

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 August 1953 16/0243Z	2. LOCATION Madison, Wisconsin
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (CAPTELLA) Moon, 13 hrs, 57 min., below horizon. Venus, 6 hrs, 58 min., below horizon, Mars, 6 hrs, 52 min, below horizon. Jupiter 5 hrs, 20 min below horizon. Capella, 30 deg azimuth, 10 deg elevation.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hour 15 minutes	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary (Rising)	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Two civilians driving down a road saw a bright light at an estimated 5-8,000 ft. Object seen for 1 hour, 15 minutes.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ATTENTION: ATIAA-2C
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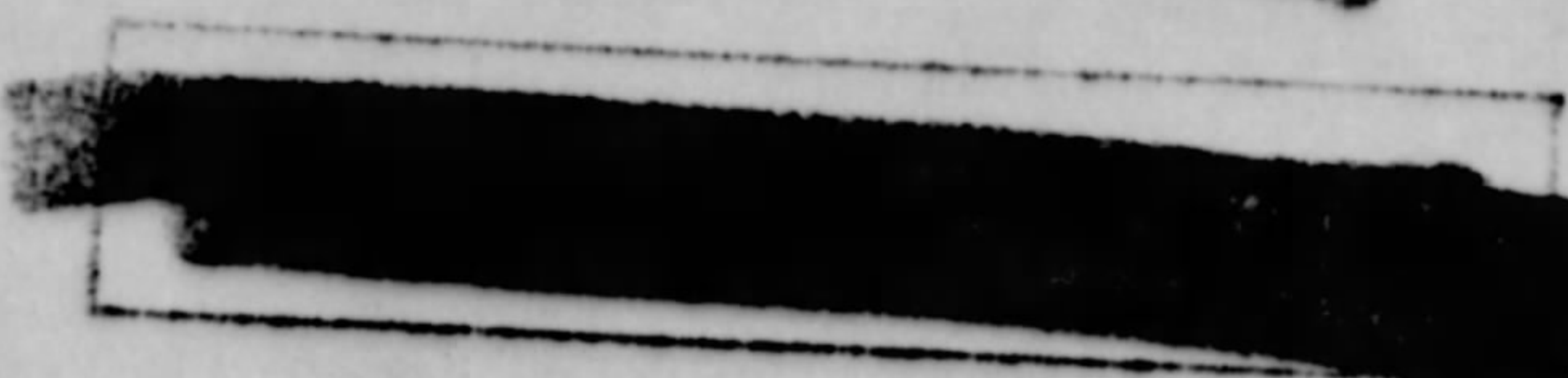
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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Sighting of an Unidentified Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Janesville to Madison, Wisconsin	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Officer 520th A.D. Gp. Truax Field, Madison, Wisc	
DATE OF REPORT 15 August 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 18 August 1953	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Charles W. Youngson 1/Lt. USAF	SOURCE Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] St. Madison, Wisc	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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.)

Interrogation of Mrs. [REDACTED], age 35, and Mr. Eldridge Bertke, age 32, husband and wife, about the sighting of an unidentified object at 2045 CST, 15 August 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] were driving north on Highway #14 approximately 15 miles South of Janesville, Wisconsin, when Mrs. [REDACTED], looking out of the right car window saw a strange bright object. The object appeared to have a reddish color or glow like a bright light on a high tower. Mrs. [REDACTED] immediately called this strange light to the attention of her husband, and they both agreed to its strange appearance.

A few minutes after the first sighting, the object seemed to move slowly to the left and then appeared to move very swiftly. The object seemed to move directly in front of the car and appeared a very bright white color, something like an explosion. After the explosion like effect, the object seemed to have a tail like or trail effect. As the object appeared to move away from in front of the car to the right, the object appeared to change from the bright white to an orange color and then to the original reddish color.

Mrs. [REDACTED] rolled down her car window thinking maybe it was a reflection in the glass, but the object appeared just as bright with the car window rolled down.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated he estimated the object to be at an altitude of 5,000 to 8,000 feet. Except when the object appeared to have the explosion like effect with a tail, the object had a sharp definite outline. In comparison to this object, the stars in the sky appeared very dim and dull. The sky was clear at the time of the observation. At a distance the object appeared to come closer to the earth, but it did not appear any larger, but very much brighter.

The object was constantly under observation from the time of first sighting, 2045 CST, until approximately 2200 CST, when Mr. and Mrs. Bertke arrived in the outer edge of Madison, Wisconsin.

Mrs. [REDACTED], age 35, is a house wife with several years experience as a Secretary at the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. [REDACTED], age 32, is at present a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, majoring in Histology-Parasitology and Pathology. Mr. [REDACTED] served in the 8th Air Force during World War II as a bombardier.

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