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Witnesses described the objects as oval-shaped, orange in color with white or yellow centers that emitted light in all directions. The orbs allegedly illuminated one at a time, remained stationary for several seconds, then disappeared in reverse order. Over the next 30 minutes, the witness and helicopter crew reported repeated sightings of four to six similar orbs appearing in formations over mountains and near military aircraft participating in the operation.

The objects were described as repeatedly "flaring up," then fading from view moments later.

At one point, witnesses said they observed multiple orbs in a triangular formation moving west of the military site. Additional orb formations were later reported near a town and over military aircraft descending to land.

The document does not identify the military installation, exact date, or agencies involved because of extensive redactions. It also does not offer any explanation for the sightings.

In concluding remarks to investigators, the intelligence official said some of the sightings were outside the helicopter camera's field of view but were reportedly recorded by pilots. The witness also stated the orbs appeared at times to "break off" from the helicopter and pursue nearby military aircraft.

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