

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

2. LOCATION Tsu Shima, Japan		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 1900 I	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 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE N/W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Red orange in color. Round. A deep red object was observed at 240° azimuth and 10° above the horizon. It seemed to pulsate from deep red to light orange, and disappear over over the horizon.		11. COMMENTS The reporting officer evaluated the object as Mars. Mars at that time of year is located at 255° and 10° above the horizon. At that time of day 1900 - it is easily seen.	

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AREA REPORTED ON Tsu Shima	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Officer 527TH AC&A Group, APO 929	
DATE OF REPORT 11 October 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 28 September 1952	EVALUATION See below
PREPARED BY (Officer) ALONZO N. SLOAN JR. Capt, USAF	SOURCE 618th AC&A Squadron	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, dtd 29 April 1952		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 119-Part II.)

Following visual sighting report is forwarded for information only and is not evaluated by this Headquarters.

- Description of Object: One unidentified object circular in shape was observed in a temporary position at Tautsu Saki (WJKE 1007). The object reflected a red glow frequently changing to orange and was comparison in size to a star. There was no evidence of sound at any time.
- Time and duration of Sighting: 1900/1 for approximately 10 minutes.
- Manner of Observation: Visual and binoculars of four power. At no time was there a radar pick-up of object.
- Location of Observer: At Tautsu Saki (WJKE 1007). Object was at an azimuth of 240° relative to observers and approximately 25° above horizon at an estimated distance of 10 miles from Tautsu Saki. In five minutes the object moved vertically to a point 10° above the horizon and four minutes later object completely disappeared below the horizon.
- Identifying Information of Observers: A/2c Warren D. Groverstein, A/3c Carlton L. Hall and A/1c John F. Vanderpool. Reliability of these airmen is very good and their statements are attached. A/1c Vanderpool was assigned 17 April 52, A/2c Groverstein on 21 April 52 and A/3c Hall on 24 June 52.
- Weather: The weather was 5000' scattered, 14,000' scattered, bright moon. (Weather was reported by interception pilot).
- Other Activity that Might Account for the Sighting: None
- Physical Evidence: None
- Interception or Identification: One aircraft (F-94) was vectored into area, but object disappeared before interception could be made.
- Air Traffic: None

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- Statement by A/2c Groverstein, A/3c Hall and A/1c Vanderpool.

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At approximately 1900 hours 28 Sep 52 I was returning to the operations building from the latrine when I observed a deep red object in the sky about 25° above the horizon. I estimated it to be about 10 miles from the station at an azimuth of 240° . I at first (thought it was star) so I went into operations building. A/3c Hall looked out the window about 5 minutes later and mentioned a strange object in the sky. The two of us went outside and tried to indentify it thru the binoculars. It seemed to pulse from deep red to light orange and remained in a stationary position about 10° above the horizon. A/3c Hall went back into operations to inform A/1c Vanderpool, the Crew Chief, of the object and to notify the Detachment Commander and ADCC at Itazuke. After a while the object appeared to move to the right and away from the station. It went from about 10° above the horizon to the horizon in about 4 minutes. By the time Captain Wilkinson and 1st Lt Thrift reached operations it had disappeared beyond the horizon. The aircraft sent out by ADCC did not approach the correct area in which the object had been observed.

Warren D. Grovenstein
WARREN D. GROVENSTEIN
A/2c, USAF, AF 14368852

On 28 Sep 52 at approximately 1905 hours I looked out the window of the operations building and saw a redish colored light in the sky. A/2c Grovenstein and I went outside and he told me he had seen the object about 5 minutes before when he came back from the latrine but he had thought it was a star. We looked at the object thru the binoculars but could not make out what it was. The object kept changing color from red to light orange. I went inside to tell the crew chief about the light and to notify Capt Wilkinson (Detachment Commander) and also to notify ADCC. I went outside again and watched it for about 4 minutes in which during this time it disappeared below the horizon. The first impression I had of the object was it might be the reflection from the sun but the sun had set approximately 15 minutes before sighting the object.

Carlton L. Hall
CARLTON L. HALL
A/3c, USAF, AF 13349423

At 1910 hours on the 28 Sep 52 A/3c Hall and A/2c Grovenstein called me outside of the operations building to observe a dark red object in the sky. I looked at it thru the binoculars and watched it changing colors from deep red to orange. It was moving away from the station in a NW direction when I first saw it, it was about 10° above the horizon at an azimuth of 240° . I went back into operations to contact the controller at ADCC and when I came out again the object had disappeared.

John F. Vanderpool
JOHN F. VANDERPOOL
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Comments of Approving Officer:

At the time of the incident, the azimuth of the planet "Mars" was about 255° and the elevation at 1900 hours local time was about 10°. The downward movement of the object as described by observers is believed to have been due to slight refraction due to the low angle of elevation. With the sun just below the horizon, conditions would be ideal for the appearance of Mars as described.

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