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I went outside my office and looked up, viewing this object.

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00:00:07,000 --> 00:00:13,000

Then proceeded to check with Orlando, radio, and the police.

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I was told that there was a man in the car, and he was in the car.

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Then proceeded to check with Orlando, radio, and the chance that it might be a stray weather balloon.

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Orlando Radio had nothing reported in the area, and since it is practice to report these balloons,

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we decided that we would go up and take a look at this object.

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We entered the Piper Apache aircraft twin engine and proceeded to climb up to try and view this object.

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We climbed to 16,500 feet over Haines City and had the object in view all the time.

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00:01:08,000 --> 00:01:16,000

At 16,500 feet, the object appeared to be 50 to 60,000 feet above us.

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00:01:16,000 --> 00:01:26,000

We kept the object in sight, circling it at all times, thereby eliminating the chance of possibility that it might be a star.

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00:01:26,000 --> 00:01:36,000

Upon receiving an upper winds report, giving us winds at 50,000 feet of 22 knots,

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we disqualified the chance that it might be a weather balloon because of the fact that at 22 knots wind,

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00:01:44,000 --> 00:01:51,000

a weather balloon would have been drifting in this object's state stationary directly over Haines City for more than two hours

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00:01:51,000 --> 00:01:58,000

as we were up from 3.30 until almost 6 o'clock circling this object.

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00:01:58,000 --> 00:02:09,000

The object appeared to have some sort of a tail or trailing fuselage type design.

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It appeared to be oblong in shape.

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The tail part of the object was not visible at all times, probably due to sunlight reflection.

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We discount the fact that it could have been a weather balloon due to the fact that the object was

much too shiny.

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Weather balloons are coated dull with a powdery effect so that they will not shine and reflect.

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All the people in the aircraft told me during this time were licensed pilots, had been flying for many years,

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and have seen many such weather balloons.

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And therefore, we discount the weather balloon theory on the basis of our own past experience.

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We kept the object in sight until approximately 5.42, at which time the object appeared to be ascending rapidly,

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and on our next circle of the object is it completely disappeared.

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There appeared to be no descent whatsoever to the object. This is Base Hall at Lake Wales.