

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Aug 52		2. LOCATION Richmond, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2330 GMT 27033		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 min.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Yellow, red. Round. Slow, straight up.				11. COMMENTS Could be balloon.	

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE 27 Aug 52	2. LOCATION Richmond, Va.	3. TIME Local: 0905ED Zebra: 0505
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		
☒ Yes ☐ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		☐ No
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		
☐ Yes ☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		☒ No
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		
☒ Yes ☒ A/C Observed Object ☒ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		☐ No
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		
☒ Yes ☒ A/C Scrambled ☒ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		☐ No
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		
☒ Yes ☒ Normal ☒ Violent		☐ No
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		
☒ Blinking ☐ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		
☐ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☒ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		
771 AC & W Sq., Ft. Custis, Va.		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? Planet Venus		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?		
☐ Yes		☐ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?		
☐ Yes		☐ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?		
☐ Yes		☐ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☐ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?		
☐ Yes ☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft		☐ No
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?		
☐ Yes		☒ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?		
☐ Yes		☒ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?		
☐ Yes		☒ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?					☐ Yes		☐ No	
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:					_____ Minutes			
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:								
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting		
				Yes	No			
a.								
b.								
c.								
d.								

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V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION: ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS:	

(PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET)

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
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2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					

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FM CO 771ST AC&W SQDN

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3. C. files

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ACGDOW 1105 PD "FLYOBRT" PD IAW AF LTR
228-5 DTD TWO NINE APR FIVE TWO CMA FOLG IS SUBNTD CLN IAW PAR SEVEN
CHARLIE PD PAR ONE CMA ONE OBJECT CMA ROUND CMA MEDIUM SIZE AMBER IN
COLOR CMA MOVING WEST NORTH WEST AVOUT ONE ZERO ZERO MILES PER HOUR
PD OBJECT DISAPPEARED NEAR THE HORIZON PD NO INFO RECEIVED ON PRO-
PULSION SYSTEM CMA SOUND CMA AERODYNAMIC FEATURES OR EXHAUST PD OBSVRS
STATED IT LOOKED LIKE A ROUND LIGHT PD PAR TWO CMA SIGHTED AT ZERO
FIVE ZERO FIVE SEBRA 27 AUGUST 52 AND REMAINED
IN SIGHT FOR FIVE MINUTES PD OBJECT WAS AGAIN SIGHTED AT ZERO FIVE
ONE ZERO AND THIS TIME REMAINED IN SIGHT FOR A INDEFINITE TIME PD
IT WAS RPTD THE SECOND TIME AS BEING VERY LARGE AND LOOKED LIKE A

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BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT MOVING UP AND DOWN PD PAR THREE CMA OBSVD
VISUALLY PD PAR FOUR CMA OBJECT WAS OBSERVED AT THREE SEVEN DEGREES
THREE FIVE MINUTES NORTH LAT CMA SEVEN SEVEN DEGREES TWO FIVE
MINUTES WEST LONG PD PAR FIVE CMA OBJECT WAS OBSERVED BY LT AND MRS
WOLGEMUTH CMA LT FOX CMA LT BABCOCK CMA STAFF SGT COVERT CMA STAFF
SGT GARY CMA AND STAFF SGT HELM PD ALL OF THESE ARE STATIONED AT THE
RICHMOND CMA VIRGINIA FILTER CENTER PD ALL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
RS WOLGEMUTH ARE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL PD PAR SIX CMA CEILING AND
VISIBILITY UNLIMITED PD PARA SEVEN CMA NONE PD PAR EIGHT CA NONE
PD PAR NINE CMA THIS SQDN SCRAMBLED TWO FIGHTERS FROM THE ONE
FOUR EIGHT FTR SQDN AT DOVER CMA DELAWARE ON THE OBJECT THE
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OVER RICHMOND CMA OBSVRS WERE IN DIREKT COMMUNICATION WITH THIS STATION
BY HOT LINE PHONE AND WHEN NOTING THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIGHTERS CMA THEY
INFORMED US THE OBJECTS POSITION IN RELATION
TO THE FTR WAS QUOTE TWO O CLOCK UNQUOTE PD THIS WAS IMMEDIATILY
RELAYED TO THE FLIGHT LEADER BY VICTOR HOW FOX RADIO PD THE PILOT
ROGERED FOR THE MESWAGE AND IMMEDIATELY STATED QUOTE THE PLANET
VENIS IS TWO O CLOCK FROM ME UNQUOTE PD AT ZERO SEVEN ZERO FIVE THE
GROUND OBSVRS RPTD THE OBJECT STILL OVERHEAD AND THE RELATIVE POSITION
TO THE FTRS AS BEING QUOTE FIVE O CLOCK UNQUOTE PD THIS INFORMATION
WAS IMMEDIATELY RELAYED TO THE FTR PILOT PD THE PILOT REPORTED QUOTE

Venus

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VENUS IS VISIBLE TO ME AT FIVE O CLOCK UNQUOTE PD AT ZERO SEVEN ZERO
SIX ZEBRA FTR PILOT RPTD SIGHTING A BRIGHT YELLOW LIGHT SEVERAL
MILES SOUTH OF RICHMOND PD AT ZERO SEVEN ZERO NINE ZEBRA THE PILOT
LOST CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT AND RETURNED NORTH TO RICHMOND PD
AT ZERO SEVEN TWO FIVE ZEBRACMA AFTER A FIFTEEN MINUTE SEARCH
OF THE AREA OVER RICHMOND CMA THE FTR INTCPTRS RPTD NOTHING IN
SIGHT BUT PLANET VENUS (A THE SEARCH WAS DISCONTINUED AND THE AIR
CRAFT WERE RETURNED TO BASE PD PAR TEN CMA NONE PD END

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ACTION

1. Ursa
2. Atlas
3. C. files

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TWO NINE APR FIVE TMA FOLG IS SUBMTD CLN IAW PAR SEVEN CHARLIE PD

PAR ONE CMA ONE ROUND OBJECT CMA LARGE CMA MOVING SLOWLY TO THE WEST

PD WAS YELLOW AND RED IN COLOR AND OBSVR STATES HE THOUGHT IT COULD BE A

BALLON PD NO AERODYNAMIC FEATURES CMA NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST CMA NO

PROPULSION SYSTEM PD OBJECT MOVED STRAIGHT UP AND THEN DISAPPEARED

PD PAR TWO CMA OBJECT WAS OBSVD AT TWO THREE THREE ZERO ZEBRA CMA

TWO SIX AUG FIVE TWO AND REMAINED IN SIGHT FOR FOUR ZERO MINUTES PD

PAR THREE CMA OBSVD VISUALLY FROM GOUND PD PAR FOUR CMA OBSVR WAS

AT THREE SEVEN DEGREES THREE FOUR MINUTES NORTH LAT CMA SEVEN SEVEN

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77 25W
DEGREES TWO FIVE MINUTES WEST LONG PD WAS OBSVD BY MISS [REDACTED]
CMA [REDACTED] CMA RICHMOND CMA VIRGINIA PD
PHONE EIGHT TWO ZERO FIVE TWO FOUR PD RELIABILITY AND EXPERIENCE
UNKNOWN PD PAR SIX CMA CEILING AND VISIBILITY UNLIMITED PF PST
DRBRN CMA EIGHT CMA NINE AND TEN CMA NO INFO RPTD PD END
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4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
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<i>CO 771ST AC+W Sq. Ft. Custis, Va.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?		
<i>None</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
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III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes ☒ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes ☒ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☐ Yes ☒ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?		☒ Yes		☐ No		
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:		30 Minutes				
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	Richmond	RA	W.B.	☒	☐	
b.				☐	☐	
c.				☐	☐	
d.				☐	☐	
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V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate				
23. FINAL EVALUATION: <table border="0"><tr><td>☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon</td><td>☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical</td></tr><tr><td>☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft</td><td>☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown</td></tr></table>		☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown
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PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA S(T

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4. WINDS ALOFT:					
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20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____) ☐ Yes ☐ No					
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____) ☐ Yes ☐ No					
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.				<u>CAVU</u> MILES.	
9. COMMENTS:					

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Aug 52		2. LOCATION Richmond, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0505		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE WNW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Amber. Round.				11. COMMENTS Planet Venus.	

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COUNTRY UNITED STATES		REPORT NO. IR-73-52E	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT ILYOBPT			
AREA REPORTED ON Richmond, Virginia		FROM (Agency) 771st ACGW Sq., Fort John Custis, Va.	
DATE OF REPORT 28 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 27 August 1952	EVALUATION B-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Hamlin L. Williston, Captain, USAF		SOURCE Personnel of the Richmond Filter Center	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) See this HQ AFM 1105, DTD 27/1700Z August 1952 - Air Force Ltr 200-5			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			

One (1) round, medium sized, amber colored object was sighted moving west north west over Richmond, Virginia at 0505Z, 27 August 1952 by Air Force personnel stationed at the Richmond Filter Center. Observers said the object looked like a round light, was moving about 100 miles per hour, and disappeared near the horizon. The object remained in sight for approximately five (5) minutes.

The object was again sighted at 0510Z and was reported to this station at 0620Z. This station scrambled two (2) F-94 interceptor aircraft to attempt an interception of the object. At 0706Z one of the fighter pilots reported sighting a bright yellow light several miles south of Richmond. Contact was lost after three (3) minutes. The observers were in direct communication with this station and upon relaying position reports to the fighters, they stated that the only object visible to them was the planet Venus.

Hamlin L. Williston
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Intelligence Officer

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) 771st AS&W Sq., Fort John Custis, Virginia	REPORT NO.	PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES
1. One (1) round, medium sized, amber colored object was sighted moving at about 100 miles per hour. Object was moving west north west. Object disappeared near the horizon. Observers stated "it looked like a round light." 2. The object was sighted at 0505Z, 27 August 1952 and remained under observation for five (5) minutes. The object was again sighted at 0510Z and remained under observation for an indefinite time. It was reported the second time as being very large and resembling a bright white light moving up and down. 3. The object was observed visually from the ground. 4. The object was observed over Richmond, Virginia, 37° 35' north latitude, 77° 25' west longitude. 5. The object was observed by Lt. and Mrs. Wolgemuth, Lt. Fox, Lt. Babcock, S/Sgt. Covert, S/Sgt. Gray and S/Sgt. Helm. All of these, with the exception of Mrs. Wolgemuth, are Air Force personnel and are stationed at the Richmond, Virginia Filter Center of the Ground Observer Corps. 6. Ceiling and visibility were unlimited. Winds aloft unknown. 7. Pilots of the two interceptors stated the only objects visible to them over Richmond was the planet Venus and they believed that it was the object being observed. 8. There is no physical evidence of the sighting. 9. The object was reported to this station the second time at 0620Z. At 0629Z, this station scrambled two (2) F-94 fighter-interceptor aircraft in an attempt to intercept the object. At 0706Z the pilot of one of the scrambled fighters reported a contact on a bright yellow light several miles south of Richmond. Contact was lost after three (3) minutes. The observers were in direct communication with this station and were relaying the position of the object in relation to the fighters to us. We in turn relayed the position to the fighters. Each time, the pilot of the lead aircraft stated that the planet Venus was at the position reported for the object. After searching the area for fifteen (15) minutes, the fighters were returned to their home base. The lead aircraft was piloted by Captain James A. Swearing, AO 821330. The fighters were scrambled from the 148th Fighter Sqdn at Dover AFB, Delaware. 10. The pilots of the fighter aircraft reported no other aircraft in the vicinity. 11. At 0740Z, Lt. Wolgemuth of the Richmond Filter Center called this station and said "I believe Lt. Babcock sighted the first object, looked away for a few minutes, and then mistook Venus for the object" 12. Signed narrative statements of observers have been forwarded.		

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