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Incident #157

ATIC NO. --- DATE OF INFO 19 Aug 1948

AF NO. --- LOCATION Godman AFB, Ky.

REPORT NO. --- SOURCE USAF Officers

DATE OF REPORT --- DATE IN TO ATIC ---

TIME OF SIGHTING 1050 EST COLOR Silver

SHAPE Spherical SPEED Hovered

SIZE Large ALTITUDE 30,000-40,000' M. altitude

COURSE Hovered LENGTH OF TRIP OBSERVED 2 Hrs.

NO. IN GROUP 1 TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground

SOUND --- MANEUVERS ---

PHOTOS --- SKETCHES ---

Temporary ATIC Form 329
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13 Oct 48

Unidentified Aerial Object

Commanding Officer
Godsan Air Force Base
Fort Knox, Kentucky

1. Receipt of the report of an unidentified aerial object on 19 August 1948 by personnel of your installation is acknowledged.
2. It is the desire of this Command to express appreciation for the efficient manner in which this report was accomplished.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. W. MCCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

Incident #187

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

REPORT OF UNUSUAL INCIDENT

Unidentified Flying Object

At 1050E, 19 August 1948, the Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center was notified by Lt Colonel John Waugh, Executive Officer, Godman AF Base, Kentucky, via Plan 62 Interphone Network, that an unidentified flying object was visible from the ground at Godman AFB. This object was ascertained to be at approximately 30,000 to 40,000 feet altitude, spherical in shape, bright silver color, giving a bright reflection from the sun. An F-51 was dispatched from Standiford AFB, Kentucky, to observe subject object and a report was to be forwarded to this Center when available.

At 1101E, 19 August 1948, the above information was relayed verbatim to the Commanding General AMC (MCI), and this Center informed them that all forthcoming information regarding subject unidentified flying object would be relayed to that office immediately upon receipt.

At 1132E, 19 August 1948, a message was received from Godman AFB, via Plan 62 Interphone Network, which stated that there was no change in elevation of subject object and it seemed to be moving southwest from Godman AFB at approximately 235°, at an elevation of 60° from Godman AFB. The F-51 was flying over Godman AFB at an altitude of 30,000 to 35,000 feet and at that time was unable to locate subject object. The unidentified object was visible from the ground with the naked eye and azimuth and elevation readings were being taken by theodolite every minute and progress of subject object was being charted.

At 1140E, 19 August 1948, the above information was relayed verbatim to the Commanding General, AMC (MCI).

At 1219E, 19 August 1948, Major Mitchel, Operations Officer at Godman AFB, notified the Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center that the unidentified object was ascertained to be the planet Venus. This information was given to the Commanding Officer, Godman AFB, by Mr [redacted] Head Astrologer, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky.

At 1222E, 19 August 1948, this information was relayed to the Commanding General AMC, (MCI), and they requested that the azimuth and elevation readings which were obtained from Godman AFB be relayed to them in order to verify the assumption of Mr [redacted]. This information was received from Godman AFB by Major De Armond E. Matthews and was delivered to Commanding General, AMC (MCI), who confirmed the assumption that the unidentified object was the planet Venus, due to the location, time, and trend of movement.

At 1542E, 19 August 1948, Major De Armond E. Matthews contacted Godman AFB, to see if any additional information was available and received a negative reply.



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INCIDENT # 187

TO: MCIAD

FROM

MCIAD-5

DATE

8 Nov 1948

COMMENT NO.

Attn: Mr. Money

TO: MCIAT

Attn: Mr. Deyarmond

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b. It is doubtful that Venus could be observed by the unaided eye from the ground or 15,000 feet as it would probably be hidden by the high degree of sky brightness due to its proximity to the Sun.

c. Jupiter is the only other planet within $\pm 90^\circ$ of the sun during this period and its magnitude of brightness is only -1.4 as compared with -3.4 of Venus, making it impossible to observe with the unaided eye. However, the following figures on the Moon are submitted for your information:

<u>Time Local</u>	<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Azimuth</u>
10:00	28° 00'	197°
10:30	26° 00'	204°
11:00	23° 00'	211°
11:30	20° 00'	217°
12:00	17° 00'	223°
12:30	13° 00'	228°

4. The evidence obtained from MCREXE 44 conclusively proves that this object was not the planet Venus.

5. Sighting of 19 Aug 1948: Reference is now made to Incident No. 187 and to an inclosed copy of a report received 2 November 1948 pertaining to another sighting of an unidentified object at Godman Air Force Base on 19 August 1948. Evidence on this newest sighting seems to establish this object as being the planet Venus.

6. Readings taken at eight-minute intervals are as follows:

<u>E. S. T.</u>	<u>Godman MCREXE 44</u>		<u>Godman MCREXE 44</u>	
	<u>- AZIMUTH -</u>		<u>- ELEVATION</u>	
10:26	206.3	210	69	68.7
10:34	212.2	214	67.1	67.8
10:42	217.4	219	66.8	66.9
10:50	222.2	223	65.4	65.8
10:58	226.5	226	63.9	64.8
11:06	230.5	230	62.3	63.7
11:14	233.9	233	60.7	62.6
11:22	237.2	236	59.0	61.5
11:30	239.8	239	57.6	60.
11:38	242.5	242	56.0	58.5
11:46	244.8	244	54.3	57.1
11:54	247.4	246	52.3	55.6
12:02	250.9	248	49.4	54.1
12:10	256.8	250	43.6	52.7
12:18	259.5		41.0	

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SUBJECT Godman Field Air Force Base Sightings - 7 Jan 1948 and 19 Aug 1948

TO THRU: MCIAC
 Attn: Mr. Money
 TO: MCIAT
 Attn: Mr. Deyarmond

FROM MCIAXO-3

DATE 8 Nov 48 COMMENT NO. 1

1. Re Sighting of 7 Jan 1948: Reference is made to your conversation with Capt Sneider on 19 October 1948 concerning your desire for a check on the position and visibility of Venus on 7 Jan 1948 between the hours of 1330 and 1350 as compared to the position of an unidentified aerial object.

2. A verbal report was rendered you at 1400 hours, the date of your request, to the effect that Venus was not visible at the date and time mentioned. Extracted versions of pertinent information follow:

a. Statement by 1st Lt Paul I. Orner, O-865766, Airways and Air Communications Service ATC, Detachment 733-5, Air Force Base Unit (103rd AAC3 Sq) confirms the fact that the weather station theodolite viewed and tracked the object; that the object was first seen at about 240° azimuth 8° elevation at 1400 hours, and that it disappeared from his view at about 250° at 1645 hrs.

b. A statement by Colonel Guy F. Hix, Commanding Officer, Headquarters, 315th Air Force Base Unit (Res Tng) Godman Field, Fort Knox, Kentucky, dated 9 Jan 1948, states that on or about 1445 hours the object was first sighted at 215° and that it could be plainly seen with the naked eye, was about 1/4 the size of a full moon, white in color and apparently stationary for 1-1/2 hours.

3. Comment No. 2 to R & R from MCRKX-44 to MCIAXO-3, dated 27 Oct 1948 states as follows:

Position of Venus
 Time - local

Altitude

Azimuth

Time - local	Altitude	Azimuth
10:00	11° 00'	122°
10:30	16° 00'	127°
11:00	21° 00'	134°
11:30	24° 00'	140°
12:00	28° 00'	147°
12:30	31° 00'	154°
13:00	33° 00'	163°
13:30	35° 00'	171°
14:00	35° 00'	180°
14:30	34° 00'	188°
15:00	33° 00'	197°
21:15	32° 00'	200°

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Attn: Mr. Money
TO: MCIAT
Attn: Mr. Deyarmond

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7. Attention is directed to attached inclosures. Your comments will be appreciated.

3 Incls:

1. Rpt of Unusual Incident
2. Memo dtd 24 Aug 48
3. Reading f/Godman taken 19 Aug 48

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Chief, Operations Section
Tech Intelligence Division
Intelligence Department

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MCIAT

10 Nov 48

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It is apparent, from the data given above, that the object sighted at Godman Air Force Base on 7 January 1948 was not the planet Venus. Therefore, this sighting must be considered as unexplained.

3 Incls
n/c

A. B. Deyarmond
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Dr HYNEK'S EVALUATIONS EXTRACTED FROM PROJECT GRUDGE REPORT.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94,
95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140,
147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,
219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100,
112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192,
199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:

#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115,
126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163,
169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198,
200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:

#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107,
108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):

#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:

#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118,
125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213,
229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:

#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71,
75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162,
168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226,
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

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Incident #137 -- Godman Air Force Base, Kentucky -- 13 August 1943

There can be no question but that the object sighted in this incident was Venus. It was just three weeks past its period of greatest brilliancy, and was separating from the sun. The close agreement between the observed position of the object and the actual position of Venus, determined by others concerned with the incident and rechecked by this investigator, is convincing.

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HEADQUARTERS
AIR WEATHER SERVICE
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

In Reply
Refer To: AWS DSS

11 May 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters, MCIAXS, dated 9 March 1949, subject "Unidentified Flying Objects," and first indorsement thereto by this headquarters, dated 31 March 1949.

2. The incident summaries 173 through 233 have been checked against routine weather-balloon ascents made by the Air Force, Navy and Weather Bureau. Comments based on this review are inclosed.

3. It is recommended that the "Guide To Investigation Of Unidentified Aerial Objects" be changed as follows: Item 13, "Direction of Flight of Object," should be clarified so that vertical and horizontal motions are distinguished if possible, and so that motion is specified as the direction towards which the object appears to move. "Relative to Radar Settings" should include a statement of the type of radar set used.

FOR THE CHIEF, AIR WEATHER SERVICE

2 Incls:
1 - Incident Summaries
2 - Comments 173 thru 233

/s/ W. A. West
W. A. WEST
Lt. Col., USAF
Adjutant General

19 Aug 28

No. 157: A heavenly body, Venus.

Incident: 187

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(INCIDENT SUMMARY SHEET)

Incident No. 137

1. Date and Time of Observation: Aug 19, 1948 at 1050 Eastern
2. Where Sighted: Godman AF Base, Ky
3. Observer's Position: Godman AF Base, Ky
(i. e., ground, air, control tower, etc.)
4. Name and Address of Observer: Lt Col ~~██████████~~, Executive Officer
Godman Field
5. Occupation and/or hobbies: Executive Officer, Godman Field
6. Attention Attracted by: N/S
7. Number of Object(s) Seen: 1
8. Size of Object(s): N/S
9. Color of Object(s): bright silver color - reflecting sun
10. Shape (Sketch if Possible) spherical
11. Nature of Luminosity: reflection of sunlight on silver
(directed beam of light?)
12. Altitude of Object: thought to be between 30,000 & 40,000 ft
(estimated)
13. Estimated Distance of Object from Observer: N/S
14. Estimated Speed of Object: ~~Apparently stationary~~ Moving to the Southwest
at scarcely discenable speed
15. Time in Sight: Approx 2 hours
16. Tactics: Seemed to appear stationary
17. Sound Made by Object(s): N/S
18. Direction of Flight of Object(s) Southwest
19. Apparent Construction: metallic
20. Effect on Clouds: N/S
21. Exhaust Trail (Color of): N/S
22. Manner of Disappearance: N/S
23. Weather Conditions at Time of Sighting: N/S
24. Peculiarities Noted: Similarity of Altitude and Azimuth readings taken
to that of Planet Venus
25. Summary of Incident: (over)
(See attached page)

Mr. Beyarmond

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The following message was given to Mr. Honaker's office by Major Mathews, Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center (ext. 51107), at 1130, 19 Aug 48:

An unidentified flying object was reported to the Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center at 1050 EST 19 Aug 48 by Lt Col J. [redacted], Executive Officer, Godman AFB, Ky. This object was estimated to be 30,000 to 40,000 feet high, spherical in shape, bright silver color, giving a bright reflection from the sun. An F-51 was dispatched from Standiford AFB, Ky. to observe object, and a report will be forwarded to Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center as soon as available.

Mathews
Will send a confirmatory R&R.

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New Incident

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24 August 1948

MEMO FOR Col. McCoy

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

The following message was telephoned by Major Mathews, W-P Flight Service Center at 11:30, 19 Aug 48, Ext. 5-1107:

"An unidentified flying object was reported to the Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center at 1050 Eastern, 8-19-48, by Lt. Colonel [redacted], Executive Officer, Godman Air Force Base, Ky. This object was estimated to be 30,000 to 40,000 ft. high, spherical in shape, bright silver color, giving a bright reflection from the sun. An F-51 was dispatched from Staniford AFB Ky to observe subject object and a report will be forwarded to Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center as soon as available."

Major [redacted] said he would send us a confirming R&R.

Mr. Deyarmond was given this information.

On receipt of the above information, I immediately got in touch with Major [redacted] and learned that another report had been received from Godman Field to the effect that there was no change in altitude, that the Asmuth reading was 235° and the apparent elevation, 60° . The next report at 12:50 stated that the object was now at 246° Azimuth and apparent altitude of $54^{\circ} 51'$. This information was immediately phoned to Mr. [redacted] with the thought that it might be Venus. Mr. [redacted] made a rough approximation of the whereabouts of Venus at that particular time and although there was a slight variation in figures, subsequent reports confirmed the fact that the object sighted was probably Venus. For example, the reported position of the object at 11:19 was 235° Azimuth, 59° elevation, whereas the computed position of Venus was $234^{\circ} 53'$ Azimuth and $61^{\circ} 35'$ elevation. At 11:50 the object was reported as 241° Azimuth 56.9° elevation whereas Venus at that time is approximately at $56^{\circ} 17'$ and $241^{\circ} 47'$. The only other bright star in this area is Pollux, however, no check was made against its computed position since the Venus readings so closely approximated those of the reported object.

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SUBJECT Report of Unusual Incident

TO MCIAXO-3 FROM TSKMF
ATTN: Mrs Wilkerson

UNCLASSIFIED DATE 2 Nov 48 COMMENT NO. 1

Forwarded for your information is a copy of Report of Unusual Incident which occurred 19 August 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

De Armond E. Matthews

1 Incl
Report of Unusual Incident

DE ARMOND E. MATTHEWS
Major, USAF
Deputy Commander

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