

**SSgt. William E. SMITH, Jr.**, Oscar-Flight Security Controller, 862nd Security Police Squadron, in his AF-117 dated 26 October 1968:

The object was observed from 0230 to 0415 AM CDT (determined by a clock), during a length of time *“off and on 1 hour 15 minutes.”* [The length according to the specified times would actually be 1 hour and 45 minutes.] Smith provides a drawing showing his location just east of Hwy. 83 and position of UFO directly south at 15° altitude. He estimated the distance to the phenomenon as 10 miles. The final observation was in the south-southwest at 15° altitude. These positions are connected on a drawing indicating the object’s zigzag trajectory subtending an angle of 95 degrees.

In response to the question of whether the phenomenon was in sight continuously he states, *“This was not due to my movement but the movement of the phenomenon. The movement was steady and smooth rising slightly. It would disappear completely at times then at times would just fade or dim.”* His impression of the speed of the object was 75 knots.

Regarding the conditions he states the presence of cumulus clouds, completely overcast, with no moon or stars observable and the only source of illumination as *“Security Lighting.”* He provided a brief description with comparisons to other observed objects: *“The phenomenon appeared to me to be of a reddish, burnt orange. I saw it fade and change as a star might twinkle. I also noticed a slight tint of green. Burnt orange (reddish) was the dominant color. The object appeared as though a star would appear on the horizon on a clear night (a large star). No edges were visible from my position.”* He noted that the phenomenon moved in a straight line; stood still; changed color and brightness; disappeared and reappeared.

His attention was drawn to the phenomenon when: *“I was notified it had been seen in an adjacent area. I alerted my sentries. The object was first seen in the southern part of my area by a posted sentry. I directed my gaze south of my position and saw the object about 15 minutes after my sentry sighted it.”* [According to the Wing Security Controller’s summary, a two-man security camper team was posted on the Oscar-6 Launch Facility.] He noted that the object did not move behind or in front of a cloud, tree, or building at any time, and included a drawing indicating the east-west

movements stating *“It appeared starlike!”* When it finally disappeared: *“It was visible one moment and just vanished!”*

He described a common object that bore resemblance to what he observed as: *“The object resembled the planet Mars as it is while rising on the horizon. It was similar in color and size. One difference is that it would fade (color) from view.”* He responded to the question of angular size with *“unknown.”*

His Security Alert Team of A1C Bajgiar and A1C Vennedall also observed the phenomenon, and Smith reported the observation to TSgt. Bowles at 91st Wing Security Control.