

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 February 1963		2. LOCATION Montebello, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft VEGA ☐ Was Astronomical Spica ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 06/0500Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE southwest	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) Object at 3-5 dgr elevation 55 dgr azimuth moving slowly to Sw under observation for 45 minutes. Described as spherical light varying in intensity from dim to bright with disappearance gradual. Observation from a/c. Sharp inversion in area. 2) Object appeared to vary in size. Larger toward end of sighting. Large round starlike. Brilliant with reddish glow. Five times brighter than brightest star. Disappearance at 15-20 dgr elevation in southwest moving to southwest				11. COMMENTS Star Spica was in the southwest at 5 dgr elevation at initial report time and in 45 minutes had risen to about 15 dgr. Sighting is characteristic of an observation of an Astro body. Motion, duration, direction of travel conform with this analysis. Sharp inversion in area probably contributed to the distortion of appearance.	

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INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-15, DIA/CIIC-2 (41)

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UFO REPORT:

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

- (1) SHAPE - LARGE, ROUND, STAR LIKE
- (2) SIZE - APPEARED TO BE A DISTANT LIGHT
- (3) COLOR - BRILLIANT WHITE SOMETIMES REDDISH GLOW
- (4) NO OF OBJECTS - ONE
- (5) FORMATION - N/A
- (6) FEATURES - SEE ITEM (3) ABOVE
- (7) TAIL - NONE

Venus 18400.39
Mars 9412.55
JUP 23411.31

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(8) SOUND - NONE

(9) OTHER FEATURES - FIVE TIMES BRIGHTER THAN THE BRIGHTEST
STAR

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) ATTENTION WAS DUE BRIGHTNESS OF OBJECT

(2) 03 DEG TO 05 DEG ABOVE HORIZON AT MY ONE O'CLOCK POSITION
MOVING TO MY FOUR OR FIVE O'CLOCK POSITION DURING THE 45 MINUTES
UNDER MY OBSERVATION. ALSO, OBJECT GAINED IN ELEVATION TO 15 DEG
30 DEG ABOVE THE HORIZON.

(3) 15-30 DEG ABOVE THE HORIZON

(4) SEE PARAGRAPH B(2) ABOVE

(5) FADED FROM VIEW ON SOUTHERLY HEADING 15 TO 30 DEG ABOVE
THE HORIZON

(6) 45 MINUTES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) AIR VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) C-46 LOGAN 9891-F, RIDDLE DONALDSON AFB S C - MIDDLETOWN
AFB PA 170 KTS, 7500 FT . HOME STA - MACON GA

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

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(1) 06/0500Z FEB 63

(2) NIGHT. NO CLOUDS. VISIBILITY UNLIMITED.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER - 15 NM SOUTH OF MONTEBELLO VA VOR

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) CIVILIAN PILOT, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
DRIVE MACON, GEORGIA, PHONE [REDACTED]. RELIABILITY - GOOD

G. WX CONDITIONS AND WINDS:

(1) NO CLOUDS, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED

(2) WIND 270 DEG 15 KTS 5,000-20,000 CLEAR

H. N/A

I. N/A

J. ANY OTHER UNUSAL ACTIVITY: NASA TEST AIRCRAFT C54, OUT OF BALTIMORE FLYING A 25 NM RADIUS OF QUANTICO VA. DEPARTED BALTIMORE 06/0040Z RETURNED BALTIMORE 06/0620Z. AIRCRAFT OPERATED OFF FL 240 WITH BOTH LANDING LIGHTS ON MOST OF THE TIME AND OPERATED A STROBE LIGHT ON UNDERSIDE OF FUSELAGE. NASA PILOT - CAPTAIN HANDLEY 126 NORTHWOOD DRIVE TIMONIUM MD.

K. SENIOR DIRECTOR - I BELIEVE THAT THE OBSERVER SAW THE NASA AIRCRAFT DURING THE TIME THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS OPERATING ITS LANDING LIGHTS AND/OR ITS SPECIAL STROBE LIGHT.

BT NOTE: ADV CY DEL TO DIA.

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26 AIR DIV HANCOCK FLD NY					
AFSC (FTD) WPAFB OHIO					
CSAF WASH DC (COURIER)					
OSAF WASH DC (COURIER)					
UNCLAS 1001 ABWG (DOOT) <u>8 B 2</u> . CSAF FOR AFCIN.					
OSAF FOR SAFOI. UFO. REF PARA 14, AFR 200-2.					
A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:					
(1) SPHERICAL (2) HEAD OF A PIN (3) BRIGHT WHITE TO DIM WHITE (4) ONE (5) N/A (6) INTENSITY CHANGED AT INTERVALS FROM BRILLIANT					DATE FEB 53
DOOT					MONTH YEAR
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WHITE TO DIM, WITH A RED HUE APPEARING AT THE EDGE FROM
TIME TO TIME.

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) OBJECT APPEARED TO VARY IN SIZE DURING OBSERVATION.

MUCH LARGER AT LAST SIGHTING THAN AT FIRST.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) PILOT OF LOGAIR C-46 AIRCRAFT WAS APPROXIMATELY 15
MILES SW OF MONTEBELLO, VA., HEADING 040° WHEN OBJECT
WAS SIGHTED AT THE ONE OCLOCK POSITION.

(2) 3° TO 5° ABOVE HORIZON.

(3) PILOT WAS NEAR MARTINSBURG VOR. OBJECT LAST
SIGHTED 3° TO 5° ABOVE HORIZON AT THE FOUR TO FIVE OCLOCK
POSITION.

(4) MAINTAINED SAME ELEVATION, MOVED IN A SOUTHWESTERLY
DIRECTION.

(5) GRADUALLY DISAPPEARED.

(6) 45 MINUTES (0500Z TO 0545Z)

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) AIR, VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) AIRBORNE, C-46 AIRCRAFT 19891F, 7500 FEET, 040°

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TAS 170, MACON, GA.

D. DATE AND TIME OF SIGHTING:

(1) 060500Z TO 060545Z FEB 63.

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

OBSERVED FROM COCKPIT BEGINNING 15 MILES SW OF
MONTEBELLO, VA., FOR 45 MINUTES. HEADING 040°, TAS 170.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) MR. [REDACTED] UNKNOWN, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DRIVE, MACON, GA. PILOT, GOOD.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) CLEAR, SLIGHT HAZE, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED.

(2) L&V, 250/08, 290/07, 320/09, 330/10, 220/08, 280/29,
180/11.

(3) NONE

(4) 7+

(5) HIGH SCATTERED, CIRRUS

(6) NONE

(7) HORIZONTAL DECREASING WEST, 1°/50 MILES

H. SHARP INVERSION AT 1000 FEET, RAPID INCREASE IN
MOISTURE AT 6000 FEET, SLIGHT INVERSION AT 11,000 FEET,

TROOP PAUSE 39,000 FEET.

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I. FLIGHT SERVICE PASSED ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR. J. NASA CONVAIR WAS WORKING WITHIN A 25 NM RADIUS OF QUANTICO FROM 0040Z TO 0620Z. CONVAIR HAD STROBE LIGHTS, ALSO FLASHED LANDING LIGHTS OCCASIONALLY DURING THE PERIOD. K. CAPT MARVIN E. FOREMAN, JR, BASE OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICER. IN VIEW OF THE RELATIVE LOCATION OF THE LOGAIR PILOT'S POSITION TO THAT OF THE NASA CONVAIR, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE LOGAIR PILOT SAW THE LIGHTS OF THE CONVAIR. THE UNDERSIGNED IS FAMILIAR WITH EFTO MESSAGES, REF AFR 205-53 A UFO was seen near Washington, D. C. on the night of February 6th by two men flying a private plane, and visual confirmation was made by another plane, though nothing showed up on Washington radar. _____ of South Williamsport, Pa., told reporters that he and another man with him saw the object for nearly an hour, while flying from Charlottesville, Va., to Washington. The UFO appeared off their right wing at a distance of several miles, and moved toward, under and above the aircraft. It hovered awhile, and later went about 75 miles in 5 seconds. The object seemed to have a ball-like shape, and _____ estimated it to be about ten feet in diameter. The light from it was so bright that it cast a reflection on the plane...			
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U S SIGHTINGS:

NICAP-Jan-Feb 1963.....A strange fast-moving object flying near Washington D C was sighted on Feb 7 by Carl C Chambers, a Linden, Pa pilot and photographer, and John P Campbell, reporter on the Williamsport Pa (Sun-Gazette). The FAA tower at Washington Airport said another pilot had confirmed the UFO sighting.

The UFO had a yellow-white glow, and was first seen at 5500' near Charlottesville, Va. At one time the object hovered off their right wing, then moved rapidly under and above them. A few minutes later it was seen 35 miles south of Washington, seemingly hovering over a defense-missile site. Half a minute later, the witness said it reappeared 10-15 miles north of the Capital. (An indicated speed of over 5,000 mph) During the rest of the time the UFO was observed, it was estimated to be moving at about 2,000 knots.

February, 1963, special comments: I think that Case 2 must be Vega rather than Spica since the azimuth is listed as 55°, and Spica would be in the southeast, not the northeast. Reference to the handy dandy star map shows that Vega was just on the horizon at that time in the northeast. It is also a brighter star than Spica and probably accounted for the observation. I must chide the committee on this one; none of the three other members caught the discrepancy in azimuth. This will keep them on their toes! For the rest of February the committee and I seem to be in general agreement with you, except that, in general, we are less positive in our identifications.. **DR HYNEK'S EVALUATION**

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