

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 Apr 67 4/0230Z	2. LOCATION Springfield Dayton, Ohio	1
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS) ✓ <i>int</i>	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	Venus setting at approximately 2145 (L)	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION None Stated	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE CASE FILE	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual		
7. COURSE None Stated		
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No		

FORM

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Springfield, Ohio

3 April 67

SAF-OICC/Mrs Cassel/bp/79079/11 May 67

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Dear [REDACTED]

Reference your letter regarding your observation of an unidentified flying object (UFO).

A detailed investigation revealed that you probably observed the planet Venus which, at the time of the sighting, was low in the western sky. Venus, with a stellar magnitude of -3.5 on April 3, 1967, would have been the brightest astronomical body in the western sky.

We had no additional reports from your area on the night of April 3, 1967; however, for the past month and a half, Venus has been responsible for numerous UFO observations.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

GEORGE P. FREEMAN, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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Wittenberg University
Springfield, Ohio 45501

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Proposed reply to letter from [REDACTED], 4 April 1967

3 Apr 67

Wright, Ohio

4/0230Z

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(Venus) setting approximately 2140 L

Wittenberg University
Springfield, Ohio
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April 4, 1967

Major Hector Quintanella
Project Blue Book
Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson A.F.B.
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Last night (April 3, 1967) at about 9:30 P.M., e.st., I noticed a very brilliant light which I estimate to have been west-northwest of Springfield, Ohio. Because of its position in relation to the horizon I thought that it might have been an airplane with landing lights on. I watched for about four minutes, but the light never moved. I then assumed

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that it could be the planet Venus,
since it is unusually bright
at times.

I went outside to look at it
to make sure that it was not a
reflection on the window and it
was still there.

At about 9:55 P.M. I went
to the window to see if it had
moved as does a regular star,
but apparently it had moved
so far as to be completely gone
in relation to the rest of the
stars in the sky. I checked
periodically until about 12:30
A.M., but I never saw it again.

I am not saying that it
might have been a so-called
U.F.O., but it did seem strange
to me and I would appreciate
it if you could possibly give

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Some sort of an explanation. I would also like to know if anyone else in the area might have seen it so that I would know whether I saw something real or not.

My address is:

[REDACTED]

Wittenberg University
Springfield, Ohio 45501

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]