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McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey

17 December 1999

I. Description of Incident

Two observations were made of an unidentified light at 0005 and 0030 EST by two pilots of this base. At first, the object appeared directly overhead, where it remained for 1 minute then disappeared 3 minutes later for 10 to 20 seconds. Observation was visual without the aid of binoculars or electronic equipment. The position of the object at the time of the second sighting seemed lower, heading to the east. The light appeared noticeably larger.

II. Discussion of Incident

The night was cold and clear with high winds. It is probable that an aircraft in the McGuire traffic pattern could have caused the sighting.

III. Conclusion

Probable aircraft.

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