

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 Feb 53 4/0100Z	2. LOCATION Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland
3. SOURCE 2 Airmen	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS) Venus setting at time of report
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Unidentified object appearing to be landing light of a/c was observed 25 minutes before disappearing over the horizon. No a/c was reported in area at the time of sighting.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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FM CG NEAC PEPPERRELL AFB NF

TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE USAF WASH DC

JEDWP/CG ADC AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

NEOCOC-1 00005 FLYOBGPT UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL LIGHT OBSERVED HTO RBAY

AIRPORT 042010Z APPEARED TO BE LANDING LIGHT OF AIRCRAFT BY A/3C

HARLOD RICHARDSON AND A/1C LEONARD OBJECT SIGHTED FOR 25 MINUTES THEN

PASSED OVER HORIZON DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE NEAC EVALUATES C-3 NO

AIRCRAFT IN AREA AT TIME FOR SIGHTING RADAR QUERY NEGATIVE

WEATHER 2500 SCATTERED

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Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland

3 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

From 2100 to 2125 local time a low unidentified object resembling the landing light on an aircraft was observed by two airmen of this base until the object disappeared below the horizon. The observation was strictly a visual one with no optical aids and no radar contact.

II. Discussion of Incident

This is a very brief report with no information given on the experience level of the observers. From past experience, however, such sightings have been attributed to bright stars sinking below the horizon.

III. Conclusion

Possibly a star.

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE TIME GROUP 26 Feb 53 26/2310Z	2. LOCATION Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland
3. SOURCE military	10. CONCLUSION OTHER: FLARE
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	Comments: Green obj moving downward at a high rate of speed indicates meteor. Source has probably overestimated size (compared to moon) in excitement. Upon completion of interrogation of
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS of many observer, object evaluated as a flare.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	Brief Summary: Green obj about the size of the moon emitted sparks as it traveled in a downward course at a very high rate of speed disappearing behind a hilly area.
7. COURSE East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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NEOCOC-I 00022 REFERENCE OUR MESSAGE NEOCOC-I-03104. UPON

COMPLETION OF INTERROGATION OF OBSERVERS, OBJECT EVALUATEED AS

A FLARE.

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Here's a solution!

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NECOC-1-03104 ATTN DIR OF INTELLIGENCE. FLYOBRPT. AT 2310Z 26 FEBRUARY 1953 AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE MOON WAS SIGHTED OVER THE PEPPERRELL AFB - TORBAY AIRPORT AREA. OBJECT APPEARED GREEN IN COLOR, EMITTING SPARKS AND TRAVELLING DOWNWARD AT A VRY FAST RATE OF SPEED DISAPPEARING BEHIND THE WHITE HILLS AREA EAST OF PEPPERRELL AFB. OBJECT WAS OBSERVD BY MAJOR R. E. FANCHER, C. O. 6622ND AIR TRANSPORT SQ, A/2C SYLVESTER, 6600TH AIR POLICE SQDN AND A PILOT OF AN INCOMING AIRCRAFT TO TORBAY AIRPORT. CHECK WITH 64TH AIR DIV ADDC GAVE NEGATIVE RESULTS ON RADAR SCOPES. WEATHER AT TIME OF INCIDENT WAS GENERALLY GOOD, 12,000 TO 15,000 FEET BROKEN

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McLeane
They prob. overestimated
size when sighted

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CLOUD COVER. MOON AND STARS WERE VISABLE AND NO WEATHER CONDITIONS
EXISTED TO CASUE SUCH AN INCIDENT. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL
BE SUBMITTED UPON DETAILED INTERROGATION OF OBSERVERS

27/0105Z FEB JEXC

Sounds like a meteor

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Pepperrell Air Force Base, Newfoundland

26 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

An Air Force major and enlisted personnel from this base observed a green object with a trail of sparks traveling downward at a high rate of speed and disappearing behind mountains to the east. The size of the object was compared to that of the moon. Time of sighting was 1910 local time and the existing weather conditions were generally good.

II. Discussion of Incident

Project Blue Book's contract astronomer is of the opinion that the object seen was an exceptionally bright meteor. The size of the object has probably been overestimated. Two factors substantiate the meteor conclusion in this case: 1) the fact that it followed a downward course and 2) that it gave off sparks, two characteristics of a common meteor. No length of observation was given but it probably was a matter of seconds.

III. Conclusion

Probably a meteor.

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