

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 Jul 59		2. LOCATION Webb AFB, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <i>VENUS</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2135 GMT 20/0335Z Jul 59		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 mns		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oblong obj, about twice as long as wide, yellow light, size of pea. First appeared moving slightly fm side to side w/no vertical movement. Later appeared to move West. Faded fm sight without vertical movement. Later re-appeared dimmer & at lower alt. In sight 30 mins.				11. COMMENTS Astronomical chart shows Venus in this position & description of obj corresponds to planet w/the exception of side-to-side movement. However fixed objs often appear to move when gazed upon steadily for even short periods of time. Probable sighting of Venus.	

MIDLAND, TEX, 41 DEG 51' N, 103 DEG 20' W.

(2) ALSO OBSERVED FROM WINK INSAC, WINK, TEX, 31 DEG 45'N,
103 DEG 20'W.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS:

(1) NONE.

(2) [REDACTED] TSGT, 2010-3 AACS DET, CONTROL TOWER
OPERATOR WELL QUALIFIED; [REDACTED], SSGT, 2010-3
AACS DET, CONTROL OPERATOR WELL QUALIFIED; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], A1/C, DET 7-8TH WEATYER GP, WEATHER OBSERVER
WELL QUALIFIED.

G. WEATHER & WINDS-ALOFT CONTITIONS AT TIME & PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 4,000' HIGH CIRRUS, CB S& NW.

(2) 6,000'-100 DEG/5K, 10,000'-040 DEG/15K, 16,000'-360 DEG/10K,
20,000'-360 DEG/10 K, 30,000'-210 DEG/20 K, 50,000'-010 DEG/10K,
80,000' NOT AVAILABLE.

(3) NONE.

(4) 15 PLUS.

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(5) APRX FORTY PERCENT.

(6) CG S& NW.

H. NONE.

I. NOTIFIED GCI SITE AT SWEETWATER, TEX; PYOTE, TEX AND
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. IMMEDIATELY UPON SIGHTING. NO INTERCEPT
ACTION TAKEN. EL PASO ARTC, EL PASO , TEX, AND MIDLAND AIR
TERMINAL CONTROL TOWER , MIDLAND, TEX, WERE ALSO NOTIFIED.

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(8) NONE.

(9) NONE.

B. COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) SIGHTING OF AN UNUSUAL LIGHT

(2) 7 DEG ABOVE HORIZON, 270 DEG FROM WEBB AFB TOWER.

(3) 0 DEG ABOVE HORIZON, 270 DEG FROM WEBB AFB TOWER.

(4) WHEN FIRST OBSERVED, OBJECT WAS MOVING SLIGHTLY FROM SIDE TO SIDE WITH NO VERTICAL MOVEMENT. CATER OBJECT APPEARED TO MOVE TOWARD THE WEST.

(5) OBJECT FADED FROM SIGHT WITHOUT ANY VERTICAL MOVEMENT. LATER REAPPEARED SOME DIMMER AND AT A LOWER ALTITUDE, THEN DISAPPEARED AS IF GETTING FURTHER AWAY.

(6) 30 MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND VISUAL.

(2) BINOCULARS.

(3) NO AIRBORNE OBSERVATION.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 0335Z, 20 JUL 59.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: NIGHT.

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E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: 32 DEG 13' N, 101 DEG 31'W, CONTROL TOWER WEBB AFB, TEX.

J. NO REPORTED AIR TRAFFIC.

K. PREPARING OFFICER, 1/LT LEONARD D. SCHWAB, OPERATIONS
HELICOPTER PILOT, WAFB, TEX. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS: THREE
HIGHLY QUALIFIED OBSERVING AGENCIES SIGHTED AND OBSERVED THIS
UNUSUAL SIGHTING OR FLYING OBJECT IN THIS AREA DURING
APPLICABLE PERIOD.

1. EXISTENCE OF PHISICAL EVIDENCE: NONE.

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