

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 December 1957		2. LOCATION Between Savannah & Albany Georgia		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 07/0128 to 0228Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one hour		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round white light approx brilliance of aircraft landing light, attended by 2 small lights 1/10th size of main light. Small lights seen only for a short time. Object appeared 10 times larger than visible stars. Object remained at constant distance from aircraft. Sight was lost as if lights were extinguished as object appeared to descend to beach.				11. COMMENTS Everything points to object being planet Venus, which is now so bright that it has resulted in UFO reports from otherwise qualified observers.	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT	
AREA REPORT CONCERNS Air route Charleston, S. C. to Eglin AFB, Fla., via Albany, Ga.	
AGENCY OF ORIGIN HQ Air Proving Ground Center (ARDC) Eglin Air Force Base, Florida	DATE OF REPORT 11 December 1957
SOURCE OF INFORMATION Major Jack Garnett Captain Carl E. Hardy, Jr.	DATE OF INFORMATION 6 December 1957
PREPARING OFFICER Captain William M. Lyons Chief, Intelligence Division	EVALUATION B-2
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)	
DAIR 3A15; AFR 200-2, 12 Aug 1954	
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object	
SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List references at lower left. Begin text of report on A.F. Form 112a.)	
In compliance with AFR 200-2, the following UFOB report is submitted. This report pertains to an Unidentified Flying Object sighted enroute from Charleston, South Carolina to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, via Albany, Georgia.	
WILLIAM M. LYONS Captain, USAF Chief, Intelligence Division APPROVED: FOR THE COMMANDER: DAVID M. JONES Colonel, USAF DCI/Operations	
1 (Statement)	
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(1) Description of the objects

- (a) Round, white light. Reported variously (1) with rounded extension 1/10th the size of object at 8:00 o'clock to object; (2) two small lights attending bright object about 1/10th the size of object in line at 9:00 o'clock. Main object was light described as approximate brilliance of aircraft landing light. The extension and accompanying smaller lights were viewed only for a short time.
- (b) Object appeared approximately ten times larger than visible stars. Size of pea held at arms length. Brilliance of aircraft landing light.
- (c) White light, turned to red in distance.
- (d) One large, two smaller.
- (e) through (h) Not applicable.
- (i) Between Albany, Georgia and Crestview, Florida. Sight of object was lost two times for intervals of approximately two minutes each, light appeared to be extinguished.

- (2) (a) First saw bright, white light above horizon.
- (b) Five degrees, aircraft head 260 degrees, object at 250 degrees.
- (c) Appeared to come to rest near beach west of Hurlburt Field (Field #9, Eglin Air Force Base).
- (d) Object remained at constant distance from observers with exception of slight variation when speed of observer aircraft was increased or decreased. Object appeared to approach when speed was increased and recede when speed decreased. NATURAL Y?
- (e) Sight was lost as if lights were extinguished as object appeared to descend to the beach.
- (f) One hour.

- (3) (a) Airborne, visual.
- (b) None. See Enclosure.
- (c) T-33, 53-5404, 52,000 MSL, 260 degrees, 380K to 420 TAS, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida

- (4) (a) 070128Z to 070228Z 0128-5-2078
- (b) Night

- (5) Halfway mark between Savannah and Albany, Georgia, to Eglin control area extension, aircraft 260 degrees.

- (6) (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Military - Jack Garnett, Major, USAF
3201st Air Base Wing Flying Safety Officer
Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
Military - Carl R. Hardy, Jr., Captain, USAF
Eglin Air Force Base Accident Investigation Office

- (7) (a) High, thin altiz-sirus at 35,000 feet to 42,000 Savannah, Georgia to Dothan, Alabama, visibility unlimited; 8/10th altiz-sirus from Dothan to Eglin Air Force Base, visibility above unlimited.
- (b) The following weather report was obtained from Detachment 1st Weather Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, taken at 1800 CST, 6 December 1957:

Eglin Air Force Base
Surface - 150 degrees at 4 knots
6,000 feet - 210 degrees at 32 knots.

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flying time. Captain Hardy is a senior pilot with 15 years service and 3000 hours flying time. Both officers are completely reliable observers. Both made statements to the effect that they had been skeptical of all unidentified flying object incidents up to the present time. They were both convinced that the light was an airborne object with no apparent explanation through natural phenomena or known aircraft familiar to them.

Inclosure #1 is included in this report since it ties in so closely with the visual sighting.

(12) None.

SUPPLEMENT TO AF FORM 112

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INCLOSURE #1

STATEMENT OF T/SGT CLIFFORD A. JOHNSON, GCA OPERATOR, 1920TH AACB

At approximately 070235Z I was called from my position at the precision radar position (FPN/16) at Eglin RAPCON to the pickup controllers position (CPN/18) by A/2C John Deadmon. He directed my attention to a stationary target presented on his surveillance scope. It was a good strong target positioned at about four and one-half miles southwest of Crestview Radio, near the city of Crestview, Florida. The target remained stationary for about three sweeps of the antenna and then disappeared. It reappeared within one sweep at a new position two miles SSE from its original position. The CPN/18 continued to show the target in different positions in an area of about four square miles in the vicinity of Crestview for a period of four to five minutes. During this time the target gave a good clear return, there was no fading. At approximately 070240Z the target took a southerly heading, speed about 100 knots for approximately four miles. The target return grew progressively weaker and faded about eight miles north of Hurlburt Field. Time of last paint was approximately 070241Z. Only one known aircraft (B-66) was in the area and was identifiable at all times.

The above statement was made to the undersigned on 2 December 1957.

WILLIAM M. LYONS

Captain, USAF

Chief, Intelligence Division

*was this a/c dropping chaff,
trying out radar equipment,
target simulator,
etc. This will
often show
up on
scopes (see
NOEAD Ref)*

*Have had UFO cases of unusual or
unidentified returns from Eglin Fld area
before. The nature of the base and the
fact that all kinds of tests (involving
radar, electronic or electrical equipment)
are run there — often show up on
nearly scopes.*