

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>Aug 62</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Brooklyn, New York</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <u>Venus</u> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>not rptd</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>not rptd</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>- - -</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Ltr fm witness who rptd a UFO to the Air Force stating that he had identified the objx as the planet Venus. Ltr dtd 27 Jun. No rpt received at FTD.			11. COMMENTS Identified as planet Venus by witness.

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Brooklyn 25, New York
June 27, 1962

[Handwritten signature/initials in top right corner]

Lt. Col. William J. Lookadoo
Public Information Division
Office of Information
Department of the Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Recently I sent you a letter requesting assistance in identifying an object in our evening sky. Since then we have succeeded in identifying it as the planet Venus. Its brightness and the rapidity with which it crossed the sky, along with the presence of an orange glow and other weird impressions seen through binoculars, gave us the impression that it was an aircraft of some sort travelling on the fringes of space. Recently, however, the moon has been in that portion of the sky and its position in relation to the object convinces us that the object is much further back than the moon. Since the planet Venus is reportedly visible in the evening sky, we have come to the conclusion that the object must be it.

Sincerely,
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Brooklyn 25, New York
April 30, 1962

National Space Administration
Education Department

Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Perhaps you can clear up a mystery of something in the sky which has been puzzling us. We noticed it for the first time about a week ago, but it probably has been up longer. At first we thought it was a star but within an hour it had passed beyond the horizon. Since it always appears in the same place at the same time, and follows the same course, we thought it might be a satellite, but a check of the New York Times showed that the only satellite visible was Echo I, at 8:05 P.M. E.S.T. This object appears over Brooklyn from approximately 6:45 to 7:45 E.S.T., or longer. A check with the Hayden Planetarium discounted the possibility of this object being a star or planet. A satellite would not take an hour to cross the sky. They suggested the object might be either an aircraft or a weather balloon, but since it always followed the same course, they said it probably was not a weather balloon, but some sort of aircraft. A check with the Air National Guard at Floyd Bennett Field, when we again saw the object on Friday, could shed no light on the matter. They didn't know or seem to care. I then checked with Idlewild Airport, who suggested I call the F.A.A. which I did. The F.A.A. didn't know. I am writing the letter for the sake of identifying this object.

The following is, to the best of my knowledge, a description of the object: It can be seen by the naked eye and gives the impression of being a large star. Upon examination with a pair of binoculars it appears to be "L" shaped (perhaps wings of an aircraft?) and has an orange glow (jet fumes, reflected sunlight, or the possibility of it travelling on the outskirts of the atmosphere?).

The position of the object on the map is as follows: Assuming that Flatbush Avenue runs North and South, and that Prospect Park is due West, this object can be seen due West at about 60° or 70° above the horizon travelling in a slightly Northern direction before it disappears beyond the distant buildings (see map.)

We believe it probably is some air force craft but since it always appears at the same time and always follows the same course, we thought it might be something in orbit. Anyway, we thought you might be able to explain this object.

Sincerely,
[Redacted Signature]

P.S. Now that it is Eastern Daylight Savings Time it appears an hour later.

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AFEE/THT:at

May 18, 1962

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your recent letter inquiring about a flying object that you have been unable to identify.

Since the flight path is not that of our Echo satellite as you noted on your map, I am forwarding your inquiry to the Office of News Service, Department of the Air Force, Department of the Army, The Pentagon, Washington 25, D. C.

Very sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]
Educational Services Branch
Office of Educational Programs and Services

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Brooklyn 25, New York

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23 May 1962

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter concerning an unidentified flying object sighting has been referred to this office for reply.

I have inclosed the Air Force form used to investigate and analyze unidentified flying object sightings. Please fill in all the information you have and using the attached envelope mail to Lt. Col. Robert Friend at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Also inclosed is the recent Department of Defense fact sheet which is based on the findings of investigations conducted by the Air Force.

I hope this material will be of value to you.

Sincerely,

Inclosures

WILLIAM J. LOCKADCO
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Brooklyn 25, New York