

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 April 1956		2. LOCATION Fitzgerald, Georgia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Venus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 16/2000Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hours, 45 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE hovering	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, size of basketball was larger than B-47 color of silver yellowish, Glint- faded from sight.				11. COMMENTS Astro Venus (see case file)	

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

1 witness

noted
1153P
JP

4E47

ACTION

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RD215

PB006 YDA222 VYC357 VDA221KBA040

PP RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJEPNB

DE RJESKB 67

P 172214Z

FM COMDR 35TH ADIV DOBBINS AFB GA

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2 }
3 }
4-4X2a
4g

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INT HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 D C

RJEPNB/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB N Y

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/UNCLASSIFIED/INT 2611 UFOB /1/A. ROUND LIKE A BASKET BALL B. LARGER
THAN A B-47 C. SILVER YELLOWISH GLINT D. ONE E. N/A F. LARGER THAN B-47
G. N/A H. NONE I. NONE /2/A. REPAIRING WIRES ON A TELEPHONE POLE
B. UNK C. UNK D. HOVERING E. FADED F . 2 HOURS 45 MINUTES /3/A.

GND VISUAL AND AIR VISUAL B. BINOCULARS M-17 ARMY TYPE C. B45 NO OTHER
INFO AVAILABLE /4/ A. 16/2000Z B. DAY/5/ A. JH GB 4646 /6/ A. ~~REDACTED~~
POST OFFICE BOX ~~REDACTED~~ FITZGERALD GA FOREST RANGER B. CWO 2ND JIM
MORRIS CO 190 TNK BN 48 TH AMOR DIV GA NG ADMINSTRATOR BOX 322 FITZGERALD
GA /7/A 15 MILES SURFACE WINDS UP TO 25 MPH B. CLEAR C. UNLIMITED
D. CLEAR E. NONE F. NONE /8/NONE /9/N/A /10/ ONE B47 IN AREA
/11/ MAY HAVE BEEN A BALLON OR BLIMP DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE /12/
NONE

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17/2218Z APR RJESKB

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS FITZGERALD, GEORGIA (GJGB 4543)	DATE OF INFORMATION 16 April 56	SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT Flight 2-C, 4602d AISS	DATE OF COLLECTION 18-19 Apr 56	
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL THADDEUS W. KALLINI, Captain, USAF	DATE OF REPORT 20 April 56	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE JAMES C. BOWEN	EVALUATION	SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)

REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)

TT MSG INT #11, D/I 35th Air Div (Def)

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SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

UFOB

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

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PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr ~~James C. Bowen~~, **FITZGERALD, GEORGIA (GJGB 4543)** at 16/1800Z Apr 56 thru 17/0045Z Apr 56.

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: Report of UFOB sighting by Mr **JAMES C. BOWEN** at **FITZGERALD GEORGIA**.

III. INVESTIGATORS: CAPT THADDEUS W. KALLINI AO 575155
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Part One

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: Post Office Box [REDACTED], Fitzgerald, Georgia

Age: 33

Occupation: County Forest Ranger

Qualifications: GOC Observer

II. RELIABILITY: Because of lack of conflict with reports of other informant, Source may be considered fairly reliably.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: At approximately 16/1800Z Apr 56, Source's CWO Jim Morris (See Part II) asked Source to come to National Guard Armory at Fitzgerald, Ga. (GJGB 4543) to observe an object which appeared to be hovering approximately overhead. It was located about half way between the sun and the moon at 16/1815Z. It appeared motionless and when observed through binoculars (Army M-1 Type), it gave off a glare which made shape determination difficult. It could have round or oblong. It was visible with the naked eye, and "shined like a star"

Object was observed periodically throughout the afternoon and appeared to be moving in a westwardly direction. At sundown it was at elevation 45 degrees due west. After dark it appeared as a bright star.

Between 16/1930Z and 16/2000Z, Sources observed two aircraft at high altitude (one higher than the other) (Confirmed see Part II). Object appeared to be much higher than either aircraft.

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Part Two

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with D/I 35th AIRDIV disclosed that Source reported sighting to filter center at Maxwell AFB which, in turn, forwarded the report to GOC 35th AIRDIV.

2. 35th AIRDIV Weather furnished the following data for time of sighting:

a. Winds:

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Wind Velocity</u>	<u>Wind Direction</u>
40,000 ft	85-100 knots	270 deg
30,000 ft	85 knots	270-250 deg
20,000 ft	75 knots	270 deg

b. Other conditions: CAVU

3. Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, reported no unusual reports from aircraft.

4. The 702d ACWRON reported the following plots in the area during period of sighting:

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>GEOREF</u>	<u>NO. ACFT</u>	<u>ALT</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>
a.	1834Z	GJGB 5833	1	19,000	320 knots	South
	1836Z	GJGB 5850	1	19,000	320 knots	North
b.	1935Z	GJGB 4020	1	20,000	350 knots	South
c.	1955Z	GJGB 5842	1	14,000	3000 knots	East

5. A visit with Dr. Calder of the Bradley Observatory, Decatur, Georgia disclosed that the route taken by the object strongly indicates that it was Venus which is visible during daylight hours during this time of the year. Indecision of Sources as to the shape of the object can be attributed to the fact that Venus now appears as a halfmoon. Venus was personally observed by the investigator through a 185X telescope.

6. CWO Jim Morris, administrator for National Guard Armory, Fitzgerald, Georgia, was contacted by phone. His report concurred in all respects with that submitted by Source.

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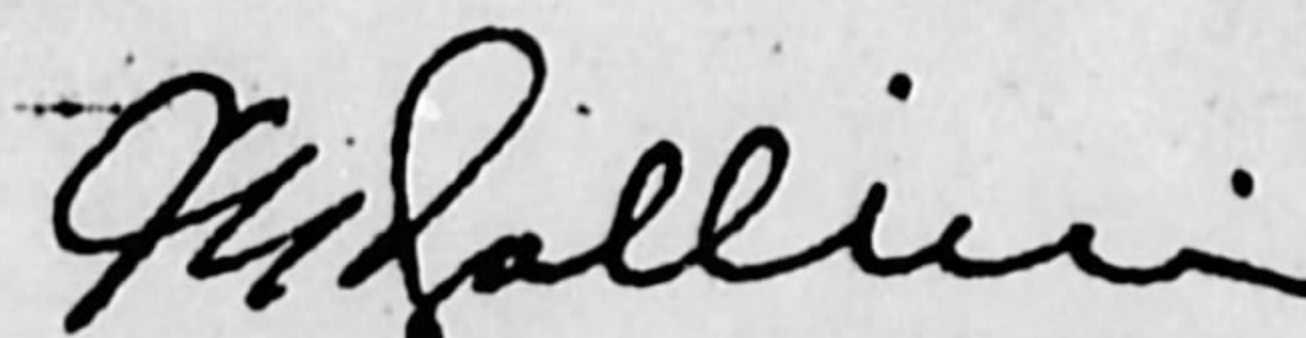
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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by the planet Venus for the following reasons:

a. The description, location of the object, height, and length of time observed indicated the Source was viewing the planet Venus.

b. Doctor Calder, Professor of Physics and Astronomy, and Director of Bradley Observatory, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, verified the opinion of the Preparing Officer.



THADDEUS W. KALLINI
Capt., USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was astronomical in nature. Due to the westwardly flight path of the object, the duration of the sighting, and the correlation of the flight path of the object as compared to the path of Venus, it is the opinion of this headquarters that this sighting was definitely caused by the planet Venus.

