

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 Jul 67 30/2005L 31/0205Z	2. LOCATION Euclid, Ohio (3 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Flashes Only	At the time of the sighting of ██████████, VENUS was on an azimuth of 274 deg, elevation of 10 deg.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30-45 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Observer said she saw flashes similar to explosion flashes over Lake Erie. The flashes were from 5-20 seconds apart and remained in one location. When she first observed them, she called the attention of them to her family and they thought a large boat was in trouble and exploding.
7. COURSE Due North	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

FORM  
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Astro (Venus)  
Venus on Az of 274 Deg.  
at El. of 10 Deg

~~For~~

30 July 67  
EUCLID, OHIO

TDET/UFO

UFO Observation, July 30, 1967

AUG 21 1967

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Euclid, Ohio 44123

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

This replies to your kind letter of August 9, 1967 concerning your unusual observation. Investigation revealed that you probably observed the planet Venus. At the time of your sighting, Venus would have been on an azimuth of 274 degrees at an elevation of approximately 10 degrees. The descriptions submitted in your letter are consistent with past descriptions of this planet. Venus, with an estimated stellar magnitude of  $-4.2$  on July 30, 1967, would have been quite bright in the west-northwestern sky. Venus is by far brighter than any star visible from the earth, excluding, of course, the sun.

When stars or planets are viewed low on the horizon, the observer is looking through many more miles of the earth's atmosphere than when looking at stars overhead. The earth's atmosphere actually acts as a prism, which in effect causes the incoming rays of light to be broken into the colors of the spectrum. Thus, at one instance, one color will be seen, and at another instance, another color will be observed, etc. In technical terms, this phenomenon is called scintillation. The closer the stars or planets are to the horizon, the more they scintillate, simply, as mentioned above, because we are then looking through a thicker layer of air.

Scintillation of the planet Venus was responsible for its apparent change in shape, brightness, and movement. Its brightness enables it to be seen before other astronomical bodies. This was the reason it was seen at dusk.

When viewed through binoculars, stars and planets appear too large in size with various distinct lights. This is an usual occurrence caused by spherical and chromatic aberration of the lenses.

Although we are unable to positively identify the stimulus; we believe the planet Venus was responsible for the sighting. The descriptions you submitted are similar to past descriptions of the planet. Since spring, Venus has been responsible for numerous UFO sightings. Its brightness is often the primary reason why it has been often mistaken for an unidentified flying object.

The sighting by Mrs. [REDACTED] does not appear to be the same sighting as yours. At this time, we cannot offer any explanation for the explosions over Lake Erie. We have not received any additional reports, for this time, that appears to be similar to that of Mrs. Morabito's. The explosions do not appear to be an unidentified flying object but something operating on ground level.

Sincerely,

  
HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF  
Chief, Project Blue Book

[Redacted]  
August 8, 1967

Major Quintanilla  
Project Blue Book  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Major Quintanilla,

At about 10:05 P.M. Sunday, July 30; my husband [Redacted] my son Joseph [Redacted] (age 16) and myself saw a series of "explosions" on Lake Erie. These "explosions" were Due North and either at the horizon or close to it.

The flashes were from 5 to 20 seconds apart and remained in one spot. We watched for 30 to 45 minutes and they were still occurring when we stopped watching. No noise was heard.

A few minutes after we began observing them, I called the Cleveland Coast Guard. We assumed a large boat was in trouble and exploding.

I gave my report to 2 different men at the station and they took my name and phone number. They said they would check it out.

Thursday, after reading about the object the residents on 301 St. saw, I called the Coast Guard to see what they had discovered on Sunday.

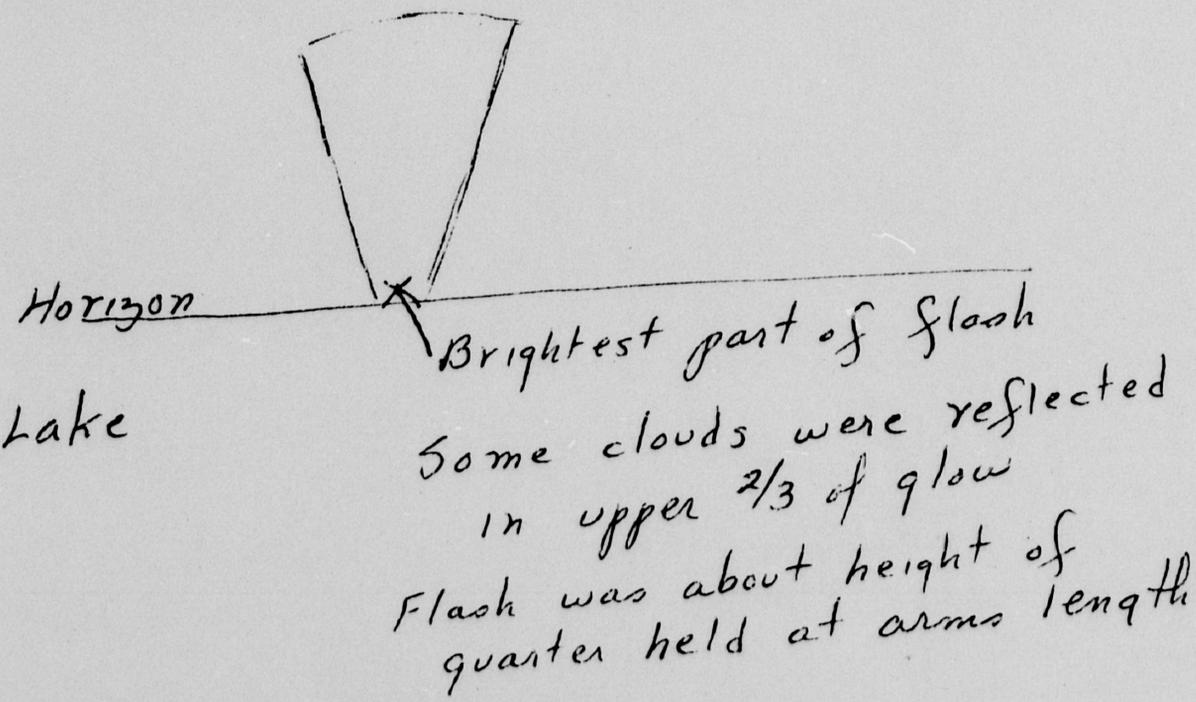
The gentleman I spoke to remembered what time I had called on Sunday and the incident. He said he checked from the tower and saw no flashes. He also said a Coast Guard boat was sent out but found no boat in trouble and the men reported nothing about seeing "explosion like flashes".

These flashes were not running lights on a boat, and they were not like regular lightning or heat lightning.

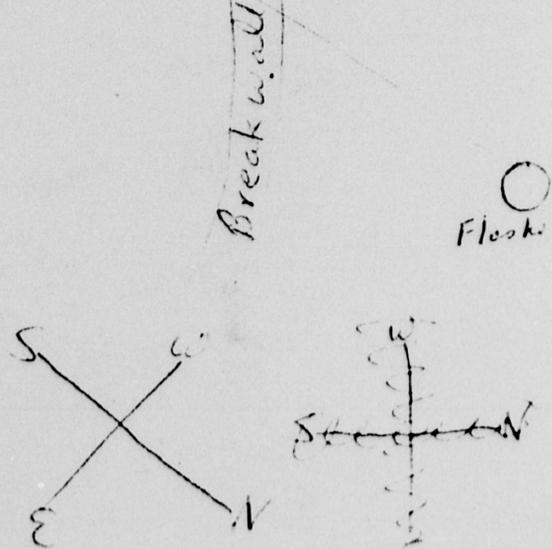
We observed the flashes for about 70 minutes after I talked to the Coast Guard. The last 2 or 3 we watched did not seem quite as bright as the earlier ones.

Very Truly Yours,

[Redacted Signature]



North East  
Yacht Club  
(our position)  
Foot of 140 St.



94 East 201<sup>st</sup> Street  
Euclid, Ohio 44123  
August 9, 1967

Major Quintanilla  
Project Blue Book  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio 45433

Dear Major Quintanilla:

In reference to our phone conversation of August 8, 1967, I would like to report to you the information concerning the U.F.O. observed in our neighborhood. For brevity's sake I shall follow the report form sent to me by "The Cleveland Ufology Project" (N.I.C.A.P.)

Date - July 30, 1967

Time - 9P.M.

Locality - East 201<sup>st</sup> Street - Euclid, Ohio

Duration - Approximately one hour.

Condition of sky - Dusk- No clouds about 9P.M. - some at 10P.M.

Prevailing wind - from the north-west.

Sun - had set.

Stars - appeared about 9:30P.M.

Moon - not noted.

Behavior of object - Appeared to stand still, move slowly, change brightness, change shape, and zig zag or veer at angles.

Appearance - At dusk object appeared round, like a ball of fire and bright like a star. At night it appeared like a star, but about five times as large and as bright. It appeared to have a tail at times at 200° or approximately 7 o'clock. With binoculars (5x35) it appeared blue-green on the top and red-orange on the bottom and to rotate slowly from left to right. There was no sound. The object sometimes hovered and sometimes rose and fell in motion. If held at arms length it would be the size of a soft ball. It did not pass in front of anything.

First Sighting - Mr. David M<sup>c</sup>Creight (Scoutmaster) was sitting in reclining chair and noticed it out front window. Took note because it was too large and low for a star and then noticed motion.

Disappearance - On horizon of Lake Erie.

Speed - Much slower than an airplane or jet - approx. 20m.p.h.

Height - Unable to estimate.

Approx. elevation (horizon 0° and overhead 90°) - 20°

Offices notified - Euclid Police Department - came when object was over lake and said it was "probably a light."  
The Press and Plain Dealer - advised to notify N.I.C.A.P.  
Euclid News Journal - Local paper wrote article per request of Mr. Neff.

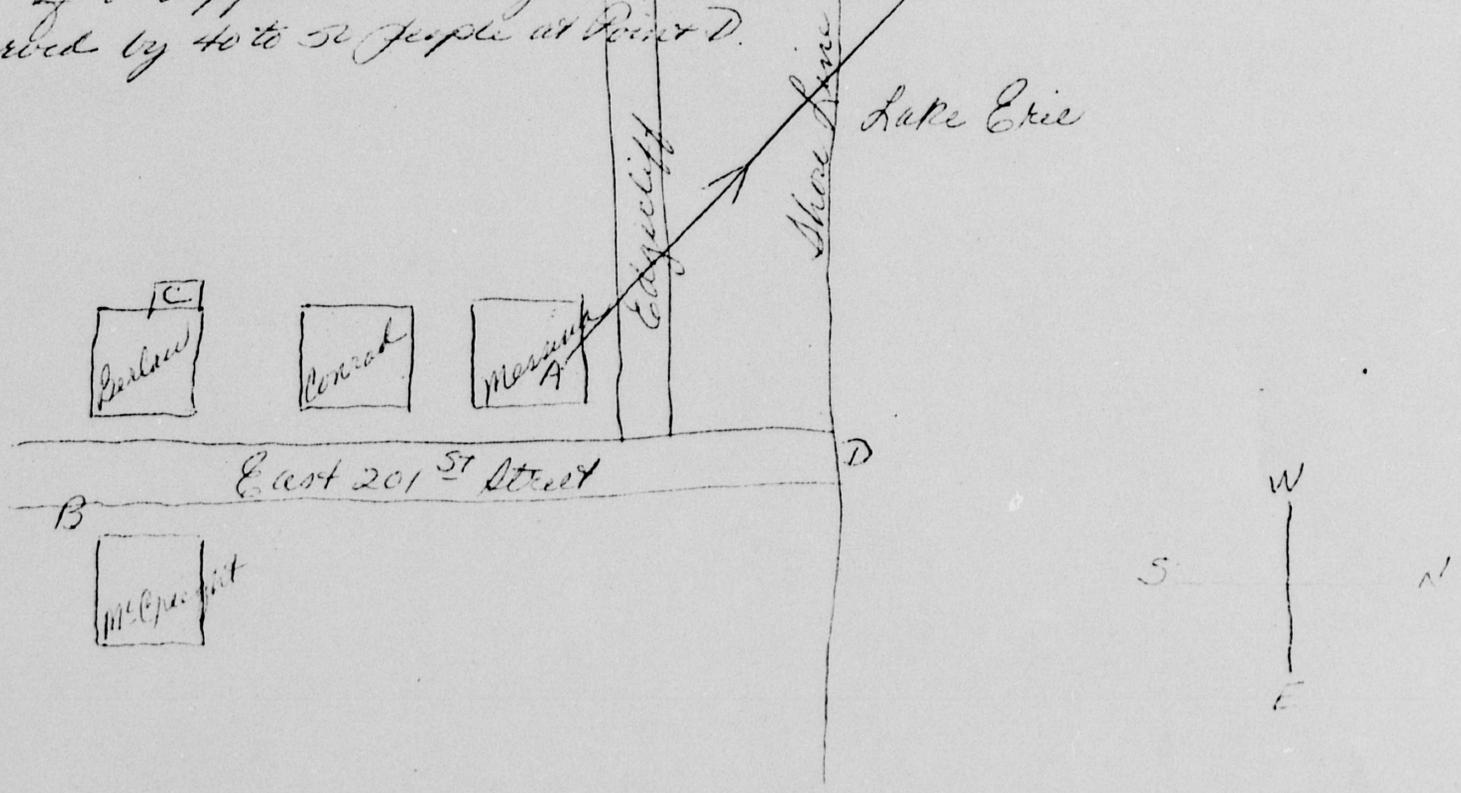
Earl Neff (N.I.C.A.P.) - submitted report to him.  
 Was contacted by Edgar Smith - National Director of  
 the Scientific Phenomena Research Center?  
 At this point to avoid further involvement, called  
 N.A.S.A. and was advised to contact you. Would like  
 to comment, that I do think the police, etc. should  
 be aware of the proper channels to notify in these  
 instances. Simply wish to report this as a citizen's  
 duty, and not being aware of the proper authority in  
 this matter, feel I have spent needless time and effort.

Direction - From sighting appeared to go north-westerly.  
 Witnesses - Norman Conrad Family - 90 East 201  
 Dr. and Mrs. John Messina, M.D. - 20100 Edgecliff  
 William Corbett - 100 East 201  
 David M<sup>c</sup>Creight Family - 91 East 201  
 Rudolph Berlan Family - 94 East 201  
 Other families - Razinger - Kopecky - Krnc - Gliha -  
 Brock - Slusser - Stansfield - others not identified.  
 David M<sup>c</sup>Creight spoke to a man on East 254 claiming  
 to see like object in his vicinity for a time prior  
 to 9P.M. that evening.

An enclosing sketch of what was seen and indicating direction of movement.  
 Would like to know your consensus of this information and look forward to  
 hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
*Caroline Berlan*  
 (Mrs Rudolph J Berlan)

*Object sighted hovering approx. 20 min  
 over Messina house - Point A  
 by David M<sup>c</sup>Creight - Point B. (20-30 people assembled)  
 It slowly traveled in indicated direction  
 and dropped to the horizon of Lake Erie  
 Observed by Mrs Berlan at Point C.  
 At time of disappearance object  
 was observed by 40 to 50 people at Point D.*



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DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY

LINDHEIMER ASTRONOMICAL RESEARCH CENTER

7 September 1967

Lt. William Marley  
FTD (TDETR)  
Research and Aerial Phenomena Division  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base  
Ohio 45433

Dear Bill:

I agree with your evaluation of the report relayed to you by Mrs. Berlan. At the time in question, the ecliptic was about as far north of west as it gets, and Venus was a brilliant object moving after sunset from high in the west to the horizon in the northwest. The reports of back-and-forth motions mean very little, since nearly everyone gets this illusion after watching a bright isolated object for a while. The colors reported are right for normal atmospheric refraction effects, and the size reports no doubt suffer the usual gross overestimate that most size reports suffer from. Since colors were reported only when the object was seen through 5 x 35 binoculars, there is also a high probability that they were inserted by the cheap optical system. Of course atmospheric refraction induced colors are more visible in binoculars than with the naked eye. Any report of motions observed with binoculars are suspect unless the witness states specifically that the binoculars were supported by a rigid and sturdy clamp. People just don't realize that binoculars magnify movements of the hands exactly as much as they magnify objects.

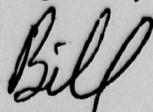
I have a request from Charles Cox, Roanoke World News, Times World Building, Roanoke, Virginia; Mr. Cox gave me some background information on the South Hill case witness, Crowder, and I had told him that he might be able to get a copy of my report when it had been sent to Blue Book. He just called, asking if he could obtain that report, so rather than shunt him around from one place to another I told him I'd ask you to send it along. If there is a charge they will pay the bill.

Lt. William Marley  
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The sample of rock you sent is still sitting around; now that summer is over I will try (again) to find a geologist here at the university who might be able to identify it. As a preliminary identification, I would say it's a hunk of rock.

Regards,



William T. Powers

WTP:lp



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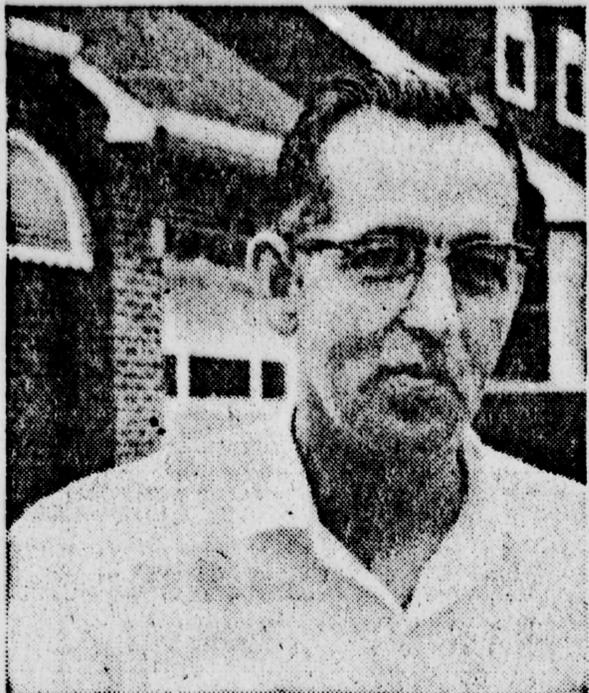
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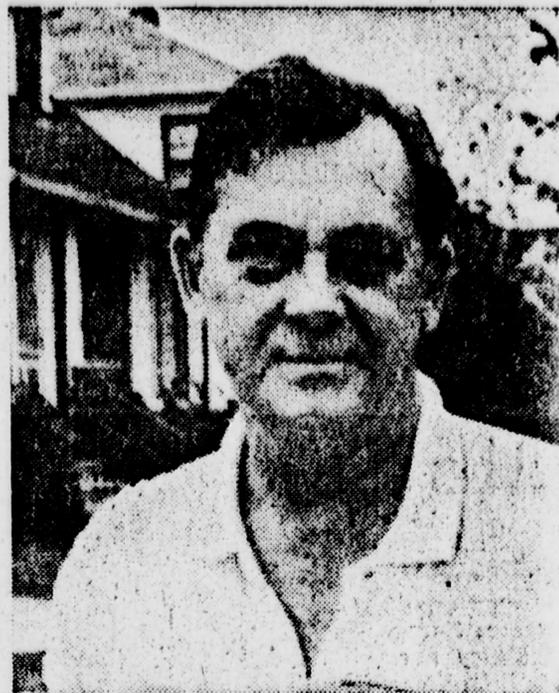
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## UFO Sighting Causes a Stir on East 201st

It was different colors. It was slower than a plane, bigger than a star. It was bright. It moved at angles. It had a tail.

Whatever it was, it had the residents on and near East 201st st. buzzing. A crowd of 40 or 50 people gathered to watch it in the sky between 9 and 10 p.m. Sunday night.

MRS. RUDOLPH BERLAN, 94 East 201st st., reported it to the UFO organization NICAP (National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomenon).

DAVID McCREIGHT, 91 East 201st st., thinks he was the first to spot it.

"I was sitting in a chair looking out the window. It was about 15 to 20 degrees above the horizon," McCreight said. "It looked like a big star, but it was too low. It was too slow to be an airplane. It stayed in view for an hour. Every once in a while it seemed to have a tail. It was two or three times as bright as the North Star. It seemed to be just over the neighbors' roof, then moved out over the lake and disappeared behind clouds."

"I watched, thinking it would suddenly take off very fast, but it just moved gradually."

Mrs. Berlan, who watched it from her second-floor back porch, recalled: "It veered at angles. It was five times as big as a star. It hovered for a while, then dropped."

DR. JOHN MESSINA, 20100 Edgecliff dr., saw it after it had moved out over the lake. "It had a reddish-orange light," he said. "It seemed to move in an irregular pattern. It was interesting. I can't imagine what it could be. It was no figment. Too many people saw it."

NORMAN CONRAD, 90 East 201st, said, "It looked like a big ball of fire. It changed from orange to white. It wasn't a star."

Many of the youngsters in the neighbor-

hood saw it, too.

Maryann Razinger, 170 East 200th st., said it had "all different color lights."

"It looked about the size of a softball. It wasn't moving too fast," said Russell Berlan.

"It kept on getting bigger and smaller as I watched it through binoculars. It was making angles, first standing still then moving," said Dale Conrad.

"Lights were flashing on and off," reported Debbie Conrad.

"The Police came," Mrs. Berlan noted.

"They said it was probably just a light."

"The Police didn't come until it was

way out over the horizon," McCreight, a Scoutmaster, explained.

EARL J. NEFF, who co-ordinates information for NICAP, said a report form would be sent to Mrs. Berlan. "The report will be evaluated with others to try to develop a pattern," he said.

Neff said a Gallup Poll showed that some 5 million Americans have seen what they believe to be UFO's.

The people on East 201st st. don't know for sure what they saw. They're pretty sure it wasn't an airplane. They're certain it wasn't a star.

And they're positive it wasn't swamp gas.



"RIGHT OVER THERE." East 201st youngsters point to the spot where the UFO was first sighted. Back row, from left: Dale Conrad, Russell Berlan, Rob Berland, Sue Berlan. Front: Maryann Razinger, little Darlene Conrad, Debbie Conrad, Mariann McCreight, Margaret McCreight.

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Karen has also been selected "Miss Citizen Band" by an amateur radio club. She received the honor last Sunday at the

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## Receives Awards

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