



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On March [REDACTED] 2024 [REDACTED] phone number [REDACTED], residing in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED], was interviewed [REDACTED] by Supervisory Special Agent [REDACTED], Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]. Also attending the meeting was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was referred to the FBI by [REDACTED] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] stated that starting in October 2023, a lot of pilots have been seeing the same event occurring, namely seeing lights in the sky. Pilots have been discussing the events over [REDACTED]. Pilots typically saw them between midnight and 3 AM. [REDACTED] did not know if the events occurred at that time because that was when it was dark enough or if it was because that was when the lights were present.

██████ first observation of the lights occurred in October 2023. ██████ was flying from Boston, MA to Dublin, Ireland where he saw the lights in the northeast towards Gander, Canada. ██████ was at an elevation of 37,000 feet and believed the lights were higher than him, probably at 50,000 feet or higher. The lights were white in color, would start out as dim, and get brighter before they eventually faded out. The full cycle of the lights would range from 10 seconds to one minute. The lights looked like airplane landing lights, but ██████ knew that it was not them, nor did he think it was

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Starlink, Starlink flares, satellites, or meteors. It ranged between one to four lights at a time in the sky. Some lights did not move, while others moved in straight lines, sometimes changing direction, and typically did not move in a coordinated fashion.

Since spotting the lights the first time, [REDACTED] has seen them approximately ten times. At times the lights would disappear for minutes before returning. [REDACTED] has seen the lights for 45 minutes up to two hours. [REDACTED] has seen the lights in all directions except for towards the south. [REDACTED] saw the lights three times in the direction of North Dakota while flying to either Seattle or Phoenix. He has also seen them off the west coast and mid-Atlantic coast. [REDACTED] did not know how far away they were but ventured they were between 200-500 miles away. [REDACTED] never saw the lights below the horizon and had not heard about them prior to October 2023.

During a trip on February [REDACTED], 2024, [REDACTED] was able to capture video on his Samsung Galaxy S22 phone an event involving white lights. [REDACTED] stated the lights were brighter in-person than on the camera, and the lights were similar in elevation to him or were slightly higher. The video is filmed from the cockpit of his aircraft with the lights turned off. [REDACTED] was located approximately 150 miles northwest of Minneapolis, Minnesota and was flying towards the east. The lights were seen towards the north in the North Dakota region at around 4:36 AM Eastern Standard Time on a clear night.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

As captured on the video, white lights were seen, sometimes ten or more present at once, moving around in straight lines and getting brighter/dimmer. At the 3:27 mark in the video, [REDACTED] was not sure if two of the lights were really close together or if it was a single light with a tail. At the 3:47 mark, [REDACTED] did not know if it was three separate lights. At the 5:22 mark you can see the flight panel, showing that the airplane was traveling at approximately .80 Mach, and that the airplane was 40-50 miles northeast of Sioux Falls and could see the KFSD airport on the radar. [REDACTED] never felt unsafe from the white lights, and did not believe the lights were within 100 miles of him.

A third event that [REDACTED] witnessed occurred back in June 2002. While [REDACTED] as a reservist, [REDACTED] got activated to go to Afghanistan. One

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night he was outside looking at the stars with another pilot. At approximately 4:30 AM local time, [REDACTED] noticed that the stars were getting blacked out over Bagram. It appeared as if something huge went overhead, from west to east, and was an equilateral triangle shape. The object was moving silently, at a consistent speed and altitude, possibly 150 knots, with no lights visible. [REDACTED] estimated it was 500 feet in size, but he could not fully see the shape of the object. The other pilot with [REDACTED] also observed the triangle, and when it passed over stated, "did you see that?" [REDACTED] stated he did not further discuss the sighting with anyone else nor did he hear anyone else discussing the sighting.

While serving in the military [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Looking through the data, [REDACTED]
never found information that could explain what he saw in Afghanistan in 2002. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] was not aware of anything that would explain what he had seen.

Overall, [REDACTED] believed that not a lot of discussions were happening openly about the events with the lights. [REDACTED] did not think there was as much stigma surrounding these events, but people were just not used to talking about it.

[REDACTED]