

Strange Light Over Richmond

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I was facing east looking out of my bedroom window at aircraft coming in to land at Vancouver Airport, which is about 3 miles north of my location.

A white light, looking like an aircraft taillight appeared from behind the edge of my neighbour's roof directly in front of me. The time was approximately 9:05 pm.

It was travelling from north to south just after emerging and about 2 seconds later it turned in a wide 90 degree arc much like an aircraft does. It began travelling towards the west, parallel to the road which runs about 40 feet past the south side of my house. Its speed was comparable to that of a light plane making a landing. After travelling approximately 5 degrees westward, it changed color to an orange hue while at the same time blowing to about the speed Echo 2 travels when as seen from the ground. It maintained this speed throughout the rest of the sighting.

About 5 minutes into the sighting, a commercial 4 engine jet passed slightly above and behind the object as seen from my position. The jet enabled me to determine the object's height as about 500 feet.

About 10 minutes into the sighting, I left the window to go outside and view it with my brother, whom I called to witness it.

It crossed Orion about 5 degrees south of Betelgeuse and began flickering like a candle flame about to extinguish when it was almost directly over the line joining my zenith point with the southern horizon. It would disappear altogether for about half a second, and reappear again.

It continued flickering irregularly as it passed the south side of the house and we

decided to watch it from inside, where the air was warmer, at a west-facing window. During this flickering, the object appeared to move in jerks and commenced to move in a wide arc towards the north, as it passed the south side of the house.

It finally flickered out permanently a short time after we started to view it from the window. The time was approximately 9:20 P.M.

The object couldn't have been an aircraft since there was no flashing red beacon; no green starboard wingtip light and no red port wingtip light.

It couldn't have been a prankster's balloon or a railroad flare since the light shone as if from a point source and displayed no smoke or flame.

The change in color and slowness of its passage was like a satellite reentry. But then satellites don't change course when they begin reentry and break up into many glowing fragments before finally disappearing.

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