

CASE FILE 71 / 237UAP00287

# 237UAP00287

Radar/correlation-focused public UAP report; score 50

NORMAL-OBJECT FAVORED

|                 |                           |             |                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| REPORT NO.      | UAP-OM-71-237UAP00287     | DISPOSITION | NORMAL-OBJECT FAVORED |
| PRIMARY CASE    | 237UAP00287               | GENERATED   | 2026-05-20 18:32 UTC  |
| REPORT TIME     | 2023-08-12T05:55:00+00:00 | OBSERVER    | 33.87885, -80.08266   |
| SOURCE CASE IDS | 237UAP00287               |             |                       |

## 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

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237UAP00287 is assessed as normal-object favored because the available public evidence gives a case-specific ordinary-object candidate: strong ADS-B aircraft candidate N823SY B738 ab3da7 at 11.7 km, azimuth 249.3 deg, elevation 31.78 deg, 0.86 min from report. Dense satellite presence alone is not treated as causation in this packet.

## 1.1 Key Findings

- Source score 50 based on: radar/primary-return language, maneuvering/motion anomaly, UAP/UFO language.
- Report time used: 2023-08-12T05:55:00+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 N823SY B738 ab3da7 at 11.7 km, azimuth 249.3 deg, elevation 31.78 deg, 0.86 min from report.
- Non-causal context / rejection screens: very dense orbital-object sky background; context only, not causation.
- Remaining hard features: hard maneuver language.
- Objects above horizon: 895; at/above 10 deg: 432.
- 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

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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                 |
|-------------|--|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 237UAP00287 | 05:55 08/12/2023 Callsign: SCX8727 Origin: FLL | ZJX Operator: SCX Operator<br>Type: Commercial | text extract present | <a href="#">237UAP00287.pdf</a> |

### 3. Original Report Evidence

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| PRIMARY EXCERPT USED FOR MATCHING | Aircraft reported an unidentified aerial phenomenon off the R side while N bound at 20,000 feet, at 34.25N 80.09W (30NM SW FLO). The unknown phenomenon was described as three circling lights maneuvering at 40,000 feet. ZJX did receive a primary RADAR target at the LAT/LONG location. |
| REPORT TIME USED                  | 2023-08-12T05:55:00+00:00   |
| OBSERVER COORDINATE USED          | 33.87885, -80.08266   |
| OBSERVER SOURCE BASIS             | aviation_offset:30NM SW FLO (public text extract 237UAP00287)   |

### 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<br>OBJECTS CATALOG IDS<br>CONSIDERED | 19054 | HISTORICAL ELEMENT ROWS | 19054 |
| ABOVE HORIZON AT REPORT<br>MINUTE                       | 895   | AT/ABOVE 10 DEG         | 432   |
| LARGEST SAME-SKY CLUSTER                                | 431   |                         |       |

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<br>MOTION | ELEMENT AGE<br>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 53318 | 125.05 | 82.02 | 499.08   | westward, setting | 22088C      |
| NORAD 55810 | 27.27  | 75.36 | 1223.11  | eastward, setting | 23029Q      |
| NORAD 54144 | 155.83 | 69.71 | 1254.35  | eastward, setting | 22138AH     |
| NORAD 12278 | 188.39 | 66.13 | 855.54   | eastward, setting | 78026DW     |
| NORAD 17587 | 257.41 | 66.05 | 1518.77  | westward, setting | 87026F      |
| NORAD 87764 | 11.6   | 65.25 | 1005.5   | eastward, setting | 76126       |
| NORAD 30241 | 37.84  | 65.14 | 948.79   | westward, setting | 99025XA     |
| NORAD 45275 | 226.38 | 62.95 | 1295.86  | westward, setting | 91056M      |
| NORAD 18670 | 141.31 | 61.19 | 1410.09  | westward, rising  | 65027AG     |
| NORAD 9591  | 4.98   | 60.33 | 1642.27  | eastward, rising  | 76118D      |
| NORAD 46135 | 303.79 | 59.7  | 627.74   | westward, setting | 20057U      |
| NORAD 6675  | 206.02 | 59.33 | 1598.06  | eastward, rising  | 73037A      |

### 5.5 Largest Sky Clusters

| # | COUNT | AZIMUTH SPAN      | ELEVATION SPAN  | MOTION LABELS   |
|---|-------|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1 | 431   | 0.12-359.84 deg   | 10.06-75.36 deg | eastward, level, eastward, rising, eastward, setting, nearly fixed azimuth, rising, nearly fixed azimuth, setting, westward, level, westward, rising, westward, setting |
| 2 | 1     | 125.05-125.05 deg | 82.02-82.02 deg | 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.

|                                    |   |                            |                           |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>PACKET SATCAT SUBSET ROWS</b>   | 5370                                    | <b>FETCHED</b>             | 2026-05-19T01:19:50+00:00 |
| <b>THIS CASE NORAD IDS CHECKED</b> | 30                                      | <b>SATCAT ROWS MATCHED</b> | 28                        |
| <b>TOP OWNERS</b>                  | CIS: 10, US: 8, PRC: 7, UK: 3           |                            |                           |
| <b>OBJECT TYPES</b>                | DEBRIS: 14, PAYLOAD: 13, ROCKET BODY: 1 |                            |                           |

## 5.7 Space-Track Metadata for Top Propagated Objects

| NORAD | OBJECT NAME    | TYPE    | OWNER | LAUNCH DATE | DECAY DATE |
|-------|----------------|---------|-------|-------------|------------|
| 53318 | YAOGAN-35 03B  | PAYLOAD | PRC   | 2022-07-29  | n/a        |
| 55810 | ONEWEB-0646    | PAYLOAD | UK    | 2023-03-09  | n/a        |
| 54144 | ONEWEB-0526    | PAYLOAD | UK    | 2022-10-22  | n/a        |
| 12278 | DELTA 1 DEB    | DEBRIS  | US    | 1978-03-05  | n/a        |
| 17587 | COSMOS 1832    | PAYLOAD | CIS   | 1987-03-13  | n/a        |
| 30241 | FENGYUN 1C DEB | DEBRIS  | PRC   | 1999-05-10  | n/a        |
| 45275 | SL-14 DEB      | DEBRIS  | CIS   | 1991-08-15  | n/a        |
| 18670 | OPS 4682 DEB   | DEBRIS  | US    | 1965-04-03  | n/a        |
| 9591  | COSMOS 874     | PAYLOAD | CIS   | 1976-12-07  | n/a        |
| 46135 | STARLINK-1639  | PAYLOAD | US    | 2020-08-18  | 2025-08-09 |
| 6675  | COSMOS 564     | PAYLOAD | CIS   | 1973-06-08  | n/a        |
| 30979 | FENGYUN 1C DEB | DEBRIS  | PRC   | 1999-05-10  | 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   |
|--|-------------------|--|
| <b>ADSB.LOL HISTORICAL RELEASE LISTING</b> | screened/present  | planes-readsb-staging-1 1579.3 MiB; planes-readsb-staging-0 1579.3 MiB; planes-readsb-prod-1 1579.3 MiB; planes-readsb-prod-0 1579.3 MiB |
| <b>ADSB TRACKS DOWNLOADED</b>              | not yet exhausted | Requires targeted extraction from large daily history archives before claiming aircraft exhaustion.                                      |
| <b>NOAA GOES IMAGERY</b>                   | not yet exhausted | Needed for cloud/lightning visual context.   |
| <b>NOAA GOES ABI/GLM MANIFEST</b>          | screened/present  | Public S3 object availability for the report hour.   |
| <b>NOAA NEXRAD WEATHER RADAR</b>           | not yet exhausted | Weather radar only; not ATC radar.   |
| <b>NOAA IGRA RADIOSONDE</b>                | screened/present  | Needed for balloon drift plausibility.   |
| <b>ASOS/METAR WEATHER OBSERVATIONS</b>     | screened/present  | Nearest station surface observations around report time.   |

- ADSB.lol historical: extract aircraft traces from adsblol/globe\_history\_2023 for 2023-08-12, then filter +/-60 min and 250 nmi around 33.8788,-80.0827.
- NASA POWER/Horizons/DONKI: batch context for 237UAP00287 at 2023-08-12T05:55:00+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           | <a href="https://noaa-goes16.s3.amazonaws.com/ABI-L2-CMIPF/2023/224/05/">https://noaa-goes16.s3.amazonaws.com/ABI-L2-CMIPF/2023/224/05/</a> |
| GOES GLM LIGHTNING PREFIX | <a href="https://noaa-goes16.s3.amazonaws.com/GLM-L2-LCFA/2023/224/05/">https://noaa-goes16.s3.amazonaws.com/GLM-L2-LCFA/2023/224/05/</a>   |

### 5.13 Nearest Weather-Airport Candidates

| STATION | NAME                                | DISTANCE KM | COORDINATE    |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| KSSC    | Shaw Air Force Base                 | 37.30       | 33.97, -80.47 |
| KFLO    | Florence Regional Airport           | 47.50       | 34.19, -79.72 |
| KMMT    | Mc Entire Joint National Guard Base | 66.50       | 33.92, -80.80 |
| KCUB    | Jim Hamilton L.B. Owens Airport     | 84.80       | 33.97, -81.00 |
| KOGB    | Orangeburg Municipal Airport        | 85.90       | 33.46, -80.86 |

- KSSC: [IEM ASOS/METAR daily CSV query](#)
- KFLO: [IEM ASOS/METAR daily CSV query](#)
- KMMT: [IEM ASOS/METAR daily CSV query](#)

### 5.14 Nearest Radiosonde Stations

| STATION     | NAME                        | DISTANCE KM | COORDINATE    |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| USM00072208 | CHARLESTON/MUN.; SC.        | 109.50      | 32.90, -80.03 |
| USM00072317 | GREENSBORO/G.-HIGH PT.; NC. | 247.10      | 36.10, -79.94 |
| USM00072305 | NEWPORT; NC.                | 310.80      | 34.78, -76.88 |
| USM00072318 | BLACKSBURG; VA.             | 370.90      | 37.20, -80.41 |
| USM00072206 | JACKSONVILLE/INTNL.; FL.    | 407.10      | 30.48, -81.70 |

### 5.15 ASOS/METAR Surface Weather Observations

surface visibility ranged 2.25-10 statute miles; no precipitation was reported in the retained observations; low/broken/overcast cloud layers were present in at least one observation. 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   |
|---------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| KSSC    | 37.30       | 2023-08-12T05:55:00<br>+00:00 | 10.00  | SCT03700, M, M, M           | 0.00 / 0.00 | KSSC 120555Z<br>00000KT 10SM<br>SCT037 23/22 A2993<br>RMK AO2A SLP135<br>T02330215 10253<br>20232 51004 \$            |
| KFLO    | 47.50       | 2023-08-12T05:53:00<br>+00:00 | 10.00  | SCT03700,<br>SCT11000, M, M | 0.00 / 0.00 | KFLO 120553Z<br>AUTO 00000KT<br>10SM SCT037<br>SCT110 23/22 A2995<br>RMK AO2 SLP140<br>T02330217 10250<br>20233 50003 |
| KMMT    | 66.50       | 2023-08-12T05:55:00<br>+00:00 | 10.00  | CLR, M, M, M                | 0.00 / 0.00 | KMMT 120555Z<br>AUTO 00000KT<br>10SM CLR 22/21<br>A2993 RMK AO2   |

| STATION | DISTANCE KM | NEAREST OBS UTC | VIS SM | SKY | WIND DEG/KT | METAR                                    |
|---------|-------------|-----------------|--------|-----|-------------|--|
|         |             |                 |        |     |             | SLP136 T02180213<br>10255 20216 50000 \$ |

### 5.16 NOAA IGRA Radiosonde Wind Profile

Nearest sounding implies mean 0-12 km wind drift toward 249.0 deg at 17.74 m/s; a passive balloon could drift about 127.7 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         |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| USM00072208 | CHARLESTON/<br>MUN.; SC. | 109.50      | 2023-08-12T00:00<br>:00+00:00 | 249.00             | 17.74          | 127.70      | 36.00 at 13.00 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/2023/224/05/OR\\_ABI-L2-CMIPF-M6C01\\_G16\\_s20232240500204\\_e20232240509512\\_c20232240509574.nc](#)
- [ABI-L2-CMIPF/2023/224/05/OR\\_ABI-L2-CMIPF-M6C01\\_G16\\_s20232240510207\\_e20232240519515\\_c20232240519578.nc](#)
- [ABI-L2-CMIPF/2023/224/05/OR\\_ABI-L2-CMIPF-M6C01\\_G16\\_s20232240520207\\_e20232240529515\\_c20232240529583.nc](#)
- [ABI-L2-CMIPF/2023/224/05/OR\\_ABI-L2-CMIPF-M6C01\\_G16\\_s20232240530207\\_e20232240539515\\_c20232240539575.nc](#)

#### GLM lightning sample objects:

- [GLM-L2-LCFA/2023/224/05/OR\\_GLM-L2-LCFA\\_G16\\_s20232240500000\\_e20232240500200\\_c20232240500223.nc](#)
- [GLM-L2-LCFA/2023/224/05/OR\\_GLM-L2-LCFA\\_G16\\_s20232240500200\\_e20232240500400\\_c20232240500422.nc](#)
- [GLM-L2-LCFA/2023/224/05/OR\\_GLM-L2-LCFA\\_G16\\_s20232240500400\\_e20232240501000\\_c20232240501021.nc](#)
- [GLM-L2-LCFA/2023/224/05/OR\\_GLM-L2-LCFA\\_G16\\_s20232240501000\\_e20232240501200\\_c20232240501220.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                        | 2023-08-12T04:55:00+00:00 to<br>2023-08-12T06:55:00+00:00 | RADIUS               | 250.00 nmi   |
| TRACE FILES SCANNED                   | 50535   | TRACKS RETAINED      | 149  |
| SUPPORT STATUS                        | aircraft strong candidate present                         | BEST-CANDIDATE NOTE  | ordinary-object favored if the report's<br>count, color, direction, and motion can<br>be reconciled with the candidate track(s). |
| STRONG CANDIDATES                     | 1   | PLAUSIBLE CANDIDATES | 6  |
| REPORTING-AIRCRAFT TRACKS<br>EXCLUDED | 3   | WEAK CANDIDATES      | 18   |

### 5.19 Top ADS-B Candidate Tracks

| AIRCRAFT              | STATUS                       | SCORE | MIN DIST KM | NEAREST DT MIN | ALT FT | AZ     | EL    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------------|----------------|--------|--------|-------|
| N823SY B738<br>ab3da7 | strong aircraft<br>candidate | 86.16 | 11.50       | 0.07           | 23975  | 249.30 | 31.78 |





## 7. Analytic Comparison

| CRITERION              | REPORT EVIDENCE                     | ANALYTIC TREATMENT  |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| TIME CONSTRAINT        | 2023-08-12T05:55:00+00:00           | Directly used in propagation; this is a hard filter, not descriptive context.   |
| LOCATION CONSTRAINT    | 33.87885, -80.08266                 | Directly used as observer point for azimuth/elevation/range computation.  |
| COUNT / PATTERN        | three-object/light language present | No compact same-launch count match; retained for unresolved report features.  |
| MOTION LANGUAGE        | circling                            | Apparent motion labels in the object table provide a plausible but not definitive comparison.   |
| RADAR / OFFICIAL CHECK | not specified                       | 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                       | 237UAP00287 is assessed as normal-object favored because the available public evidence gives a case-specific ordinary-object candidate: strong ADS-B aircraft candidate N823SY B738 ab3da7 at 11.7 km, azimuth 249.3 deg, elevation 31.78 deg, 0.86 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

237UAP00287

SKYWATCH INCIDENT REPORT

PRIMARY CODE: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENON

Date: 05:55 08/12/2023  
Status: Closed  
POD: DEN  
Reporting Facility: ZJX

Callsign: SCX8727  
Aircraft: B738  
Tail Number:  
Operator: SCX

Origin: FLL  
Destination: CLT  
New Destination:  
Operator Type: Commercial  
Paged: YES

REMARKS

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## 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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{
  "report_time_utc": "2023-08-12T05:55:00+00:00",
  "source_excerpt": "Aircraft reported an unidentified aerial phenomenon off the R side while N bound at 20,000 feet, at 34.25N 80.09W (30NM SW FLO). The unknown phenomenon was described as three circling lights maneuvering at 40,000 feet. ZJX did receive a primary RADAR target at the LAT/LONG location.",
  "historical_starlink_element_rows": 19054,
  "observer": {
    "lat": 33.87884765754963,
    "lon": -80.08266442047488,
    "source": "aviation_offset:30NM SW FLO (public text extract 237UAP00287)"
  },
  "case_id": "237UAP00287",
  "starlink_above_horizon_at_report_time": 895,
  "starlink_catalog_ids_considered": 19054,
  "largest_same-sky_cluster_count": 431,
  "starlink_at_or_above_10_deg": 432,
  "top_starlinks": [
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      "azimuth_deg": 125.05,
      "azimuth_plus_2m_deg": 81.36,
      "azimuth_plus_5m_deg": 79.9,
      "element_age_hours": 4.39,
      "element_epoch": "2023-08-12T10:18:41.565600+00:00",
      "elevation_deg": 82.02,
      "elevation_plus_2m_deg": 25.46,
      "elevation_plus_5m_deg": 3.74,
      "epoch_altitude_km": 500.34,
      "ground_track_bearing_deg": 78.49,
      "ground_track_label": "ENE",
      "launch_date": "22088C",
      "launch_designator": "22088C",
      "name": "NORAD 53318",
      "norad_id": "53318",
      "range_km": 499.08,
      "sky_motion_label": "westward, setting",
      "subpoint_lat": 33.5447,
      "subpoint_lon": -79.5157
    },
    {
      "azimuth_deg": 27.27,
      "azimuth_plus_2m_deg": 167.35,
      "azimuth_plus_5m_deg": 176.81,
      "element_age_hours": 2.91,
      "element_epoch": "2023-08-12T08:49:42.348000+00:00",
      "elevation_deg": 75.36,
      "elevation_plus_2m_deg": 62.34,
      "elevation_plus_5m_deg": 26.71,
      "epoch_altitude_km": 1191.22,
      "ground_track_bearing_deg": 181.24,
      "ground_track_label": "S",
      "launch_date": "23029Q",
      "launch_designator": "23029Q",
      "name": "NORAD 55810",
      "norad_id": "55810",
      "range_km": 1223.11,
      "sky_motion_label": "eastward, setting",
      "subpoint_lat": 35.959,
      "subpoint_lon": -78.759
    },
    {
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## Appendix C. Source Exhaustion Checklist

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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: 237UAP00287   |
| TIME AND OBSERVER COORDINATE      | extracted             | 2023-08-12T05:55:00+00:00 at 33.87885, -80.08266  |
| ORBITAL OBJECT PROPAGATION        | screened              | public LEO catalog objects  |
| SPACE-TRACK SATCAT METADATA       | screened              | 30 NORAD IDs checked; 28 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              | 50535 trace files scanned; 149 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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