

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Jul 61	2. LOCATION Columbus, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <i>VENUS</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2230 GMT 020330Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SW	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright light in sky to SW at elevation of 45°, believed to be refraction of Venus. Report phoned to OD.		11. COMMENTS Venus in exact location according to almanac at 45° elevation.	

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4X2

SUBJECT: Extract from Duty Officers' Report

3 July 1961

TP-E2
TO: AFCIN-4X2, Maj Friend

The following, extracted from 1/Lt Kimball's Report dated 1 July 1961, is quoted for your information:

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#2A
0030 hours, The 376th Command Post, Lockbourne AFB called to report UFO sighting by local resident, Mr. [REDACTED], Columbus, HI 49735. Mr. [REDACTED] reported, according to the 376th DO, seeing a bright light in SW sky at elevation of approximately 45 degrees. Time of sighting unknown but presumably about 2230 to 2330. Lockbourne tower reported visibility clear and 7 miles. Almanac indicated possibility of Venus at the position in the sky. 376th reported incident to Hq 8th AF Westover AFB. NORAD later called 376th and asked them to call ATIC. Did not think it necessary to alert Aerial Phenomena Group at ATIC.

X
0315 hours, Received call from local resident concerning UFO. Details contained on attached Form 164. Since caller indicated that UFO was still in sight I called Sgt Bolieu so that he could look at it. He stated that he thought no further action was necessary.

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0415 hours, Received call from USAF Command Post, Major Hall, who stated that they had received a wire from Florida stating that a Florida resident had seen a UFO at about 0342, 2 July 61. Details given were similar to those reported by Dayton resident. I requested that a copy of the message be sent to ATIC and Major Hall stated that he would do so.

[Signature]
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Major, USAF
AFCIN-4X2

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ATIC Fm 164 dtd
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