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Lake Charles AFB

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I. Description of Incident

A black-white object with a tail was observed by six Air Force personnel in a combined air-visual and ground-visual sighting. Time of sighting was for a very short period, a matter of seconds. The air crew believed estimated that the striking object was on a level with them and 20 miles distant. The object was compared to "a flaming rag thrown in the air". There was no sound whatsoever.

II. Discussion of Incident

Weather conditions at the time of sighting (0600 GMT) were DAVI and facilitated easy spotting of meteors. This sighting was undoubtedly caused by the passage of a meteor or "fireball" through the earth's atmosphere which had unusual coloring.

III. Conclusion

Probably astronomical.

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