

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 March 53 01/0555Z	2. LOCATION Conrad, Montana
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (VENUS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	The planet Venus is very bright and low on the horizon at the time of observation.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One round, large, bright white object seemed to appear as an a/c when moving, and round when stopped. There was no sound and said object traveled very slowly.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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EMERSON McMILLIN OBSERVATORY

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 ~~is~~ 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 times was in error.

28 March Albrook AFB was pr/obably 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 ~~con-~~tradictory and insufficient. Perhaps this was a helicopter? We ought to ~~have~~ have much more information on this one. Has this been received?

Sincerely,
Allen Hyatt

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2. Atty
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FM CG 29TH AIRDIVDEF GREAT FALLS AFB MONT

TO JEDWP/AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEPHQ/DIR INTEL HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC

JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

JEDKF/CG CADF KANSAS CITY MO

[REDACTED] FLYOBREPT/ GFD01D 2133 PD PAR ONE. ROUND VERY LARGE-
BRIGHT WHITE-ONE AIRCRAFT WITH TAIL PROTRUDING WHEN MOVING AND ROUND
WHEN STOPPED. THERE WAS NO SOUND AND THE OBJECT TRAVELED VERY SLOW. THE
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1855 MST (0555Z).

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PAR FOUR. CONRAD- EK JD 0300. PAR FIVE. [REDACTED] EK AND [REDACTED]

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- Seen 10 P.M.

Poss. Astro - Jan 1954

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F-O. PAR SIX. CLEAR SKIES WITH VERY FEW CLOUDS AND TEMP 38. PAR SEVEN.
NONE. PAR EIGHT. NONE. PAR NINE. SACKVILLE ALERTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
PAR TEN- NONE.

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MSG NBR [REDACTED]

C-1. OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE
FM JAP AIR DEF FOR HONSHU
TO CS USAF WASH DC : ATTN DIR OF INTEL
WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO: TO AIR TECH INTEL CEN :ATTN ATIAA-2C
ENT AFB COLO : CO ENT
INFO FEAF TOKYO JAPAN

PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED. SEE CRYPTO-CENTER
BEFORE DECLASSIFYING

CITE INT433.

FLYOB . REF AFL 200-5, PARA 7C. 1. UNIDENTIFIED ROUND WHITE OBJECT
WITH 2 LEGS, 1 COLORED RED AND 1 COLORED BLUE, WHICH SWIVELED AROUND
AND SEEMED SKMADOR TDORS. NO AERODYNAMIC FEATURES, EXHAUST OR PROPULSION
OBSERVED. 2. ISGHTED 31 MARCH 53 FROM 1935I TO 2005I. 3. VISUAL
FROM AIR BY F-34PISUT AT 30000 FT, TRAVELING 300 TO 350 MPH.
NO OPTICAL OR ELECTRONIC EQUIP USED. 4. OBSERVER SIGHTED OBJECT
FROM POSITIONS 38-24N/141-15E AND 37-57N/139-08E. OBJECT ON 330
DEGREES MAGNETIC BEARING, ABOUT 20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON, MOVING TO
290 DEGREES BY 2005I WHEN IT DISAPPEARED. 5. OBSERVER AND EXPERIENCED
PILOT AND UNQUESTIONABLY RELIABLE. AIZCHD CLEAR WEATHER AND VERY GOOD
VISIBILITY. 7. NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE. 8. NONE. 9. PILOT ATTEMPTED
TO CHASE OBJECT FOR 10 MINUTE PERIOD BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED. 10.
OTHER AIR TRAFFIC NNAPEA ACCOUNTED FOR AS PROBABLY NOT FFGTRIBKLQOH
TO OBJECT SIGHTING. DTTAILED 112 FOLLOWS

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*Poss. Upper Air Research Balloon
(30,000 ft
suggested)*

UAR info. RUS.

*poss. of UAR balloon in Japan in
line.*

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APRIL 1953 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
April	Nevada (<u>INFO</u>)	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	
3	Korea	Military Air	Astro (METEOR)
4	Webster Village, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
5	Detroit Lakes, Minnesota	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
6	Fukuoka, Japan	Military Air	UNIDENTIFIED
8	San Juan, Puerto Rico	Multiple	Balloon
8	Sonderstrom AB, Greenland	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
12	Torbay Airport, Newfoundland	Ground Vis/RADAR	A/C
12	Sweetwater, Nevada	Military Air	A/C
14	Sheave's Cove, Newfoundland	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
14-23	Manchuria	Air Visual Air RADAR	Balloon (w/Reflectors)
15	Tuscon, Arizona	[REDACTED]	1, UNIDENTIFIED
16	East Prairie, Missouri	[REDACTED]	A/C
19	Ft Davis, Texas	[REDACTED]	A/C
19	Grand Valley, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Other (Unreliable Repo
19	Lake Superior (Calumet, Michigan)	Ground RADAR	Other (Inversion Effec
20	Sheave's Cove, Newfoundland	[REDACTED]	A/C
20	Brooklyn, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
23	Addison, New York	[REDACTED]	Other (Reflection)
23	Columbus, Mississippi	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
23	Klamath Falls, Oregon	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
23	Fontana, California	[REDACTED] (Air Visual)	Other (MIRAGE)
29	Syracuse, New York	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
29	Hawaiian Islands	Military	A/C