

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 March 65 11/0502Z	2. LOCATION Jacksonville, Florida - SE US Georgia, Florida
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR) <i>fireball - bright one</i> Meteor Observation
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Momentary	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Very bright light or flash. Reported as a meteor by three witnesses and as a missile by one other. Two air visual reports indicated object at 40-45 deg elevation above them. 5 observations air visual, one observation ground visual. Tower operator at Jacksonville was one of ground observers. 2 Anonymous ground observers in Jacksonville area, called in.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual Air-Visual	
7. COURSE N/A	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-7, SAFOS-3, DIA-1, SMB-1

SMB C239 WPTTU JAW RUWTFEA0020 0721618-UUUU--

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TO RUWGALE/ADC

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RUCJFDA/FTD WPAFB OHIO

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THIS MESSAGE IN TWELVE PARTS. PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT.

VERY BRIGHT SINGLE LIGHT OR FLASH, REPORTED AS METEOR BY THREE

WITNESSES, ONE WITNESS STATING FLASH WAS BLUE IN COLOR, AND ONE

WITNESS IDENTIFYING OBJECT AS A MISSILE. ALTITUDE, SPED, OR

SHAPE NOT DETERMINED. PART II. DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE OF

OBJECT. BRIGHTNESS OF OBJECT BROUGHT IT TO ATTENTION OF ALL

WITNESSES NONE OF WHOM MENTIONED ANY MOVEMENT. TWO AIRCRAFT

REPORTED OBJECT AT 40 DEGREES AND 45 DEGREES RESPECTIVELY ABOVE

HORIZON. OBJECT WAS VISIBLE ONLY MOMENTARILY. PART III. MANNER

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OF OBSERVATION. FIVE SIGHTINGS WERE AIR-VISUAL AND ONE GROUND-VISUAL, ALL NAKED EYE. DC8, DELTA 85, FL350, 480K FROM DETROIT HEADING SOUTHBOUND FROM MACON, GA TO GAINESVILLE, FLA WAS 126NM NORTH OF GAINESVILLE WHEN HE SIGHTED THE OBJECT AT HIS 10 O'CLOCK POSITION RANGE APPROX 50 MILES. CONVAIR 880, DELTA 98, FL 350, 480 K FROM MIAMI, NORTHBOUND 150NM SOUTH OF AUGUSTA, GA. BOEING 727, EASTERN 656, FL330, 500 K FROM MIAMI NORTHBOUND 30 NM NE OF JACKSONVILLE SIGHTED OBJECT AT HIS 10 P'CLOCK. BOEING 727, EASTERN 698, FL290, 495K FROM MIAMI NORHTBOUND POSITION NOT REPORTED. BOEING 727, EASTERN 699, FL290, 500K FROM BOSTON SOUTHBOUND 20 NM SOUTH OF SAVANNAH SIGHTED OBJECT AT HIS 2 O'CLOCK POSITION. PART IV. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. 110502Z MAR BY ALL FIVE AIRCRAFT. 110510Z BY THOMAS COLE IMESON (JACKSONVILLE) TOWER. NIGHT. PART V. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS. SEE PART III FOR ALL AIRCRAFT SIGHTINGS. JACKSONVILLE TOWER, THOMAS COLE IMESON FIELD, JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TWO ANONYMOUS CIVILIAN WITNESSES IN ST. JOHN'S BLUFF AREA OF JACKSONVILLE, FLA. PART VI. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS. CIVILIAN: [REDACTED] AGE UNKNOWN, APPLE LANE, ROCKSBERRY, CONN., PILOT ON EASTERN 656, RELIABLE, [REDACTED], AGE UNKNOWN, [REDACTED], HOUSTON, TEXAS,

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PILOT ON DELTA 98, RELIABLE; [REDACTED], AGE UNKNOWN, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ST, MIAMI, FLA, PILOT ON EASTERN 698, RELIABLE; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], AGE UNKNOWN, [REDACTED], POMPANO BEACH, FLA (TELEPHONE

[REDACTED], PILOT ON EASTERN 699, RELIABLE; [REDACTED], AGE

UNKNOWN, [REDACTED], MIAMI, FLA (TELEPHONE, [REDACTED] FLIGHT

ENGINEER ON DELTA 85, RELIABLE. PART VII. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT

CONDITIONS: (1) TEN THOUSAND SCATTERED, HIGH SCATTERED (2) WINDS:

SURFACE - CALM, 6M - 280/25, 10M - 290/40, 16M - 290/65, 20M - 290/80,

30M - 300/85, 50M - 290/60, 80M - NA (3) NONE (4) VISIBILITY -

10 MILES (5) FOUR TENTHS (6) NEGATIVE THUNDERSTORMS (7) SLIGHT TEM-

PERATURE INVERSION FROM SURFACE TO 1500 FEET - NORMAL GRADIENT ABOVE.

PART VIII. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION. PART IX. NO INTER-

CEPTION ACTION TAKEN. PART X. N/A PART XI. ASST BASE OPS OFFICER,

MOODY AFB. THE OBJECT COULD POSSIBLE BE A METEORITE OR SATELLITE

BURNING. THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE FLASH NEGATES THE POSSIBILITY OF A

HIGH ALTITUDE BALLON SIGHTING. CAPE KENNEDY, EGLIN AFB, OR TYNDALL

AFB COULD NOT ATTRIBUT THE INCIDENT TO ANY OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

NO INCIDENTS REPORTED BY ARS. SIMULTANEOUS SIGHTING BY ALL AIRCRAFT,

SHORT DURATION, AND LACK OF RADAR DETECTION SUPPORT THIS POSSIBILITY.

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PART XII. ON THE SPOT WRITTEN LOG IN POSSISSION OF MR. CHARLES MATHEWS,
JACKSONVILLE ARTCC (FAA), SHIFT CREW CHIEF, DUTY PHONE ELGIN 35506
OR 60987.

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NOTE: Original transmission not identified in SMB files.

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