

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 October 53 20/1435Z		2. LOCATION Norfolk, Virginia	
3. SOURCE Military		10. CONCLUSION BALLOON	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE		Balloons launched at 1050Z from Norfolk NAS. 1435Z balloon at 45,000 ft at which time contact was lost. All indications point to possibility of a hydrogen balloon.	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Minutes (Approx)		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Pilot was scanning the sky for other a/c when he observed a round white object 70 deg above the S horizon at a stationary position. Object suddenly disappeared and few minutes later he observed 3 small white disks for a period of 15 minutes. Source was flying T-33 type a/c at 24,000 ft on a heading 260 deg at 210 knots.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual			
7. COURSE S Horizon			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE 20 Oct ☐ Yes ☒ No		Norfolk, Va.	Ballpon
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Norfolk, VA

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P 202000Z ZNJ

FM COMDR LANGLEY AFB VA

TO JEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

JEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEPHQ/DIV OF INTEL HQS USAF WASHDC

JEN/COMDR TAC LANGLEY AFB VA

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/OI 1082 UFOB PD 1 PD A PD ROUND OR DISK

SHAPE PD B PD DIME PD C PD MILKY WHITE D PD ONE PD E PD N/A

F PD NEG PD G PD NEG PD H PD NEG PD I PD NEG PD

J PD A PD PILOT SCANNING SKY FOR OTHER ACFT PD B PD ELEV

70 DEGREES DASH 80 DEGREES AZIMUTH 180 DEGREES PD C PD ELEV

70 DEGREES DASH 80 DEGREES PD D PD APPARENTLY STATIONARY PD

E PD SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED BUT FOR SHORT TIME AFTER DISAPPEARANCE

OBSERVER SIGHTED THREE SMALL DISKS SAME COLOR ABOUT SIZE OF

PEAS APPROX ONE CENTIMETER APART PD F PD 15 MINUTES PD

G PD A PD AIR DASH VISUAL PD B PD NEG PD C PD T-33A NO519339 CMA

CLIMBED TO 33000 260 DEGREES CMA 210K CMA LANGLEY AFB PD

H PD A PD 201435Z OCT PD B PD DAY PD

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PD A PD 36 DEGREES 48N 76 DEGREES 28 W
PD A PD LONG CMA WILLIAM MCMA 1ST LT CMA PLT CMA 512TH FTR BMA
CMA USUALLY RELIABLE AND MORRIS CMA BROOKS CMA 1ST LT PLT CMA
512TH FTR BMR SQ CMA USUALLY RELIABLE PD
PD A PD CLEAR AND UNRESTRICTED PD B PD 6-335/10 CMA 10-009/15 CMA
16-012/18 CMA 20-345/16 CMA 30-336/25 CMA 50-33/22 CMA 80 NEG PD
PD UNLIMITED PD
PD 3 HK /AT SURFACE/ PD E PD CLEAR PD F PD NEG PD
PD NGU HAD RELEASED WX BALLOON AT 1350Z CMA AT 1435Z BALLOON AT
25000 FT CMA AT 1444Z WX PERSONNEL LAET CONTACT WITH BALLOON AT
29000 FT AT 15 MILE SLANT RANGE BEARING 155 DEGREES FROM
PORTFOLK NAS PD
PD NEG PD
PD OBSERVER STARTED CLIMBING TOWARD OBJECT BUT OBJECT
DISAPPEARED PRIOR TO INTERCEPTION PD
PD 4 UNIDENTIFIABLE NAVY FIGHTERS IN AREA PD
PD 405TH WING INTEL OFF PD ALL INDICATIONS POINT TO
PROBABILITY THAT OBJECT SIGHTED WAS THE BALLOON RELEASED AT
PORTFOLK NAS AT 1350Z PD
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