

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 Mar 62		2. LOCATION Chanute AFB, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1825 GMT 20/0025Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE varied	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object approx 1/5 size of moon sighted to WNW by several witnesses. Object was orange in color and appeared to be moving either toward or away from witnesses. Object disappeared vertically, then reappeared after 2 min moving toward SW. When first sighted, it had elevation of approx 15°, when it reappeared had elevation of approx 75°.				11. COMMENTS Venus was in a direction coincident with that reported for the object. The planet was just setting and was of -3.4 magnitude. Witnesses probably observed Venus and misidentified it and associated motion with it due to effects of atmospheric refraction. Orange color was also an effect of refraction. Just as Venus set, it gave impression of moving vertically upward. The B-47 reported in area was probably passing soon after and witnesses thought it was the same object.	

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-2 (26)

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FM CHANUTE TECH TNG CEN ATC CHANUTE AFB ILL

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH 25 D C

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASH 25 D C

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UNCLAS OSD 8 C

THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2,

PARAGRAPH 15:

A. DISCRIPTION OF OBJECT

- (1) CIGAR AND ROUND AT DIFFERENT TIMES
- (2) ONE FIFTH THE SIZE OF THE SUN
- (3) ORANGE
- (4) ONE
- (5) N/A
- (6) NONE

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(7) LONGER DIMENTION AT TIMES WHEN ELONGED (CIGAR) AND WAS APPROXIMATELY FOUR TIMES ROUND DIAMETER.

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. DISCRIPTION OF COURSE

(1) CHANGE NOTICING

(2) 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON. WNW (280DEGREES) OF CAFB, ILL.

(3) 75 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON; WEST (270DEGREES) OF CAFB ILL

(4) FIRST SEEN AS ROUND OBJECT, GOING EITHER AWAY OR TOWARD CHANUTE AFB; THEN ELONGATED GOING NORTH; SHORTENED AND DISAPPEARED UPWARD (EASTWARD PROBABLY): REAPPEARED TWO MINUTES LATER GOING SOUTHWARD IN ELONGATED FORM; SHORTENED AGAIN AND DISAPPEARED UPWARD.

(5) DISAPPEARED IN ABOUT 10 SECONDS

(6) TOTAL OF MINUTES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) AN OVERHEAD B-47 WAS SIGHTED ABOUT 30,00 FT BY T-33 TYPE ACFT, AF JET 14337, CLIMBING NORTH WESTERLY TP 22,000 FT FROM

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HOME BASE OF CHANUTE.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) 0025Z/20 MAR 62

(2) DUSK

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

(1) ALL GROUND SIGHTINGS FROM CHANUTE AFB AND ADJACENT
VILLAGE OF RANTOUL, ILL. AIRBORNE OBSERVATION OF B-47 ABOUT
15 MILES WEST OF CAFB.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS.

(1) CAPT T.E. WOOD, POLIT, [REDACTED] HOSPITAL,
A3C RR SCHENK, AIR POLICE SQ; A3C L. RINEHART, AIR POLICE SQ.
ALL CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS

(1) CLEAR

(2) SURFACE 20,000, 30,000 (310/8, 320/55, 290/95)

(3) NONE

(4) 12 MILES

(5) SCATTERED CONDITIONS

(6) NONE

(7) SURFACE TEMP OF PLUS 10C. WITH GRADIENT OF -2 DEGREES PER

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THOUSAND OF ALTITUDE.

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. SEE PARAGRAPH C (3) ABOVE

K. PREPARING OFFICER BELIEVES GROUND SIGHTING WAS A B-47 ABOVE
REFERRED TO WITH THE SUN LIGHTING IT AND A SHORT CONTRAIL AS HE
HAS EXPERIENCED THIS PHENOMENA WHILE A B-47 PILOT FOR FOUR YEARS.
PRESENTLY ASSIGNED AS DESIGN ENGINEER, CHANUTE BASE CIVIL ENGINEERING.

L. NONE

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