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| <b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b><br>27 March 53 28/0031Z                                                   | <b>2. LOCATION</b><br>Canal Zone, Panama                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>3. SOURCE</b><br>Military                                                                          | <b>10. CONCLUSION</b><br>Astronomical (VENUS)<br><br>This object could have been Venus.                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b><br>One                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b><br>40 Minutes                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b><br>Air-Visual                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>7. COURSE</b><br>Not Reported                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>8. PHOTOS</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            | <b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b><br><br>Fiery, ball shaped object was observed from B-26 a/c at 9,000 ft. Altitude traveling 220 mph. Object was observed at 10 o'clock high disappearing in a downward course after 40 minutes observation. |
| <b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

FORM  
 FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

NER 5911 *Witness*  
C-1 PRIORITY RESTRICTED  
FM CAC ALBROOK AFB CZ  
TO DIR INT HQ USAF WASH DC  
CG ATIC WPAFB OHIO ATTN ATIAA-2C  
INFO ADC ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO  
CINCARIB

*CAVAL 2002,  
PANAMA*  
*08/00312*

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*ACTION*

FLY OB RPT 1. FIRE BALL OBJECT SPEED 240 KNOTS 9000 ALT. DISAPPEARED  
BY DIVING DOWN NO UNUSUAL MANEUVER. 2. 0031Z CONTINUING 0111Z  
OBSR 40 MINUTES. 3. VIS SIGHTING BY PLT B-26 ACCT 220 MPH.  
4. OBSR FIRST SAW 0730 NORTH 7936 WEST PARALLEL CRSE TO 0835  
NORTH 7825 WEST TO 0925 NORTH 7830 WEST TO 0928 NORTH 7900  
WEST OBJECT AT 10 OCLOCK 2-3 MILES FROM ACFT AT 9000 ALONG  
CRSE. 5 NOT CONFR BY OTHER CREW MEMBERS EXPERIENCED PLT AND  
RELIABLE OBSR DID NOT ALERT OTHERS TO SIGHTING. 6. HAZY WIND  
FROM 80 DEGREES 10 KNOTS. 7. NEGATIVE. 8. NEGATIVE.  
9. NEGATIVE. 10. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA DURING SIGHTINGS

*SEE CRYPTO-CENTER*  
*OK 2m*

*Cy-1*

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19 May 53

1st Lt. Robert Olsson  
Wright-Patterson AFB.

Dear Lt. Olsson;

This is a belated report on the last batch which I received at the end of April.

Just as soon as our plans for employing Miss Gluck officially go through, I shall be able to send you a sheet with comments on each individual case, so that you will have my comments on each folder. The letter method ~~ix~~ has obvious drawbacks. But until that time comes and she can handle my typing and completion of forms, I had better stick to this letter method.

In this latest batch we have only 4 really interesting cases. I might mention a 5th, 28 March 53, Scott AFB, which is the 1st report I've seen of an honest to goodness mirage. 6 Cases have only one observer and I'm following my usual rule of discounting those.

8 April was a meteor.

The Great Falls 3 April case was Venus if reported time~~s~~ was in error.

28 March Albrook AFB was probably Venus.

31 March Honshu, and 30 March Lyle, Wash., are puzzling but could possibly have been balloons.

The ~~8 April~~ Greenland case was an obvious meteor.

This brings us to the interesting cases:

25 March San Antonio could hardly have been a mirage and I'm surprised there was no radar pickup. Was there any aircraft like helicopters that might explain this. Anything more come in on this one? Don't think this is good enough for a pinch-bottle but it should be listed as Nocturnal meandering light.

29 March Spooner, Wisc: Duration times needs checking here. Hard to believe that object could have done all that in 15 seconds. An interesting case and one of the regular questionnaires should be sent to Mr. Gillette.

Next is the 12 April Stead AFB. I think this is the most interesting case of the batch, and I hope you receive more dope on it. Questionnaires should be sent. I'd like to see Menzel explain this one! Is there any possibility that these could have been aircraft? Apparently ducks have been eliminated.

As for the 26 March, Equasseur AFB although NML, the data are contradictory and insufficient. Perhaps this was a helicopter? We ought to have much more information on this one. Has this been received?

Sincerely,  
Allen Hyatt