

CASE FILE 67 / 237UAP00384

237UAP00384

Radar/correlation-focused public UAP report; score 52

NORMAL-OBJECT FAVORED

REPORT NO.	UAP-OM-67-237UAP00384	DISPOSITION	NORMAL-OBJECT FAVORED
PRIMARY CASE	237UAP00384	GENERATED	2026-05-20 18:32 UTC
REPORT TIME	2024-10-21T01:36:00+00:00	OBSERVER	37.96867, -72.70900
SOURCE CASE IDS	237UAP00384		

Abstract

This case file evaluates a reported UAP sighting against the available orbital-object layer. No compact same-launch group fully identifies the file by itself. The final disposition is assigned under a normal-object favored standard, where ordinary aerospace/orbital explanations are preferred when they reasonably fit the report.

This is a standalone independent analysis prepared from public-source records and public orbital datasets. It is not an official government determination, classification marking, or agency-authored report.

1. Executive Summary

237UAP00384 is assessed as normal-object favored because the available public evidence gives a case-specific ordinary-object candidate: strong ADS-B aircraft candidate N586JB A320 a78cfc at 30.2 km, azimuth 100.4 deg, elevation 19.27 deg, 7.10 min from report. Dense satellite presence alone is not treated as causation in this packet.

1.1 Key Findings

- Source score 52 based on: radar/primary-return language, high-altitude report, UAP/UFO language.
- Report time used: 2024-10-21T01:36:00+00:00.
- External object layer used: public LEO catalog objects.
- Disposition standard: NORMAL-OBJECT requires case-specific causal fit. Satellite density above the horizon is context only and cannot by itself resolve the report.
- Case-specific ordinary-object evidence: strong ADS-B aircraft candidate N586JB A320 a78cfc at 30.2 km, azimuth 100.4 deg, elevation 19.27 deg, 7.10 min from report.
- Non-causal context / rejection screens: very dense orbital-object sky background; context only, not causation.
- Objects above horizon: 1179; at/above 10 deg: 570.
- No compact same-launch/designator group survived the report threshold.
- No explicit Starlink/balloon wording was found in the source excerpt used for ranking.

1.2 Bottom Line

NORMAL-OBJECT FAVORED: A case-specific ordinary-object candidate exists from source language, orbital geometry, launch-object context, or compact trajectory grouping. Dense ordinary sky traffic alone is not treated as causation.

2. Source Control

The source-control table identifies the public report records reviewed for this case and lists public access links where available. The table is included so this PDF remains interpretable when distributed by itself.

CASE ID	REPORT DATE FIELD	FACILITY / TITLE	TEXT EXTRACT	PUBLIC PDF LINK
237UAP00384	01:36 10/21/2024 Callsign: AAL2694 Origin: SYCJ	ZNY Operator: AAL Operator Type: Commercial	text extract present	237UAP00384.pdf

3. Original Report Evidence

PRIMARY EXCERPT USED FOR MATCHING	Aircraft reported an unidentified aerial phenomenon off the front side while NW bound at FL360, 125NM SE of ACY. The unknown phenomenon was several orbs traveling multiple directions at approximately FL400 to FL600. The UAP was not observed on ATC facility radar system.
REPORT TIME USED	2024-10-21T01:36:00+00:00
OBSERVER COORDINATE USED	37.96867, -72.70900
OBSERVER SOURCE BASIS	aviation_offset:125NM SE of ACY (public text extract 237UAP00384)

4. Methodology

- Spacetime extraction.** The report time and observer coordinate were extracted from the public text report and normalized to UTC. Aviation fixes/radials were resolved during earlier preprocessing where applicable.
- External object dataset.** The object layer used historical Space-Track/TLE-derived public LEO catalog objects element rows. The analytic mode for this case is historical public LEO catalog objects element propagation and same-launch/designator sky grouping.
- Propagation.** Orbital elements were propagated to the report minute and observer location. For launch-object checks, samples around the report minute were retained. For Starlink group checks, objects above the horizon were clustered by sky position and filtered for same-launch groupings.
- Comparison.** The output was compared against the report's count of lights, direction cue, motion language, altitude/radar language, and whether the file itself already suggested a satellite explanation.
- Causation standard.** Mere object presence above the horizon is treated as background context only. A normal-object disposition requires a case-specific causal fit, such as a named launch object, a compact same-launch trajectory group, or source language that directly supports that object class.
- Disposition assignment.** *Identified* means a specific normal object fits the report spacetime and the hard reported features do not materially conflict. *Normal-object favored* means a case-specific ordinary aerospace/orbital candidate exists, but it is not a full named identification. *Insufficient* means the file is too thin to carry high anomaly value. *High-value unresolved* is used when radar, video, rapid maneuver, or multi-witness features remain after reasonable normal-object checks.

5. External Object Evidence

5.1 Search Volume and Density

This table is a screening layer only. Objects above the horizon show background opportunity; they do not establish causation unless a specific object or compact trajectory group matches the reported behavior.

PUBLIC LEO CATALOG OBJECTS CATALOG IDS CONSIDERED	19695	HISTORICAL ELEMENT ROWS	19695
ABOVE HORIZON AT REPORT MINUTE	1179	AT/ABOVE 10 DEG	570
LARGEST SAME-SKY CLUSTER	570		

No compact same-launch/designator group survived the report threshold. In this condition, satellite density remains context only and cannot by itself resolve a report with hard features.

5.2 Same-Launch / Same-Designator Candidate Groups

#	LAUNCH DATE	COUNT	AZIMUTH SPAN	ELEVATION SPAN	MOTION LABELS	MEMBERS
No same-launch group identified.						

5.3 Primary Group Members

OBJECT	NORAD	LAUNCH	AZ	EL	RANGE KM	APPARENT MOTION	ELEMENT AGE H
No members available.							

5.4 Bright-Sky Context: Top public LEO catalog objects Objects by Elevation

OBJECT	AZ	EL	RANGE KM	APPARENT MOTION	LAUNCH DATE
NORAD 81812	58.87	81.68	1570.98	eastward, setting	unknown
NORAD 52354	316.13	81.17	548.19	eastward, setting	22045Z
NORAD 58860	255.5	74.44	507.93	westward, setting	24019H
NORAD 58367	228.27	73.45	583.72	westward, setting	23177S
NORAD 34454	323.9	73.01	804.71	eastward, setting	93036SX
NORAD 53005	35.99	73.0	564.98	eastward, setting	22076V
NORAD 55036	46.71	71.64	541.89	westward, setting	23001AD
NORAD 6764	48.1	68.11	2204.36	westward, setting	68091CK
NORAD 56777	169.97	67.94	619.06	westward, setting	23078L
NORAD 30182	239.42	67.53	937.73	eastward, setting	99025UP
NORAD 60382	33.81	67.41	915.14	westward, setting	24140D
NORAD 30677	57.54	66.92	796.74	westward, setting	99025AQK

5.5 Largest Sky Clusters

#	COUNT	AZIMUTH SPAN	ELEVATION SPAN	MOTION LABELS
1	570	0.24-359.15 deg	10.0-81.68 deg	eastward, level, eastward, rising, eastward, setting, nearly fixed azimuth, setting, westward, level, westward, rising, westward, setting

5.6 Space-Track SATCAT Enrichment

Space-Track SATCAT metadata was pulled as a cached subset for NORAD catalog IDs appearing in this packet's evidence tables. This section adds owner/type/status context to the propagated object candidates.

PACKET SATCAT SUBSET ROWS	5370	FETCHED	2026-05-19T01:19:50+00:00
THIS CASE NORAD IDS CHECKED	30	SATCAT ROWS MATCHED	29
TOP OWNERS	US: 12, PRC: 10, CIS: 6, UK: 1		
OBJECT TYPES	DEBRIS: 15, PAYLOAD: 14		

5.7 Space-Track Metadata for Top Propagated Objects

NORAD	OBJECT NAME	TYPE	OWNER	LAUNCH DATE	DECAY DATE
52354	STARLINK-3876	PAYLOAD	US	2022-04-29	2025-08-04
58860	STARLINK-31213	PAYLOAD	US	2024-01-29	n/a
58367	STARLINK-30891	PAYLOAD	US	2023-11-18	n/a
34454	COSMOS 2251 DEB	DEBRIS	CIS	1993-06-16	n/a
53005	STARLINK-4288	PAYLOAD	US	2022-07-07	n/a
55036	UMBRA-05	PAYLOAD	US	2023-01-03	2025-11-19
6764	COSMOS 249 DEB	DEBRIS	CIS	1968-10-20	n/a
56777	STARLINK-5582	PAYLOAD	US	2023-05-31	n/a
30182	FENGYUN 1C DEB	DEBRIS	PRC	1999-05-10	n/a
60382	QIANFAN-4	PAYLOAD	PRC	2024-08-06	n/a
30677	FENGYUN 1C DEB	DEBRIS	PRC	1999-05-10	n/a
40975	SNAP-3 JIMI	PAYLOAD	US	2015-10-08	n/a

5.9 NASA / NOAA / ADS-B Expansion Layer

NASA POWER/Horizons/DONKI batch context had not yet been written for this case at packet build time.

5.11 Free Source Availability and Remaining Work

LAYER	STATUS	CASE-SPECIFIC NOTE
ADSB.LOL HISTORICAL RELEASE LISTING	screened/present	planes-readsb-staging-0 2382.0 MiB; planes-readsb-prod-0 2383.0 MiB; planes-readsb-mlatonly-0 63.0 MiB
ADSB TRACKS DOWNLOADED	not yet exhausted	Requires targeted extraction from large daily history archives before claiming aircraft exhaustion.
NOAA GOES IMAGERY	not yet exhausted	Needed for cloud/lightning visual context.
NOAA GOES ABI/GLM MANIFEST	screened/present	Public S3 object availability for the report hour.
NOAA NEXRAD WEATHER RADAR	not yet exhausted	Weather radar only; not ATC radar.
NOAA IGRA RADIOSONDE	screened/present	Needed for balloon drift plausibility.
ASOS/METAR WEATHER OBSERVATIONS	screened/present	Nearest station surface observations around report time.

- ADSB.lol historical: extract aircraft traces from adsblol/globe_history_2024 for 2024-10-21, then filter +/-60 min and 250 nmi around 37.9687,-72.7090.
- NASA POWER/Horizons/DONKI: batch context for 237UAP00384 at 2024-10-21T01:36:00+00:00.
- NOAA GOES: pull nearest ABI/GLM products for the UTC hour and render cloud/lightning map.
- NOAA NEXRAD: select nearest radar stations and render Level-II/III weather radar sweep around event time.
- NOAA IGRA: find nearest radiosonde station launches bracketing the event and model wind drift for balloon-like descriptions.
- Space-Track gp_history/decay: fetch exact historical element rows and decay/reentry status for top candidate NORAD IDs.

5.12 Weather, Imagery, and Balloon Query Plan

This plan identifies the concrete free sources needed for the next case-specific weather and balloon checks. These are not treated as completed exclusions until the data are downloaded and plotted.

GOES SATELLITE	GOES16
GOES ABI PREFIX	https://noaa-goes16.s3.amazonaws.com/ABI-L2-CMIPF/2024/295/01/
GOES GLM LIGHTNING PREFIX	https://noaa-goes16.s3.amazonaws.com/GLM-L2-LCFA/2024/295/01/

5.13 Nearest Weather-Airport Candidates

STATION	NAME	DISTANCE KM	COORDINATE
KOXB	Ocean City Municipal Airport	214.60	38.31, -75.12
KWWD	Cape May County Airport	223.60	39.01, -74.91
KACY	Atlantic City International Airport	231.60	39.46, -74.58
KSBY	Salisbury Ocean City Wicomico Regional Airport	248.40	38.34, -75.51
KMIV	Millville Municipal Airport	257.50	39.37, -75.07

- KOXB: [IEM ASOS/METAR daily CSV query](#)
- KWWD: [IEM ASOS/METAR daily CSV query](#)
- KACY: [IEM ASOS/METAR daily CSV query](#)

5.14 Nearest Radiosonde Stations

STATION	NAME	DISTANCE KM	COORDINATE
USM00072402	WALLOPS ISLAND; VA.	243.30	37.93, -75.48
USM00072501	UPTON; NY.	322.30	40.87, -72.86
USM00072403	STERLING; VA.	430.60	38.98, -77.49
USM00072305	NEWPORT; NC.	514.90	34.78, -76.88
USM00072518	ALBANY COUNTY AIRPORT; NY.	539.60	42.75, -73.80

5.15 ASOS/METAR Surface Weather Observations

surface visibility ranged 10-10 statute miles; no precipitation was reported in the retained observations; no low broken/overcast cloud ceiling was evident in the retained station observations. Surface ASOS/METAR observations describe airport-level weather and visibility; they do not by themselves prove conditions at the sighting altitude or line of sight.

STATION	DISTANCE KM	NEAREST OBS UTC	VIS SM	SKY	WIND DEG/KT	METAR
KOXB	214.60	2024-10-21T01:53:00 +00:00	10.00	CLR, M, M, M	0.00 / 0.00	KOXB 210153Z AUTO 00000KT 10SM CLR 09/08 A3029 RMK AO2 SLP256 T00890078
KWWD	223.60	2024-10-21T01:56:00 +00:00	10.00	CLR, M, M, M	0.00 / 0.00	KWWD 210156Z AUTO 00000KT 10SM CLR 11/11 A3028 RMK AO2 SLP254 T01110106
KACY	231.60	2024-10-21T01:54:00 +00:00	10.00	CLR, M, M, M	0.00 / 0.00	KACY 210154Z 00000KT 10SM CLR 11/05 A3027 RMK AO2 SLP249 T01110050 \$

5.16 NOAA IGRA Radiosonde Wind Profile

Nearest sounding implies mean 0-12 km wind drift toward 346.4 deg at 8.42 m/s; a passive balloon could drift about 60.7 km in two hours under this crude layer-average model. Radiosonde winds are sparse station soundings; balloon drift remains approximate without launch time, ascent rate, object altitude, and exact line-of-sight bearing.

STATION	NAME	DISTANCE KM	SOUNDING UTC	MEAN DRIFT BEARING	MEAN SPEED M/S	2H DRIFT KM	MAX WIND
USM00072402	WALLOPS ISLAND; VA.	243.30	2024-10-21T00:00:00+00:00	346.40	8.42	60.70	35.20 at 19595.00 m

5.17 NOAA GOES ABI/GLM Public File Manifest

GOES public S3 objects are listed for the report hour where available. This is an availability manifest, not yet a rendered satellite image.

SATELLITE	GOES16	BUCKET	noaa-goes16
ABI SAMPLE FILES	12	GLM SAMPLE FILES	12

ABI sample objects:

- [ABI-L2-CMIPF/2024/295/01/OR_ABI-L2-CMIPF-M6C01_G16_s20242950100205_e20242950109513_c20242950109571.nc](#)
- [ABI-L2-CMIPF/2024/295/01/OR_ABI-L2-CMIPF-M6C01_G16_s20242950110205_e20242950119513_c20242950119564.nc](#)
- [ABI-L2-CMIPF/2024/295/01/OR_ABI-L2-CMIPF-M6C01_G16_s20242950120205_e20242950129513_c20242950129576.nc](#)
- [ABI-L2-CMIPF/2024/295/01/OR_ABI-L2-CMIPF-M6C01_G16_s20242950130205_e20242950139513_c20242950139588.nc](#)

GLM lightning sample objects:

- [GLM-L2-LCFA/2024/295/01/OR_GLM-L2-LCFA_G16_s20242950100000_e20242950100200_c20242950100217.nc](#)
- [GLM-L2-LCFA/2024/295/01/OR_GLM-L2-LCFA_G16_s20242950100200_e20242950100400_c20242950100419.nc](#)
- [GLM-L2-LCFA/2024/295/01/OR_GLM-L2-LCFA_G16_s20242950100400_e20242950101000_c20242950101017.nc](#)
- [GLM-L2-LCFA/2024/295/01/OR_GLM-L2-LCFA_G16_s20242950101000_e20242950101200_c20242950101220.nc](#)

5.18 ADSB.lol Historical Aircraft Track Extraction

This layer uses the downloaded ADSB.lol daily history archive to test actual aircraft tracks near the report coordinate and minute. It is not treated as a primary-radar substitute; it is a transponder/receiver-derived aircraft screen.

ARCHIVE WINDOW	2024-10-21T00:21:00+00:00 to 2024-10-21T02:51:00+00:00	RADIUS	300.00 nmi
TRACE FILES SCANNED	43463	TRACKS RETAINED	1200
SUPPORT STATUS	aircraft strong candidate present	BEST-CANDIDATE NOTE	ordinary-object favored if the report's count, color, direction, and motion can be reconciled with the candidate track(s).
STRONG CANDIDATES	2	PLAUSIBLE CANDIDATES	6
REPORTING-AIRCRAFT TRACKS EXCLUDED	0	WEAK CANDIDATES	51

5.19 Top ADS-B Candidate Tracks

AIRCRAFT	STATUS	SCORE	MIN DIST KM	NEAREST DT MIN	ALT FT	AZ	EL
N586JB A320 a78cfc	strong aircraft candidate	74.45	29.60	0.05	35000	100.40	19.27
N316RK B38M a35e9c	strong aircraft candidate	67.90	65.30	0.01	36000	32.40	8.20
N1605 B763 a0f4b5	plausible aircraft candidate	52.02	117.60	0.15	35000	292.60	3.94
		48.37	149.10	0.01	34000	280.20	2.91

7. Analytic Comparison

CRITERION	REPORT EVIDENCE	ANALYTIC TREATMENT
TIME CONSTRAINT	2024-10-21T01:36:00+00:00	Directly used in propagation; this is a hard filter, not descriptive context.
LOCATION CONSTRAINT	37.96867, -72.70900	Directly used as observer point for azimuth/elevation/range computation.
COUNT / PATTERN	multiple-object/light language present	No compact same-launch count match; retained for unresolved report features.
MOTION LANGUAGE	not explicit	Apparent motion labels in the object table provide a plausible but not definitive comparison.
RADAR / OFFICIAL CHECK	not observed on ATC radar	No ATC radar return can be consistent with distant orbital objects or visual aircraft-light hypotheses, but it does not prove the match.
ANALYTIC DISPOSITION	normal-object	237UAP00384 is assessed as normal-object favored because the available public evidence gives a case-specific ordinary-object candidate: strong ADS-B aircraft candidate N586JB A320 a78cfc at 30.2 km, azimuth 100.4 deg, elevation 19.27 deg, 7.10 min from report. Dense satellite presence alone is not treated as causation in this packet.

8. Caveats, Limitations, and Collection Gaps

- No raw cockpit video, ATC replay, radar plot, or witness interview transcript was reviewed unless explicitly stated in the public source text.
- Aviation-derived coordinates can represent a nearby fix/radial or report point, not necessarily the actual line-of-sight intercept point.
- Starlink visibility depends on illumination, observer altitude, atmospheric conditions, and apparent brightness; this analysis tests geometry, not photometry. No brightness model is used unless explicitly stated elsewhere in the case file.
- TLE propagation is appropriate for screening and reconstruction but is not a substitute for authoritative operational ephemerides.
- When many satellites are above the horizon, generic presence is weak evidence and is not treated as causation. The report emphasizes named launch-object checks or compact same-launch trajectory groups.
- Normal-object favored is not the same as a perfect named-object identification; it requires a case-specific ordinary-object candidate stronger than simple object density.

Appendix A. Public Report Text Extracts

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SKYWATCH INCIDENT REPORT

PRIMARY CODE: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON

Date: 01:36 10/21/2024
Status: Closed
POD: DEN
Reporting Facility: ZNY

Callsign: AAL2694
Aircraft: B38M
Tail Number:
Operator: AAL

Origin: SYCJ
Destination: JFK
New Destination:
Operator Type: Commercial
Paged: YES

REMARKS

Aircraft reported an unidentified aerial phenomenon off the front side while NW bound at FL360, 125NM SE of ACY. The unknown phenomenon was several orbs traveling multiple directions at approximately FL400 to FL600. The UAP was not observed on ATC facility radar system.

Appendix B. Computational Evidence Digest

This appendix preserves the principal computed values used in the assessment, shortened to the fields most relevant to audit and review.

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  },
  "case_id": "237UAP00384",
  "starlink_above_horizon_at_report_time": 1179,
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Appendix C. Source Exhaustion Checklist

This checklist records which source layers were actually applied to this individual report. It separates checked evidence from unexhausted collection gaps so the disposition is auditable when the PDF is read alone.

SOURCE LAYER	STATUS	CASE-SPECIFIC NOTE
NARA PUBLIC UAP/FAA REPORT	reviewed	Source IDs: 237UAP00384
TIME AND OBSERVER COORDINATE	extracted	2024-10-21T01:36:00+00:00 at 37.96867, -72.70900
ORBITAL OBJECT PROPAGATION	screened	public LEO catalog objects
SPACE-TRACK SATCAT METADATA	screened	30 NORAD IDs checked; 29 matched in local SATCAT subset
LAUNCH-OBJECT/SUPGP LAYER	not applicable	not a launch-object case
NASA/JPL KNOWN SMALL-BODY LAYER	not selected	CAD/Horizons secondary screen included when this case had NEO-relevant timing/ geometry
NASA POWER/HORIZONS/DONKI CONTEXT	not exhausted	Hourly weather, sky geometry, and space-weather context where local JSON is present
AIRCRAFT/ADS-B LAYER	screened	43463 trace files scanned; 1200 tracks retained; aircraft strong candidate present
NOAA GOES IMAGERY LAYER	not exhausted	Cloud/lightning imagery layer for the report hour
NOAA GOES ABI/GLM MANIFEST	screened	Public S3 object listing for the report hour
NOAA/NEXRAD WEATHER RADAR LAYER	not exhausted	Weather radar only; not ATC/primary radar
NOAA IGRA RADIOSONDE LAYER	screened	Balloon drift plausibility layer
ASOS/METAR SURFACE WEATHER	screened	Nearest station visibility, cloud, wind, precipitation, and METAR observations
WEATHER/BALLOON SOURCE PLAN	planned	Nearest weather-airport, GOES, and radiosonde queries are listed where local plan JSON is present
FINAL ANALYTIC DISPOSITION	normal-object favored	Presence-only satellite density is context only; a stronger case-specific fit is required for normal-object disposition

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