

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 October 53 27/0335Z	2. LOCATION Melbourne, Florida
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (CERTIFIED) Visibility unlimited. Daytona Beach reported broken ceiling at 25,000 ft. Vero Beach reported ceiling clear. Objects were probably meteors.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Four	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 - 7 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Two National Airlines pilots flying DC-6 a/c at 18,000 ft on 191 deg heading observed four green balls of fire traveling at a high speed on a level course. Sources estimated the altitude of the objects as 25,000 ft.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE North	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHY 26 Oct <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Melborne, Fla.	Fireball		g-8
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BALL APPEARED TO GET SLIGHTLY SMALLER AS ADDITIONAL BALLS APPEARED
BEHIND IT

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F. NEGATIVE

G. NEGATIVE

H. NEGATIVE

I. NEGATIVE

(2) DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS:

A. OBSERVER WAS IN CO-PILOTS SEAT AND WAS LOOKING OUT AIRCRAFT
WINDOW

B. OBJECT ESTIMATED AT 25000 FEET SOUTH EA OF AIRCRAFT WHEN FIRST
OBSERVED

C. OBJECT ESTIMATED AT 25000 FEET NORTH OF AIRCRAFT WHEN DISAPPEARED

D. OBJECT WAS ON A SOUTH TO NORTH COURSE MAINTAINED LEVEL COURSE
AT ESTIMATED 25000 FEET AT VERY FAST RATE OF SPEED

F. SIX TO SEVEN SECONDS

(3) MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

A. AIR-VISUAL

B. NEGATIVE

C. DC-6 NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT 650 ALTITUDE 18000 FEET MAGNETIC
HEADING 191 DEGS INDICATED AIR SPEED 215 MPH GROUND SPEED 300 MPH HOME
STATION MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

(4) TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

A. 270335Z

B. NIGHT

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(5) LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

15 MILES OF SOUTH OF EAST MELBOURNE INTERSECTION FLORIDA

(6) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVERS:

A. MR B. [REDACTED] AGE 36 [REDACTED] STREET MIAMI FLORIDA
CO PILOT NATIONAL AIRLINES ESIMATED VERY RELIABLE

MR. [REDACTED] AGE UNKIN CARE OF NATIONAL AIRLINES MIAMI FLORIDA
FLIGHT ENGINEER NAL RELIABLE

ALSO SIGHTED BY CREW MEMBERS OF NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT NUMBERS 505 AND
454

B. NOT APPLICABLE

(7) WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. OBSERVER STATED VISIBILITY UNLIMITED

B. SURFACE WINDS 180 DEGS 7 KNOTS

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COULD PROBABLY SEE 100 MILES AT THETIME OF SIGHTING

E. SCATTERED AND THIN CIRRUS

F. NO THUNDER STORMS IN AREA

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INFO JEDWP/AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB ATTN ATIZ A-2C

JEDEN/COMDR ENT AFB COLO SPGS

JAPYC/COMDR FEAF

GRNC

CITE 100-53 FLYOBRPT RE AFL 200-5 FOLLOWING RPT SUBMITTED X BRIGHT
LIGHT CMM ROUND CMM SIZE ABOUT HALF OF FULL MOON CMM WHITE TURNED TO
GREEN CMM ONE CMM TRAIL RPTD CONTRADICTORALLY AHEAD OR BEHIND CMM
STRAIGHT DOWN SKY X TIME OF SIGHTING 1835I 26 OCT 53 FOR THREE
SECONDS X VISUAL OBSERVATION FR CONTROL TOWER LOCATED AT 135 DEGREES
26 MIN EASY 34 DEGREES 48 MIN NORTH CMM ITAMI AB X OBJECT WAS WEST
OF OBSERVER APPROX NINE MILES X OBSERVER IS RELIABLE INDIVIDUAL WITH
TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE AS TOWER OPERATOR X MARINE AIRCRAFT WITH
RELIABLE PILOTS WITNESSED SIMILAR OBJECT AT SAME TIME X WEATHER WAS
TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND SCATTERED VISIBILITY FIFTEEN MILES X OTHER TRAFFIC
OF NAVY AIRCRAFT AND MARINE R5D ALSO RPTD SIGHTING OBJECT

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FROM AFOIN 57510 FLYOBRPT. ATTN CLN ATIAA-2C.
FOLG MSG RELAYED THIS HQ FR CAA COMM WASH NATL AIRPORT CLN QUOTE NATL
AIRLINES PAREN CAP 650 PAREN POSITION 15 MILES SO OF EAST MELBORNE
PAREN FLORIDA PAREN INTERSECTION ALT 18,000 PD BLAZING LIGHT PASSED
IN HORIZONTAL FLIGHT ABOUT 20 MILES EAST OF POSITION PD BROKE IN ABOUT
3 PIECES AND DISAPPEARED PD NO FURTHER INFO PD SIGHTING VERIFIED
BY ANOTHER CREW MEMBER PD SIGNED MCALLISTER CHIEF MELBORNE CAA
STATION UNQUOTE END

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[REDACTED] FROM AFOIN 57511 FLYOBRPT. ATTN CLN ATIAA-2C.

RE OUR MSG CAFOUT 57510 DTD 27 OCT 53 CMA FOLG ADDL INFO REVD

FR COM MAXWELL FLT SERV CEN CLN

/1/ CIRVIS AMPLIFY.

/2/ EAST OF EAST MELBOURNE INTERSECTION FLA.

/3/ UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJS LARGE BALL OF GREEN FIRE TRAVELING

STRAIGHT CRSE FR SO TO NORTH EST 25000 FT ALT NO ERRATIC MANEUVERS

SEVERAL SECONDS AFTER ORIGINAL SIGHTING THREE SMALLER ADDL BALLS

APPEARED BEHIND ORIGINAL BALL SMALLER ONE-THIRD SIZE OF

ORIGINAL BALL SMALLER BALLS APPEARED ALL TRAVELING AT VERY

HIGH RATE OF SPEED OBJS IN SIGHT APPROX 7 SEC WENT OUT OF SIGHT TO

NORTH.

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/4/ OBSERVING ACFT NA 1/CAP 650.

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/3/. UNK ACFT LANDED AT MIAMI INT'L APRT SMCLN

/4/. FLT ENGINEER MR. J. [REDACTED] ON SAME ACFT ALSO SAW OBJS
CREWS OF 2 OTHER NATL AIRLINES FLTS 505 AND 454 SAW SAME OBJ.

B. WEATHER CONDITIONS CLN

/1/. PILOT OBSERVING OBSERVING OBJ STATED VISIBILITY WAS UNLMTD
THAT HE COULD SEE FOR 100 MILES FR HIS ALT.

/2/. CLEAR TO SCATTERED.

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C. 270035Z.

D. /1/. MR. [REDACTED] ST MIAMI FLA CO-PILOT
NATL AIRLINES FLT 650.

/2/. NATL AIRLINES/CAP 650

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(10) NEGATIVE

(11) NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT 650 15 MILES SOUTH EAST MELBOURNE

INTERSECTION NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHTS 505 AND 454 IN

MIAMI AREA

(12) COMMANDING OFFICER MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER LT. COL GOLISKY

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