

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 November 1957		2. LOCATION 20 Mi NE of Hill City, Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 14/2234Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		☒ Was Astronomical Venus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8-9 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE rising	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object shape of foot ball with rounder ends. Size of pea. Metallic silver grey, becoming brighter during movement. Had a brighter ring around the oval running horizontally across it, but not extending beyond the edges of the oval. The ring similar to that around the planet saturn. Object was stationary for about 4 minutes, then appeared to follow another B-47 remaining stationary over the B-47 for about 1 minute. Then rose vertically until disappeared.				11. COMMENTS Venus was observed to be quite bright by ground observers at Dyess AFB. The position of the observer's a/c in relation to the planet Venus could have caused the sighting.	

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1 Witness

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UNCLAS/FROM 96DOI 7-17502. SUBJECT: 7197. THE FOLLOWING REPORT

IS FORWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7D, AFR 200-2.

1) 4E4
2) 4-4X2a
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(1) (A) OVAL SHAPE LIKE A FOOT BALL WITH ROUNDER ENDS.

(B) PEA

(1:) METALLIC SILVER GREY BECOMING BRIGHTER DURING MOVEMENT.

(D) ONE

(E) N/A

(F) HAD A BRIGHTER RING AROUND THE OVAL RUNNING HORIZONTALLY ACROSS IT BUT NOT EXTENDING BEYOND THE EDGES OF THE OVAL. THE RING SIMILAR TO THE RING AROUND THE PLANET SATURN.

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(1&) N/A

(H) N/A

(I) OBJECT GREW BRIGHTER WHEN IN MOTION.

(2) (A) THE UNUSUAL BRIGHTNESS AND SIZE OF THE OBJECT.

(B) APPROXIMATELY 25 DEGREES ABOVE AND 70 DEGREES TO THE RIGHT OF OBSERVERS AIRCRAFT NOE. TWO O'CLOCK HIGH. APPROXIMATELY 5,000 TO 10,000 FEET ABOVE FLIGHT ALTITUDE.

(C) APPROXIMATELY 25 DEGREES ABOVE AND 120 DEGREES FROM THE NOSE OF OBSERVEJS AIRCRAFT. FOUR O'CLOCK HIGH.

(D) OBJECT STAYED STATIVCARY FOR ABOUT 4 MINUTES THEN APPEARED TO FOLLOW ANOTHER B-47 APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES WEST OF OBSERVING AIRCRAFT REMAINING STATIONARY OVER THE B-47 FOR ABOUT 1 MINUTE AND THEN RISING VERTICALLY VERY RAPIDLY UNTIL DISAPPEARING.

(E) ACCELERATED VERTICALLY AND OUT OF SIGHT.

(F) 3 OR 9 MINUTES TIMED BY WATCH FROM FIRST SIGHTING UNTIL DIS-
APPEARANCE

(3) (A) AIR - VISUAL

(B) N/A

(C) B-47E, 952-006 36,000
AFOTWAYPYN EYNPPP FEET, 183 DEGREES T.H., 410 KNOTS TAS.
DYESS AFB TEXAS.

(B) N/A

(C) ^{952-606 36,000} B-47E, AFOTWAYPYN EYNPPP FEET, 183 DEGREES T.H., 410 KNOTS TAS.
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(4) (A) 14 NOVEMBER 1957 2334 ZULU. *2334 - 6 = 1734 local*

(B) DUSK

(5) (A) 20 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF HILL CITY, KANSAS.

(6) (A) N/A

(B) WILLIAM B. TAFT, MAJOR, 339TH BOMB SQUADRON (M), AIRCRAFT
COMMANDER. SOURCE HAS BEEN AN AIRCREW MEMBER FOR 14 YEARS
AND BEEN RATED FOR 18 YEARS WITH THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE AS AN
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. CONSIDERED TO BE RELIABLE OBSERVER. JOSHUA
M. HINSON, 1/LT, 339TH BOMB SQUADRON (M), CO-PULOT, THREE
YEARS COMMISSIONED SERVICE WITH ONE YEAR CREW EXPERIENCE.
CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

(7) (A) VFR ON TOP OF A THIN STRATUS LAYER WINDS FROM 270/60

(B) SURFACE - 152 DEGREES AT 00P KNOTS. ⁹¹⁰

M FEET 252/30 10M FEET 252/13

10M FEET 260/45 20M FEET 260/40

30M FEET 270/65 50M FEET 270/80

80M FEET 270/50

*winds generally
from the west*

(C) CLEAR ABOVE AIRCRAFT

(D) UNLIMITED

(E) EIGHT TENTHS UNDERCAST

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(F) NONE

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(F) NONE

(8) (A) NEGATIVE.

(9) NEGATIVE

(10) UNIDENTIFIED B-47 ON A T.H. OF 362 DEGREES 20 NAUTICAL MILES
TO THE WEST OF OBSERVING AIRCRAFT AT THE SAME FLIGHT ALTITUDE.

(11) WING OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. BOTH OBSERVERS INSIST
THAT THE OBJECT SIGHTED WAS SOMETHING OTHER THAN COCK PIT LIGHTS
REFLECTED IN THE CANOPY OR NATURAL PHENOMENA. THE OBSERVERS
WERE VERY CAREFUL TO CLOCK THE TIME THE OBJECT WAS UNDER OBSER-
VATION. CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING IS UNKNOWN, HOWEVER, THE PLANET
VENUS WAS OBSERVED TO BE QUITE BRIGHT ON THE HORIZON AT
THIS TIME BY GROUND OBSERVERS AT DYESS AFB. THE POSITION OF THE
OBSERVERS AIRCRAFT IN RELATION TO THE PLANET VENUS COULD HAVE
CAUSED THE SIGHTING OF THIS OBJECT.

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