PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
9 - 12 Jan 58	1. Myrtle Beach -FlorenceS.C 2. Tabor City, N.C.	☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 1.10/0120Z 2.1920	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	☒ Was Astronomical Venus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1.6-30 mins(varied)8 obs 2.15 mins	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** WSW Hovering
		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 2) 7 persons sighted obj half-moon shape, fifteen to 20 times larger than average star alternately hovering over horizon in noticeable up & down movement & then pendular motion at intervals. Obj glowed reddish-yellow & appeared to have bright streaks shooting out as a tail. 3)Description of shape varied among observers fm half-moon to end to slightly oblong to frame-like. Size varied fm dime to five ft wide & 6 ft high. Fiery red & yellow, blending w/white streaks extending horizontally. Appeared too large & bright for a star.

11. COMMENTS Astro computers & charts show Venus in almost exactly the elev & azimuth given by observers. Additional info relates case to myrtle beach S.C. sighting of 9 Jan-12 Jan Identified as Venus.

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[illegible] TO [illegible] CLOSER OBSERVATION, [illegible] DISAPPEARED.

[illegible] OPERATIONS, [illegible] ALSO REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED

[illegible] APPROXIMATELY 152 HOURS EST, THIS DATE, TO

[illegible] OBJECT [illegible] OVER BASE. DISPATCHER DETAILED NO

[illegible]. NEXT [illegible] FLORIDA, SOUTH CAROLINA, REPORTED CALL,

[illegible] UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL, AT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME AS

[illegible] DETAILING [illegible] OBJECT [illegible] OVER CITY, LIGHTED FROM AND

[illegible]. CALLER STATED HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH AIRCRAFT AND THAT HIS

[illegible] DEFINITELY NOT AIRCRAFT. WEATHER CHECK

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[illegible] TO [illegible] THIS MESSAGE INDICATES CLEAR, VISIBILITY BETTER MILES

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[illegible]

There is very little info here ~~[illegible]~~ other than an object was seen over several areas. No elevations, azimuths or other EEI's are reported here.

Insufficient info.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS: United States	DATE OF INFORMATION: 9 and 12 Jan 58	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT: 354th Fighter-Day Wing (TAC) Myrtle Beach AFB, S. C.	DATE OF COLLECTION: 10 and 13 Jan 58	SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL: Allan P. Charak, Captain, USAF Wing Intelligence Officer	DATE OF REPORT: 14 Jan 58	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE: Eight (8) civilians (see AF Form 112a); two (2) unident; [redacted]	EVALUATION: F-3	SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)

REFERENCES (Mail subject, previous reports [redacted] as applicable)

Mag., Cite WDOI 1-167, 354th FITDAYWG; AFR 200-2.

SUBJECT (Description, title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOB)

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures including number of copies)

UFOB sighted by eight (8) civilians in Tabor City, N.C. area at approximately 1920 hours (EST), 9 Jan 58. Unidentified sources at Myrtle Beach AFB and Florence, S.C. reported UFOB sightings in those areas at approximately same time. Associated Press report in Charleston, S.C. newspaper indicates numerous UFOB sightings throughout South Carolina on 12 Jan 58.

APPROVED:

John C. Smith
Major USAF
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Colonel USAF
Director of Operations

None

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Astro computer chart checks

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The following major paragraphs 1 through 7 each follows the reporting format for UFOB reports in accordance with paragraph 7d, AFR 200-2. All paragraphs subsequent to paragraph 7, this report, are self-explanatory. Sources of information are identified within the structure of each paragraph.

1. (1) Description of the object. a. Half-moon with rounded ends; sloped to right as seen from observation point. b. Dime at arms length. c. Fiery red and yellow, blending. d. One (1). e. N/A. f. Half-moon. g. White streaks extending horizontally. h. None. i. None. (2) Description of course of object. a. Source [redacted] (see major paragraph 2, below). b and c. Angle of elevation about 10°, just over tree tops; azimuth WSW from Tabor City, N.C. d. Floating, arcing motion, right and left, also perceptible up and down movement. e. Disappeared without fading or abrupt motion. f. Thirteen (13) minutes. (3) Manner of observation. a. Ground-visual. (4) Time and date of sighting. a. 100120Z. (5) Location of observer. South city limits of Tabor City, North Carolina; Georef GJME0708. (6) Identification of observer. [redacted], civilian, age 33, radio and sales announcer, Box [redacted], Tabor City, N.C.

2. (1) Description of the object. a. Round. b. Nickel at arms length. c. Reddish-yellow. d. One (1). e. N/A. f. Rays emanating from edges. g. No definite tail. h. Sound of motor, similar to train standing at a station. i. None. (2) Description of course of object. a. Happened to look out of living room window and noticed object. b and c. Angle of elevation about 10°, just over treetops; azimuth WSW from TABOR CITY, N.C. d. Shifting right and left, up and down in a "lazy-like" manner. e. Disappeared without fading or abrupt motion. f. Eleven (11) minutes. (3) Manner of observation. a. Ground-visual. b. No optical aids. c. N/A. (4) Time and date of sighting. a. 100120Z. b. Night. (5) Location of observer. South city limits of TABOR CITY, N.C.; Georef GJME0708. (6) Identification of observer. Mrs. [redacted], civilian, age 31, housewife, Box [redacted], TABOR CITY, N. C.

3. (1) Description of the object. a. Indefinite; slightly oblong. b. Slightly smaller than dime. c. Reddish-yellow; alternating from dim and red to bright and yellow. d. One (1). e. N/A. f. White streaks emanating from top of object. g. No definite tail noted. h. None. i. None. (2) Description of course of object. a. Source [redacted] b and c. Angle of elevation about 10°, just over treetops; azimuth WSW from TABOR CITY, N.C. d. Up and down diagonally in slow undulating movements. e. Eight (8) minutes. (3) Manner of observation. a. Ground-visual. b. No optical aids. c. N/A. (4) Time and date of sighting. a. 100120Z. b. Night. (5) Location of observer. South city limits of TABOR CITY, N.C.; Georef GJME0708. (6) Identification of observer. [redacted], age 17, high school student, [redacted] Street, TABOR CITY, N. C.

4. (1) Description of the object. a. Round. b. Penny. c. Reddish then lighter in a definite cycle. d. One (1). e. N/A. f. None. g. White streaks at bottom, never changing position. h. None. i. None. (2) Description of course of object. a. Source [redacted] b and c. Angle of elevation about [illegible] just over treetops; azimuth WSW from TABOR CITY, N.C. d. Floating movement, generally downward. e. Disappeared without fading or abrupt motion. f. Lasted about two (2) minutes after being called out of the house to observe the object. (3) Manner of observation. a. Ground-visual. b. No optical aids. c. N/A. (4) Time and date of sighting. a. 100120Z. b. Night. (5) Location of observer. South city limits of TABOR CITY, N.C. [redacted], age 17, high school student, Box 146, TABOR CITY, N.C.

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5. (1) Description of the object. a. Frame-like, with light in upper right corner. b. Four (4) to five (5) feet wide, and six (6) feet high. c. Fiery red with slight yellow tinge. d. One (1). e. N/A. f. None. g. Tail extending vertically downward. h. None. i. None. (2) Description of course of object. a. Source [redacted] b. and c. Angle of elevation about 10°, just over treetops; azimuth WSW of TABOR CITY, N. C. d. Wavering motion with definite horizontal and vertical paths. e. Disappeared with no fading or abrupt motion. f. Five (5) minutes. (3) Manner of observation. a. Ground-visual. b. No optical aids. c. N/A. (4) Date and time of sighting. a. 100120Z. b. Night. (5) Location of observer. South city limits of TABOR CITY, N. C. (6) Identification of observer. [redacted] age 66, retired, Box [redacted], TABOR CITY, N. C.

6. (1) Description of object. a. Frame-like, with light in lower right corner. b. Six (6) feet high; four (4) feet wide. c. Fiery red with yellow streaks. d. One (1). e. N/A. f. None. g. Tails extending both horizontally and vertically. h. Definite rythmic sound - indescribable. i. None. (2) Description of course of object. a. Source [redacted] b. and c. Angle of elevation about 10°, just over treetops; azimuth WSW of TABOR CITY, N.C. d. Approximating clock pendulum. e. Disappeared without fading or abrupt motion. f. Thirty (30) minutes. (3) Manner of observation. a. Ground-visual. b. No optical aids. c. N/A. (4) Time and date of sighting. a. 100120Z. b. Night. (5) Location of observer. South city limits of TABOR CITY, N.C.; Georef GJMK0708. (6) Identification of observer. Mrs. [redacted], age 23, housewife, Box [redacted] TABOR CITY, N.C.

7. (1) Description of the object. a. Roundish b. Unknown. c. Reddish. d. One (1). e. N/A. f. None. g. None observed. h. Unknown. i. None. (2) Description of course of object. a. Source [redacted] b. and c. Angle of elevation about 10°, just over treetops; azimuth WSW of TABOR CITY, N.C. d. Unknown. e. Disappeared without fading or abrupt motion. f. Unknown. (3) Manner of observation. a. Ground-visual. b. No optical aids. c. N/A. (4) Time and date of sighting. a. 100120Z. b. Night. (5) Location of observer. South city limits of TABOR CITY, N.C. (6) Identification of observer. [redacted] age 11, fifth grade student, TABOR CITY, N.C.

8. The following information is to conform with the requirements of sub-paragraphs 7 through 10, paragraph 7d, AFR 200-2:

(7) Weather and winds aloft in Myrtle Beach AFB area 100100 Z:
a. Clear.
b. Wind direction and velocity - Surface, 335°, six (6) knots; 6m, 340°, 35 knots; 10m, 350°, 50 knots; 16m, 340°, 35 knots; 20m, 340°, 35 knots; 30m, 320°, 80 knots; 50m, 290°, 40 knots; 80m (estimate), 270°, 10 knots.

(8) None.

(9) None.

(10) Normal traffic reported by 727th AC&W Squadron, Myrtle Beach AFB. Radar had ground clutter over reported area.

9. On 13 Jan 58, the 354th FITDAYWG Intelligence Section received a letter from Marilyn [redacted], Disc Jockey, Radio Station WTAB, Tabor City Broadcasting Company, TABOR CITY, N.C., indicating that at approximately 1935 hours (EST) she had noted a UFOB in the CHADBURN, North Carolina area. The following information is the substance of her letter:

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Miss [redacted] stated that she and a friend (unidentified) had observed a bright object for approximately five (5) to eight (8) minutes. When first sighted, the impression was that of a star, however, after further observation, it appeared too large and too bright for a star. The size was about five (5) times that of an average star, and colored golden orange. The sighting was initially made to the north-east from CHADBURN, from which point it traveled slowly to the north-west. Miss [redacted] furnished no additional information.

10. At approximately 2040 hours (EST), the Dispatcher on duty at Base Operations, Myrtle Beach AFB, advised the reporting officer that he had received a call from an on-base airman who inquired as to the nature of an extremely bright object overhead. The Dispatcher stated that the call came in at approximately 1930 hours (EST). He informed the caller that the object was probably an F-100D, and failed to ask the caller for his identity. No further details. Date applicable to all above information was 9 Jan 58.

11. At approximately 2110 hours (EST), 9 Jan 58, the Myrtle Beach AFB Control Tower Operator contacted the Florence S.C. Weather Bureau for a weather check in the general area. He was advised by Weather Bureau personnel that they had received a call from an unidentified individual, at approximately 1930 hours (EST), same date, advising of an unidentified object high over the city of Florence, with "peculiar" lights fore and aft. The caller indicated that he was familiar with aircraft, generally, and was certain that his sighting was not an aircraft. No further details.

12. The 13 Jan 58 edition of the Charleston, [redacted] carried an Associated Press release pertaining to UFOB sightings "early Sunday", 12 Jan 58, at various points throughout the state of South Carolina. The following is the complete text of the release:

> Sightings of a bright light in the sky over South Carolina early Sunday were reported from widely separated points.
>
> What might have been a meteor entering the earth's atmosphere and shattering in the heat generated by friction was sighted from the SPARTANBURG area, WAYNESBORO, GEORGIA, ORANGEBURG, FLORENCE, and AUGUSTA, GA.
>
> Several state highway patrolmen reported seeing the light.
>
> The Civil Aeronautics Airways tower at SPARTANBURG said a pilot called in describing a brilliant light in the sky. It appeared south of SPARTANBURG.
>
> A highway patrolman in that area said a bright light appeared to give off showers of sparks in the sky.
>
> From LAKE CITY to FLORENCE, the highway patrol reported several people reported seeing the light.
>
> A CAA towerman at SPARTANBURG voiced the opinion it probably was a meteorite.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer

13. The information contained in this report was collected by First Lieutenants JOSEPH E. CLARKSON (356th FITDAYRON) and PHILIP E. GRIGGS (355th FITDAYRON, and the Preparing Officer, all of Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C.

ALLAN P. CHARAK
Captain USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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Venus---So Bright---Causing Quite A Stir

VENUS, THE EVENING STAR, last night caused a flurry of telephone calls to the sheriff's office and The Journal Herald because of its unusual brilliance. A 30-minute photographic exposure of the planet (left), compared with the moon about 7:30 p.m. last night (at right) reveal the comparative sizes of the two bodies. Venus will continue to grow in brilliance until Dec. 23, and may be seen from sunset slightly south of overhead, moving toward the western horizon. (Staff photos by George Adkins.)

Venus Most Prominent

Venus, the only planet now visible in the evening, is a brilliant object in the sky and will soon be joined by the Leonids, "shooting stars."

By JAMES STOKLEY

▶ THAT BRILLIANT object you see in the southwestern sky these evenings as darkness falls is not an airplane, a flying saucer, or some bright light hung in the sky as part of an experiment.

What you see is the planet Venus, now reaching its greatest prominence, which comes just before its disappearance from the evening sky early in 1958.

Venus is far brighter than any other star or planet seen in the night sky and there is no difficulty in identifying it. Indeed, it can be observed long before the sky is dark. In fact, if you know where to look, you can even see it in broad daylight!

After it passed behind the sun last April 14, Venus has gradually been drawing to the east of that body. That meant that it followed the sun in its daily motion across the sky, and so remained visible in the west after the sun had set. On Nov. 18 it will be farther east of the sun, hence remaining in the sky for the longest time after sunset, nearly three hours. After that it will start moving toward the sun again.

Because of its early setting, Venus does not appear on the accompanying maps of the November evening skies, which show their appearance about 10:00 p.m., your own kind of standard time, at the first of November, 9:00 p.m. on the 15th and 8:00 p.m. on the 30th.

Bright Birds in the Sky

These maps do, however, show the stars that are now visible.

Toward the west is Deneb, at the top of the "northern cross," which is really part of the constellation of Cygnus, the swan. Deneb is in the bird's tail; in fact, the word is Arabic and means "tail." The crosspiece represents the wings, and the lower part of the cross his long neck, stretched forward in flight. At the head is Albireo, a star of the second magnitude on the astronomical brightness scale. Below Cygnus is another first-magnitude star, Vega, in Lyra, the lyre. To the left is another bird, Aquila, the eagle, with the star Altair.

High in the south you can see the four stars that form the "great square," part of the constellation of Pegasus, the winged horse. Although these are not among the brightest, their characteristic arrangement makes them a good starting place from which to find other groups. The horse, actually, is upside down in the sky, as the row of stars extending westward from the lower right corner of the square is his head!

The star at the upper right, Alpheratz, is not in Pegasus at all, but in the neighboring group of Andromeda. This constellation represents the Ethiopian princess who, according to mythology, was chained to a rock to be devoured by a sea monster, represented by the constellation of Cetus, the whale, in the south. Fortunately, she was rescued by the hero, Perseus, who is seen in the northeast.

Andromeda's mother, Cassiopeia, is seen in the north, a group forming the letter M, above Polaris, the pole star. Alongside her is her husband, the king, Cepheus.

Turning now toward the east, we can see what is generally considered to be the finest constellation in the sky making its debut for the season.

Orion: Season's Finest

This is Orion, the warrior, easily recognized because of the three stars in a row that form his belt. To the left is Betelgeuse, to the right is Rigel, both of the first magnitude, although being so low in the sky they do not appear as bright as they will in the coming months. Then you will see them high in the south.

Just above Orion is Taurus, the bull, with brilliant Aldebaran, and to the left of this figure stands Auriga, the charioteer, with first magnitude Capella.

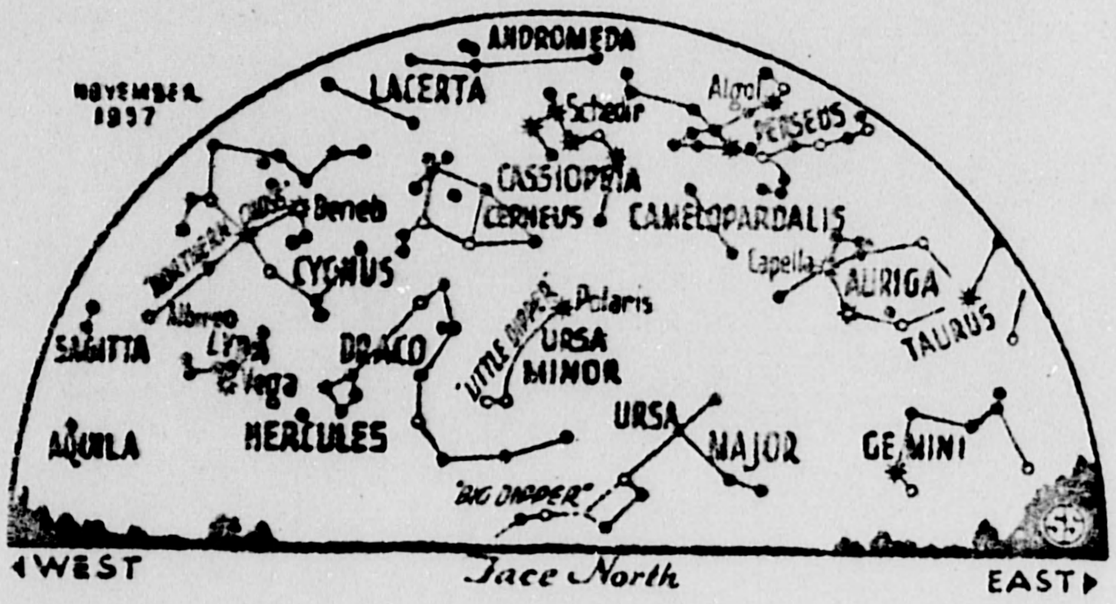
Although only Venus is now visible in the evening, two other planets appear in the southeast before sunrise. Brightest of these is Jupiter, in the constellation of Virgo, the virgin. It is close to the bright star Spica. However, it exceeds the star in brilliance about ten times.

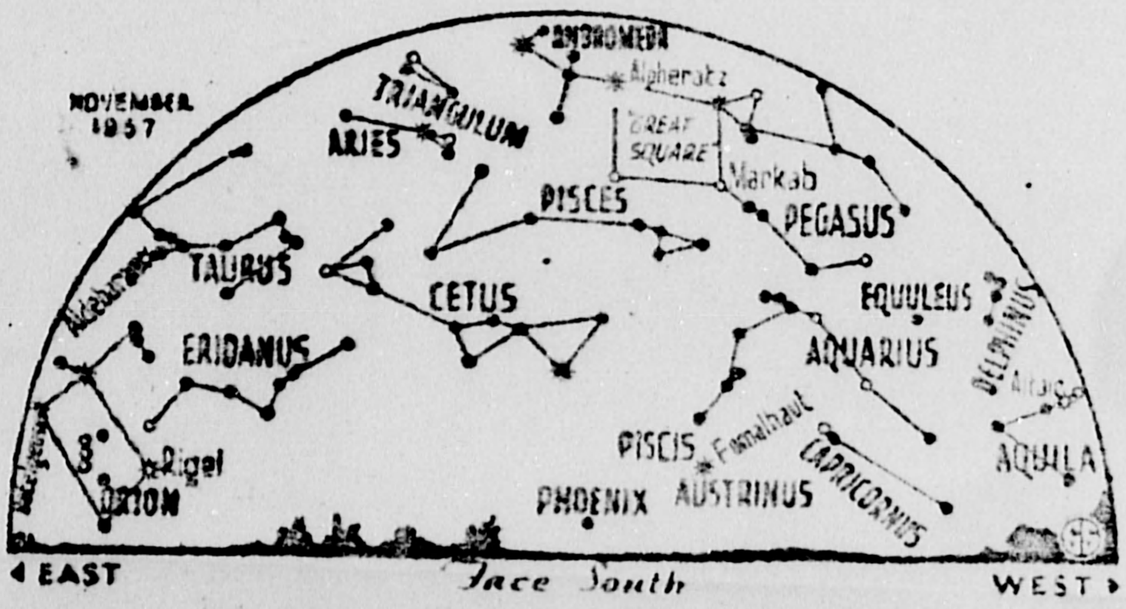
Farther east is Mars, rising about an hour ahead of the sun. Its brightness is about half that of Spica. Mercury and Saturn are both too near the sun to be easily visible in November.

Shower of "Stars" to Come

November is the month bringing one of the year's famous showers of meteors, or "shooting stars," which appear from about the 13th to the 16th.

They are most numerous after midnight, because then we are on the forward side of the earth in its annual movement around the sun. Thus, we meet them head-on. This is different from the evening hours when we are on the rearward part, and see only those that catch up to us.





SYMBOLS FOR STARS IN ORDER OF BRIGHTNESS

So bright was this planet that a local sheriff and his deputies [illegible] to investigate it a few days ago — after numerous calls from general public.