

E-mail Verbatim Statement and Provided Pictures from Tom Hopkins
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“Helicopter was heard and then seen circling in wide loop around property, and then was heard approaching RW 24. Watched the runway flight from corner of front porch vantage point, approximately 200 yards from the 333’s hover position. (see picture 1)

The 333 traveled west down 24U, straight and level at approximately 50 ft altitude then smoothly came to a hover at runway end while holding same altitude and same heading. Remained stationary for 5+ seconds, then cleanly rotated left while remaining in the hover position.

(see picture 2)

The rotation did not slow/stop as expected after 90 degrees which would have headed it towards the corner field and an ideal landing/parking area. Instead the rotation continued consistent and unabated for numerous 360 degree cycles with altitude remaining constant. Some drifting back towards the east seen while rotating, then rotation appeared to stop briefly but then rotation resumed. The prior video sent to you starts at this point in time.

Thanks,
Tom Hopkins “



Picture 1: Vantage Point of Witness



Picture 2: Witness Depiction of Rotations, Direction of Flight, and Video Start Location

