

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Dec 52	2. LOCATION VEGA AMARILLO, TEXAS	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 30/2105 CST GMT 31/0305W	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE 2 AF Pilots	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round blue-white object with greenish tint traveled at an estimated speed of 250 knots in a horizontal flight then climbed vertically 7,000' in five seconds. Size of object was estimated to be 4 times the size of a C-54 a/c.		11. COMMENTS VENUS- VENUS @ 327 21h 9/15m on Horizon at 250°

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PP JEDEN JEDWP JEPH 333

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VM CO PERRIN AFB TEX

TO JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

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END OBJ, APPRX THREE TIMES SIZE C DASH FIVE FOUR ACFT, BLUE DASH WHITE
WITH GREEN TINT, ONE OBJ, SPEED TWO FIVE ²⁵⁰ ZERO KNOTS, NO SOUND,
HORIZONTAL FLT THEN CLIMBED VERT SEVEN ZERO ZERO ZERO FT IN FIVE SECONDS
^{2105 CST}
PART TWO. TWO ONE ZERO FIVE CST, TEN MIN. PART THREE: VIS FR AIR, TWO
²⁵⁰ FIVE ZERO KNOTS, SIX ZERO ⁴⁰⁰⁰ ZERO ZERO ALT. PART FOUR: THREE FIVE DEG
^{35° 15'} ONE FIVE MIN, TEN DEG TWO FIVE MIN W, THREE ZERO MI W, AMARILLO,
^{90°} TEX. OBJ NINE ZERO DEG RIGHT OF OBSVR, SIX ZERO ZERO ZERO FT ALT,
UNDET DIS. PART FIVE: OBSVRD BY USAF CAPTS WM T. BOWLEY, HERBERT T.
LANGE, PERRIN AFB TEX. PROB RELIABLE. PART SIX: WEA CLEAR, VIS FIVE

Possible Alt

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^{50 mi}
ZERO MI, WIND TWO FIVE KNOTS FR TWO FOUR ZERO DEG. PART SEVEN: NEGATIVE
PART EIGHT: NEGATIVE. PART NINE: NEGATIVE. PART TEN: ONE UNIDENT ACFT
IN AREA.

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SUBJECT		
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AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)	
Vega, Texas	Perrin Air Force Base, Texas	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
31 December 1952	29 December 1952	B-2
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
Lieutenant Colonel JOHN M. BALLEW	USAF Personnel, Perrin AFB, Texas	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Following report of unidentified object in the sky was given by two USAF Captains, HERBERT T. LANGE AO 675602 and WILLIAM T. BOWLEY 19944A, in a B-26 aircraft on a routine training flight from Perrin Air Force Base, Texas (home station) to Tucumcari, New Mexico; both officers are considered usually reliable. See Part II.

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1. Statement by Air Force Captain WILLIAM T. BOWLEY
2. Statement by Air Force Captain HERBERT T. LANGE

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(1) Only one object was observed which was slightly oblong in shape and for approximately two minutes appeared to be hanging from the sky; the object resembled an extremely bright light, blue-white to a greenish tint in color. The object was described by both officers as about three times the size of a C-54 aircraft with no distinguishable aerodynamic features and with no trail or exhaust system visible; the speed of the object was given as two hundred fifty knots per hour and remained constant until the object initiated a vertical climb at a fast rate of speed, climbing approximately from an altitude of 7000 feet to 13,000 feet in five seconds. It then disappeared into the clouds.

(2) The object was sighted at 2105 hours, Central Standard Time, 29 December 1952 and was observed for approximately ten minutes.

(3) Observation was made visually from a B-26 aircraft, altitude 6000 feet, speed 250 knots per hour.

(4) Location of observers was 35° 15' N, 102° 25' W, approximately thirty miles west of Amarillo, Texas and right over Vega, Texas. The object was about eleven o'clock to the left of observers and was about forty miles from them. Object's altitude was about 7000 feet until it went into a vertical climb to 13,000 feet.

(5) The two officers have not previously experienced the observation of an unidentified object such as above; however, each has been in the military service nearly ten years and Captain BOWLEY has logged in excess of 1200 hours flying time.

(6) Weather was clear with visibility fifty miles and with wind at twenty-five knots from 240 degrees.

(7) There was no known condition, meteorological or otherwise which would have accounted for the sighting.

(8) There is no known existence of evidence such as fragments, photographs, etc, of the sighting.

(9) At the time of sighting, the two officers radioed the CAA operator at Tucumcari, New Mexico to inform him of their observation; however, this operator in turn could not detect any such light as reported to him. No other action was taken at that time and no intercept was attempted.

(10) Shortly before the observation was made, an unidentified eastbound aircraft was sighted at an altitude of about 7000 feet.

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Statement by Captain WILLIAM T. BOWLEY

On 29 December 1952 I, Captain WILLIAM T. BOWLEY, participated in a routine night navigation cross country flight. In the company of Captain HERBERT T. LANGE, I departed Perrin AFB, Texas at 1945 CST and flew VFR direct Wichita Falls, R10 Amarillo, G4 Tucumcari, and returned over the same route. I was flying B-26 5865. The west bound flight altitude was 6000 feet. ATA at Amarillo was 2057 CST. Approximately 30 nautical miles west of Amarillo on airway green 4 and at 2105 CST, Capt LANGE and I observed a white light of round shape and great intensity. Our aircraft was on a heading of 257°, and the object seemed to be at the eleven o'clock position at our same altitude. As we drew closer to the light, I noticed it was of bluish white color with frequent green tints. I judged it to be forty miles from us and moving ahead and parallel to our course. The size of the object I estimate at three times the size of a C-54 aircraft. After watching the light for five minutes, it made a vertical climb of 7000 feet in about five seconds and entered a broken overcast at about 13,000 feet. As it entered the clouds it imparted a glow to the clouds similar to a search light striking clouds. At this time I contacted the CAA operator at Tucumcari and told him of my observation. Shortly thereafter the light reappeared beneath the clouds. We informed the CAA operator that it was roughly south-west of town, but he was unable to see the object from outside his building. After two minutes the object climbed to the west and disappeared. The weather directly above us was clear and a full moon was out. Visibility was in excess of fifty miles. To the west there was a thin broken overcast at 13,000 feet. (All altitudes in this report are MSL). We arrived over Tucumcari at 2123 CST; climbed to 7000 feet and completed the flight without further incident. No attempt was made to intercept the object. One east bound aircraft was observed at about 7000 feet shortly before we reached Tucumcari.

William T. Bowley
WILLIAM T. BOWLEY, 19944A
Capt, USAF
Perrin AFB, Texas

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Statement by Captain HERBERT T. LANGE

On the night of 29 December 1952, Captain WILLIAM T. BOWLEY and I were flying a B-26 AP 5365 on a night navigational flight from Perrin AFB, Texas to Tucumcari, New Mexico and return. At approximately 2100 hours CST as we passed Amarillo, Texas on a heading of 257°, altitude 6000 feet, we observed a fairly bright white light ahead and about 25° to the left of our course at an altitude of 7500 feet and below the overcast in that vicinity. As we proceeded on the light remained ahead of us in the same position except that at one time it moved up into the clouds. We were still able to detect its position due to the glow of light it formed in the clouds. At approximately 2115 hours CST we notified the CAA operator at Tucumcari, New Mexico of this unusual light who tried to check our finding but could not detect any unusual lights in the sky. At the time we called the Tucumcari CAA operator the light was below the overcast and shortly thereafter disappeared.

Herbert T. Lange
HERBERT T. LANGE, AO 375602
Capt, USAF
Perrin AFB, Texas

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