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Rower's Beach, Delaware

15 November 1952

I. Description of Incident

Two civilian sources reported observing a "deep orange glow with intermittent white lights". One observer was in Rower's Beach, Delaware, and one in Frederica, Delaware. Both observers saw the light generally south of their positions. It was first observed at about 1845 EST and was in view for ten minutes. It apparently had no lateral motion, since one observer lined up the object on a fixed reference point and he could not notice any motion.

Weather at the time was scattered clouds at 600' and an overcast at 5,000'. Visibility was seven miles.

II. Discussion of Incident

Since there was an overcast, any astronomical body can be ruled out.

Astronomical charts show that in the general direction of the sighting and 10-12 miles away there is a reserved air space or caution area used by the Navy. Some activity in this area, such as a flare, could have been seen.

III. Conclusion

Possibly a flare.

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