

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Feb 61	2. LOCATION Cambridge, Massachusetts		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1640</u> GMT <u>2140Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical VENUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 hrs.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE W	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round bright silver-colored object. between size of pea and head of pin. 2x Looked almost like a star. 80° elevation when first observed. Disappeared toward horizon.		11. COMMENTS Object probably planet Venus. It is not unusual for the planet to be seen in the daytime and it was very bright during this period having a magnitude of -4.1. It is surprising however that the witnesses did not report the shape as a half moon since the planet was in a position which resulted in this appearance. Setting time of planet coincides with disappearance of object. This object was probably planet Venus.	

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9 February 1961

Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Forwarded for your information and necessary action in accordance with
AFR 200-2 are two Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects

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Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama	

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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Date 2 Feb 1961

The word "negative" in reply to any numbered item of the following report format will indicate that all logical leads were developed without success. The phrase "not applicable" (N/A) will indicate that the question does not apply to the sighting being investigated.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER(S)

Civilian (Name, age, mailing address, occupation)

[REDACTED]

Military (Name, grade, organization, duty, and estimate of reliability)

LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S)

Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark

Directly over VA Hospital

TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

Zulu time-date group of sighting

1 Feb 2140Z

Light conditions (use one of the following terms: Night, day, dawn, dusk)

Just before sunset

DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S)

Size compared to a known object (use one of the following terms: Head of a pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit, or basketball) held in the hand at about arms length

Between size of pea and head of pin

Shape

Round

Color

Bright Silver

Number

1

Formation, if more than one

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Any discernible features or details

Looked almost like a star.

Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s)

NONE

Sound, if heard, describe sound

NONE

Other pertinent or unusual features

NONE

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S)

What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)?

Dr. [REDACTED] (a friend)

Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed

80°

Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) upon disappearance

Toward horizon

Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s)

Slowly moved west.

Manner of disappearance of object(s)

Faded out into the horizon.

Length of time in sight

5 hours (1640 thru 2140)

MANNER OF OBSERVATION

Use one or any combination of the following items: Ground-visual, ground-electronic, air-electronic. (If electronic, specify type of radar)

Ground visual

Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof

8 X Binoculars

If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.

N/A

WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT. CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS

Observer(s) account of weather conditions

Bright, clear, sun setting, blue sky, no clouds

Report from nearest AWS or U. S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface		Ceiling	Visibility
		Amount of cloud cover	
6,000'	30,000'	Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located	
10,000'	50,000'		
16,000'	80,000'		
20,000'			

Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting

Interception or identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives)

None. Info received 2 Feb - 0930 EST

Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting

Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting(s)

Richard N. Woda, Capt, Base Operations
UFO - In my estimation could be a STAR.

Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs

None