PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Feb 61	2. LOCATION 5.5 mi E of Herndon, Virginia	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 2015 GMT 280115Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ~~xxx~~ 1	9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oval-shaped, dullyellow light, size of pea. Objt first sighted above horizon as a red glow, which changed to yellow orange, and white. Sighted about 10° above horizon, azimuth 4900 mils. Disappeared at 3° asimuth 4900 mils. No maneuvers noted except objt appeared to rise rapidly fm 10° to aprox 14°, then moved directly W to 3° and disappeared.

11. COMMENTS Apparent slow movement tends to indicate that objt was an astronomical body. Planet Venus was in position indicated for objt, and planet was at its brightest. Color change and apparent rise was probably due to it being near horizon.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

DETACHMENT 1
WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: OIN

13 March 1961

SUBJECT: UFO

TO: ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB

1. Reference your Unclassified Message AFCIN 4E2X3-1159, dated 6 Mar 1961, the following report is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2.

a.

(1) Oval

(2) Size of a pea

(3) Dull yellow light

(4) One

(5) N/A

(6) None, due to distance

(7) None visible

(8) No sound emitted

(9) Ability to change color of light,e.g. red, orange, yellow, and white

b.

(1) Object first sighted above horizon as a red glow which changed to yellow, orange, and white.

(2) Object sighted about 10 degrees above horizon at an azimuth of 4900 mils.

(3) Object disappeared at 3 degrees at an azimuth of 4900 mils.

(4) Flight appeared to be directly away from all observance, No maneuver noted except object appearded to rise rapidly from 10 degrees to approximately 14 degrees, then moved directly westward to 3 degrees and disappeared.

(5) Object disappeared below horizon, as a dull yellow light.

(6) Object was noticeable for approximately one (1) hour.

c.

(1) Ground observance

(2) Optical aid. 32 magnefication, 0.75 degree field of vision telescope.

(3) Airborne object at 10 degrees above horizon, heading 4900 mils, 40 to 50 miles (approximate distance).

d.

(1) 28 February 1961 0115Z-0215Z (2015-2115 EST)

(2) Moonlight night

e.

(1) Group of six (6) Enlisted men at Georef Position GJNJ 4125; on Maryland State Route # 7, 5.5 miles East of the town of Herndon, Virginia.

f.

(1) No civilians involved

(2) (a) A/3C Braynard Hwerner Jr. AF 13681923, James Connolly AFB Waco Texas, Leave address Great Falls, Virginia.

(b) Sp/5 Donald H. Lund RA 26366344

(c) Pfc Gordon K. Shearer RA 13654279

(d) Sp/4 Richard K. Mosely RA 13634786

(e) Pfc Donald B. Buck RA 14700440

(f) Pfc Cecil F. Smith Jr. RA 14705201

(g) Pfc Charles H. Hanson RA 14476670

(h) Pfc Billy G. Smith RA 13654291

(i) All Army personnel listed in sub-pargraphs (b)-(h) assigned to "B" Btry, 1st Msl Bn, 71st Arty Herndon, Virginia.

g.

Winds Aloft Report

Altitude	Direction	Velocity	Temperature
10,000	260	40	-6
15,000	260	50	-15
20,000	260	60	-24
25,000	270	80	-35
30,000	270	110	-45
35,000	270	130	-54
40,000	270	130	-56
45,000	270	120	-57
50,000	270	80	-61
55,000	270	60	-63
60,000	220	30	-63

No readings available above 60,000 feet.

(3) Unlimited

(4) Unlimited

(5) None

(6) None reported

(7) Unknown

h. No unusual meteorological or astronomical weather conditions reported.

i. No interception action taken.

j. None

Navy conducting night training on Potomac River Basin.

k. Joseph D. Robinson CWO-2 US Army Serial No. W-2203662. No preliminary analysis provided.

l. No physical evidence available.

2. The foregoing information was compiled by Hqs. 35th Artillary Brigade (AD), Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland.

3. Request any further inquiries be directed to the above addressee Attn: S-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Ronald N. Hucks

RONALD N. HUCKS
Capt, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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OGOT

UFOB FORMAT

1. Information relating to UFOBS will be reported without delay. Appropriate methods and priority will be selected in accordance with the apparent intelligence value of the report.

a. Fill out the following in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-2 dated 26 August 1953.

(1) Description of the object(s): RED - BLUE ORANGE VIOT

(a) Shape: ROUND

(b) 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: A little larger THAN A STAR

(c) Color: Red - Blue ORANGE - VIOT

(d) Number: ONE

(e) Formation, if more than one: —

(f) Any discernible features or details: NONE

(g) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s): NONE

(h) Sound. If heard, describe sound: NONE

(i) Other pertinent or unusual features:
NONE

(2) Description of course of object(s): OBJECT WAS TO
(MR-50) The West Rose Above the Horizon Then Fell Below

(a) What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)?
WAS Looking up and observed
The different colors

(b) Angle of elevation and asimuth of the object(s) when first Observed.

Right over Head.

(c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance:

West below The Horizon

(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s):

From Right over Head West below Horizon

(e) Manner of disappearance of object(s): went below Horizon

(f) Length of time in sight: 30. min.

(3) Manner of observation:

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

(b) Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof: Telescope 32 power Eye

(c) If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station:

(4) Time and date of sighting: 2115 27 Feb 61

(a) Zulu time-date group of sighting: 0115Z 28 Feb 61

(b) Light conditions (Use one of the following terms): Night, Day, Dawn, Dusk: Night

(5) Locations of observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark:

Herndon VA Nike site

(6) Identifying information of all observer(s):

(a) Civilian - Name, Grade, Organization, Duty, and Estimate of Reliability:

Abe Warner. Waco Tex.

PFC Spuck, Donald B, Bmt. 1st missle bt. 71 Arit.

PFC Hanson, Charles, Cwo2 Robinson, Joseph.

B, Bmt. 1st missile bt. 71 Arit. Herndon VA. Nike site.