PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 August 1962	2. LOCATION Petersburg, Virginia	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Satellite ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2100 dst GMT 08/0100Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Obj observed to be moving SE fm Virginia at 9PM local dalight saving time. When overhead had intensity of 1 1st mag star. Steady unpulsating light. Traversed about 2/3 of the sky. Appeared to waver at zenith.

11. COMMENTS

Echo schedule gives Echo pass over Virginia on the 7th at 7:48PM Standard Time. This would place Echo 15 mins sooner than the sighting. Possibility exists of time error or that obj was one of the other visible satellites.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Aug. 15, 1962
[redacted]
Petersburg, Va.

U.S. Air Force
Pentagon
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs:

On the night of 8/7/62 at about 9 pm, I was gazing into the sky from my side porch when I noticed what appeared to be a moving star progressing N.W. to S.E. When nearly overhead its intensity was about first magnitude or better. IT gave off a steady unpulsating light gradually becoming dimmer as it went into the S.E. Overhead it appeared to almost stop then resume speed with a bobbling movement. The flight lasted three or four minutes. No sound was audible then or several hrs. later.

I called my wife & Mother's attention to this U.F.O, but so far they are the only witnesses I know of. As I have aviation experience, it was no type of conventional aircraft. I would greatly appreciate any information or theories on this sighting.

Sincerely Yours,
[redacted]

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TD-E/Col Wynn

2 October 1962

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information [redacted]

TO: Hq USAF
SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)
Wash 25 DC

1. Reference the attached letter from [redacted] requesting information on unidentified flying objects. This letter is forwarded to your office for whatever action you deem necessary.

2. Though this object, of the UFO sighting of 7 August 1962, possesses the general characteristics of an artificial satellite, the initial letter did not contain sufficient information for evaluation. It is suggested that questionairres (USAF Form #164) be forwarded to Mr. [redacted] for completion by him and any additional witnesses.

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FOR THE COMMANDER

Harold R. Greene Major

EDWARD H. WYNN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

for

1 Atch
Ltr fm [redacted]
dtd 15 Aug 62

7 Aug 62

October 5, 1962

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Reference your letter of August 15, 1962. The object of the UFO sighting of 7 August 1962 possesses the general characteristics of an artificial satellite, However, your letter did not contain sufficient information for a complete evaluation. It is suggested that the attached questionaire be completed by you and any additional witnesses.

Your interest in this project is appreciated.

Sincerely,

W. J. LOOKADOO
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Div
Office of Information

7-6 PM Sunday

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

7 (Day) August (Month) 1962 (Year)

2. Time of day: 9 (Hour) 0 (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time Zone: (Circle One): (a.) Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): (a.) Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[redacted] (Nearest Postal Address) Petersburg (City or Town) Va (State or Country)

Additional remarks: _____

5. How long was object in sight? _____ Hours 4 Minutes _____ Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined? By refimeing my actions.

a. Certain
(b.) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
(a.) Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

FTD FORM JUL 61 164 This form supersedes ATIC 164, Feb 60, which is obsolete.

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound No Sound

b. Color bluish white light

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember
e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (*Circle One*):

a. None
b. A few
(c) Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (*Circle One*):

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight — pitch dark
(d) Don't remember
May have been a new moon that night

9. The object appeared:

(*Circle One*): (a.) As a light b. Shiny c. Dark d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? No, about equal

11. Did the object: Appeared to almost stop (*Circle One for each question*)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
h. Disappear and reappear ?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(*Circle One*): ~~Yes~~ (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(*Circle One*): (Yes) No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: when closest to me it appeared to ~~[illegible]~~ eclipse some of the stars.

14. Did the object appear: (*Circle One*): (a.) Solid b. Transparent c. Vapor d. Don't Know

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	Yes	(No)	e. Binoculars	Yes	(No)
b. Sun glasses	Yes	(No)	f. Telescope	Yes	(No)
c. Windshield	Yes	(No)	g. Theodolite	Yes	(No)
d. Window glass	Yes	(No)	h. Other _____		

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

21. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

About half the size of a dime

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

Probably all of it.

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? Yes IT became so faint in the distance that I lost sight of it.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One)*:

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
(c.) Outdoors
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other _____

26. Were you *(Circle One)*

a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other Suburban

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I was sitting on my side porch gazing at the sky when suddenly I noticed that one of the stars was moving at a rapid pace.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
(h.) Northwest
i. Overhead

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
(d.) Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest
i. Overhead

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North (thru east) and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

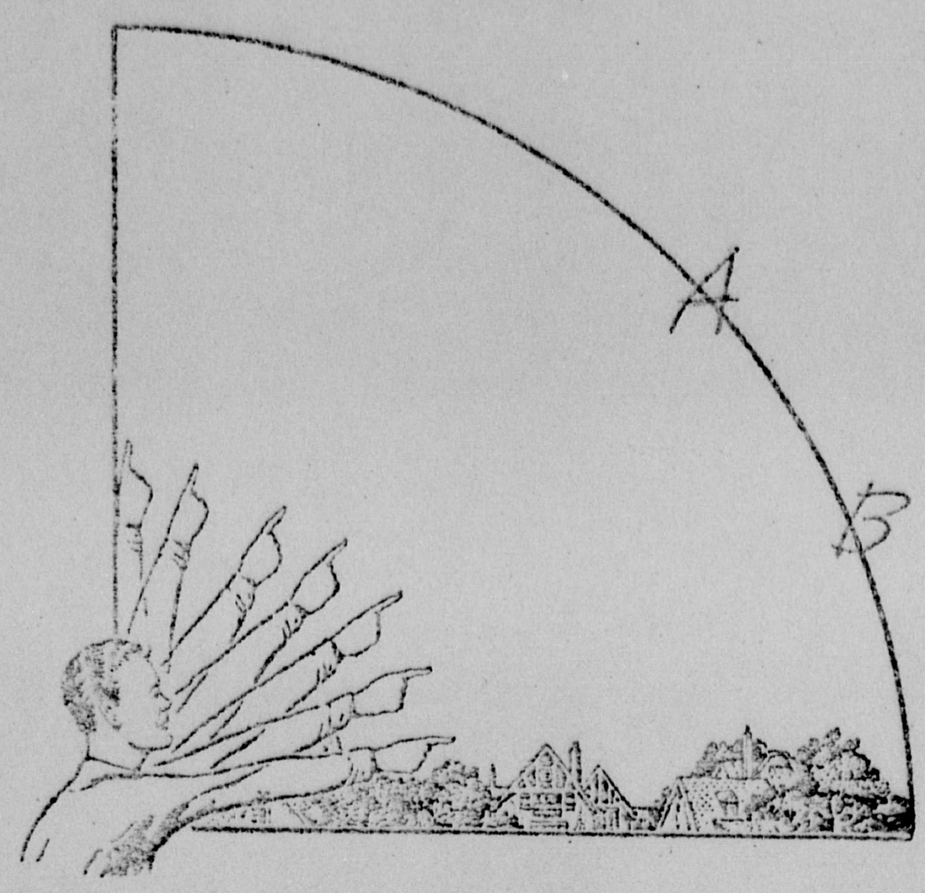
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North 300 degrees.
b. From horizon 45 degrees.

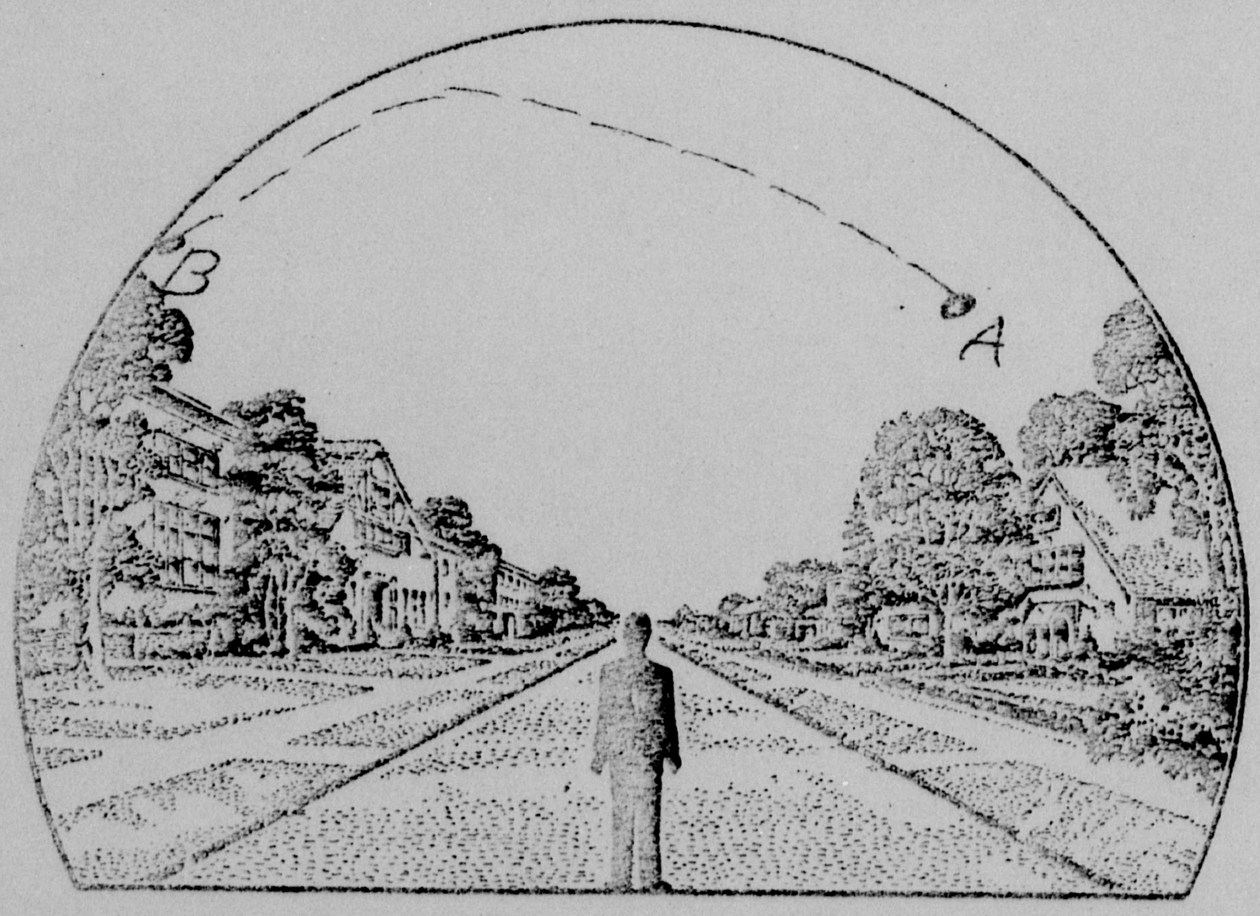
31.2 When it disappeared:

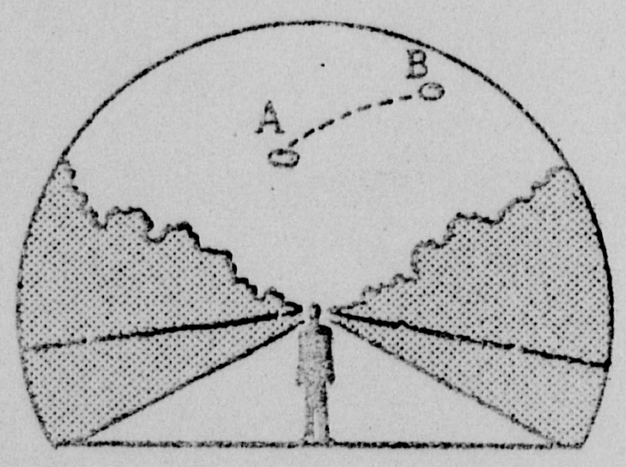
a. From true North 140 degrees.
b. From horizon 30 degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.





34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One)

(a) Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One)

(a.) Dry
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? Several of my friends at work.

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36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) (Yes) No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Mrs. [redacted] Petersburg, Va.
Mrs [redacted] " " "
(wife)

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes (No)

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

In 1947 as I was getting off the bus, I looked up and saw a reddish orange fireball with a blueish white comets tail pass over at about 70° and go out of sight behind some trees. No noise was heard. It was a clear night.

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

At first sight I thought it was a satellite. However, its speed and movements caused me to change my mind. It must have been something from outer space.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 60,000 MPH

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 200 Miles

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] Petersburg Va.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

Age 33 Sex M

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.

Education - High School Graduate
Military Service - U.S. Navy, attended Aviation Machinist Mate School
Rate at discharge was Aviation Machinist Mate 3rd class.
I have been an aviation enthusiast most of my life starting with models. At one time I owned a Piper J-3 that I reworked in my spare time. Presently I am employed by the Allied Chemical Corp as a Lab. Technician in research.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 7 (Day) Oct. (Month) 1962 (Year)

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [redacted] (Please Print)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE 7/10/62

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

I was relaxing on my side porch just gazing into the western sky when I noticed that a star was moving toward me. I immediately summoned my wife & mother to view the satellite. (thats what I thought it was at first) we then all went into the front yard for a better look. At this point it appeared to be moving too fast for known satellites. when nearly over head it oddly appeared to wobble & sway from side to side as though it were going out of controll. (Before doing this it appeared to almost stop) It then resumed speed and continued on a straight course. At the Time I got the impression of a space craft that had slowed below orbital speed and was having some trouble regaining speed to resume its normal course. As it went into the southeast it became fainter and fainter untill I couldn't see it. It gave off a bluish white light and appeared to eclipse some of the stars when traveling nearly over head. No sound was heard then or later. I did not see it again that night or on following nights.

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I retimed my actions to get a better idea of the viewing time. Four to five minutes seems about right for the U.F.O to have moved across 2/3 of the sky.

AT 07.06 PM AUG..09 SOUTH OF CITY, 40 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.23 PM AUG..10 SOUTH OF CITY, 03 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.29 PM AUG..11 SOUTH OF CITY, 14 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 06.37 PM AUG..12 SOUTH OF CITY, 28 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
LOCAL STANDARD TIME

1 NASHVILLE, TENN.

AT 07.35 PM AUG..06 SOUTH OF CITY, 68 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.58 PM AUG..08 SOUTH OF CITY, 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.05 PM AUG..09 SOUTH OF CITY, 51 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.22 PM AUG..10 SOUTH OF CITY, 07 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.29 PM AUG..11 SOUTH OF CITY, 19 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
LOCAL STANDARD TIME

1 NORFOLK, VA.

AT 08.39 PM AUG..06 SOUTH OF CITY, 34 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.47 PM AUG..07 SOUTH OF CITY, 56 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.10 PM AUG..09 SOUTH OF CITY, 23 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.17 PM AUG..10 SOUTH OF CITY, 41 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.34 PM AUG..11 SOUTH OF CITY, 03 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.41 PM AUG..12 SOUTH OF CITY, 14 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
LOCAL STANDARD TIME

1 OAKLAND, CALIF.

AT 08.44 PM AUG..07 SOUTH OF CITY, 22 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.51 PM AUG..08 SOUTH OF CITY, 39 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.15 PM AUG..10 SOUTH OF CITY, 13 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.22 PM AUG..11 SOUTH OF CITY, 27 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
LOCAL STANDARD TIME

1 MERCEDES, CALIF.

AT 07.29 PM AUG..06 SOUTH OF CITY, 76 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.45 PM AUG..07 SOUTH OF CITY, 20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.52 PM AUG..08 SOUTH OF CITY, 37 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.16 PM AUG..10 SOUTH OF CITY, 11 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.23 PM AUG..11 SOUTH OF CITY, 25 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
LOCAL STANDARD TIME

1 RENO, NEV.

AT 07.29 PM AUG..06 SOUTH OF CITY, 63 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.45 PM AUG..07 SOUTH OF CITY, 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.52 PM AUG..08 SOUTH OF CITY, 29 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.16 PM AUG..10 SOUTH OF CITY, 08 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.23 PM AUG..11 SOUTH OF CITY, 19 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
LOCAL STANDARD TIME

1 RICHMOND, VA.

AT 08.38 PM AUG..06 SOUTH OF CITY, 35 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.46 PM AUG..07 SOUTH OF CITY, 57 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 09.02 PM AUG..08 SOUTH OF CITY, 11 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 08.09 PM AUG..09 SOUTH OF CITY, 24 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE
AT 07.17 PM AUG..10 SOUTH OF CITY, 41 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING SE