

## PROJECT PHOTO RECORD

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>25 - 31 July 66  | 2. LOCATION<br>Atlanta, Georgia                    |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Civilian  | 10. CONCLUSION<br>INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One  |  |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>Varied   | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>SEE CASE         |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground-Visual (BX)   |  |
| 7. COURSE<br>Varied  |  |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |  |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |  |

Atlanta, Georgia 31 July 66

FTD (TDETR)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433  
22 August 1966

Mr. [REDACTED]  
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Dear [REDACTED]

Reference your unidentified observation of 31 July 1966.  
The information which we have received is not sufficient  
for evaluation. Request you complete the attached FTD  
Form 164 and return it in the envelope provided.

We wish to thank you for reporting your observation to  
the Air Force.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
DIRECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF  
Chief, Project Blue Book

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 918TH MILITARY AIRLIFT GROUP (RESERVE) (CONAC)  
DOBBINS AIR FORCE BASE, GEORGIA 30060



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

GI

1 August 1966

SUBJECT:

Unidentified Flying Objects

TO:

Foreign Technology Division  
Air Force Systems Command  
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. The attached information constitutes consolidated reports obtained from the Fulton County Station, Federal Aviation Agency, and sightings telephoned to the duty officer, Dobbins AFB, Georgia, during the period 24-31 July 1966.
2. The undersigned has directed the establishment of specific procedures to be followed for subsequent reports telephoned to this installation.
3. Future reports originating with Federal Aviation Agency personnel will be fully coordinated with this headquarters for forwarding to appropriate commands.
4. Extract of UFO reports from Officer of the Day Report, 31 July 1966, is listed below:

*Serial 164*

a. 0230 hours: A UFO was reported by Mr. [REDACTED] Smyrna, Georgia, [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that UFO was first sighted at approximately 0215 hours as he and his wife were watching satellite. He and his wife observed another light which appeared to be approaching the satellite. This light was changing colors, white to red to blue, and seemed to be going to collide with the satellite. After the satellite passed, however, the UFO stayed and Mr. [REDACTED] was viewing it while making his report. After taking this report, the Intelligence Officer, Major Shaddix, was contacted and he suggested that the Information Officer and Atlanta Control Tower be contacted. The Atlanta Control Tower stated they could not see anything unusual by the naked eye or radar. When Mr. [REDACTED] was advised that Atlanta Airport could not see anything but would maintain lookout, he insisted he could still see it and offered to come over and point the UFO out. Captain Oglesby, the Information Officer, was requested to come over and try for a picture. Prior to Mr. [REDACTED] and Captain Oglesby getting here, a cloud cover moved in and no photos were obtained.

*Star Jack*

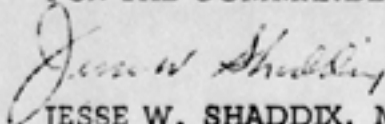
*Serial 164*

b. 0350 hours: A UFO was reported by Mr. [REDACTED] S. E., Atlanta, Georgia, telephone [REDACTED].

*Star Jack*

Mr. ██████ stated he had seen more than one darting about,  
looked like star but changes color from bluish white to yellow,  
directly over his house almost every night.

FOR THE COMMANDER



JESSE W. SHADDIX, Major, AFRes  
Intelligence Officer

cy to:

Hq USAF (SAFOI)  
Washington, D.C.

Hq CONAC (OI)  
Attn: Major Smith

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1. ltr 445 MAW (BOI)  
dtd 29 Jul 66 w/atchs
2. ltr 445 MAW (OD)  
dtd 27 Jul 66

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 445TH MILITARY AIRLIFT WING (RESERVE) (CONAC)  
DOBBINS AIR FORCE BASE, GEORGIA 30060



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

BOI

29 July 1966

SUBJECT:

Unidentified Flying Object Reports

TO:

918 MAG (GI/Maj Shaddix)

1. Attached herewith are official reports of UFO sightings obtained from the Federal Aviation Agency, Atlanta, Georgia at the specific request of this headquarters.
2. Subject report follows the criteria prescribed in AFR 200-2.
3. Subsequent reports to this office will be forwarded for appropriate action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George M. Melvin".

GEORGE M. MELVIN  
Information Officer

2 Atchs  
1-2. FAA Memo, 27 & 28 Jul 66

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

*Memorandum*

DATE: July 27, 1966 2:15 PMEST

SUBJECT: Report of UFO received from Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] N.E., Buckhead area, Atlanta.

FROM : Editor-Writer, SO-5A

TO : Public Affairs Officer, SO-5

Mr. [REDACTED] - the following is "gist" of highlights taken by me in shorthand for your information and reference covering your conversation with a Mr. [REDACTED] above address, which also relates to other reports of Unidentified Flying Objects sighted in the Atlanta area during the past three days:

Mr. [REDACTED] related, in part, "...on Sunday evening, at approximately 9:30 PM EST, July 24, 1966, my eight-year old boy was running up my driveway with two of his playmates, a 13-year-old girl and a 10-year-old boy, when suddenly, the three children were confronted by two bright lights standing in front of them and just above with, with a great black canopy hanging over them. Right after it happened, the children came screaming in, badly frightened, with their eyes badly inflamed, tears streaming from their eyes, and complaining that their eyes were hurting and stinging. The children reported that shortly after being confronted, this "object" took off, straight up, 'like a bolt of lightning', and disappeared. They described the 'object' as being reddish-bluish, with two blinking bright lights."

Mr. [REDACTED] then related that he had been prone to discount their descriptions as children's imaginations until he read of the FAA sightings by Mr. [REDACTED] at the Fulton airport which reports appeared in local papers. He decided that he should relay the information to us. He reported that the children's eyes were still blood-shot, irritated, and quite painful as late as Monday, 7/25. He stated he was prompted to make his report to us because the children's descriptions matched closely Mr. [REDACTED] description of these unidentified lights or objects.

The following are in answer to specific questions that you then asked Mr. [REDACTED]

Q. What was the exact time of the incident, again?

A. Approximately 9:30 PM EST, Sunday, July 24, 1966.

Q. How close did the object come to the children?

A. The children are 8 years, 13 years and 10 years. The object, according to them, was just above their eye-level.

Q. Were there any other signs of burns, marks on them?

A. None. They were just badly frightened and complained about their eyes.

Q. How many lights did they see?

A. Two bright lights, side by side. The "black canopy" appeared to be holding up the lights.

Q. Speed of the object, again?

A. From the children's description, an almost instantaneous "shooting up" - straight up.

Mr. [REDACTED] telephone in [REDACTED]. He was also referred to the appropriate Dobbins AFB office and requested to relate this info to them.

Medical report?

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**Memorandum**

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FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY

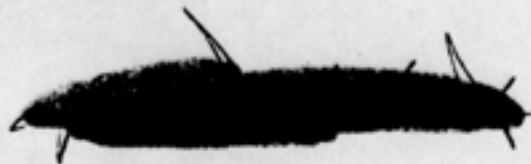
DATE: July 28, 1966

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

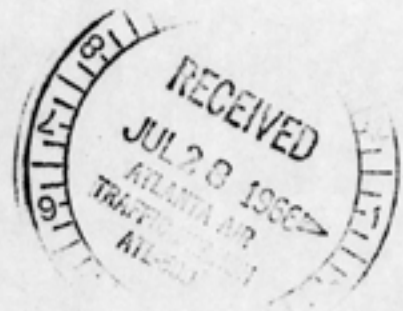
FROM : Chief, FSS, Atlanta, Georgia

TO : Chief, Air Traffic Branch, ATL-500 *CRB*

The attached report is submitted concerning the unidentified flying objects reported by this facility during the period July 25 - 27, 1966, and is expressed in the format prescribed. All of the personnel concerned as witnesses to the events have been interviewed and their statements are attached hereto as part of this report.



Enclosure





ATLANTA FLIGHT SERVICE STATION  
FULTON COUNTY AIRPORT  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS  
REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD  
JULY 25 - 27, 1966

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS  
July 25 - 27, 1966

A. Description of Object:

1. Shape: According to witnesses, the shape appears to be oval on a vertical axis; however, some witnesses have the impression that it was spherical.

2. Size: There is general agreement that the size according to the criteria compared to that of a pea, in some cases slightly smaller, in other cases slightly larger.

3. Color: No established color is known since it appears that the objects were lighted with either flashing red and green with white lights or were capable of changing from red through green to white. In any event, the color in most cases appeared to be a rhythmic change.

4. Number: The number of objects viewed is unknown since when first noticed there were only two which attracted attention. After this occurred, more attention was paid to the sky and as more people devoted attention to the area, more of the objects were discovered. It is believed that the number noted on this particular night of July 27, 1966, morning of the 28th, may have amounted to as many as 15. This number is estimated on the basis of reports from numerous free lance photographers and interested witnesses who were observing the objects as a point of interest.

5. Formation: There was no particular formation detectable. It was noted that some of the objects would remain stationary for quite some time and then leave in some direction at a high rate of speed. One free lance photographer with a high powered telescope equipped for photographic purposes stated that one object remained in the same position for two hours and then departed in a Northerly direction at an extremely high rate of speed disappearing over the horizon in a matter of seconds.

6. Features or details: Two witnesses, both FAA employees, testified that at least one of the objects lowered another object from itself which appeared to be cylindrical in shape, although possibly it may have been flat. The object lowered was not lighted but appeared to reflect a light from the mother object.

7. Tail, trail, or exhaust including size compared to object: There was no apparent trail or exhaust witnessed except that one witness indicated there was a grayish area completely surrounding the object which appeared to be about twice the width of the object.

8. Sound: No sound was heard by any observers or witnesses.

9. Unusual features: The most unusual feature of the objects was their apparent ability to remain stationary, or what appeared to be stationary, and then to move off at rapid speed. The lighting features are themselves unusual in that some appeared to change in a gradual subtle manner while others had more abrupt changes. Some of these changes were very rhythmic while others were quite uneven and unpredictable. Another unusual feature appeared to be from

witnesses the fact that in some cases the objects reversed course without any apparent turn around motion. I personally viewed one of the objects through binoculars and noting a very erratic motion from side to side, back and forth, attributed it to my inability to hold the binoculars steady. However, I noticed that two stars were visible simultaneously with the object and the stars were not moving in the erratic fashion that the object was. This fact has been supported by both FAA witnesses and conversation with free lance photographers that had noted the same features.

B. Description of Course: Due to the many objects observed and the many courses taken, it is not possible to individually describe them. Many of the courses were courses not followed by the stars. This was particularly noted in order to attempt to establish whether or not they were stars.

1. What called attention of observer: On the first night, July 25, 1966, the observer's attention was called by the exceptionally brilliant white lights apparent slightly to the West of Fulton County Airport.

2. Angle, elevation and azimuth first observed: The first observer, Mr. ██████████, feels that the angle above the horizon was about 30 degrees, while most of the other witnesses feel it was more on the order of 70 degrees. All witnesses agree that the bearing was approximately 290 degrees true from the observation point on the first night. Due to the large number of other objects appearing, it was not practicable to obtain the information concerning the angle and azimuth on them. There was one rather consistent appearance in the Northeast at about the same time every morning which progressed from the horizon upward as if it was a star following the same path. Further statements on this are contained in Mr. Bennett's report.

*Insignificant  
Data*

3. Angle, elevation and azimuth as disappeared: In all but a very few cases the objects disappeared with the appearance of daylight. In some cases, they disappeared over the horizon in various directions. Two of these are fairly certain to have been satellites that disappeared over the North horizon. These had no colored light phenomenon.

4. Flight path and maneuvers: For the most part the objects appeared to remain very nearly stationary, or at least with slow movement, unless they chose to leave the area, in which case they generally left rather rapidly. No particular maneuvers, as such, or established flight paths, could be determined.

5. How did object disappear (direction): As previously stated, most disappeared with the appearance of daylight when they became no long visible. Those that disappeared prior to daylight disappeared in various directions.

6. How long visible: In general, on all three nights the objects were visible by FAA personnel for approximately one hour and twenty minutes. They may have been actually visible longer, but personnel are not available to devote any appreciable time to observing the phenomenon.

C. Manner of Observation:

1. Observations were conducted from the ground in the immediate vicinity of the FAA Building on Fulton County Airport and, for the most part, were conducted by Weather Bureau Certificated Weather Observers, although they were assisted by Communications Relay Equipment Operators and FAA electronics personnel on duty. On the last two nights there were numerous T.V. and news media reporters, plus free lance cameramen and other interested witnesses present. Some of these made reports to the news media.

2. Optical aids: The only optical aid used by FAA personnel was a pair of 7X50 binoculars under the trademark of Swift. For the most part, observations were with the unaided eye.

D. Time and Date:

1. FAA observations were conducted during the approximate period of 0740 GMT to 0945 GMT July 25, 26 and 27, 1966.

2. Light conditions, night/day, dark/dusk: Night

E. Location of Observers: In the immediate vicinity of latitude 33 degrees, 47 minutes North, longitude 84 degrees, 31 minutes West, which is more specifically described as Fulton County Airport about seven miles West of downtown Atlanta, Georgia, and the FAA Building located thereon.

F. Identifying Information on Observers:

[REDACTED] (civilian) Age: 52  
[REDACTED]  
Atlanta, Georgia

Flight Service Station

Reliability: Creditable witness and should be experienced enough in the aviation industry to not be readily confused.

[REDACTED] 47  
[REDACTED]  
Mableton, Georgia

Flight Service Station

Reliability: Creditable witness and should be experienced enough in the aviation industry not to be readily confused.

[REDACTED] (civilian) Age: 38  
[REDACTED]  
Austell, Georgia

Flight Service Station

Reliability: Creditable witness and should be experienced enough in the aviation industry not to be readily confused.

[REDACTED] (civilian) Age: 27  
 [REDACTED]  
 Atlanta, Georgia

Flight Service Station

Reliability: Creditable witness and should be experienced enough in the aviation industry not to be readily confused.

Mrs. [REDACTED] (civilian) Age: 52  
 [REDACTED]  
 Mableton, Georgia

Flight Service Station

Reliability: Creditable witness and should be experienced enough in the aviation industry not to be readily confused.

[REDACTED] (civilian) Age: 46  
 [REDACTED]  
 East Point, Georgia

Airways Facilities Section

Reliability: Creditable witness and should be experienced enough in the aviation industry not to be readily confused.

#### G. Weather and Winds Including Aloft Conditions:

1. Observers account: The Weather Bureau observer at Municipal Airport was not available for comment. The FAA observer at Fulton County Airport commented that on July 25, 1966 it appeared to be one of the clearest nights that he had witnessed in quite a long time. July 26, 1966 was also very clear. July 27, 1966, while clear, was not quite as clear as the two preceding nights.

2. Weather Bureau report of wind direction and velocity at surface: There are no weather bureau winds aloft reports made at Atlanta. The nearest observations are taken at Athens, Georgia. The following reports were provided by the U. S. Weather Bureau Airport Station at Municipal Airport in an attempt to best meet the request contained in this item.

July 25, 1966 - 1200 GMT 20915 50920 81115 00710 40710 02803 53410  
 03215 53320 03320 53415 03520

July 26, 1966 - 1200 GMT 20605 50812 80712 03605 40705 03115 50412  
 00220 50310 03615 03325

3. Ceiling: Ceiling on July 25, 1966, clear until approximately 0930 GMT, at which time a ceiling of 900 feet moved into the area. On July 26, 1966, virtually the same thing occurred with it being clear until about 0930 GMT, and again a 900 ft. ceiling moving into the area. On July 27, 1966, it was clear during the entire period.

4. Visibility: July 25, 1966, visibility 15 miles or more until 0930 GMT when it became reduced to about 10 miles. July 26, 1966, visibility ranged from 15 miles at 0600 GMT down to 10 miles at 0930 GMT. July 27, 1966, visibility ranged from 15 miles at 0600 GMT down to 12 miles at 0930 GMT.

5. Amount of cloud coverage: July 25, 1966 no cloud coverage apparent until 0930 GMT, at which time a complete overcast moved in. July 26, 1966 no cloud coverage apparent until 0930 GMT when a cloud coverage of more than five-tenths to less than nine-tenths moved in to cover the sky. July 27, 1966 no cloud coverage was apparent.

6. Thunder storms in area and quadrant: The Weather Bureau advises that there were no thunder storms in the area and no rain showers reported or visible on their radar.

7. Vertical temperature gradient:

|               |          | <u>Level</u> | <u>Temperature</u> |
|---------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|
| July 25, 1966 | 1200 GMT | Surface      | 21 C               |
|               |          | 5,000        | 15 C               |
|               |          | 10,000       | 8 C                |
|               |          | 15,000       | 2 C                |
|               |          | 20,000       | - 9 C              |
|               |          | 25,000       | -20 C              |
|               |          | 30,000       | -35 C              |
| July 26, 1966 | 1200 GMT | Surface      | 21 C               |
|               |          | 5,000        | 16 C               |
|               |          | 10,000       | 7 C                |
|               |          | 15,000       | - 2C               |
|               |          | 20,000       | -11 C              |
|               |          | 25,000       | -21 C              |
|               |          | 30,000       | -35 C              |

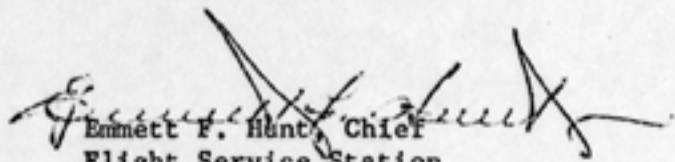
H. Other Unusual Activities and Conditions - Meteorological or Astronomical or Otherwise: There were no other unusual activities, conditions, meteorological or astronomical or otherwise that were apparent either to our personnel or to the Weather Bureau Airport Station personnel at Atlanta Airport.

I. N/A

J. Location of object, approximate altitude and distance of flight of air traffic or balloon releases in area: Since this is a major terminal area, there are no doubt many aircraft departures and arrivals at Municipal Airport that passed in this immediate vicinity, both jet and propeller driven type. There were no balloon releases of which we were cognizant. There were no military operations that we were aware of.

K. My title is Chief of the Flight Service Station at Fulton County Airport, Atlanta, Georgia. I have spent the entire night in preparing this report, interviewing the witnesses and observing some of the phenomenon. I have discussed previously some of the observations made by free lance photographers. I do not feel at this point that I have enough information to offer much constructive comment. I feel that some of the objects could have easily been very high flying aircraft engaged in refueling operations. It is also my feeling that some of the lighting affects may have been caused by the denser atmosphere when the objects were closer, say within 30 degrees of the horizon. It is felt, however, particularly after discussion with some experienced free lance observers, that some unusual activity was in progress and that the objects were capable of actions not commonly known to the general public or to the average FAA employee. I personally observed objects remain virtually stationary, having rested the binoculars on an automobile top, and then suddenly move off at a very rapid rate. I feel that the only way that laymen such as I would be able to come to any definite conclusion concerning the altitude of these objects would be for all FAA facilities noting these phenomenon to take clinometer readings recording the time and elevation. I feel that I can do nothing other than submit the attached report with the hope that it will be of some assistance in determining exactly what the explanation may be.

L. Existence of physical Evidence such as Photographs, etc.: One of the free lance photographers, which was quite elaborately equipped with telephoto lens and exceptionally high speed camera equipment, is very hopeful that he has some pictures which he has promised to produce for my viewing if they develop. If these become available to me, I will submit them forthwith, with any other evidence we may obtain in the meantime.

  
Emmett F. Hunt, Chief  
Flight Service Station  
Atlanta, Georgia

On July 25, 1966 at 0840 GMT I stepped out of the door to make a routine weather observation and promptly noticed two exceptionally bright lights toward the West moving in opposite directions. Their location was estimated to be approximately 290 degrees true from the observation point, which is the Federal Aviation Agency Building on Fulton County Airport. The lights were approximately 30 degrees above the horizon. The light to the right appeared to be climbing Northwest, while the one to the left appeared to be descending Southeast. At this point my observation ceased due to press of other duties. It was particularly noted that they were white lights with no apparent standard navigation lights. No shape or overall appearance was noted since at this point it was believed to be a satellite. No sound was heard. No change of color was noted at this time. The size, using the criteria described in the outline, appeared to be about the size of a pea.

At 0925 GMT I went out to observe a cloud bank moving in from the Northeast. At this time, it was noted that a bright light was located Northeast, estimated to bear 70 degrees true from the observation point at the FAA Building and estimated to be between 20 degrees and 30 degrees above the horizon. The size of the light appeared to be about the size of a typewritten capital letter "O". When viewed through 7X50 binoculars, manufactured by Swift, it appeared about the size of a pea. With the aid of binoculars it was noted that an object was dangling from the white light which gave an impression of being cylindrical but could possibly have been flat. It was definitely longer than it was wide. I checked with the Atlanta Air Route Traffic Control Center and Atlanta Tower, and while I received radar reports of an aircraft in the area West where the objects were first observed, no positive correlation could possibly be made between the two. I definitely heard no sound from the objects. The Atlanta Tower called to advise that a Tallapoosa, Georgia police officer had called to report a bright light moving near that location with no sound emanating therefrom.

On July 26, 1966 at 0745 GMT another object was noted bearing about 90 degrees from the Flight Service Station and about 30 degrees above the horizon which moved toward the North and then returned back to the East. It was viewed through binoculars and the main body appeared to have rather a distorted appearance, somewhat vertically oval in shape including the previously trailing object of cylindrical appearance. A blue grayish glow surrounded the object to a distance about twice the width of the object. No sound emanated from the object. Motion of a very erratic nature was visible through the binoculars, while a known star simultaneously visible was virtually stationary.

At 0755 GMT the object had become apparently stationary and some believed it to be a star; however, while looking through binoculars I saw a section of the object separate and drop a short distance from the main section then hang. At this point I noticed the object changing colors from red to green to white with possibly some blue. In accordance with the criteria, the object appeared to be about the size of a pea.

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C. ... at 16:00  
18:11  
... could observe ... with ...



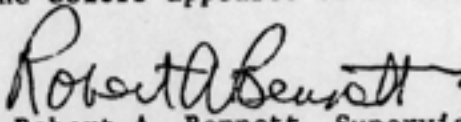
At 0825 GMT I noted another object high to the West and moving. It moved Northward, and I could see through the binoculars the same changing colored lights that characterized the first object. As I was comparing the two, I saw a third object near the horizon East-Northeast and slightly further North than the first. This information was reported to the Officer of the Day at Dobbins Air Force Base.

At 0905 GMT I obtained a definite clinometer reading which was 30 degrees above the plane of the earth. This was the object located approximately 70 degrees true from the observation point.

At 0930 GMT broken clouds blocked further view of the unidentified flying objects.

On July 27, 1966 at 0540 GMT I observed through binoculars a semi-stationary light in approximately the same position as the light seen yesterday at this time. It changed colors rapidly from red to green to white and emanated a faint blue glow not noted on surrounding stars. At 0630 GMT I saw a bright light moving generally South to North. It maintained a steady course in speed and was regarded as a satellite by many witnesses such as news reporters, etc., who were present.

At 0855 GMT I saw a large bright light on the horizon to the East. It appeared to be rising slowly. At 0950 GMT the above bright light, regarded by some as being the Eastern Star, was measured as being 3 degrees above the horizon. At 1003 GMT this same light, considered to be the Eastern Star, was measured as being 15 degrees above the horizon. At 1026 GMT this same light measured 20 degrees above the plane of the earth. It was dimmer but clearly visible. The other light had disappeared with the first rays of sunrise. In all of the above four entries, in each instance, the colors appeared to be changing rapidly.

  
Robert A. Bennett, Supervisory  
Air Traffic Control Specialist  
Atlanta Flight Service Station