

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 Nov - 8 Dec 1965 04/0035Z	2. LOCATION Sturgis, Michigan
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was first seen illuminated with a green and carmine light but has been seen with only the green light. The top of the object was lighted with an intense greenish light similar to the light of a mercury arc lamp. The area lighted was about thirty five percent of the total area. The bottom of the object was originally seen enveloped in an intense carmine light. No tail, trail or exhaust. No sound. On first observance the object hovered, slowly descending and made one very rapid sideways movement to the West. It again began to descend. The upper light remained steady but the bottom light fluctuated rapidly, acting as though there were extremely hot flames enveloping this area. As it descended further it became stationary and remained in this position for at least five minutes. The object dropped down to just above the horizon and shot off to the West and disappeared in a matter of seconds.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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STURGIS NICHOLSON

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UFO Sighting

Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs Hunt)

We have received a report from [REDACTED] and Mr and Mrs [REDACTED], concerning an object which has been observed many times since 3 November. Request that you inform the witness that the planet VENUS has been in the reported position of this object for the past month. Suggest that you inform them that the appearance of astronomical bodies are frequently distorted by atmospheric conditions such as inversions or haze.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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DATED 22 Jan 65

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DATED 28 Dec 65

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
4627TH SUPPORT SQUADRON, SAGE (ADC)
CUSTER AIR FORCE STATION
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN 49016



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 4627PPS

8 December 1965

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: AFSC(FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Ohio, 45433

1. Description of the Object:

- a. Circular in shape.
- b. Approximately one-hundred feet in diameter.
- c. The object was first seen illuminated with a green and carmine light but recently has been seen with only the green light.
- d. There was one object only.
- e. The top of the object was lighted with an intense greenish light similar to the light of a mercury arc lamp. The area lighted was about thirty-five percent of the total area. The bottom of the object was originally seen enveloped in an intense carmine light but in recent viewings this light has not appeared.
- f. There was no tail, trail or exhaust visible.
- g. There was no audible sound.

2. Description of Course of Object:

- a. The observer walked to the window to look out and he noticed the object.
- b. The azimuth and elevation of the object at first observance was two miles due southwest and three to four thousand feet in elevation.
- c. The azimuth and elevation of the object at disappearance was two miles south-southwest and approximately four thousand feet in elevation.
- d. On first observance the object hovered, slowly descending and made one very rapid sideways movement to the west, about one thousand feet. It again began to descend. The upper light remained steady but the bottom light fluctuated rapidly, acting as though there were extremely hot flames enveloping this area. As it descended further it became stationary and remained in this position for at least five minutes. On more recent viewings the object seemed higher but maintained the same course. Also, the bottom light is no longer visible.
- e. The object dropped down to just above the horizon and shot off to the west and disappeared in a matter of seconds.
- f. The object was originally visible for approximately five minutes but has been viewed for up to an hour.

3. Manner of Observation:

a. Ground-visual.

b. The object was first viewed with a pair of 10x50 binoculars. It has recently been viewed with a ten power Bausch and Lomb telescope and a pair of 6x40 binoculars.

4. Time and Date of Sighting:

a. The first sighting was at 0035-0040 zulu on 4 November 1965. It has been sighted approximately a dozen times since then between the hours of 2230 and 0100 zulu.

b. Light conditions-night.

5. Location of Observer:

a. The object was sighted from the observer's residence, six miles west of Sturgis, Michigan on the northeast shore of Klinger Lake [REDACTED]

6. Identifying Information on Observer:

a. Civilian-[REDACTED]

b. Age- sixty years.

c. Occupation - General Manager of Wilube Chemical Company.

d. Estimate of Reliability - good.

e. Witnesses - [REDACTED] Sturgis, Michigan.

7. Weather and Winds:

a. Observer's Account - The visibility was unlimited. The sky was cloudless and the moon clear, in the waxing phase, about a half moon. The stars were plainly visible and the temperature was 34 degrees F. The object has not been observed on cloudy evenings.

8. Position Title and Comments of the Preparing Officer:

a. Position - Special Services Officer.

b. Comments - [REDACTED] holds a very responsible job as General Manager of the Wilube Chemical Company, Division of Hamler Industries, Inc. This job obviously requires vast technical knowledge despite the fact that he has no more than a high school education. After reading his very detailed report on his original sighting and after talking to him about his several recent sightings, I feel confident that something out of the ordinary is being viewed. I also feel that due to the fact that this object has been seen so often and that it seems to appear in the same location and about the same time, that it is not a weather balloon or an airplane. It is obvious that there is something there, but I have been unable to obtain any further information on the possible cause or identity of this object.

Mr. [REDACTED] stated that this object was like nothing he has ever seen and he could not determine what it possibly could have been. He did mention that this object seemed to rotate on an axis. He has been unable to take photographs of this object.

Kenneth F. Wick II

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Special Services Officer