

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 March 1956		2. LOCATION Fairhaven, Massachusetts		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/0132Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☒ Was Astronomical Venus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 mins/possibly more		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE WNW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One mass of brilliance similar to a star but ten times as bright. White incandescent, changing to a pale red, to pale orange, then referting to whib. In all appearances the object was described as being similar to a bright star. No radar contact.				11. COMMENTS Concur with the hypothesis of the reporting officer that this sighting was undoubtedly generated by the planet Venus.	

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FM HQ 33 FTR GRU AD OTIS AFB MASS

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS NY

RJEPNY/COMDR 26 ADIV DEF ROSLYN AFSTA ROSLYN NY

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RJEPHO/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

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/UNCLASSIFIED/OPR 37. "UFOB". FOLG SUBMITTEE IAW AFR 220-2.

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.

- A. NO IDENTIFIABLE OR DISTINGUISHING SHAPE. A MASS OF BRILLIANCE
SIMILAR TO A STAR BUT TEN (10) TIMES AS BRIGHT.
- B. LARGER THAN 1ST MAGNITUDE STAR, SMALLER THAN THE MOON - NEARER
TO SIZE OF A GRAPEFRUIT.
- C. WHITE INCANDESCENT, CHANGING TO A PALE RED, THAN PALE ORANGE,
REVERTING TO WHITE.
- D. ONE
- E. NOT APPLICABLE

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F. A BRIGHT OVERSIZED STAR IN ALL APPEARANCES. DRIFTING IN A NORTHWEST BY WESTERLY DIRECTION, DIMINISHING IN SIZE AND BRILLANCE.

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT.

A. SON ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SAW OBJECT FIRST, CALLED IT TO HIS FATHERS'S (~~XXXXXXXXXX~~) ATTENTION.

B. BETWEEN HORIZON AND LOWEST STAR IN WEST - WEST BY NORTH WEST.

C. DID NOT DISAPPEAR BUT FADED INTO APPEARANCE OF ORDINARY STAR SAME LEVEL, GRADUALLY RISING - REMAINING BELOW LOWEST STAR. DRIFTING TO NORTH WEST BY WEST.

D. GRADUAL DRIFTING - W/NW TO NW/W, DIMINISHING IN SIZE.

E. FADING

F. UNKNOWN. 5-10 MINUTES, POSSIBLY MORE.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION.

A. GROUND-VISUAL. NO OTHER.

B. NO OPTICAL AIDS.

C. GROUND OBSERVANCE ONLY.

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING.

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A. 2132E (0132Z) 20 MAR 56.

B. NIGHT

5. 8 CROSS STREET, FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

6. OBSERVERS.

A. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, 40, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, FAIRHAVEN, MASS., METAL
WORKER.

B. NO MILITARY.

7. WEATHER CONDITIONS:

A. 26 DEG F - CLEAR - COLD - STARS VISIBLE.

B. WINDS: SURFACE - NNE 25K

0000 - NNE 30K

12000 - NNE 35K

23000 - NNW 10K

30000 - WSW 39K

50000 - W 15K

80000 - WSW 10K

C. CEILING - CLEAR

D. VISIBILITY - 15 PLUS

E. CLOUD COVER - NONE

F. NEGATIVE

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1. NEGATIVE

2. NEGATIVE

3. NONE IN NEW BEDFORD AREA EXCEPT A NAVY P-2-V IN VICINITY OF OTIS

221 E. NO WEATHER BALLOONS FROM OTIS. NANTUCKET SENT WEATHER

BALLOON THAT MAY HAVE HAD A LIGHT ATTACHED APPROXIMATELY 2200.

4. THEORY:

A. PLAN-VENUS.

B. WEATHER BALLOON FROM NANTUCKET

5. NOT AVAILABLE WITH THIS REPORT. STATEMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO

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