AS FAR NORTH AS LAKE ERIE AND AS FAR SOUTH AS KEY WEST, FLA.

THEY WERE REPORTED BY AIRLINE PILOTS, AIR FORCE PILOTS, STATE POLICE AND CONTROL TOWERS.(

AN OPERATOR IN AN AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER AT ROANOKE, VA., REPORTED WITNESSING THE METEOR BREAK INTO THREE PIECES, THE AIR FORCE SAID.

FARTHER SOUTH, IT WAS REPORTED AS THREE SEPARATE LIGHTS.

THE METEOR MOVED GENERALLY FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST.

THE DISPLAY OF LIGHTS WAS VISIBLE OFF CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA., THE NATION'S EAST COAST MISSILE-LAUNCHING BASE.

SOME OBSERVERS HAD SPECULATED THE LIGHTS MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM A MISSILE NOSE CONE BURNING UP ON RE-ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE.

THERE ALSO HAD BEEN SPECULATION THAT RUSSIA'S SPUTNIK III MAY HAVE RE-ENTERED THE ATMOSPHERE, CAUSING THE DISPLAY. IT IS EXPECTED TO COME CLOSE ENOUGH TO EARTH TO BURN UP IN THE ATMOSPHERE SOMETIME THIS MONTH.

(ABOVE IS A LEAD FOR EAST COAST B-WIRE POINTS ON DISPATCH DATELINED GREENSBORO, N.C. (AJN11E). IT MAY BE PICKED UP AT 3RD PGH BEGINNING--A WINSTON-SALEM, ETC.)

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URGENT

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA., MARCH 7--(UPI)--A MYSTERIOUS FORMATION OF FLAMING, COLORED LIGHTS FLASHED ACROSS THREE SOUTHEASTERN STATES TONIGHT, TOUCHING OFF AN AIR FORCE INVESTIGATION AND SPECULATION THAT THE SOVIET SATELLITE LUNIK III HAD FALLEN TO EARTH.

THE ARCING LIGHTS WERE SEEN OVER THIS U.S. SPACEPORT AROUND 8:10 P.M., SOME 10 MINUTES AFTER THEY WERE FIRST SPOTTED OVER NORTH CAROLINA AND LATER OVER SOUTH CAROLINA.

THE NATIONAL SPACE AGENCY IN WASHINGTON CONFIRMED THAT LUNIK III, THE MASSIVE RUSSIAN ROCKET THAT TOOK PICTURES OF THE FARSIDE OF THE MOON, WAS EXPECTED TO PLUNGE INTO THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IN MARCH.

BUT NASA AUTHORITIES SAID THAT THE SMITHSONIAN ASTROPHYSICAL LABORATORY AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS., WAS THE AGENCY WHICH KEPT TRACK OF SATELLITES ONCE THEY WERE LAUNCHED.

HOWEVER, OFFICIALS AT THE SMITHSONIAN LAB SAID THEY COULD GIVE NO EXPLANATION FOR THE LIGHTS, WHICH TRIGGERED A SMALL FLURRY "FLYING SAUCER" TALK.

AN AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN HERE TOLD UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL THAT "THE ONLY THING WE CAN SAY RIGHT NOW IS THAT WE ARE INVESTIGATING."

MISSILEMEN HERE SAID THAT THE LIGHTS "DEFINITELY LOOKED" LIKE A SATELLITE MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO LOOK IN FALLING BACK TO EARTH, WITH THE RED-HEAT OF AIR FRICTION TEARING IT APART.

OBSERVERS AT WINSTON-SALEM, HIGH POINT, SATESVILLE AND CHARLOTTE, IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND AT COLUMBIA, S.C., REPORTED SEEING THE BRIGHT LIGHTS FLAME ACROSS THE SKY. ONE WITNESS SAID HE SAW FIVE SEPARATE PIECES OF LIGHT WITH AN ORANGE OR WHITE FLAME BETWEEN THEM.

THE LIGHTS, WHICH FLASHED OVER THE CAPE TRAVELED IN A BOARD ARC GENERALLY NORTH-NORTHWEST TO SOUTH-SOUTHEAST, APPARENTLY AT HIGH ALTITUDES AND AT HIGH SPEED, CURVING GRACEFULLY TO THE HORIZON DUE EAST OF HERE.

THE LIGHTS STARTED AS A CLOSELY-COLLECTED MASS OF FLAMING COLORS--RED, BLUE, GREEN, ORANGE AND YELLOW--THEN SPREAD OUT AS THEY SHOT TO THE SOUTHEAST.

THROUGH BINOCULARS, THE LIGHTS APPEARED TO BE FAST-MOVING BALLS OF A MOLTEN SUBSTANCE, PERHAPS METAL, FALLING APART. THE DISPLAY LASTED ABOUT THREE MINUTES BEFORE BLINKING INTO BLACKNESS.

SIMULTANEOUSLY, ANOTHER SLOWER-MOVING OBJECT TRAVELED OVER THE CAPE IN THE SAME GENERAL DIRECTION. BUT ITS LIGHT WAS A BRILLIANT WHITE, FLASHING AT ABOUT ONE-SECOND INTERVALS. IT DISAPPEARED INTO THE SOUTHEAST, THEN MADE A RETURN TRIP.

THIS OBJECT LEFT A VAPOR TRAIL FAINTLY VISIBLE THROUGH BINOCULARS, AND ITS LIGHTS WERE SIMILAR TO THE STROBE LIGHTS WHICH FLASH ABOARD MANY MISSILES LAUNCHED AT CAPE CANAVERAL AT NIGHT. STROBE LIGHTS ARE USED TO ENABLE BALLISTIC CAMERAS TO TRACK MISSILES ACCURATELY.

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(THE ABOVE IS A 1ST LEAD TO SOME B-WIRE POINTS WHICH SHOULD PICK UP THE GREENSBORO, N.C., LIGHTS STORY (AJN11E) AT THE 3RD PGH STARTING: A WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. MAN ETC.)

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UPI A69

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A WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., MAN REPORTED SPOTTING A VERY BRIGHT LIGHT FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY TWO SMALLER LIGHTS AND ANOTHER SMALL LIGHT SOME DISTANCE BEHIND THAT.

AN AIR CONTROLLER AT THE RALEIGH-DURHAM, N.C., AIRPORT SAID THE LIGHTS WERE VISIBLE AT AN EXTREMELY HIGH ALTITUDE FOR ABOUT 2-1/2 MINUTES AND APPEARED TO BE MOVING IN A STEADY FORMATION.

"THEY WERE LIKE A FORMATION OF JETS WITH AFTERBURNERS ON," HE SAID. "THEY LEFT A VAPOR TRAIL SIMILAR TO THAT OF JET AIRCRAFT."

THE U.S. WEATHER BUREAU IN RALEIGH SAID IT ALSO RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CALLS DESCRIBING THE LIGHTS. "IT WASN'T A COMET," A SPOKESMAN SAID, "BECAUSE A COMET DOESN'T MOVE THAT FAST."

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AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4X2/Captain McNeill/59117

SUBJECT: Extract from ATIC Duty Officers Report

8 March 1960

TO: AFCIN-4E2

Following is an extract from ATIC Duty Officer, Captain C. L. Moore,Jr. report dated 7 March through 8 March 1960 for your information:

2110 - Recd call from Capt Billy DULA, Base Flight Services, X-51107, giving consolidated report of 18 UFO reports. Reports ranged from Cleveland, Ohio to Miami, Florida, and within the same time range, i.e. 0107 to 0115Z. Capt DULA will submit a full report.

2145 - Recd call from Major Sizemore, AF Comd Post, requesting confirmation of above report. Report confirmed to Major Sizemore.

2200 - Major Friend advised of above condition. His initial reaction was, "A meteor".

2230 - Due to public interest in UFO reports, Majors Nedbal and Sizemore (AF Command Post) called to establish a telecon between myself, Captain Beasley (NORAD) and themselves. After all facts were compared Major John Walker (AF PIO Duty Officer) was called in and a joint position was taken, i.e. "Initial indications, without detailed evidence or investigation, appear to be a meteor break-up". All requests for information will be referred to Major Walker, Washington, D.C., JE 4-2291. Telecon completed at 2305 hours.

JOHN C McNEILL
Captain, USAF
AFCIN-4X2

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APCIH-452 /Maj Friend/amc/69216/24 Mar 60

UFO Report

SAFOI-3d (Maj Tacker)

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2. Mr [redacted]n probably witnessed the re-entry of the above satellite. The time of his sighting, as well as his description of the objects, is identical to that reported by other witnesses.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Sciences and Components

1 Atch:
Cy ltr 17 Mar 60 fr Mr [redacted]

[redacted]

3/25/60

SAFOI-3d/Capt Mack/mbb/72291

31 March 1960

Dear Mr. [redacted]:

Thank you for your letter of 17 March regarding the objects you sighted while en route from Nassau to Chub Point in the British West Indies.

On checking into this report we have determined that the objects described coincide in time and place with the re-entry into the atmosphere of Discoverer VIII satellite which began its breakup over Florida. This re-entry was also reported by other observers.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]
Little Silver, New Jersey

Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

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28 MAR 1960

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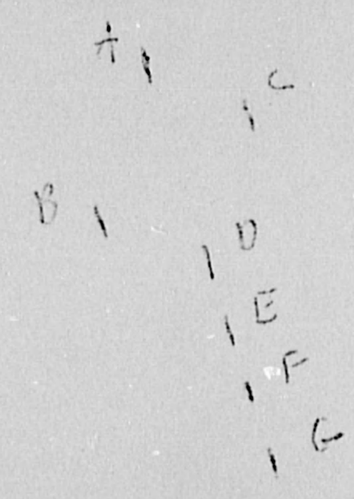
LITTLE SILVER, N. J.

Mar. 17, 1960

Gentlemen:

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I have been wondering if these might have been jet planes with after-burners on, but the formation seemed a little unusual for this, and if they were they must have been much closer than my guess and we should have been able to hear them. I would be much interested in knowing whether you have had any other reports of this particular incident.

Yours very truly,

/s/ [redacted]

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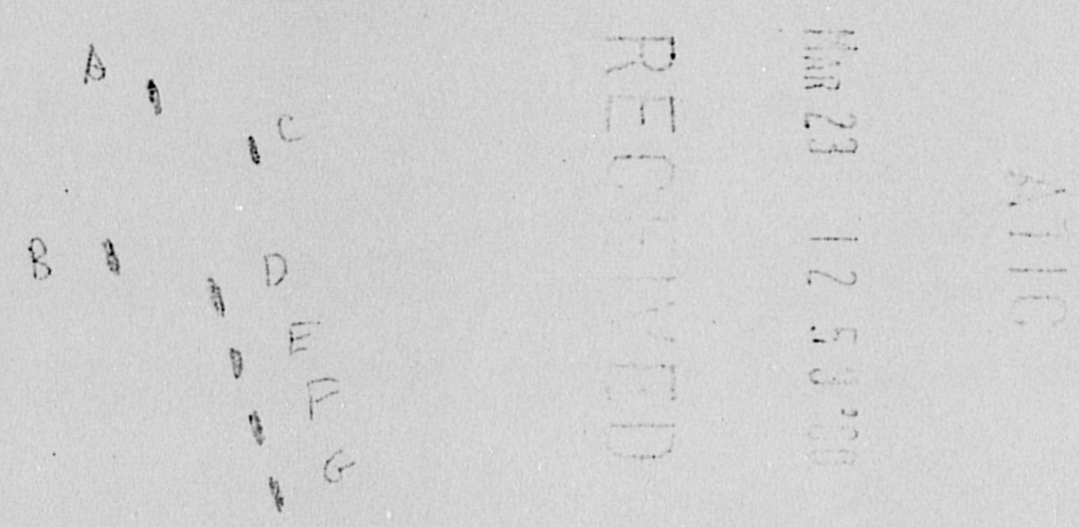
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AFCIN-1E2 /Maj Friend/ac/69216/17 Mar 60

21 MAR 1960

UFO Sightings

SAFOI-3d (Maj L. J. Tacker)

1. The object seen by Mr. [redacted] was determined to be the reentry of U. S. satellite Discoverer VIII.

2. Request two questionnaires be sent to Mr and Mrs [redacted] and request they each complete the forms.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP C. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Sciences and Components

2 Atch:
1. Cy ltr 7 Mar 60 fr [redacted]
2. Cy ltr 29 Feb 60 fr [redacted]

COORDINATION:

Capt Friend Maj. Orlando 17 March 60

[illegible] 18 Mar

[redacted]eet
Big Rapids,
Michigan

Dep't. Of The Air Force
Office of UFO
Washington D.C.

Sir:

At 2010 hrs. this evening, I sighted a strange object flying at about 10,000 feet, flying at about 600+ hrs. This object was heading in a south-south-westerly direction.

This object was colored a green or white, and gave off no apperant sound. An aircraft, either conventional or jet, would have made some sound flying under similar conditions.

This object had no apperant red or green running lights. Only the constant green to white light.

The circumstances for this sighting are as follows: I was walking in a northerly direction from the College when this bright, fast moving object caught my eye. I watched it moving in a straight line of flight until it entered a cloud bank. The total time of the sighting could not be more than fifteen to twenty seconds.

Any additional information on this object will be sent to you on request.

[redacted]
(inactive reserve)

[redacted]

CO, VAH-3 ltr ser 025, 15 Mar 1960, Subj: Collective Narration of an UFO

NOCC 2d Ind 7 APR 1960

Hq North American Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Forwarded for information and action as deemed appropriate.

FOR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

1 Attach
n/c

ROBERT L. GOULD
Colonel, USAF
Director, Cmbt Opr Cen

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AFR 205-1 Par 2-17a
30 Jan 68

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29 MAR 1960

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, VAH-3 ltr ser 025 of 15 Mar 1960

From: Commander Naval Air Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet
To: Commander in Chief, North American Air Defense Command

Subj: Collective Narration of UFO; forwarding of

Ref: (a) JANAP 146(D), Subj: Canadian - United States Communication Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings (CIRVIS / MERINT)

1. CIRVIS. Readdressed and forwarded in accordance with the provisions of reference (a).

2. By copy of this endorsement, Commander Heavy Attack Squadron THREE is directed to furnish additional information to CINCNORAD upon request.

C. S. Minter, Jr.

C. S. MINTER Jr
Ass't Chief of Staff (Readiness)

Copy to:
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HEAVY ATTACK SQUADRON THREE
U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
SANFORD, FLORIDA

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MAR 15 1960

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From: Commanding Officer, Heavy Attack Squadron THREE
To: Commander Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Subj: Collective Narration of an UFO; forwarding of (U)

Encl: (1) Narration of an UFO

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for information and action as deemed appropriate.

E. G. EDWARDS

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Collective Narration of an UFO
Sighting over Navy Sanford
Date - 3/7/60
Time - 2015R

P/C M. W. OTTO
B/N MITCHELL, G. W.
T/C CLARK, T. P.

On 7 March 1960 about 2015R while orbiting NAS Sanford at 8000 feet in an A3D-1 type aircraft, we sighted 9 bright white objects on a bearing of 020° out of Navy Sanford. At first sighting they appeared to be over Daytona Beach, however, this crew has no idea of their distance from Navy Sanford. They appeared to be over the coast and slightly above the horizon. They resembled nothing this crew has ever seen before. They were by no means conventional aircraft, jet or prop. A head-on view of the object revealed one large white light, accompanied by several smaller ones of a lesser intensity. As they passed abeam us (090°) they appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed, parallel to the horizon. They were streaming fire or extremely hot gases a tremendous distance aft. We counted 9 distinct objects. The fire or hot glowing gas was trailing approximately 100 times the diameter of the lead object, aft. The object faded from our crew on a heading of 180°. They did not appear to burn out, but dim and fade due to distance. Sanford tower advised us to investigate, but we were unable to do so due to a fractured right windshield.

Pilot: Max W. OTTO
LTJG, 616615/1375
Max W. Otto

B/N: Gorman W. MITCHELL
AM1, 297 61 88
Gorman W. Mitchell

T/C: Thomas P. CLARK
AT1, 570 24 94
Thomas P. Clark

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Auth: Hqs CINCNORAD
By: [redacted]
Date: 13 MAY 1969
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30 Jan 68

UNCLASSIFIED ENCLOSURE (1)

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RJEZHQ/ASST CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH DC

RJEZHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQ USAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS/FROM 63TCW/WPP Ø8-C-1Ø. SUBJECT: "U.F.O." A. DESCRIPTION. (1) CIGAR SHAPED. (2) APROX. 35Ø FEET. (3) BRIGHT. (4) ONE MAIN OBJECT, SEVERAL BRIGHT LIGHTS. (5) BRIGHT LIGHTS IN TRAIL. (6) NONE. (7) LIGHTED TRAIL ONE TO TWO TIMES LENGTH OF OBJECT. (8) NONE (9) EXTREMLY BRIGHT LIGHTING, LEVEL FLIGHT FASTER THAN ANY KNOWN JET, SEEMED TO BE COMING APART AT TIMES. B. CURSE. (1) BRIGHT LIGHTS. (2) EST. 3Ø,ØØØ' OR ABOVE. (3) LEVEL FLIGHT, DISAPPERED OVER HORIZON. (4) LEVEL FLIGHT NORTH TO SOUTH. (5) DISAPPEARED TO SOUTH. (6) ONE TO ONE AND ONE HALF MINUTES. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1) ONE MATS AIRCRAFT PILOT REPORT, AIR-';87-), SIX GRUND VISUAL. (2) NO OPTICAL

AIDS, (3) C-124 51-5184, 9000' EAST, 200 KTS. DONALDSON AFB S.C.

D. (1) 8/0115Z. (2) NIGHT. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS. (1)

3 MI EAST OF MURPHY VOR, INTERSECTION V-97 AND V-54. F. ([redacted]S

EASTERN AIR LINES CAPT. A-1. (2) RICHARD C. GARBRICK, CAPT. USAF, 63 TROOP CARRIER GROUP DONALDSON AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. PILOT, A-1. G. WEATHER. KQL UNRESTRICTED VISIBILITY AT 9000' AND ABOVE. (2) 300/5 KTS, 250/20, 270/35, 270/50, 280/55, 300/80, 290/70, UNKNOWN AT 80,000. (3) 7000'. (4) UNRESTRICTED OUT OF CLOUDS. (5) ONE TO SEVEN TENTHS VARIABLE. (6) NONE. (7) GROUND LEVEL 34 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. H. NONE. I. NONE. J. NONE. K. WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, ALSO REPORTED BY EASTERN FLIGHT 584, W[redacted]. AND SIX CIVILIANS IN THE GREENVILLE, AREA. ALL REPORTED SAME GENERAL INFORMATION. POSSIBLY SATELLITE IN NORTH SOUTH ORBIT. L. NONE.

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A. (1) OBLONG

(2) LARGE

(3) BRIGHT ORANGE TO BLUE WHITE

(4) ONE ORIGINALLY REPORTED APPEARED TO BREAK UP INTO FROM THREE TO TWELVE PARTS IN FLORIDA

KYL FIRST REPORTED TO HAVE FROM 3 TO 5 BRIGHT LIGHTS IN FRONT ONE TO REAR

(7) LONG TAIL OR VAPOR TRAIL BEHIND OBJECT

(8) NONE REPORTED

B. BRIGHTNESS

1 UFO
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(2) MAXWELL FS HAD REPORTS OF AFJECT FIRST BEING OBSERVED OVER ERIE PA 2107Z

(4) MOVING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH VERY FAST

(5) REPORTED BREAKING UP OVER CENTRAL FLORIDA AREA

(6) BETWEEN ONE TO FIVE MINUTES

C. (1) MOST REPORTS WERE MADE BY PLT OF A/C WHILE AIRBORNE

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(2) VISUAL

(3) NUMEROUS 2 F89 A/C CALL SIGN MIDE NOVEMPER GOLD ONE AND TWO HOME STA MCCOY AFB FLA TROD 30 HOMESTEAD AFB REPORTED OBJECTS OVER TAM-

IDAHO 62 HOMESTEAD FLA CNRT WESTOVER MASS OVER MIAMI REPORTED OBJECT BROKE INTO 3 TO 6 PARTS TRAILING FIRE TIME Ø115Z

EASTERN AL 375 GORDONSVILLE, VA

EASTERN AL 584 ANDERSON SC

DELTA AL 156 JUNCTION CITY GA

D. (1) ERIE PA Ø107Z

ANDERSON SC Ø113Z TAMPA -MIAMI AREA Ø115Z

(2) NIGHT

ESO ERIE, PA CENTERVILLE OHIO, GORDENSUIL, VA. ANDERSON SC,

JUNCTION CITY, GA TAMPA AND MIAMI FLA

E. (1) MR [redacted] JUPITER FLA (SIX LUMINUS OBJECTS NW TO SE AT HI RATE SPEED ORANGE RED COLOR

(2) SEE C (3)

G.

(1) CLEAR ABOVE FLIGHT LEVELS OF A/C REPORTING OBJECT

K3) GENERALLY LOW CEILINGS

H.

I.

COVENANT (GCI SITE IN FLA ATTEMPTED INTCP WITH 2 F89 MIKE NOVEMBER GOLD ONE AND TWO

J.

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K3) GENERALLY LOW CEILINGS

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I.

COVENANT (GCI SITE IN FLA ATTEMPTED INTCP WITH 2 F8S MIKE NOVEMBER GOLD ONE AND TWO

J.

A.

K.

PAUL H BILLEN CAPT USAF OPS OFF MAXWELL FLT SVC FIRST REPORTS OF THE OBJECT AT ERIE, PA AT Ø1Ø7Z COMBINED WITH THE LATERAL SIGHTINGS DISTANTS UP TO 4ØØ MILES AND THE MORE THAN 1ØØØ MILES TRAVELED WITHIN EIGHT K8) MINUTES INDICATE THE OBJECT WAS EITHER A METEOR OR A SATTELITE BOOSTER TYPE VEHICLE REINTREINTERING THE ATMOSPHERE AND BREAKING UP

L.

NONE

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/UNCLASSIFIED/ "UFO"

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

1. ICE CREAM CONE

2. UNKNOWN

3. WHITE TURNING TO FINE RED AT END OF FLAME

4. ONE

5. N/A

6. TWO MILE WHITE FLAMING TAIL-THREE SMALL OBJECTS.

7. CONTRAILS

8. NONE

9. VERY HIGH AND VERY FAST

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT.

1. APPEARANCE

2. 25 DEGREES TO 35 DEGREES

3. 25 DEGREES

4. NORTH TO SOUTH A LONG ARCH

5. OUT OF SIGHT TO THE SOUTH

6. SHORTEST PERIOD 15 SECONDS LONGEST PERIOD 5 MINUTES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

1. REPORTED TO SYRACUSE AIR DEFENSE SECTOR BY NEW YORK FAA [redacted].

[redacted]N) AS REPORTED TO HIM BY:

(A) UNITED AIR LINE 8904 DC-6-TOLEDO TO NEWARK FLYING AT 13000 FT IN THE VICINITY OF READSVILLE PA. AT TIME OF 0130Z.

(B) TWA 510 PITTSBURG PA TO NEW YORK FLYING AT 11,000 FT OVER SELINSGROVE PA AT TIME OF 01:27Z

(C) CAPITOL 848 CHICAGO TO NEW YORK FLYING AT 17,000 FT OVER YOUNGSTOWN OHIO AT 0115Z.

2. CLEVELAND FAA ([redacted]) INFORMED SYRACUSE AIR DEFENSE SECTOR THAT SIX AIRBOURNE SIGHTINGS HAD BEEN REPORTED TO HIM; (5 CIVILIAN

AND ONE MILITARY.)

(A) MILITARY SIGHTING - KC97 PILOT: [redacted]

[redacted]1ST AIR REFUEING SQDN DOW AFB MAINE

(B) UNITED 631 DC-6 NEW YORK TO CLEVELAND

FLYING 9,000 FT OVER JEFFERSON OHIO PILOT [redacted]

(C) EIRE TOWER OPERATORS (D. [redacted] SIGHTED OBJECT AND OBSERVED IT BY BINOCULARS.

(D) THE CLEVELAND FAA HAS FOUR ADDITIONAL SIGHTING.

D. TIME & DATE OF SIGHTING

1. 8/0110 TO 8/0127Z

2. NIGHT

3. SEE ITEM "C"

E. SEE ITEM "C"

F. 1. ARTC FAA OPS BUILDING HANGAR 11 NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT JAMACIA 30, NEW YORK.

2. SEE ITEM C 2 A.

G. WEATHER CONDITIONS

1. GENERALLY CLEAR

2. SYRACUSE AIR DEFENSE WEATHER STATION SYRACUSE NEW YORK REPORTS WINDS ALOFT INFORMATION AT LOCATION OF SIGHTING

SURFACE - NO REPORT

6,000 - NO REPORT

10,000 - 260 35 K

16,000 - 250 60 K

20,000 - 250 60 K

30,000 - 260 50 K

50,000 - 280 45 K

60,000 - 270 20 K

80,000 - NO REPORT

3. 5,000 FT SCATTERED AT JEFFERSON OHIO

4. VIS. UNLIMITED

5. LESS THAN 1/10

6. N/A

H. UNKNOWN

I. NONE

J. AIR TRAFFIC EAST & WEST AT ALTITUDES FROM 10,000 TO 20,000 FT IN GENERAL AREA YOUNGSTOWN OHIO.

K. SENIOR DIRECTOR OF A SAGE DIRECTION CENTER, POSSIBLE CAUSE OF SIGHTING; BOOTIDS METEOR SHOWER WITH RADIANT AT CONSTELLATION BOOTES; RIGHT ASCENSION 14H 32M. DECLINATION PLUS 12.

L. NONE

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UNCLASSIFIED/AG 4C ATTN: AFCIN AND SAFIS WASH D.C.

UFO

A.1. APPEARED TO BE A SERIES OF LIGHTS ALTERNATING BETWEEN BRIGHT AND DIM, ABOUT THREE (3) TO FOUR (4) MILES IN LENGTH AND FAIRLY NARROW.

2. SIZE UNKNOWN.

3. COLOR BRIGHT LIGHT WITH WHITE GLOW.

4. ONE

5. N/R

6. LOOKED LIKE A LONG SPOTLITE BEAM WITH ANOTHER LIGHT ALONG

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4. Unk

IRE LENGTH OF 11.

7. LEAVING A VAPOR TRAIL.

8. NO SOUND

B.1. BRIGHT LIGHTS

2. ABOUT 35,000 OR ABOVE.

3. SAME AS B(2) ABOVE.

4. STRIGHT AND LEVEL HEADING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION.

5. OFF TO THE WEST.

6. TWO TO FIVE MINUTE (EIGHT REPORTS).

C.1. VISUAL AND GCI RADAR.

2. NONE

3. TWO T-33'S AND 4F86'S 29,000 FT. 200 TO 300 KNOTS. MOODY AFB GA.

D.1. MARCH 8/0115Z

2. NIGHT

E.1. WITHIN 30NM. OF MOODY

F.2. [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]1/LT.

[redacted]2/LT.

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3553 FLY TNG SQ STUDENT AND INSTRUCTORS VERY GOOD

G.1. ON TOP CLEAR UNLIMED

2. 30,000 FT. 290 DEGREES AT 85 KNOTS

3. 4200 FT. OVERCAST

4. 10 MILES

5. OVERCAST

6. N/A

7. MINUS 45 DEGREES.

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4. 10 MILES

5. OVERCAST

6. N/A

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BT

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A. (1) UNKNOWN

(2) UNKNOWN

(3) VERY BRIGHT SNOW COLOR

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) LIGHTS IN REAR OF OBJECT

(7) TRAIL OF FIRE 3 TO 4 MILES LONG

(8) UNKNWON

(9) UNKNWON

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B. (1) UNKNOWN

(2) UNKNOWN

(3) UNKNOWN

(4) SOUTH BOUND AT AN EXCESSIVELY HIGH RATE OF SPEED ALTITUDE ESTIMATED AT 200 TO 250 FT.

(5) UNKNOWN

(6) BETWEEN 0109Z AND 0112Z

C. (1) FROM THE AIR

(2) NORMAL VISION

(3) AIRLINERS EASTBOUND BETWEEN CIN AND YRK ELECTRA EASTBOUND V40 AT 190 FT DALY INTX CAP ACFT 170 NORTHWEST BOUND V115 BETWEEN TYS AND CRW ANOTHER ACFT SAME LOCATION CONFIRMED SIGHTING

D. (1) 08\$0109Z

(2) NIGHT

E. BETWEEN TYS AND CRW AND BETWEEN CIN AND YRK

F. UNKNOWN

G. (1) SKY WAS CLEAR TO HIGH SCATTERED NORTHWEST OF LINE N ZANESVILLE TO LONDON KENTUCKY SOUTHEAST OF LINE ZANESVILLE TO LONDON CLOUD BASES WERE VARIABLE FROM 1200 TO 3000 WITH SCATTERED SNOW SHOWERS.

(2) WINDS AT SYM NEAREST REPORTING STATIONS

SURFACE UNKNOWN

6000 340 DEGREES AT 20KTS

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10000 320 DEGREES 35 KTS

16000 320 DEGREES 65 KTS

20000 310 DEGREES 85 KTS

30000 UNKNOWN

50000 UNKNOWN

80000 UNKNOWN

(3) CLEAR TO HIGH OVERCAST

(4) APPROXIMATELY 7 MILES

(5) CLEAR TO OVERCAST

(6) NONE

(7) 23 TEMPERATURE GRADIENT

H.. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. OPERATIONS OFFICER NO COMMENT

L. NONE

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A. (1) ELONGATED ROCKET APPEARANCE

(2) UNKNOWN

(3) PILOTS STATED WHITE/ERI-T STATED AMBER

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) ROCKET IN APPEARANCE

(7) LONG TAIL OF RED FLAME

(8) NONE

(9) SPEED FASTER THAN A JET BUT NOT AS FAST AS A METEOR

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B. (1) THE LIGHT FROM THE EXHAUST.

(2) PILOTS STATED 35 DEG FROM HORIZON, ERI-T PERSONNEL STATED HIGH

(3) UNKNOWN

(4) STRAIGHT FROM SOUTH TO SOUTHEAST

(5) UNKNOWN

(6) PILOTS VISUALIZED IT FOR 5 MIN FROM 0110Z TO 0115Z ERI-T FROM 0107Z to 0108Z (1 MINUTE)

C. (1) PILOTS SIGHTED FROM THE AIR ERI-T GROUND VISUAL

(2) ERI-T USED BINOCULARS

(3) SAKI 50 KC97 HEADING EAST TO LGA FROM CHI ON V6

D. (1) [redacted] 080107Z

(2) NIGHT

E. AROUND JEFFERSON OHIO (PILOTS) AND ERIE PA.

F. (1) UNKNOWN

(2) UNKNOWN

G. (1) NONE

(2) SURFACE UNKNOWN

6000 360 DEGREES 10 KTS

10000 320 DEGREES 25 KTS

15000 330 DEGREES 45 KTS

20000 310 DEGREES 50 KTS

30000 310 DEGREES 65 KTS

50000 300 DEGREES 30 KTS

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(3) CLEAR TO HIGH SCATTERED

(4) APPROXIMATELY 8 MILES

(5) CLEAR TO SCATTERED

(6) NONE

(7) 14 TEMPERATURE GRADIENT

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. OPERATIONS OFFICER NO COMMENT

L. NONE

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UNCLAS FROM MTGRY-Ø9-Ø3-12E. OSAF ATTN SAFIS, HQ USAF ATTN AFCIN. UFO. A (1) SPHERICAL (2) VARIES FROM SIZE OF DIME TO TWO INCHES DIAMETER DEPENDING ON OBSERVER (3) SILVER TO CHEERY RED (4) 6 TO 1Ø (5) TRAIL (6) NONE (7) SOME OBSERVERS REPORT COMET-LIKE TAIL VARYING FROM TWO TO TEN TIMES THE LENGTH OF THE OBJECT. (8) NONE (9) SEE BELOW B (1) LIGHTS IN SKY (2) FROM DUE NORTH TO DUE EAST, DEPENDING ON OBSERVER. (3) S-SE AT 2Ø-4Ø DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON. (4) STRAIGHT FLIGHT, (5) FADED INTO DISTANCE, DID NOT GO BELOW

HORIZON. (6) TWENTY SECONDS TO THREE MINUTES, MARKED VARIANCE BETWEEN OBSERVERS IN THIS DETAIL. C (1) GROUND VISUAL AND AIR VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) ONE OBSERVER,

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BEING CONDUCTED ON THE ATLANTIC MISSILE RANGE THAT WOULD PROVIDE EXPLANATIONS FOR THIS EVENT. THIS IS A PRELIMINARY REPORT, A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS WILL BE FORWARDED BY MAIL ASAP. L. NONE.

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MR [redacted] AND 2 OTHERS OF JUPITER FLA REPORTED VIA JUPITER

INLET LTSTA THAT THEY SIGHTED 6 LUMINOUS UFO AT 2015R APPROX 4

TO 5 MILES ALTITUDE TRAVELING FROM NW TO SE AT A VERY HIGH RATE

OF SPEED OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE NOT TOO BRIGHT BUT AN ORANGE OR

RED COLOR SLIGHTLY TRANSPARENT X ATC MIAMI INDICATES SIGHTING

PROBABLY METEORITE SHOWER

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UNCLASEFTO FROM DCOI 2659. SUBJECT:

UFO REPORT. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE

WITH AFR 200-2, 14 SEP 1959. AS AMENDED. A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.

(1) BALL-SHAPED. (2) SIZE WAS COMPARABLE TO A LARGE PEA HELD IN THE

HAND AT ARM'S LENGTH. (3) COLOR WAS BRIGHT FLAMING RED WITH

YELLOWISH-ORANGE TINGE. (4) SINGLE OBJECT. (5) NOT APPLICALBE.

(6) NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS. (7) NO TAIL, TRAIL OR

EXHAUSE, HOWEVER OBJECT LEFT WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS CONTRAIL.

CONTRAIL WAS APPROXIMATELY TWICE THE SIZE OF THE OBJECT AND PERSISTED

AT POINT OF DISAPPEARANCE OF FLAMING OBJECT IN WISPY FORM FOR TEN

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MINUTES. (8) NO SOUND CONNECTED WITH SIGHTING. (9) NOT OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT. (1) OBSERVER NOTED OBJECT BECAUSE HE HAPPENED TO BE LOOKING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SIGHTINE. (2) OBJECT WAS THOUGHT TO BE AT AN ELEVATION OF 40 DEGREES AND AN AZIMUTH OF 310 DEGREES WHEN FIRST OBSERVED. (3) OBJECT WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE DISAPPEARED AT AN ELEVATION OF 35 DEGREES AT AN AZIMUTH OF 300 DEGREES. (4) FLIGHT PATH APPEARED TO BE A STRAIGHT LINE. (5) OBJECT DISAPPEARED WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN INTENSIFICATION OF FLAME. (6) OBJECT WAS VISABLE FOR LESS THAN ONE SECOND. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1) THIS WAS A GROUND VISUAL SIGHTING. (2) NO OPTICAL AIDS WERE USED. (3) NOT APPLICABLE. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. (1) APPROXIMATELY 2302Z, 26 FEB 1960. (2) DUSK. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER WAS AT 18 DEGREES 27 31 N 66 DEGREES 04 02 W OR 3 3/4 MILES NNW OF ISLA VERDE AIRPORT, SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: (1) [redacted], AGE 31, ADDRESS: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, [redacted], PUERTO RICO, OCCUPATION IS GEOLOGIST, ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY IS EXCELLENT. G. WEATHER AND WINDS. (1) OBSERVER ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS WAS REPORTED AS CLEAR,

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NO CLOUDS. (2) WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY IN KNOTS IS AS FOLLOWS AS RECEIVED FROM U.S. NAVAL STATION, SNA JUAN PUERTO RICO.

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION	VELOCITY IN KNOTS
SURFACE	ESE	9
6,000'	POP	24
10,000'	PUP	87
WOX		
215,000'	PYP	10
20,000'	QWP	07
30,000'	ETP	19
50,000'	330	09
60,000'	010	03

(3) CEILING WAS UNLIMITED, LESS THAN 1/10 CUMULUS CLOUDS. (4) VISIBILITY WAS 15 MILES. (5) NO CLOUD COVER. (6) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA. (7) STANDARD TEMPERATURE GRADIENT. H. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION WAS DISCOVERED THAT MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING. I. NO INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION WAS FEASIBLE. [redacted] BALLON WAS RELEASED FROM ISLA VERDE AIRPORT 3 3/4 MILES, EAST FROM LOCATION OF OBSERVER AT 2305Z. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE SIGHTING DO NOT BELIEVE THIS BALLON COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING. K. PREPARING OFFICER OF THIS REPORT IS CAPTAIN

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[redacted]S, CHIEF, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, WING INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 72ND BOMBARDMENT WING. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THIS SIGHTING WOULD INDICATE A POSSIBLE REENTRY OF SOME VARIETY OF BALLISTIC MISSILE OR EARTH SATELLITE VEHICLE. THE MANNER IN WHICH OBJECT DISAPPEARED (SEE ITEM B(5) ABOVE) IS THE PRIMARY SUPPORT FOR THIS ANALYSIS. ALTHOUGH THE ESIMATED AZIMUTH WHEN FIRST SIGHTED COMPARED TO AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARANCE WOULD INDICATE MOVEMENT FROM EAST TO WEST OBSERVER WAS NOT POSITIVE OF THESE FIGURES, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY SHORT TIME THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED. BECAUSE OF THE SHORT DURATION OF THIS SIGHTING, DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT AS INDICATED IN ITEM B ABOVE IS NOT CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE BY THE PREPARING OFFICER.

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BRIGHT BLUE FLASH! SPLIT INTO TLO PIECES THEN DISAPPEARED IMMEDIATELY. (6) THE GIRL REPORTED TWENTY SECONDS, BUT THE TIME IS BELIEVED TO BE MUCH SHORTER. C. (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) NONE. D. (1) APPROXIMATELY 0727Z, 07 MAR 60. (2) NIGHT - VERY CLEAR. E. NOME, ALASKA. F. (1) [redacted] 14 YEARS OLD, NOME, ALASKA, STUDENT. G. (1) VERY CLEAR. (2) 5,000-0PXOP 20,000-350/50 50,000-320/20 10,000-340/20 30,000-MISSING 80,000-UNKNOWN 15,000-340/30. (3) NONE. (4) 15 PLUS. (5) CLEAR. (6) NONE. H. NOFE. I. N/A. J. NONE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED: (1) MR. [redacted] TECHNITION AT ANVIL MOUNTAIN, FOUR MIWES NORTH OF NOME, ALASKA, REPORTS THAT HE WAS WORKING IN A LUMICATED BUILDING AND THAT HE OBSERVED A WHITE LIGHT OF SUCH BRIGHTNESS THAT HE COULD SEE THROUGH A WINDOW A BLACK ANTENNA 150 FEET FROX THE BUILDING. MR. [redacted] REPORTED THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WERE FOUR FLASHES. TOTAL ELAPSED TIME WAS APPROXIMAZELY 10 SECONDS. SINCE ANTENNA IS DUE NORTH OF BUILDING MR. [redacted] BELIEVES THE LIGHT WAS FROM THE SOUTH. (2) [redacted] NOME, ALASKA STATD HE WAS IN HIS HOME AND OBSERVED TWO FLASHES OF LIGHT APPROXIMATELY TWOSSECONDS IN DURATION SEPARATED BY OFE SECOND. MR. [redacted] STATED THAT THE FLASHES OF LIGHT RESEMBLED ARC WELDING.

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HE LIKEWISE OBSERVED THE FLASHES OF LIGHT THROUGH HIS WINDOW.

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Agencies in Disagreement On Mystery Lights

A press release by UPI, datelined March 8, revealed that the Air Force was investigating reports of a mysterious stream of lights that flashed across eastern U. S. on the 7th of March. According to the U. S. Defense Department, the lights were seen as far north as Lake Erie and as far south as Key West, Florida.

Air Force officials in Washington said the lights were believed to have been caused by a meteor. Missilemen at Cape Canaveral, however, said the lights "definitely looked" like a satellite as it fell back to earth and burned in the atmosphere.

The National Space Agency in Washington confirmed the fact that Lunik III, the huge Soviet rocket which put the picture-taking satellite around the moon, was expected to fall into the earth's atmosphere in March.

But . . . officials at the Smithsonian astrophysical laboratory at Cambridge, Massachusetts, which keeps track of satellites once they are launched, said that the lights, which were reported by airline pilots, Air Force pilots, state police and control towers, had not been explained by them—they simply couldn't explain them away.

Observed through binoculars, the objects appeared to be fast-moving balls of molten substance, perhaps metal, which were falling apart, and which spread out as they proceeded into the southeast. They were observed at Cape Canaveral at 8:10 p.m., 10 minutes after they were spotted over North Carolina. The display at Canaveral lasted for three minutes, before disappearing into the blackness of the night. The three minute observation takes the objects out of the category of meteors, and since Smithsonian could

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not explain them despite conjecture about crashing rockets, we must then assume that the formation of lights was probably a flock of UFOs.

UFO SIGHTING
EASTERN UNITED STATES
7 March 1960

On March 1960 between the hours of 2010 and 2027 witnesses along the east coast of the United States from Maine to Florida, and airborne witnesses as far west as Ohio, reported sighting an unidentified flying object. The object was described as a flaming formation of bright lights having a shape like an ice cream cone. The object was reported as a very brilliant white trailing off to a bright red. Many witnesses reported that the object broke into several pieces. The lights moved generally in a broad area from the northwest to the southeast at a high altitude and at great speed. The display was reported to have lasted approximately three minutes.

This object was determined to be the decay and re-entry of satellite 1959 Lambda. (Discover VIII)