

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 Feb 53 13/0230Z	2. LOCATION Vichy, Missouri
3. SOURCE AF Pilot	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Venus
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 Hr.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS A/c pilot observed a light which varied in intensity and changed color from red through amber to green. Vichy radio reported no a/c in area of sighting.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO PD CAPT BAILEY CMA ROBERT B AO 677425 CMA
ATRC STAFF PILOT SAW UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WHICH APPEARED AS A LIGHT WHICH
VARIED IN INTENSITY AND CHANGED COLOR FROM RED THROUGH AMBER TO
GREEN PD TIME OF SIGHTINGS WAS APPROX 2030 HRS CST TO 2130 HRS CST PD
VISUAL SIGHTING FROM C-47 TYPE ACFT NEAR VICHY MO PD AIRSPEED 170
KNOTS ALT 7000 PD ACFT WAS ENROUTE FROM WEBB AFB TO SCOTT AFB PD
OBJECT WAS OFF LEFT WING APPROX ONE MILE AWAY PD RELIABILITY OF
WITNESSES EXCELLENT CMA EXPERIENCE LEVEL HIGH PD NO IDENTIFICATION

ACTION TAKEN PD VICHY RADIO SHOWS NEGATIVE TRAFFIC PD

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BAILEY AOC77425 ATRC STAFF PILOT SAW UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WHICH FOLLOWED
ACFT APPROX ONE HR ON CIVIL AIRWAY RED NR 11 PD RADAR TRACK SHOWS NO
OTHER ACFT IN AREA PD OBJECT WAS LIGHT WHICH VARIED IN INTENSITY
AND DISAPPEARED IN 90 DEG UPWARD MOVEMENT PD

ACTION: OIN

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT FLYOBREP			
AREA REPORTED ON Vichy, Missouri		FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Officer Scott Air Force Base, Illinois	
DATE OF REPORT 13 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 12 February 1953	EVALUATION B-0	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Major O. W. Bauske		SOURCE Capt. Robert B. Bailey, AO-677425	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52 and TXW WODOOLBPD, 12 February 1953			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)			

Capt. Robert B. Bailey, AO-677425, an ATRC staff pilot, saw an unidentified object which appeared as a light which varied in intensity and changed color from red through amber to green. The time of the sighting was approximately 2030 hours CST to 2130 hours CST. The sightings were visual from a C-47 type aircraft near Vichy, Missouri. The aircraft, which was enroute from Webb Air Force Base to Scott Air Force Base, was traveling at an indicated airspeed of 170 knots at 7000' altitude. The object appeared to be off the left wing approximately one mile away. The reliability of the witnesses is excellent, and experience level is high. No identifications action was taken. The Vichy radio stated that there were no other aircraft in the immediate vicinity.

James H. Webb
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Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

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1. Sources described the object as being a light which varied in intensity and appeared to change color from white through red, amber and green. No exhaust, propulsion system or other pertinent features were observed.
2. The time of sighting was reported as 2030 CST. A seaman passenger said object was visible for almost one hour. Pilot, copilot and crew observed it for about 5 minutes before it disappeared.
3. Observation was from airborne C-47, flying at altitude of 2000 ft. on heading of 040 with 25 knot crosswind, and 10° drift correction. Pilot notified Vichy radio, who in turn called Scott AFB. Scott AFB asked ADF radar station to track, with negative results, as only the C-47 aircraft was observed.
4. The observers were flying a C-47 aircraft in the vicinity of Vichy, Missouri, and were in contact with Vichy radio immediately after sighting.
5. The reliability and experience of the witnesses cannot be underestimated. However, the former intelligence officer of Scott Air Force Base, using a protractor and compass, established that the planet Venus would appear to be at the proper angle and elevation so as to appear in the position to coincide with this sighting.
6. Weather conditions at the time of sighting: Broken undercast at 2000 ft., winds NW varying to 25 knots.
7. The planet Venus, observed through a slight haze, appeared as a brilliant light and the planet appeared much closer than normal.
8. No physical evidence of the sighting exists.
9. No interception or identification action was taken. ADF radar station did track area with only the C-47 aircraft on the scope at the time of search.
10. Vichy radio reports no other traffic in their zone at the time of sighting.

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STATEMENT

The following statement is submitted in accordance with Paragraph 7c, AF Letter 200-5 dated 29 April 1952.

I, Capt. Robert B. Bailey, the pilot of a C-47, on a course of 143 degrees, 7000' altitude and at an indicated airspeed of 170 knots, noticed an unusual object in the vicinity of the Vichy Radio Range Station, which approximated a circular light which, from my position, appeared to be approximately one foot in diameter. The light of varying intensity appeared to be on a collision-interception course from approximately 233 degrees. I turned on my landing lights to warn the object of my presence and notified the co-pilot and Crew Chief of my sighting. They corroborated my observation and watched as the object appeared to position itself approximately one mile off the left wing or at 323 degrees. The light varied in intensity and color from red through amber to green. It remained visible for 5-10 minutes during which time it dropped back, relative to the aircraft, then increased its speed and made three dives and zooms on a course parallel to that of the aircraft before disappearing. The Crew Chief and a seaman passenger reported the light disappeared upward at a right angle to the previous course. I executed a CIRVIS in-flight report to the Vichy Radio Range Station.

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