

1. DATE & TIME GROUP 18 January 65 18/2300Z	2. LOCATION Duchanan, Virginia
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION UNRELIABLE REPORT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 - 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round object with three rings, like donuts. Stacked one on the other. Observed at 45 deg elevation in North. Flight directly overhead disappeared at 45 deg elevation 180 deg azimuth. White color with circle of red lights between first and second ring, circle of green lights between second and top ring and a white light on the top. When object was directly overhead it was a brighter white. When overhead the object paused and descended slightly before continuing on course. Disappeared at a fast rate of speed. Exact duration estimated at 2-5 minutes. WX clear and visibility 15 miles plus. Heavy air traffic in area.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	COMMENTS: 3 Children. Heavy air traffic in area. Radar screened area and no unusual returns noted. In view of ages of the youths, lack of additional witnesses, and no reports from any of the A/C in the area. As well lack of Radar returns. Sighting is listed as unreliable report.

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UFO Sighting

26 JAN 1965

Commander
649 Radar Squadron
Bedford AFS, Virginia

Reference your message 64900P-13, Jan 65, subj UFO Sighting.
We wish to thank you for your comprehensive report on the
reported sighting in the Buchanan, Virginia area. We concur
with 1st Lt Francis X Kelley's evaluation.

FOR THE COMMANDER

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr
Major, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch

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FOR: ADC (ADOIN); 26AIRDIV (260IN); AFSC(SCF), HQ USAF (AFNIN);

OSAF (SAFIO); WAADSB KWAODC-1) SUBJ: UFO SIGHTING.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS

SUBMITTED:

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(1) ROUND, WITH THREE RINGS, / LIKE DONUTS, STACKED ONE ON THE OTHER.

(2) LIKE A PEA WHEN FIRST SIGHTED THEN LARGER THAN A BASKETBALL WHEN OVERHEAD.

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(3) BASICALLY WHITE, HAD A CIRCLE OF RED LIGHTS BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND RING, A CIRCLE OF GREEN LIGHTS BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD RING AND A WHITE LIGHT ON THE TOP RING. WHEN THE OBJECT WAS DIRECTLY OVERHEAD, IT WAS A BRIGHTER WHITE.

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) SHAPED LIKE A BEE HIVE WITH THE TOP RING SHAPED LIKE A DOME.

(7) NONE OBSERVED.

(8) NONE HEARD.

(9) NONE REPORTED.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) OBSERVER JUST HAPPENED TO LOOK UP.

(2) ANGLE APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREES, AZIMUTH APPROXIMATELY 360 DEGREES.

(3) ANGLE APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREES, AZIMUTH APPROXIMATELY 180 DEGREES.

(4) APPEARED TO BE HIGH WHEN FIRST SIGHTED TO THE NORTH, WHEN DIRECTLY OVERHEAD, IT PAUSED MOMENTARILY, APPEARED TO DESCEND SLIGHTLY, WHEN ASCEND AND CONTINUE ON COURSE TO THE SOUTH./

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KTL AT A FAST RATE OF SPEED TO THE SOUTH, FADED FROM
SIGHT.

(6) EXACT PERIOD OF TIME UNKNOWN, ESTIMATED TO BE FROM
APPROXIMATELY TWO TO FIVE MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. TIMZ ANXD DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 18/2300Z

(2) DUSK

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: LATITUDE 37 DEGREES 35 MINUTES
NORTH, LONGITUDE 70 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST. BETWEEN 1ST STREET
NORTH AND 2 ND STREET NORTH IN THE TOWN OF BUCHANAN, VA.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OBSERVERS:

[REDACTED], BUCHANAN,
VA., STUDENT [REDACTED] NORTH, BUCHANAN, VA.,
STUDENT; [REDACTED] BUCHANAN, VA.,
STUDENT. ALL THREE CHILDREN APPEARED TO BE SINCERE AND WHEN
ASKED QUESTIONS DID NOT TRY TO INFLATE OR BUILD UP A STATEMENT.

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BKWL N/A

G. WEATHER:

(1) CLEAR

(2) OBTAINED FROM THE DUTY FORECASTER, DET. 41, 12TH
WEATHER SQUADRON LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR

SURFANE	300 DEGREES 15 K
6,000	290 DEGREES 25K
10,000	290 DEGREES 40K
16,000	00 DEGREES 45K
20,000	300 DEGREES 50K
30,000	300 DEGREES 80K
50,000	300HDEGREES 5#K
80,000	NOT AVAILABLE

(3) CLEAR

(4) 15 PLUS

(5) NONE IN THE AREA OF THE SIGHTING, HOWEVER THERE WERE
BROKEN CLOUDS AROUND THE 649TH RADAR SQUADRON LOCATED APPROXIMATELY
16 MILES SOUTH EAST OF BUCHANAN, VA.

(6) NONE

(7) OBTAINED FROM THE DUTY FORECASTER, DET. 41, 12TH

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WEATHER SQUADRON AT THE WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR:

SURFACE	PLUS	22 DEGREES
6,000	PLUS	7 DEGREES
10,000	PLUS	7 DEGREES
16,000	MINUS	13 DEGREES
20,000	MINUS	27 DEGREES
30,000	MINUS	45 DEGREES
50,000	MINUS	62 DEGREES
80,000	NOT AVAILABLE	

H. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION: NONE ACCOUNTED
FOR.

I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: N/A

J. THE DUTY FORECASTER, DET. 41, 12TH WEATHER SQUADRON AT
THE WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR STATED THAT WEATHER BALLOONS
WZRE RELEASED AT 18/2300Z FROM HUNTINGTON, W.VA., GREENSBORO,
N.C. AND DULLIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

K. POSITION, TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:
FRANCIS X. KELLY, 1ST LT., ASSISTANT CEM SUPERVISOR.

(1) A CHECK WITH THE WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR
REVEALED NO AIRCRAFT UNDER THEIR OPERATIONAL CONTROL AT THE TIME
OF THE SIGHTING.

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(2) THE AUERVISOR AT LEESBURG, VA. STATED THAT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2230Z AND 2330/Z, EACH DAY, THERE IS HEAVY TRAFFIC IN THE APPROXIMATE ARE OF THE SIGHTING.

(3) MRS. [REDACTED], MOTHER OF TWO THE CHILDREN, STATED THAT NO INFORMATION HAD BEEN RELEASED TO ANY NEWS AGENCY, ONLY THE ONE CALL WAS MADE TO THE AIR FORCE RADAR SQUADRON AT BEDFORD, VA. SHE FURTHER STATED THE CHILDREN WERE EXCITED WHEN THEY FIRST CAME INTO THE HOUSE AFTER THE SIGHTING.

(4) AN AN/FPS-6 HEIGHT FINDER RADAR WAS OPERATED IN THE MANUAL MODE FOR A PERIOD OF 15 MINUTES TO "SEARCHLIGHT" THE AREA

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OF THE SIGHTING. NO ABNORMAL AIRBORNE OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED AS A
RESULT OF THIS OPERATION, HOWEVER, THE CALL WAS RECEIVED, AND THE
AREA SCANNED AT 2345Z, 45 MINUTES AFTER THE SIGHTING.

(5) IN VIEW OF THE CHILDREN'S AGES, THE ABSENCE OF
CORROBORATING EVIDENCE AND INDEPENDENT TESTIMONY, THIS SIGHTING
DOES NOT SEEM TO WARRANT FURTHER INVESTIGATION. I DO NOT
ZISH TO QUESTION IN ANY WAY THE VARACITY OF THE CHILDREN OR THE
POSSIBILITY OF SUCH SIGHTING. HOWEVER, THE FACTS ARE NOT
SUFFICIENT TO FORM A DEFINITE EVALUATION.

L. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: NONE

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