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> If we could summarise, what remain the major problems with this
> theoretical explanation?

David Rudiak made a very good point about the spacing between the objects being too great for them to be birds. According to my Pelican Scenario, when Arnold observed the objects crossing a ridge straight ahead of him (roughly at my timepoint 6), they would still have been about a mile away. Since he estimated there was about 5 miles between the first and last objects at a distance of maybe 25 miles, this would still translate to about 1000 feet at a distance of one mile, making the distance between individual objects about 100 feet. Is this conceivable for pelicans flying in formation?

The flashing of white underwings looking like reflections from a metallic surface is problematic also, but since there is no quantitative info given by Arnold, the brightness must be considered relative and thus within the realm of possibility.

Oh, and by the way I gave the wrong distance for timepoint 1 in my scenario. It should be 2 1/2 miles, not 1 1/4.

-George Fergus

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