

Mr. [REDACTED]
 Mr. [REDACTED] PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 Feb 62		2. LOCATION Mobile, Alabama		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 1742 GMT 19/2400Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military and Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12 Min.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object observed by several witnesses. For short period of time object in W just above horizon. Elevation remained constant. Reddish orange in color. Observed 10-15 min. after sunset. Object disappeared as if surrounded by a fog. Size 1/3 of sun.				11. COMMENTS 1st Witness probably observed refraction of Venus. Others observed Venus as it appeared above the horizon. Venus was at 337° on the elliptic at 1742 and just rising in the W it had a magnitude of -3.4. Case evaluated as Venus.	

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MOBILE AIR MATERIEL AREA
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BROOKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: MCJ

21 February 1962

SUBJECT: (UFO) Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Report of an unidentified flying object is submitted below in accordance with/and in the same order as required by paragraph 15, AFR 200-2:

a. (1) Mr. [REDACTED] indicated that while he observed the object, it appeared round like a small sun. Mr. [REDACTED], on the other hand, indicated the object was round at first and then changed its shape after a while into the size and shape of a football.

(2) Mr. [REDACTED] indicated the size was about 1/3 the size of the sun and this was verified by Mr. [REDACTED], who indicated that when the object changed its shape, it appeared to be the approximate size of a football.

(3) Both men indicated the object was reddish-orange in color.

(4) Both men verified that there was only one object.

(5) None

(6) None other than shape.

(7) None

(8) No sound or noise was heard.

(9) None

b. (1) Mr. [REDACTED] attention was drawn to the object by his daughter, [REDACTED] while he was driving across the Dauphin Island bridge. He, in turn, brought it to the attention of Mr. [REDACTED]

(2) Both men indicated the object was just above the horizon.

(3) Elevation remained constant at all times.

(4) none

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(5) Mr. [REDACTED] indicated the object disappeared while he was calling the radar station and Mr. [REDACTED] indicated that a fog seemed to encompass the object causing it to disappear from sight.

(6) Mr. [REDACTED] observed the object about twelve (12) minutes and Mr. [REDACTED] observed it approximately three (3) minutes.

c. (1) Ground-visual in both instances.

(2) None

(3) Not applicable

d. (1) Approximately 2400Z

(2) Dusk, the sun had set about ten (10) to fifteen (15) minutes prior to the observation of the object.

e. (1) Both individuals observed the object from the Dauphin Island toll bridge.

f. (1) Both observers are civilians and Mr. [REDACTED] age 52, of [REDACTED], Alabama is a [REDACTED] for the Dauphin Island [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] age 45, of Dauphin Island, Alabama, is a commercial fisherman for the [REDACTED] Company of Moss Point, Miss.

(2) Not applicable.

g. (1) Both observers indicated that the weather was "perfect, clear and cloudless".

(2) The Weather Bureau of Brookley Air Force Base made an observation at 1755 indicating the following:

(a) Sunset - 1742

(b) Ceiling - 8000, scattered

(c) Temperature - 66°

(d) Winds - North at six (6) knots

(e) Sea level pressure - 200

(3) 8000 scattered

(4) 10 miles

(5) Scattered

(6) None

(7) 66°

h. (1) None known

i. (1) None

j. (1)

k. (1) Capt. Thomas C. Alfson, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate,
Contracts Division.

I was Officer of the Day on the 19th of February 1962 at which time I received a call from Capt. Russell Ford of the 693rd Radar Sq. indicating they had received a report on a UFO. I then contacted the two individuals who reported making the observation and interviewed them extensively as to what they had observed. Both men appeared to be qualified and reliable witnesses and during the course of the conversation, did not appear to be prone to exaggeration.

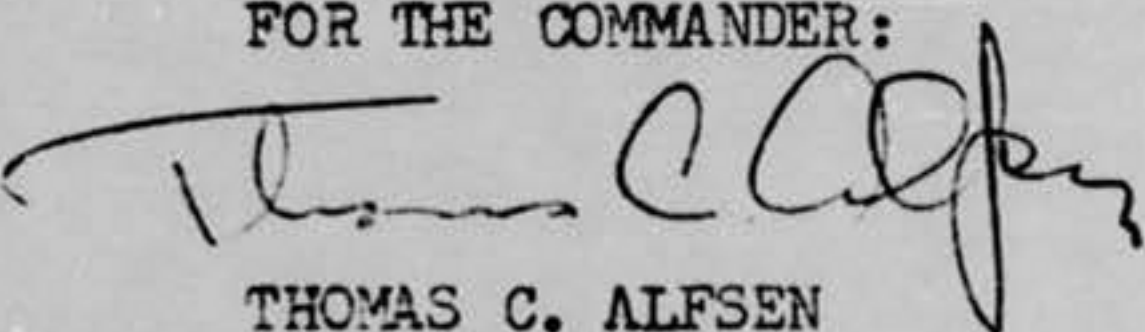
Mr. [REDACTED] who is a commercial fisherman, indicated that he had been a fisherman all of his life and that he had observed many natural phenomena in the sky, however, he had never seen anything comparable to the object in this instance. He indicated that he had observed sunspots or "sundogs", as he called it and he has also observed reflections upon aircraft right after the sun has set. However, he stated none of these would explain the present phenomena.

Mr. [REDACTED] on the other hand, indicates he has never really observed any object in the sky in the past.

The 693rd Radar Squadron, which is located at Dauphin Island, was contacted and they indicated that they did not pick up anything on the radar screen at the time this object was observed. Further, no other witnesses observed this object.

l. (1) None

FOR THE COMMANDER:


THOMAS C. ALFSEN
Captain, USAF
Judge Advocate

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Need to know DATE 19th

DIRECTION WHEN OBJECT APPEARED

" " DIS "

IS STATIONARY DIRECTION ALWAYS STATIONARY

DID IT MOVE AROUND ?

No.

2/27 PHONE CALL TO CAPT ALFSON. CONFIRMED
DATE AND POSITIONAL INFORMATION. WILL BE
FORWARDED. CAPT ALFSON INTERVIEWED WITH
WITNESSES. REPORTS FROM THEM NOT RELAYED

(MOON AT 70° APPROX HEADING)

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BROOKLEY AIR FORCE BASE, ALABAMA



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: MOJ

28 February 1962

SUBJECT: Supplement to UFO Report of 21 February 1962

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Subsequent to the telephone conversation with your office, the undersigned again contacted the 693rd Radar Squadron at Dauphin Island relative to the subject UFO. At this time it was learned that there were two additional witnesses to this observation. The first was Airman Second Class [REDACTED] and the second was Airman Third Class [REDACTED] both of that squadron. They indicated to me that they were on their way toward Mobile, which would be due North of the Island, traveling by private vehicle at about 2400Z when they observed this object in the sky. They indicated that it was due West, or at 270°. The date of this observation was, of course, 19 February 1962.

2. I reviewed the information obtained from Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] with Airman [REDACTED] and he verified that data and had this additional information to add in that he thought the object was approximately thirty (30) miles away and his personal feeling was that it was too large to be an aircraft.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

THOMAS C. ALFSEN
Captain, USAF
Judge Advocate