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AISS-UFOB-281-56

1. DATE: 16 Aug 56	2. LOCATION: Wheaton City, Md.
3. DATE-TIME GROUP: 16/2105Z Aug 56	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION: ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS: ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE: Civilian
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: Eightteen (18) seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: One (1)
9. COURSE: North to south	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One (1) large cross-like aluminum-colored object. Traveled at great speed, north to south, then turned east; reached position 10° from the moon, turned upward and disappeared. Object observed visually for 18 seconds.

11. COMMENTS

Concur with Reporting Officer that sighting was possibly caused by an aircraft reflecting low angle light rays.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☒ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

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COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS	DATE OF INFORMATION	
Wheaton City, Maryland	16 August 1956	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT: Dir of Intelligence, Hq Comd, USAF, Bolling AFB, D C	DATE OF COLLECTION	SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL: Major J. E. Geurtz	DATE OF REPORT: 22 August 1956	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE: Mr [redacted]	EVALUATION: Unevaluated	SRI NO. ACTIVE; ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)

REFERENCES (EAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)

None

SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

Unidentified Flying Object Report

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

The following information is reported in accordance with AFR 200-2, Unidentified Flying Objects Report dated 12 August 1954:

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1. Description of the object:

   a. Cross like in Appearance
   b. Negative
   c. Aluminum
   d. One
   e. Negative
   f. Negative
   g. Negative
   h. Negative
   i. Object traveled at great speed from north to south then turned east. Object turned up and rapidly disappeared. There was a flight of jets in the vicinity shortly after the observation.

2. Description of Course of object:

   a. Unknown
   b. Directly overhead
   c. Disappeared straight up
   d. North to South then turned East
   e. Unknown
   f. 16 seconds

3. Manner of observation:

   a. Ground Visual
   b. Negative
   c. Negative

4. Time and date of sighting:

   a. 2105Z for 16 seconds
   b. Daylight -

5. Location of observer:

   a. Wheaton City, Maryland

6. Identifying information of observer:

   a. Mr. [redacted]; age, unknown; [redacted] Wheaton City, Maryland; occupation, unknown.

7. Weather and winds-aloft, conditions at time and place of sighting:

   a. 1/10 cloud coverage at 4,000 feet, visibility, 15 miles, and there were no thunderstorms in the area.

   b. Surface, 070-3K
   6000-050-3K
   10,000-010-15K
   15,000-320-15K
   20,000-300-17K
   30,000-330-15K
   50,000-300-31K

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c. Ceiling - none
d. Visibility - 15 Miles
e. Amount of cloud cover - 3/10 at 2030Z and 1/10 at 2130Z
f. Thunderstorms in area - none

8. Negative

9. Negative

10. Negative

11. Position title and comments of the preparing officer:

a. Asst Director of Plans & Intelligence

b. In reviewing the report, it appears that Mr. [redacted] was a qualified observer. His definite timing of the sighting and statements of conditions are indicative of the reliability of his report. It is my opinion that Mr. [redacted] is not interested in personal recognition and reported the sighting with the intent of aiding any investigative procedures now in progress.

12. Negative

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