

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 August 53 7/0715Z		2. LOCATION Martha's Vineyard, Mass.	
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (VENUS (JUPITER & BETELGEUSE))	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Minutes		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Three round white lights, apparent size of the moon appeared stationary except a few shifts from one position to another. Objects were observed twice. 0315 EDT, observed for 15 minutes. 0415 EDT, observed for 7 minutes. COMMENTS: Venus is visible at this time in the E and it is believed that source saw Venus but this does not explain the other two objects. Venus 6 hrs 14 min, 70 deg azimuth 17 deg elevation. Jupiter 5 hrs 14 min, 85 deg azimuth, 25 deg elevation. Betelgeuse, 90 deg azimuth 17 deg elevation. Capella, 60 deg azimuth, 40 deg elevation. Mars 8 hrs 21 min, rising at 0345. Venus & Betelgeuse at same altitude. Jupiter 15 deg to right and higher, all objects would disappear with dawn.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE NE			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			
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JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SP COLO

JEPNB/CG EADF STEWART AFB NEWBURGH NY

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/DWOI 811 ATTN: ATIAA-2CPD FLYOBRPT PD ONE PD

THREE ROUND WHITE LIGHTS THE APPARENT SIZE OF THE MOON CAM TWO AT SAME
APPARENT HEIGHT ABOUT FIVE DEGREES APART CMA THE THIRD ABOUT THIRTY
DEGREES TO THE RIGHT AND FIVE DEGREES HIGHER PD NO PERCEPTIBLE SPEED
OR SOUND CMA BUT HAD CHANGED POSITION TO APPROX TEN DEGREES TO RIGHT
BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND PDS OF ABSVN PD DURING OBSVN CMA LIGHT EXT
INGUISHED AND OBJECTS THEN APPEARED AS HALF MOONS WITH OUTSIDE EDGE
BEARING A DULL GLOW PD WHILE LIGHTS WERE ON CMA THREE DISTINCT SPOTS
OF LIGHT REPTD SEEN ON GROUND NEAR OBSVRS PD OBJECTS STILL VISIBLE
AT END SECON ABSVN CMA BUT WERE GONE ABOUT TWO AND HALF HRS LATER PD

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FROM: (Originator)

COMDR ATIC

TO: COMDR 4707TH DEF WG OTIS AFB MASS

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☐ BOOK MESSAGE☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

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FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-8-3

Reference your message DWOI 811 on three lights observed by Mrs. [REDACTED], Vineyard Haven, Martha's Vineyard Island, Mass., at 0315 EDST 7 Aug 53.

Request thorough interrogation be made of Mrs. [REDACTED] stressing the possibility that the objects could have been astronomical. Also request that you contact local astronomer for information on astronomical bodies.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 Mark B. Futch Date 11 Aug 53
(A/LC Futch)

ATIAE H. B. Johnston Date 11 Aug 53
(Col Johnston)

ATIA William H. Foy Date 12 Aug 53
(Col O'Hern)

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

A/LC MAK B. FUTCH/vs

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL

ATIAE-5

TELEPHONE

65365

OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT C. BROWN, MAJOR, USAF
ADJUTANT

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TWO PD 0315 HRS CMA EDST CMA 7 AUG 53 CMA FOR APPROX 15 MINS PD 0415
HRS CMA EDST CMA 7 AUG 53 FOR APPROX 7 MINS PD THREE PD VISUAL FROM
SURFACE PD FOUR PD OBSVRS APPROX PSN LAT 41 27 30 CMA LONG 73 36 00
PD PSN OF OBJECTS REL TO OBSVRS PSN CLN EST DISTANCE WITHIN ONE MILE
CMA AZIMUTH APPROX 65 DEGREES CMA ELEVATION APPROX 30 DEGREES PD
FIVE PD MRS [REDACTED] CMA HOUSEWIFE CMA [REDACTED] CMA VINE
YARD HAVEN CMA MARTHA'S VINEYARD ISLAND CMA MASS CMA [REDACTED]
CMA SON CMA AGE TWELVE CMA SAME ADDRESS PD EST RELIABLE FOR VERACITY
OF STATED OBSVNS BUT NO EXPERIENCE PD SIX PD WX FR 0200 TO 0400 CMA
7 AUG 53 CLN CAVU CMA WINDS WSW 5 CMA TEMP 58 DEGS PD END
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TO CMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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/ [REDACTED] DWOI 836 PD PROJECT BLUE BOOK PD REF 4707TH MSG

DWOI 811 CMA DTD 8 AUG AND MSG FR ATIC CMA AFOIN-ATIAE-8-3 CMA DTD 12

AUG PD MRS [REDACTED] AND SON INTERROGATED 8 AUG PD BOTH PERSONS WERE

QUOTE POSITIVE UNQUOTE THAT OBSERVED LIGHTS WERE NOT STARS NOR METEORS

CMA DENYING THIS POSSIBILITY BECAUSE OF QUOTE SEARCHLIGHT UNQUOTE APP-

EARANCE PD TEL CHECK WITH HARVARD OBSERVATORY REVEALED THAT PERIOD OF

[REDACTED] OBSVN COINCIDED WITH PERIOD OF HEIGHT OF METEOROLOGICAL

SHOWER PD AF FORM 112 BEING FWDD YR HQ CMA WITH SIGNED STATEMENTS OF

OBSVRS PD END MSG

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