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Attention: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed herewith is newspaper clipping from the Raleigh, North Carolina, NEWS AND OBSERVER, 6 April 1950, re unidentified object sighted in Hertford, North Carolina.

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THE NEWS AND OBSERVER, RALEIGH, N. C., THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 6, 1950.

Elongated Object Sighted In Hertford

By LUCIUS BLANCHARD.

Ahoskie, April 5.—It wasn't a flying saucer, neither was it a conventional flying machine, but half a hundred people or more late one afternoon this week watched an elongated, brightly lighted object make its way silently across the western sky.

The object, first noted by a group standing in front of Wright's Market on Academy Street, was described as rectangular in shape, brilliantly red in color, soundless, and following a course that ran from south to north at an angle about 25 degrees above the western horizon. The group at Wright's Market had the object in view five minutes or more. Still other groups along Rhue Street saw the object, and various motorists—attracted by those staring skyward—stopped to watch.

Among those who saw the object were Fred Wright, proprietor of the market, W. L. Hopkins, member of Ahoskie Town Council; Buxton Harrell, Rhue Street merchant; Jake Lawrence, Robert Anderson, and others. J. N. Vann, former legislator, was said to have seen the object from his farm near Ahoskie.

Hopkins said the sun had set but that the sky was still light and cloudless. He described it as rectangular in shape, very bright red and tapering at the trailing end. He could not say how far away it was, but he observed the size to be about 18 inches long and two to three inches thick, the actual size, of course, depending on the distance. He said it did not appear to be moving very rapidly since he was able to observe it five minutes or more.

Descriptions gained from other witnesses varied but slightly from that given by Hopkins. Wright described it as about the shape of a short neon tube. The sky was clear, he said, and the object maintained a steady speed and a steady course, growing fainter and fainter until it faded from view. Some witnesses described it as cigar-shaped.

Hopkins, an Army veteran of the war, said it was not a balloon, a conventional aircraft, the exhaust from an airplane engine, or the setting sun reflected on a cloud. All agreed there was no sound and that it resembled nothing they had ever seen before. None would attempt to say what it was, and no one described it as a "flying saucer."

At the same time in Woodland 16 miles west of Ahoskie, a similar object was observed. It differed from the object seen here only in that it was much larger, flying at a lower altitude and was described as white in color. The shape was described as the same, on the general lines of a big cigar, tapering to the trailing end. Among those who saw the object at Woodland were Mrs. Herman Morris, her daughter, June, and her son, Ronnie, Mrs. Paul McDaniel and her son, Bobby, and Mrs. Earl Martin. Eyewitnesses at Woodland also described the object as soundless and one witness estimated it to be about 18 feet in length.

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