1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 January 65 31/0135Z	**2. LOCATION** Newport News, Virginia
3. SOURCE Civilian	**10. CONCLUSION** LIGHTS ON BOAT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Minutes	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** Triangular shaped object, no sound trail exhaust or unusual features. Color white light with an orange light on left base and white light on right base to form traingle. Initial observation at 45 deg in South. Final observation at sea level 330 deg azimuth. Flight included descent to south and then turn to NW. Disappeared as it travelled away from observers due to limited visibility. Total duration 20 minutes. WX was snow, 1 mile visibility, low ceiling, strong winds from the NW. Observed by 5 high school students while sledding. Nearest approach 3/4 mile to observers. Close to water but not in contact with water. Object above St James River.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE N, NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	COMMENTS: Investigating official feels likely cause boat on St James River. Lights from boat North of River draw-bridge. No boats passed through heading North however possibility of boat originating North of bridge as cause of the sighting.

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

HEADQUARTERS
4500TH AIR BASE WING
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA 23365

REPLY TO ATTN OF: DO/2711

SUBJECT: Initial Report of Investigation of UFO

SEP 1957

TO:
AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

1. The following information is presented as directed by paragraph 14, AFR 200-2:

a. Description of the object:

(1) Shape: Triangular.

(2) Size: Compared to a silver dollar held in the hand at about arm's length.

(3) Color: White light in the paex of the triangle with an orange light on the left base and a white light on the right base for form the triangle.

(4) Number: One.

(5) Formation: None.

(6) Discernible features: None.

(7) Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.

(8) Sound: None.

(9) Other pertinent or unusual features: None.

b. Description of course of object:

(1) The observers' attention was first called to the object as they glanced across the James River while sledding nearby.

(2) The object was first observed at an angle of 45 degrees and an azimuth of 180 degrees.

(3) The object was last seen at approximately sea level at an azimuth of 330 degrees.

(3) Ceiling: 1400 feet overcast with intermittent 100 feet obscured.

(4) Visibility: 2 miles with intermittent 1¼ miles.

(5) Amount of cloud cover: Overcast.

(6) Thunderstorms: None.

(7) Vertical temperature gradient:

Surface	3.5C
3000 ft	8.2C
4880 ft	4.5C
9000 ft	7.5C
9880 ft	8.5C
18,280 ft	23.0C
20,600 ft	27.1C

h. There was no other unusual activity or condition which might account for the sighting.

i. There was no interception of the object.

j. Due to the low ceilings and limited visibility it is extremely doubtful that air traffic or balloon releases might account for the sighting.

k. This report was prepared by Captain William L Bishop, USAF, 4500 AB Wing (DOO-S), Langley AFB, Virginia. The description of the sighting was given by Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] during a personal interview on 2 February 1965. This object was observed by five high school students. The two students interviewed stated that the object was in very close proximity to the water but appeared not to be in contact with the water. The object was also estimated to be about 3/4-mile away at its closest point. The interviewed stated that the lights observed were not of the type normally associated with boats and that no fog horn was heard. The draw-bridge operator stationed on the James River bridge and located down-river from the sighting stated that a small craft was headed down-river approximately ½-hour prior to the sighting but that there were no vessels headed upstream at the time of the sighting. The possibility still exists that the object was a boat due to the relative slow movement and the fact that many boats operate on the James River. There is also the possibility that the many lights in the Hampton Roads area could produce optical illusions when viewed through the blowing snow.

l. There is no existence of physical evidence.

FOR THE COMMANDER

J. M. FORSTER
Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Commander for Operations

(4) The object descended toward the south and then turned toward the northwest.

(5) The object disappeared as it travelled away from the observers due to the limited visibility.

(6) The object was visible for about 20 minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground-visual.

(2) No optical aids were used.

(3) Not applicable.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 0135Z 31 January 1965.

(2) Light conditions: Night.

e. Location of observers:

(1) James River Country Club, Newport News, Virginia.

f. Identifying information on observers:

(1) Mr. [redacted], age 17, [redacted], Newport News, Virginia, and Mr. [redacted], age 17, [redacted] Newport News, Virginia. Both are students and appear to be reliable.

g. Weather and winds: Aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:

(1) Observer's account of weather conditions: Low ceiling, snow, approximately one mile visibility with strong winds from the northwest.

(2) Wind direction and velocity:

Surface	360/15
6000	270/25
10,000	250/48
16,000	250/73
20,000	250/91
30,000	250/127
50,000	250/168