

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Feb 61		2. LOCATION Tyndal AFB, Florida		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 1935 GMT 270035Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W-E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Elliptical, size of grapefruit. Color was very similar to a star, very bright. Objt was traveling on a steady course, seemed to bounce every five seconds. First observed angle 45° and azimuth 295°. Disappeared on an approx heading of 60°.				11. COMMENTS Objt was probably planet Venus. On day of sighting planet was of magnitude -4.3, as bright as it ever gets. Planet was low on horizon and in a direction which coincides with that reported by witness. Objt disappeared with setting of planet. Description of objt favorably matches that of objts which are distorted and given apparent motion by atmospheric refraction.	

HEADQUARTERS
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE
and
4756th AIR BASE GROUP (ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ABDO

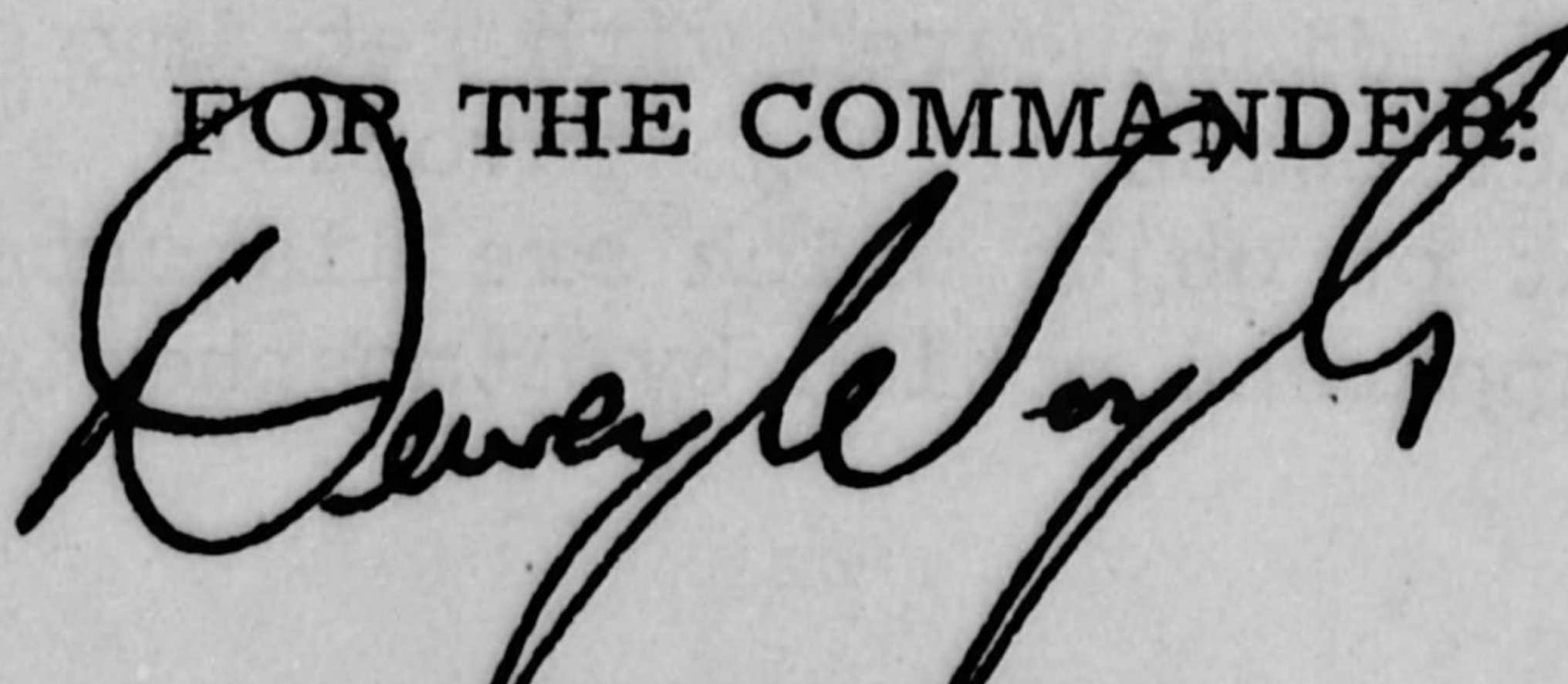
28 FEB 1961

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center (AFCIN) 4E2X
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, paragraph 15, dated 14 September 1959, the attached Flying Object Report and sketch are submitted.
2. Reference previous conversation between Captain Allan E. Aaronson, this office, and your headquarters requesting identification of these objects be forwarded, if security permitted; as of this date no information has been received on any reports submitted by this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



DEWEY L. VOYLES
CWO, W-2, USAF
Assistant Administrative Officer

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a/s

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Report on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

1. Description of the Object:

- a. Shape - elliptical
- b. Size of a grapefruit
- c. Color - similar to a star, very bright
- d. Number - 1
- e. Formation - N/A
- f. Discernible Features: Object was traveling on a steady course, seemed to bounce every five seconds.
- g. Tail or Trail - None observed
- h. Unusual Features - The object seemed to stop and bounce.

2. Description of Course of Object:

a. When I first noticed the UFO at 1935 hours, 26 February 1961 at Capehart Housing, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, azimuth 295° , it seemed to be stopping and bouncing. I observed it for a while to make sure it was not an aircraft. I called Master Sergeant Maloney's children to observe it, while I called Captain Allan E. Aaronson. After talking to Captain Aaronson, I went over to Captain Norman R. Smedes and we observed it.

b. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object: Angle - 45° and azimuth 295° .

c. Angle and azimuth of object seemed to disappear on an approximate heading of 60° .

d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: The object traveled from west to east.

e. Manner in which object disappeared - all at once.

f. Length of time object was visible - 10 minutes.

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3. Method Used in Observation:

- a. Ground - visual
- b. Optical Aid - None
- c. Aircraft used - N/A

4. Time and Date of Sighting:

- a. 1935 hours, 26 February 1961
- b. Light Conditions: Night, clear and moonlight

5. Location of Observer - Capehart Housing, Tyndall AFB, Florida

6. Identifying Information on Observer:

- a. Civilian - N/A
- b. Military - MSGT Henry J. Lacour, 4756 AB Gp (Training Section), Tyndall AFB, Fla.

7. Weather and Wind: Fair and clear

/s/ Henry J. Lacour
/t/ HENRY J. LACOUR
MSGT, USAF
Training Section
Tyndall AFB, Fla

Remarks: at 1935 hours, 26 February, I
step outside my quarters and looked up in the
sky and I notice a UFO traveling west toward the
East. I called Sgt. Maloney, Childers and said, do you
see the UFO? They said yes. I told them to watch it
while I call Capt. Aronson. After I called him, I
went over to West's quarters and they came out
and saw the UFO. I watched it for 10 minutes
and it disappeared all at once. I talked to the
children in the area and we agreed it seemed to
be a burning motion. I called Capt. Aronson
back and he saw it also. What it was, I could
not say and the rest agreed it was a UFO.

Wt. Sgt. Henry J. Lacer
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Tyndall AFB, Fla.
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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

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Location Tyndal AFB, Fla

Date (Local) 26 Feb 61 Hour (Local) 1935

Hour (Z-Time Group) 270035Z Feb 61

Satellite: (Det 5 ATIC, Ext 3279) UNKNOWN

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) Possibly Venus

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) —

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc —

Other —

Evaluation of Source Reliability Unknown

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