

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Feb 61	2. LOCATION Cambridge, Massachusetts		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 <u>1640</u> GMT <u>2140Z</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 5 hrs.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round bright silver-colored object. between size of pea and head of pin. 2x Looked almost like a star. 80° elevation when first observed. Disappeared toward horizon.			11. COMMENTS Object probably planet Venus. It is not unusual for the planet to be seen in the daytime and it was very bright during this period having a magnitude of -4.1. It is surprising however that the witnesses did not report the shape as a half moon since the planet was in a position which resulted in this appearance. Setting time of planet coincides with disappearance of object. This object was probably planet Venus.

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9 February 1961

Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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AFR 200-2 are two Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects

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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS		Date 2 Feb 1961
The word "negative" in reply to any numbered item of the following report format will indicate that all logical leads were developed without success. The phrase "not applicable" (N/A) will indicate that the question does not apply to the sighting being investigated.		
IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER(S)		
Civilian (Name, age, mailing address, occupation) 		
Military (Name, grade, organization, duty, and estimate of reliability) 		
LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S)		
Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark Directly over VA Hospital		
TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING		
Zulu time-date group of sighting 1 Feb 2140Z	Light conditions (use one of the following terms: Night, day, dawn, dusk) Just before sunset	
DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S)		
Size compared to a known object (use one of the following terms: Head of a pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit, or basketball) held in the hand at about arms length Between size of pea and head of pin		
Shape Round	Color Bright Silver	Number 1
Formation, if more than one --		
Any discernible features or details Looked almost like a star.		
Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s) NONE		
Sound, if heard, describe sound NONE		
Other pertinent or unusual features NONE		
DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S)		
What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)? Dr. [REDACTED] (a friend)		
Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed 80°		
Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) upon disappearance Toward horizon		
Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s) Slowly moved west.		

Manner of disappearance of object(s)

Faded out into the horizon.

Length of time in sight

5 hours (1640 thru 2140)

MANNER OF OBSERVATION

Use one or any combination of the following items: Ground-visual, ground-electronic, air-electronic. (If electronic, specify type of radar)

Ground visual

Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof

8 X Binoculars

If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.

N/A

WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT. CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS

Observer(s) account of weather conditions

Bright, clear, sun setting, blue sky, no clouds

Report from nearest AWS or U. S. Weather Bureau Office of
wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface

Ceiling

Visibility

Amount of cloud cover

6,000'

30,000'

10,000'

50,000'

16,000'

80,000'

20,000'

Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located

Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting

Interception or identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives)

None. Info received 2 Feb - 0930 EST

Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting

Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting(s)

Richard N. Woda, Capt, Base Operations
UFO - In my estimation could be a STAR.

Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs

None