Newspaper articles regarding the Dec 19, 1964 sightings at Patuxent NAS

The Daily Mail, Hagerstown, Maryland; January 6, 1965 page 13

UFO Spotted At 4,800 MPH Above Patuxent

WASHINGTON (AP)— The reported sighting of two high-speed unidentified flying objects by Navy radar operators at Patuxent Naval Air Station, Md., is being investigated by the Air Force.

The Navy said the operators observed "two objects on their scope approaching at approximately 4,800 miles an hour from 30 to 40 miles south" of the station of the night of Dec. 29.

The Navy said Tuesday that the objects approached the base, executed a tight turn and disappeared from the scope.

Patuxent officials said the fastest aircraft there is the Phantom II, which has a top speed of 1,600 m.p.h.

About the fastest aircraft in existence is the X15 experimental plane, now based on the West Coast, which has flown at 4,104 m.p.h., but which has a very short range.

The Salt Lake Tribune, January 6, 1965, page 3

Mystery Still Perists **The Salt Lake Tribune, Wednesday,**

2 Flying Saucers? Radar 'Saw' Them

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The objects approached the Naval Air Station, executed a tight turn and disappeared from the scope, the Navy said.

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The Air Force maintains a special office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, for investigation of unidentified flying object reports.

The Daily Times, Salisbury, Maryland, January 14, 1965, page 6

UFO

When the National Aeronautics and Space Administration colors the eastern sky in its sodium experiments startled people over a vast stretch of the seaboard phone firemen, police and newspapers for an explanation of the phenomena.

Now NASA is in the same plight and hasn't anyone to phone. Its engineers and technicians are seeing things that aren't supposed to be there — flying lights and objects in the sky.

At Patuxent Naval Air Station two objects were tracked by radar at speeds of 4,800 miles an hour until they disappeared.

At Wallops they haven't had time to get a fix on the unidentified flying objects.

The folks who send probes into space, astronauts around the world and take close-up pictures of the moon are liable to get curious enough about unidentified flying objects to figure out a way to catch themselves one.

The Cumberland News, Cumberland, Maryland, January 18, 1965, page 3

"UFOs" False Radar Signals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force says that unidentified flying objects reported seen on a radar scope at Patuxent Naval Air Station last month were actually false radar signals.

Two Navy radar operators said they saw two objects, 30 to 40 miles away, approaching the Southern Maryland base at 4,800 m.p.h. Dec. 29.

The Air Force said Saturday that a study of the shape and illumination of the radar returns indicated they were created by some other electronic device in the station or by intermittent trouble in the circuit of the radar set itself.