

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Feb 61		2. LOCATION L.G. Hanscomb Field, Mass.		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 1730 GMT 072230Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 hrs.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White objt size of half dollar observed first at aprox 80° angle. Disappeared at 0° 4 hours later. Appeared to turn a reddish-orange as it began to disappear into the western horizon. Intensity of its flashing accelerated also as it drew nearer horizon.				11. COMMENTS Long duration of sighting suggests witness was watching an astronomical body. Planet Venus was in W moving Nw, path noted by witness. Change of color of objt as it began to disappear behind horizon was due to light passing through more atmosphere than it was when it was higher above horizon.	

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3245TH OPERATIONS GROUP
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LAURENCE G. HANSCOM FIELD, BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

CWOB

9 February 1961

SUBJECT:

Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

TO:

Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Forwarded for your information and necessary action in accordance with
AFR 200-2 are two Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects

Richard N Woda

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Asst Base Operations Officer

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OTHER REPORT
FEB CASE #1

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS			Date 7 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)			
RUDOLPH A. L. SMITH, A3C, Det 6, 4th Weater Group - Observer			
LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S)			
Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark			
Rep. obs. site (on top of DC Hangar) LG Hanscom Fld.			
TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING			
Zulu time-date group of sighting 07 Feb 61-08 Feb 61 2230Z-0230Z		Light conditions (use one of the following terms: Night, day, dawn, dusk) 1730L-2130L Dusk - dark	
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			
Shape Size-Half Dollar	Color White	Number 1	Formation, if more than one
Any discernible features or details			
The object appeared to turn a reddish-orange as it began to disappear into the western horizon. The intensity of its flashing accelerated also as it drew nearer the horizon.			
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			
DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S)			
What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)?			
Noticed the object first on 06 Feb 61 about the same time (2200Z) and it followed the same path as it did tonight.			
Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed			
80° (Approximately)			
Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) upon disappearance			
0°			
Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s)			
Very slowly moved northwestward (4 hours approximately) before it disappeared.			

Manner of disappearance of object(s) Like the setting sun (down below the horizon).											
Length of time in sight Approximately four (4) hours											
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 None											
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 Clear with a calm wind											
Report from nearest AWS or U. S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface		Ceiling None	Visibility 15+								
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		Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located None									
Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting NONE											
Interception or identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives) Object had disappeared when report was filed.											
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 Unknown. Space Track at LG Hanscom had no information.											
Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs 											