

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 July 53 2/0700Z	2. LOCATION Shaw AFB, S. C.
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION 1-3 Astronomical (VENUS - STAR/PLANET)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three	^{hrs} 2. INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION. Although the report is sketchy it is believed that objects were astronomical. Mars 6 hrs 51 min., Jupiter 4 hrs 43 min., Venus 3 hrs 22 min. 070 deg azimuth, 15 deg elevation and rising.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 2. Object with motion (streak of light) insufficient data. Duration omitted.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Three circular objects, one large, two small, and one streak of light white in color appeared to hover with bobbing motion. The large object first appeared at tree top height later rapidly ascending vertically at unknown altitude. Remaining object observed in N. direction at unknown altitude.
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ATTN:ATIAA-2C RRG7-2072 PD FLYOBRPT FOL INFO

SEND IAW PAR 7C AFL 222-5 DTD 29 APR 52 CLN

1. THREE CIRCULAR SHAPED OBJECTS ONE LARGE CMA TWO SMALL CMA AND ONE STREAK OF LIGHT CMA SIZES UNK CMA WHITE IN COLOR CMA NEGATIVE SOUND CMA TRAIL OR EXHAUST PD LARGER OBJECT APPEARED TO HOVER WITH BOBBING MOTION PD

2. 0200-0400 EST 2 JULY 53 PD OBSERVED APPROX 2 HRS PD

3. VISUAL FROM SURFACE PD

4. OBSERVERS LOCATED ONE QUARTER MI NORTH OF SHAW AFB 33 DEG 58'N 80 DEG 29'W PD THE LARGE OBJECT FIRST APPEARED AT TREE TOP HEIGHT CMA K LATER RAPIDLY ASCENDING VERTICALLY TO UNK ALTITUDE PD REMAINING OBJECTS OBSERVED IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION AT UNK ALT PD

5. A/1C [REDACTED] AND A/2C [REDACTED]

6. CAVU CMA SURFACE WINDS CALM CMA 20,000 FT 290 DEG AT EIGHT KNOTS CMA 40,000 FT 045 DEG AT FIFTEEN KNOTS PD

7. UNKNOWN PD

8. UNKNOWN PD

9. NONE PD

10. UNKNOWN PD

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COUNTRY U. S. A.	REPORT NO. TAC IR 17-53 SECRET	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYING OBJECT		
AREA REPORTED ON Shaw AFB, South Carolina	FROM (Agency) Hq, 363d Tac Recon Gp, Shaw AFB, S. C.	
DATE OF REPORT 6 July 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 July 1953	EVALUATION F-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt Leon J. Nowak Jr.	SOURCE A/1C [REDACTED] A/2C [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) HSS 363d Tac Recon Wg, RRG 7-0072		

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.)

1. Three circular shaped objects of undeterminable size were observed. One of the objects was larger than the other two, with the proportion of a disc 6 inches in diameter to that of a 50 cent coin. The larger object glowed with a very bright intense light being mistaken at first for an aircraft landing light. A streak of light, similar to a vapor trail, appeared separately, with the two smaller objects, one appearing directly on the light streak, and the other directly below. The streak and the two smaller objects appeared motionless and were white in color. The larger object bobbed and hovered.

2. The large object was first observed at approximately 0200 EST, 2 July 1953 and was observed for two hours. The other objects appeared at approximately 0300 and disappeared at approximately 0400.

3. The observations were made visually from the ground.

4. The observers were located one quarter mile north of Shaw AFB, S. C., 33° 58' N 80° 29' W. The large object first appeared at tree top height, and after hovering for approximately 1 1/2 hours rapidly ascended to a position approximately 45° in elevation, with altitude unknown. (Observer states ascent occurred in less than 30 seconds.) The large object was observed in the North East, while the streak of light with the smaller objects was observed in the North Northwest at approximately 30° in elevation. Length of the streak covered approximately a 90° segment of the sky.

5. The observers were A/1C [REDACTED] and A/2C [REDACTED] of Shaw AFB. Both of their descriptions coincided, and the length of their observation together with their vivid descriptions preclude the possibility of the disc and objects being stars or planets. The glow of the disc was a steady and constant white light.

6. The weather was CAVU. Base weather reported the following winds: Surface calm; 20,000 feet 270° at 8 knots; 40,000 feet 045° at 15 knots.

7. There were no meteorological or other conditions which might account for the observations.

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Hq 363d Tac Recon Gp, Shaw AFB

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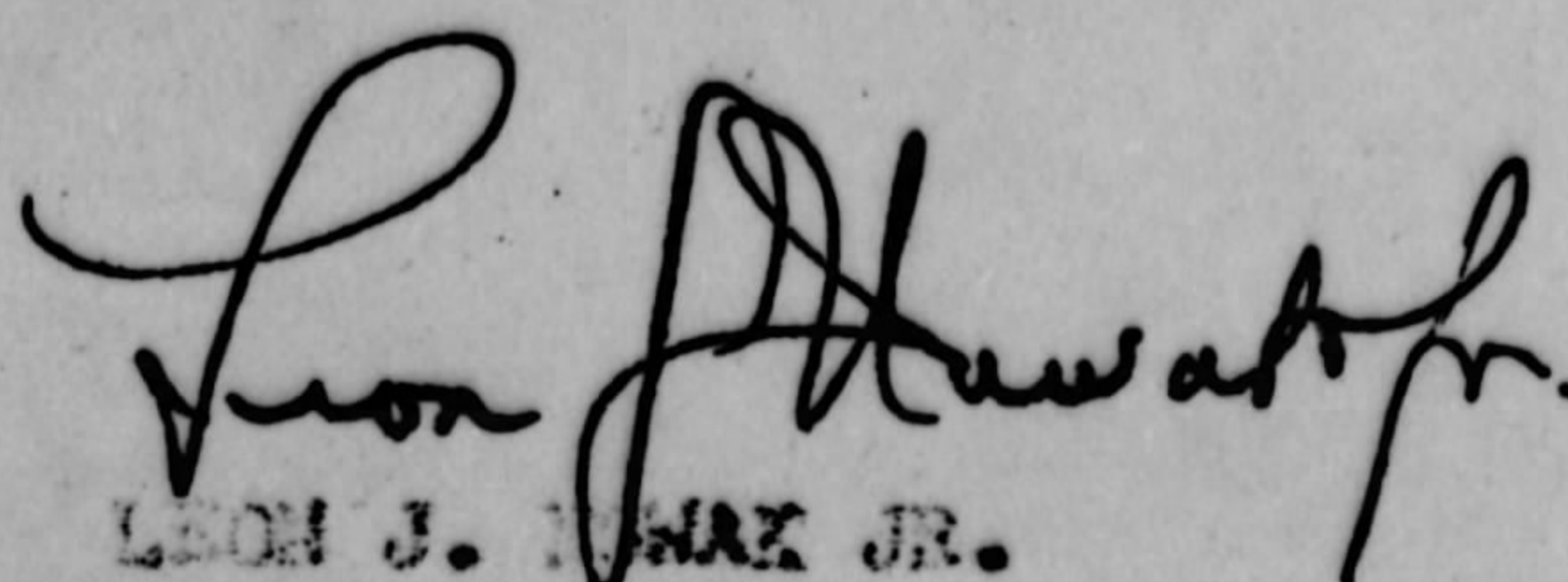
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8. There is not any known physical evidence, such as fragments or photographs of the sighting. The AC & W unit in the vicinity was not operating during the period of observation.

9. No interception or identification action was made, as this office was not informed of the incident until approximately 0800 2 July.

10. Air traffic control stated no known traffic was in the vicinity of Shaw during the period of the observation.



LEON J. MAX JR.
Captain, USAF
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FOR 363rd Tac Recon Wg, Hq

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Reurmsg RRG7-0072 regarding the ground visual sighting of 3 unidentified aerial objects observed from 0200 to 0400 EST 2 Jul 53 in the vicinity of Shaw AF Base. Suggest you forward Air Force Form 112 as prescribed in AF Letter 200-5 with special attention to the following items: 1) If the 3 objects were traveling at a high rate of speed, why were they observed 2 hours? 2) Were the objects observed simultaneously? 3) Suggest you interrogate the observers for the possibility of the objects being astronomical. 4) At what angle were the objects above the horizon?

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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MOVEMENT PD ITEM TWO PD OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED SIMULTANEOUSLY PD ITEM
THREE PD OBSERVERS STATE OBJECTS WRE NOT ASTRONOMICAL PD ITEM FOUR PD
LARGE OBJECT FIRST OBSERVED AT TREE TOP LEVEL CMA THEN RAPIDLY
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