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Arensdale, Virginia

24 November 1952

I. Description of Incident

For one hour between 1830 and 1930 EST on 24 November 1952, a civilian couple observed a bright glowing light "the size of a baseball" to the south of Arensdale, Virginia. The light came north over the observers then made a 90° turn. When almost out of sight, it made a 180° turn and came back toward the observers. Binoculars were used to make the observation. There was no sound.

The weather was CAVT.

II. Discussion of Incident

This could very well have been a jet aircraft, possibly with an afterburner, except for the absence of sound. The light was apparently traveling fast and was large (i.e., larger than the "pinpoint" of light made by a high flying jet). If it was low enough to appear to be traveling extremely fast, it should have been heard since it passed openly directly over the observers. It would be difficult to say it was definitely an aircraft.

III. Conclusion

Possibly aircraft.

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