

# CITY OF WATER VALLEY

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Mr. Frank Mahaffey  
FAA  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Frank,

On Sunday night upon returning to Water Valley from Oxford at approximately 8:20 pm, I notice a bright light in the Southeastern sky. I determined that it was an airplane with landing lights on. I continued to watch the plane as he turned to the West and I decided the plane was going to land at the Water Valley Airport as he was dropping in altitude.

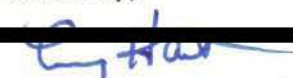
I drove to the airport on Airways Drive traveling West and I noticed the plane was to my South flying parallel with the road I was traveling. I lost sight of the plane for a brief moment due to the tree line. I turned into the main airport entrance traveling West and the plane had turned to the Northwest and flew in front of me parallel with the runway at about 1500 to 2000 feet altitude. The weather conditions were good, slightly breezy, no ceiling, the runway lights were on and the beacons were flashing. The time was now about 8:30 p.m.

The plane was traveling Northwest on the East side of the runway. It was my opinion that he was going to continue Northwest then bank back to his left and make his approach to the runway from the North. Instead he continued his Northwesterly flight until he disappeared from my sight.

It was very visible to me that severe storms were to the North and Northeast at that time and I assumed that Memphis had found him a route to travel. There was no severe weather that I could see directly ahead of his flight path. All of the severe lightning in the distant sky was to the plane's right or North and Northeast.

I returned to my home and checked the weather on my computer and found that the line of thunderstorms extended over to Memphis and I realized that was the direction that the plane was headed.

Sincerely,

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