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Richmond, Virginia

28 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 1800 GMT on Air Force Colonel while traveling at 70 mph in his auto near Richmond observed a flash of metal with a long narrow rectangular condensation trail from south to north. The object crossed the path of the auto from left to right traveling at less than jet speed. The object was observed approximately 25 minutes.

II. Discussion of Incident

Observer visited a friend of his about 1 hour later. The friend initiated the conversation by stating that he had seen a bright contrail in the sky about 1800 at a considerable distance. At 1800 HRC on this date the sun was setting. The sun, reflecting from contrail, made it easily visible.

III. Conclusion

Probably contrail of jet aircraft.

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