

Incident No. 77 -- 5 July 1967, 0450 hours, South Crossville, Maine.

This observer, an "astronomer", heard a loud roar and with difficulty observed at 90° elevation approximately ten very light-colored objects traveling N. W. The group is reported to have covered 1.4° angular diameter in the sky, bunched together with no regular formation. He calculated that at a distance of 18 miles the objects would have a speed of 1200 MPH; that their width must be 300 feet across and due to their color would be barely visible. He also estimated the object would have a width of fifty feet at five miles with a speed of 600 MPH. He believed they were aircraft of some type, owing to the loud roar. In his letter he asked, "have any sightings been reported?"

ANL Opinion: It is believed that the observer should have been able to rule out the possibility of meteorites. Reducing the estimate of distance, and correspondingly reducing the required size to that of objects such as birds or insects, then the speeds become very modest. If the objects were actually five to ten miles distant, and recognizable for the "unusually loud roar", it is expected that numerous other reports would have been received from this section of Maine, which is thickly populated.

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