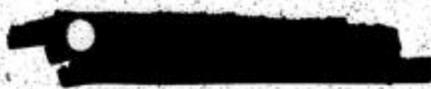


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FOLLOWING INFO REPORTED THIS MORNING VIA TELEPHONE BY MR
RICHARD POERSTEL, 3422 CHESAPEAKE ST. NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.:

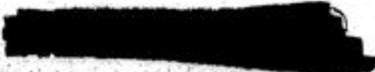
AT ABOUT 0100 HRS TODAY, WHILE STANDING IN YARD OF FRIEND IN
BETHESDA, MD., MR POERSTEL AND 3 FRIENDS OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO
SPHERICAL OBJECTS FLYING IN VEE FORMATION. OBJECTS DESCRIBED AS FAINT
OR DIFFUSED LIGHT, ORANGE IN COLOR AND FAIRLY SHARPLY DEFINED. FORMATION
CONTAINED BETWEEN 7 AND 15 OBJECTS, ALL PERFECTLY SPACED AND MAINTAINING
PERFECT FORMATION. INCLUDED ANGLE OF VEE ESTIMATED AT 40 DEGREES. FIRST
OBSERVED IN SSE AT ELEVATION OF ABOUT 50 DEG. TRAVERSED ARC APPROX 100 DEG IN
ABOUT 5 SECONDS AND LOST FROM VIEW ALMOST DUE NORTH AT APPROX 30 DEG ELEVATION.
NO SOUND HEARD. ESTIMATED THAT OBJECTS ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF
TOTAL SPACE ALONG A LEG OF THE VEE. WEATHER DESCRIBED AS CLEAR WITH NO
CLOUDS NOTICED.

POERSTEL SEEMED TO BE VERY INTELLIGENT, SINCERE AND MOST COOPERATIVE. THIS IS
PRELIMINARY INFO. WILL MAKE EFFORT TO CONTACT OTHER THREE OBSERVERS THIS
AFTERNOON, THEN, IF IT APPEARS WARRANTED, WILL CHECK ON JET FLIGHTS FROM
ANNEKS. WILL ADVISE YOU OF ANY OTHER DETAILS WHICH BECOME AVAILABLE. PLS
ADVISE WHAT ACTION YOU CONTEMPLATE, IF ANY.

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