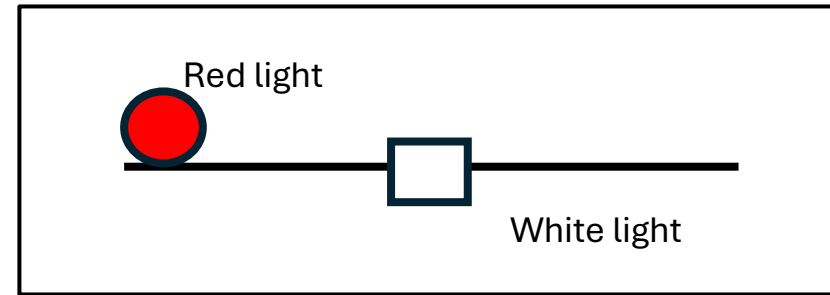


# “Dark Kite”

- Location: Western U.S.
- Time of Day: Pre-dawn hours
- Two federal law enforcement special agents (USPER5 and USPER6) observed what is initially thought to be a car traveling along a road in a restricted zone. The “car” had two lights (one red and one white) that are about 2 to 3 feet off the ground. Agents pursued the “car” and as they got to within a few hundred feet of it, the object suddenly moved off the road over the desert without changing its orientation with respect to the observers, i.e., it appeared to move laterally, at an estimated speed of 15-20mph. The object didn’t change height and appeared to move with “zero resistance.” The object stopped about 100 meters off the side of the road and turned off its lights. USPER6 described the object as a “thin line,” from the back whereas the other agent (USPER5) stated that “it almost looked like an ill defined, dark kite shape that had some rounded width to the sides.”\*
- USPER6 used night vision goggles (NVGs) to view the object once it had stopped off the road. The agent stated that they observed the object for “a split second in the NVGs before the light turned off” and that once the lights were off, a “very thin line” remained. The object was estimated to be about 4 feet wide and positioned horizontally to the ground (see **Image 1**). The object then began moving at about the speed of 15-20mph and appeared to “move up in height..., but [remain] a flat line.” The agent lost sight of the object after a few seconds.



**Image 1:** Recreation of drawing provided by USPER6 of object seen in night vision goggles.

\* In later discussions with AARO, the object is described as being triangular.