

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 March 66 08/0940Z-1100Z	2. LOCATION Langley AFB, Virginia (3 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	VENUS (RA 20.25, stellar mag -4.3) at 115 deg azimuth 25 deg elev. at 0940Z and at 125 deg azimuth and 35 deg elevation at 1100Z.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was round, compared to a pea held at arms length. Object was reported stationary at 110 deg azimuth and 60 deg elevation. Object was observed for about 1 1/2 hours and did not disappear during this time. <i>X</i> <i>prob. was</i> <i>error</i>
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

8 March

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 4500TH AIR BASE WING (TAC)
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA 23365



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DO/2711

SUBJECT: Initial Report of Investigation of UFO

11 MAR 1966

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

1. The following information is presented as directed by AFR 200-2, paragraph 14.

a. Description of object:

- (1) Shape: Round.
- (2) Size: Compared to a pea held in the hand at about arm's length.
- (3) Color: Bright white light.
- (4) Number: One.
- (5) Formation: None.
- (6) Discernible Features: None.
- (7) Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.
- (8) Sound: None.
- (9) Other Features: None.

b. Description of Course of Object:

- (1) Coast Guard personnel were standing routine watch.
- (2) Object report stationary at 110 degrees from the Coast Guard Chesapeake Light Ship and 60 degrees above the horizon.
- (3) The object neither appeared nor disappeared during the observation.
- (4) The object was visible all the while the observers watched.

Venus RA 20.25 -35
at 0840Z + 115° 25' above
+ 1100Z 125°

(5) The object was observed from 0940 Zulu (0440 EST) to 1050 Zulu (0550 EST), and again at 1100 Zulu (0600 EST).

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground-visual.
- (2) 7 x 50 power binoculars were used by Captain Cauley.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

- (1) 0940 to 1100 Zulu, 8 March 1966.
- (2) Early Twilight (dawn).

e. Location of Observer:

- (1) Captain Cauley was in the Langley AFB Control Tower.
- (2) E-5 Shue (observer) was on the Chesapeake Light Ship.
- (3) E-3 Stompaker (observer) was at the Virginia Beach Coast Guard Station.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

- (1) Captain T. E. Cauley, Jr., USAF, 4500 Air Base Wing Command Post Duty Officer, Langley AFB, Virginia.
- (2) E-5 Shue, U. S. Coast Guard, Chesapeake Light Ship, 5th U. S. Coast Guard District, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- (3) E-3 Stompaker, USCG, Virginia Beach Coast Guard Station, Virginia.

g. Weather and Winds:

(1) The observers stated there was some cloudiness, but they could see a bright full moon as well as the object. They stated no other stars were visible.

(2) The Langley AFB flight weather facility reported the following data for 1000 Zulu, 8 March 1966:

Clouds: 8000 broken.

Visibility: Nine miles.

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Winds</u>	<u>Temperature</u>
Surface	350/3	0
1 M	340/20	-5
6 M	310/15	-15
10 M	290/20	-14
16 M	260/20	-20
30 M	260/30	-52
45 M	260/40	-51

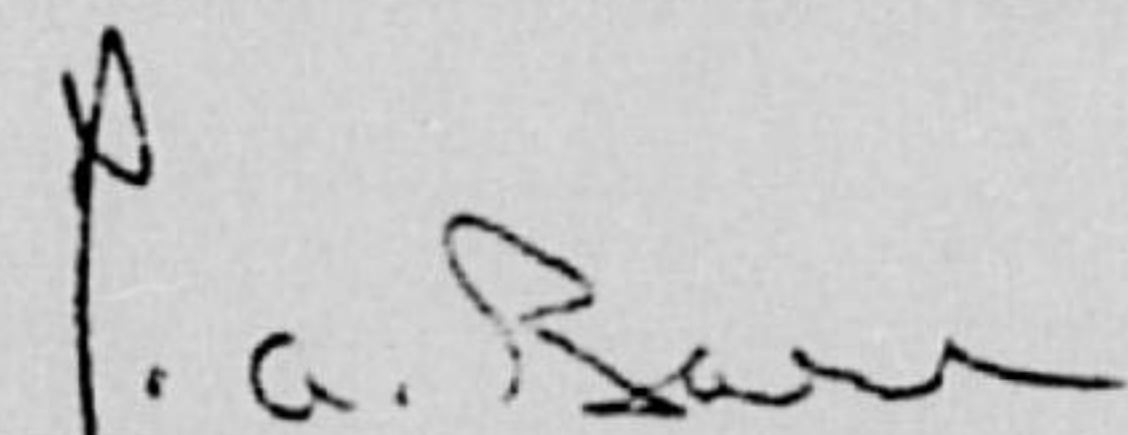
h. Astronomical Conditions: Captain D. J. Morris, USAF, Chief of Navigator Training, 4500 Air Base Wing Instrument School, provided the following information:

(1) The Planet Venus could be seen on a true bearing of 115 to 125 degrees from the Langley AFB area. Also, Venus would be visible from 10 to 20 degrees above the horizon. Venus would have been the only planet or star visible at the time of the sighting, and would have appeared as a bright continuous glowing light.

i. Interception Action Taken: None.

j. This report was prepared by First Lieutenant Robert R. Dockum, USAF, 4500 Air Base Wing Operations Division, Langley AFB, Virginia. The description of the object was given by E-5 Shue and E-3 Stompmaker to E-5 Conn, USCG, who was on duty at the 5th U. S. Coast Guard District, and passed the information to Captain Cauley. Captain Cauley, Duty Officer, 4500 Air Base Wing Command Post, went to the Langley AFB Control Tower to view the object with binoculars. Captain Cauley stated that the object looked like the "morning star," and was certainly an astronomical body. The investigating officer, for this report, believes the object was the Planet Venus. The large error in the reported height above the horizon was probably because no measuring instruments were used.

FOR THE COMMANDER


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 Deputy Commander for Operations