

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 27 Feb 53 27/1758Z	2. LOCATION Shreveport, La.
3. SOURCE Airman (Private Pilot)	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Five	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 Min	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Five yellowish circular disc shaped objects were observed making a circular turn from W to E in trail formation. Three of the objects suddenly vanished while two made erratic maneuvers including 90° angle turns and up and down movements disappearing to the NW.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	COMMENTS: Possibility of cluster balloons having caused this sighting. Observer appears well qualified. Data to support this observation as balloon cluster not investigated. Case regarded as unidentified.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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SIGHTING OF OBJECTS FROM GROUND AT 45 DEGREE ANGLE FROM OBSERVER.

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26 March 1953

Dear Dr. Hynak:

We have been receiving your comments and evaluations on the wires we have been sending you week by week and they have been very helpful, to say the least. We were gratified to find that you explain many recent sightings by the presence of Venus because we have been evaluating many as astronomical or Venus ourselves, and, as you stated in your last letter, corroboration of this sort is good. I can't fathom why so many apparently experienced sources such as pilots and control tower operators are fooled by Venus, but I can see why it may fool inexperienced ones.

We estimate that about 25 of our number of January, February, and March reports can be attributed to this astronomical body. We are comparing your conclusions with ours on the evaluations you send down and in most cases, as I stated before, they match up pretty well.

As far as follow-ups on the valuable sightings are concerned:

(1) Port Austin, 17 February - Combination visual and radar - have asked them for an amplifying AF Form 112 to determine whether the radar pick-up and the visual sighting are actually of the same object. The radar personnel involved have been asked to fill out our Electronics Data Sheet which is set up for such sightings, and when it arrives ATIC radar specialists will evaluate it for possible weather interference, size of track, etc. Have also requested temperature v.s. altitude, altitude v.s. dew point rates through our liaison with A.F. Weather Service. When all this needed information arrives we will piece it together and try and evolve a conclusion. This sighting has top priority at Blue Book.

(2) The Shreveport sighting of 27 February likewise Sherman, Texas, 25 February are being followed up by our standard questionnaires as you suggested.

Concerning Dr. Mensel's proposed contract: We don't buy it either in its present form. I would like to get together with you and talk this over as we have done with Dr. Kaplan of U.C.L.A. who, incidentally, thinks it shows sloppy thinking but has merit here and there. He suggests that we talk the whole thing over with Mensel but I don't like this idea. In the first place, we know that one can't explain all saucer sightings by mirages which is the core of his whole plan.

Will telephone you in the near future on this and other matters. Ed has left for Denver Intelligence School, so that leaves me as temporary head of the Project until a replacement can be found for the vacationing Ruppelt.