

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 Jul 59	2. LOCATION Corpus Christi, 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 _____ GMT <u>not stated</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Dr Hynek was at Pasadena & observed films of purported UFO taken by witness in Corpus Christi Texas while photographing Venus. Image of obj was real & appeared on succeeding frames. Possible light on a/c according to Dr Hynek. See Film 7-3745-453 8 mm? Film IN Specimen File.		11. COMMENTS Film not received for analysis. Case carried as insufficient data. <i>Venus</i>	

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June 28, 1960

Major Robert Friend
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Dayton, Ohio

Dear Major:

This note is to let you know I am happily ensconced here in Boulder and to bring a few points to your attention.

First, what is my contract number? I am afraid I left that information in Cambridge, and I will need it when I send in my next voucher.

BENN CASE

I recently had a very interesting trip to Pasadena, and while there, by utter chance, I ran into the publisher of the now defunct magazine, 'Saucers'. He is a young student and oddly enough a close friend of a graduate student in astronomy at Harvard. (Don't tell Menzel!) They showed me some movies* of purported UFOs, one being the incident of December 1, 1957, and another being of July 28, 1959. The first one seems like balloons to me, but the second I am not sure of. The second shows very fine color movies of Venus in the daytime, and for this reason alone, I think they are worth while. Do you have this case—July 28, 1959, Corpus Christie, Texas? I enclose one enlargement. The image is real, as it appears on frame after frame, but it might very well be some light on the fusilage of a plane.

I have recently been presented with a publication by our friends in Akron and Cleveland. It is entitled Electro-Magnetic Effects Associated With Unidentified Flying Objects, and it is quite well prepared and presented in a non sensational manner. I am afraid we are going to hear more about this. If by some chance you have not received a copy, I will send you mine for toasting.

Have the stereos of the Louisiana case come in yet?

* I obtained the films.

This case contains
1, 3"x5" photo and 1, 3"x5"
negative.

Film
July 28, 1955

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

OBSERVER: UNIDENTIFIED

FILE # 1003535

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December 26, 1964

Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
FTD (TDEW)
Box 9494
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Major Quintanilla:

Thank you for your two most recent letters in answer to my request. I hope your Christmas was a happy one.

→ I still have not heard from [REDACTED]. Will let you know as soon as I do. Enclosed is the copy that was made from the 16 mm movie that you sent me. Please return as soon as possible because I will need it on January 12. I am giving a lecture to about 75 sorority members (and husbands) (Free, all I will get is maybe some members). I thought you might like to see the film for yourself.

On November 9, I sent you several fragments believed to be a meteorite that I received from the Kirkpatrick Planetarium along with what information I had. Did you send the fragment to Dr. [REDACTED] at NASA, or to Dr. [REDACTED]? Dr. [REDACTED] has the original 23 pound part and I forwarded several fragments to Dr. [REDACTED]. In your letter of 11 December you suggested that you can analyze any specimens I may forward. I do not understand one of your sentences. "I also suggested that samples of these fragments, as there is a possibility that they are meteorites or tektites indicated by Dr. [REDACTED] be sent to Dr. [REDACTED]". Have you corresponded with Dr. [REDACTED] on this? Dr. [REDACTED] in a letter to the Planetarium stated that he believed the fragments to be meteorites or tektites. Meteorites has almost been eliminated and the main belief is tektites, but in a letter from Dr. [REDACTED] dated December 18 he stated the fragments appears to be of ordinary scoriaceous basalt rock., and not to release any information on it.

I am looking forward to the new Fact Sheet.

Would it be possible to obtain a copy of the letter dated September 23, 1947 and the list of 90 active organizations?

FTD (TDEW)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
18 January 1965

[REDACTED]
Associate Director
IIIOUFO
[REDACTED]
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear [REDACTED],

This is in reply to your letter of 26 December 1964. We received the [REDACTED] motion picture. It was forwarded to Chicago, Illinois for duplication by Kodak and returned to us. The original film was sent to you, airmail, registered, special delivery on the 11th of January under Register Number 664380. We do hope that it arrived in time for your lecture on the 12th. The images on the [REDACTED] film depicts clouds, a contrail and the planet Venus. In an independent evaluation of the movie the object was determined to be the planet Venus. Doctor [REDACTED] has also evaluated the movie and he has determined the image to be the planet Venus. We appreciate your forwarding this film for our evaluation.

Regarding the fragments which you sent us on 9 November 1964. This fragment was forwarded and remained in the Post Office for approximately six weeks. There was an amount of postage due and we did not receive this object in our shop until the 23rd of December. We submitted the fragment to ASD for analysis and the Bowser-Morner Testing Laboratories, Incorporation conducted the spectrographic Semi-Quantative Analysis. The object was given preliminary tests and determined to have no space residue. The rock appears to be common to that portion of Oklahoma. A copy of the lab report is attached. Perhaps these events will clarify the statements in our letter of 11 December 1964 to you. No contact has been made with Doctor King or Doctor Hynek on this particular object. I would like to point out that meteor observations of this nature would be reported by many more observers and that should the object be a meteorite, the absence of sound would indicate that the impact point would be in excess of 300 miles from the point of observation.

The Fact Sheet is in the process of being printed. A courtesy copy will be forwarded to you upon completion. We are enclosing the statistics which will be included as attachments to the basic information.

We are attaching a list of the UFO organizations and hobby clubs. We would appreciate any additions of which you are aware and/or comments regarding discontinuations of those no longer active.

Please feel free to publish any information regarding evaluations such as the Pocus City sighting. Information regarding evaluations by the Air Force is always available to individuals and the press. It is good public relations practice for evaluations to appear in the newspaper. This does much to clarify reports and to eliminate doubt in the minds of some readers. The information supplied to you by our office regarding personal opinions and policy and data of this nature is for your information only, since all information regarding policy must be released through the Air Force rather than in the form of a personal letter.

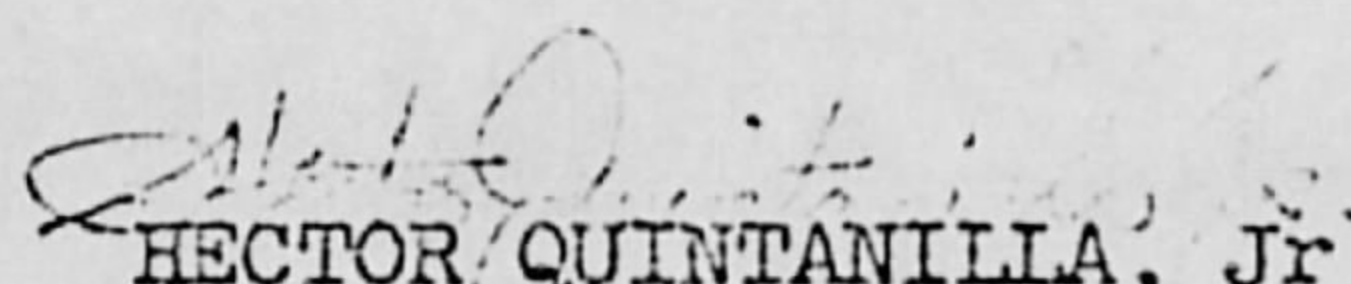
Your six page article is being returned with a few comments by Sgt Moody. These comments are for your information and/or guidance in future articles. The following comments or points of information appear pertinent.

(1) The Air Force accepts only scientific fact regarding life and intelligence on other planets and does not engage in speculation.

(2) Information from almost 9,000 cases indicates that unidentified flying objects exist as reports of aircraft, balloons, stars, planets, missiles and a multitude of known conventional objects and phenomena. There has been no indication that these objects are from outer space under intelligent control. The letter of 23 Sep 47 did not state that UFOs are real, it requested an investigation to determine IF they were real and all official conclusions and all information to date indicates that given sufficient information a valid explanation for the cause of each report could be made.

(3) We would appreciate a statement of the information in your files which indicates that they are objects of interplanetary origin.

Sincerely,


HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr.
Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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1. Analysis of Fragments
2. Statistics
3. Bibliography
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5. Six page article &
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