

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 February 1963		2. LOCATION Wilmington, North Carolina		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 _____ GMT 14/1000Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual TX ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE not reported	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White shiny object brighter than moon with blue tint observed through TX with something trailing on back that looked like a parachute. Object appeared to be bouncing. Sighted coming from work at 1000Z & still in sight at 1330Z. (Sighting reported as from night to dawn.) Object in SE at 30 dgr elevation. Disappeared by fading. Object appeared to be yellow at sunrise. Movement slow & in straight line.				11. COMMENTS Error in time of report. Three hours prior to sunrise Venus was in the SE at about 30 dgr elevation. Sighting has aspects of astronomical observation and Venus would disappear with the rising of the sun. Venus 18h 38 18 -20.4601 Mag -3.8	

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ACTION: NIN-9,

INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAF-OS-3, DIA-30, DIA-CI IC-2 (48)

SMB B288

ZCHQB584ZCAMA445

PP RUEAHQ

DE RUEAAMQ 6

ZNR

P 141520Z

FM 701 RADAR SQDN FT FISHER AFS NC

TO RUMGAL/HQ ADC ENT AFB COLO

RUWASN/26 ADIV HANCOCK FLD NY

RUCDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEPIA/AFCIN HQ USAF WASH DC

RUEAHQ/SECRETARY OF AF WASH DC

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UNCLAS 7010DC47-B/63/. SUBJECT: UFO REPORT.

A (1) ROUND

(2) SIZE OF BASEBALL

(3) WHITE AND SHINEY TO NAKED EYE. (BRIGHTER THAN MOON)
BLUE TINT OBSERVED WITH TELESCOPE.

(4) 1 (ONE)

(5) N/A

(6) BRIGHTER THAN STAR

(7) SOMETHING TRAILING ON BACK. WHITE.

BOY SAID IT LOOKED LIKE IT WAS PULLING A PARACHUTE.

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(8) NONE

(9) APPEARED TO BE BOUNCING TO NAKED EYE.

B (1) SIGHTED COMING FROM WORK AT 1000Z ON 14 FEB 63.

(2) 30 DEGREES ANGLE SE.

(3) STILL IN SIGHT AT 1330Z. MOVING VERY SLOW.

(4) SLOW STRAIGHT LINE.

(5) DISSAPPEARED WITH THE COMING OF DAY, AND INCREASED IN
DISTANCE.

(6) 3 HRS. (APPEARED YELLOW AT SUNRISE).

C (1) VISUAL

(2) TELESCOPE (CHILD TYPE USED TO STUDY STARS AND MOON)

(3) N/A

D (1) 14/1000Z

(2) DARK TO SUN RISE.

E (1) 2 MILES EAST OF WILMINGTON, N.C. (34:18N 77:48W)

F (1) [REDACTED] - 44 TRUCK DRIVER RELIABILITY: VERY GOOD
[REDACTED] - 13 STUDENT DUE TO EXTENT OF REPORT.
[REDACTED]

WILMINGTON, N.C.

(2) N/A

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G (1) CLEAR

(2) SURFACE WINDS: 5 TO 10 KNOTS

5,000 - 270 - 40 -6 DEGREES

10,000 - 270 - 45 -13 DEGREES

15,000 - 260 - 50 -19 DEGREES

20,000 - 260 - 55 -29 DEGREES

25,000 - 260 - 60 -39 DEGREES

(3) CLEAR

(4) 12 MILES

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

(7) 38 DEGREES

H (1) NONE

I (1) NONE

J (1) NONE

K (1) MR. [REDACTED] IS MOST FAMILIAR WITH THE APPEARANCE OF
JET TRAFFIC AND CONTRAILS. THE SKIES OF THIS AREA
ARE FREQUENTLY MARKED WITH CONTRAILS FROM COMMERCIAL
AIRLINES AND HIGH FLYING MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

HE CLAIMED THIS OBJECT EXTREMELY HIGHER.

THE REPORTED BRIGHTNESS (BRIGHTER THAN THE FULL
MOON), THE SIZE, MOTION AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL
INDICATE POLAR ORBITAL SATELITE, PROBABLY ONE OF

THE HUGE TIN-FOIL TYPE ORBITAL BALLOONS.
NOTE. ADVANCE COPY DELIVERED TO DIA.

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