

<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 2 February 65 02/1610Z	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Richmond, Virginia Virginia, Washington DC, Baltimore, Maryland
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Civilian and Military	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> ✓ BALLOON
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> One	
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> Hours	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b> Round or cone shaped object observed by WX observer at Richmond, Va through Theodolite and considered to be a balloon. Picked up on Radar. Viewed air visually near Baltimore and Washington DC. Color of object bright silver or aluminum. Also viewed over Wallops Island and many other ground locations.
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Ground-Radar Ground & Air-Visual	
<b>7. COURSE</b> Easterly	<b>COMMENTS:</b> Balloon launched from Page, Arizona. $6 \times 10^6$ cu ft. Package cut down in Arkansas. Balloon not destroyed and continued to fly out over Atlantic. Held an altitude of 145,000 ft. Winds at this height were 129 knots, from 270 deg. Used in cosmic ray research.
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



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Inter-Office Correspondence

DATE

TO

FROM

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145,000

Sgt. Jones

Page - Arizona

6 x 10<sup>6</sup> cu. ft. balloon

cut d 11 AM Feb 2

payload on  
down in Arkansas

Balloon -  
- hit alt. 600

sunset,  
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FM 4503 ABW LANGLEY AFB VA

TO RUEAHQ/HQ USAF

RUCDSQ/AFSC WPAFB OHIO

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UNCLAS DO 32393 FEB 65. HQ USAF FOR SAFOIP PROJ BLUE BOOK

ATTN: MRS. SARAH HUNT. AFSC (FTD).

SUBJECT: INITIAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF UFO 7(CONSENSUS OF  
MULTIPLE SIGHTINGS). REFERENCE: PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 233-2NA.

DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT KQL SHAPE: ROUND OR ITNEQNV KWL SIZE:  
COMPARED WITH A QUARTER HELD IN THE HAND AT ABOUT AN ARM'S LENGTH  
FROM AIRCRAFT AT 50,000 FEET); (3) COLOR: BRIGHT SILVER OR ALUMINUM  
(4) NUMBER: ONEWH B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) ATTEN-  
TION FIRST CALLED: AIRBORNE OBSERVATION KWL ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND  
AZIMUTH AT FIRST SIGHTING: 53 TO 61 DEGREES OF ANGULAR ELEVATION

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FROM NORFOLK AND BALTIMORE: 150 DEGREES RADIAL FROM PATUXENT RIVER

1-5 ELW(uFO)



NAS AT 38 MILES; (3) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH WHEN DIS-  
APPEARED OBJECT REMAINED VISIBLE UNTIL SUNDOWN. APPARENT POSITION  
WAS OVER WOLLOPS ISLAND NASA STATION AT AN UNDETERMINED  
ALTITUDE ABOVE AIRBORNE OVERSERVERS; (4) TIME VISIBLE: VARIED FROM  
15 MINUTES TO 40 MINUTES; (5) FLIGHT PATH: OVER RICHMOND, VIRGINIA,  
AT 1630-1645E. (MR. FIELDS, RICHMOND WEATHER BUREAU); SOUTH AND  
EAST OF PATUXENT RIVER AT 1740-1810E (ANG JET OUT OF BALTIMORE);  
OVER WOLLOPS ISLAND NASA AT 1705E-1800E (NAVY JETS OUT OF OCEANA  
NAS); C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND; VISUAL, AIR-VISUAL.  
(2) OPTICAL AIDS: THEODOLITE USED BY RICHMOND WEATHER; (3) AIR-  
BORNE SIGHTINGS: (A) TWO AIR NATIONAL GUARD F86H'S - MAXIMUM  
ALTITUDE 38,000 FEET - MARTIN ANG, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND; (B) TWO  
NAVY F8C'S. MAXIMUM ALTITUDE - 50,000 FEET, OCEANA NAS, NORFOLK,  
VIRGINIA; (:), TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTINGS: (A) 2100-2300 ZULU,  
2 FEBRUARY 1965; (B) LIGHT CONDITION: DAY; (5) OBSERVER IDENTIFI-  
CATION: (A) MR. [REDACTED] RICHMOND WEATHER BUREAU; (B)  
LT. COL. HENRY, MARYLAND, ANG; (C) MAJOR WALTMAN, MARYLAND ANG;  
(D) LT. J. G. KENNARD, OCEANA NAS, VA; LT. J. G. SAPP, OCEANA  
(S) WEATHER; REPORTED CLEAR AND UNLIMITED VISIBILITY BY ALL

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OBSERVERS. CONFIRMED BY LANGLEY AFB WEATHER DETACHMENT; (7) TAPED  
INTERVIEWS WITH PILOTS OF INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT ARE AVAILABLE.

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At 1040, 4 Feb 65, Mr Vincent ~~Raleigh~~, Boulder, Colorado called regarding Balloon observation over Virginia.

Yesterday he had indicated that their balloon had gone down over Arkansas, this was in error. There is a 95% chance that the balloon observed belonged to them. The 6 million cubic foot balloon was launched from Page, Arizona on 1 Feb 65, 2300 MST floated to 140,000 feet. It was carrying a Cosmic Ray Experiment. At 1100 EST on 2 Feb 65 the package cut free from the balloon and landed by parachute three miles South of Lightsville, Arkansas. The balloon normally shatters or bursts after this. They believe it ascended to 145,000 feet until sunset at which time it descended in the Atlantic ocean about two or four hours after sunset. Winds at 140,000 were 270° at 129 knots. This is only data available on wind.