

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1. 29/0220Z 28 Feb 53 2.29/0230Z	2. LOCATION Dover AFB, Delaware
3. SOURCE military (milt)	10. CONCLUSION ASTRONOMICAL: VENUS
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 15 min 2. 5 min	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 1. One object of alternating colors predominantly red was observed 20 deg above W horizon at a stationary position. Obj disappeared by fading out. 2. White obj later becoming a deep red was observed very close to the W horizon.  <i>(Multiple Reports)</i>
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE 1. -- 2. NW	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



FM CO 80TH ABS ATLD MATS DOVER AFB DEL  
TO JEPHQ/DIR/INTELL HQ USAF WASH DC  
JEDWP/AIR TECH INTELL CTR WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO  
JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AF COLO SPRINGS COLO  
INFO JEPFF/COMATS ANDREWS AFB WASH DC  
JEPEO/COMDR ATLD MATS WESTOVER AFB MASS  
APM 19C PD ATTN ATIAA-2C ATTN INTEL DIV FLYOBRPT PD SINGLE OBJ OF  
ALTERNATIVE COLORS CMA INDETERMINATE SHAPE AND SIZE CMA PREDOMINANTLY  
RED CMA LOWEST LIGHT ON HORIZON BY GRND OBSERVATION PD INDETERMINATE  
ALTITUDE CMA DISTANCE CMA AND SPEED PD NEGATIVE SOUND AND SMOKE PD  
TIME OF SIGHTING APPROX 2120 EST TO 2135 EST CMA 28 FEB 53 PD OBJ  
POSITION CMA APPROX 20 DEG ABOVE WEST HORIZON PD OBSERVATION BY THREE  
MIL PERSONNEL AT DOVER AFB AND UNK CIV PD AS OBJ BEGAN TO FADE CMA  
CONTROLLER CMA 770 AC & W SQ CMA PALERMO CMA NJ CMA NOTIFIED PD  
CONTROLLER ADVISED NO SCRAMBLE AS OBJ DISAPPEARING PD 26TH AIR DIV CMA  
ROSLYN CMA NY CMA NOTIFIED CMA ADVISED NO SCRAMBLE PD EXISTING

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WEA AT TIME OF OBSV WAS CLEAR SKY CMA NO CLOUDS CMA VIS 6 MILES CMA  
TEMP 30 DEG CMA SURF WIND WEST SOUTH WEST AND 4 KNOTS PD WINDS ALOFT  
12 THOUSAND FROM 290 DEGREES AT 60 KNOTS PD 15 THOUSAND FROM 290 DEGREES  
AT 70 KNOTS PD 30 THOUSAND FROM 290 DEGREES AT 100 KNOTS PD NEGATIVE  
TRAFFIC IN GENERAL AREA PD

32/2235Z MAR JEPOD

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2 March 1953

ON the nights of February 27th and 28th, 1953, I observed an unidentified object in the sky at approximately 2120 hours.

The object appeared to be stationary in the sky and its approximate position was north-north west. It was approximately 20 degrees above the horizon.

As I continued to watch the object, it changed colors. When first observed it was a bright red. It then changed from red to white to yellow to green. It repeated this changing of colors but in no particular pattern.

On observing it for about ten minutes it started to recede on a north-north west course and appeared to lose altitude.

I watched it for about ten minutes more, after which time it was lost to sight over the horizon.

On the night of February 28th, its action were the same as the previous night except in the last ten minutes of its occurrence it swerved out of its course by approximately 15 degrees in less than 5 seconds. It swerved onto its original course with the same speed and disappeared over the horizon.

*Karl A. Helgeson*  
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A/2C USAF  
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27 MAR. 53

At approximately 2100 on 28 Feb 53  
the base Photo Lab called me and said  
that a civilian in Nouer had reported  
an unidentified object NW of the field.  
I went immediately to the control  
tower and observed this object through  
field glasses. The object appeared to be  
one third of the field and about  
20° to the horizon. It seemed to  
flicker in color from red, pink, white,  
& then green toward the top. A/B Howard  
& Whitney was the tower operator  
on duty at the time and also observed  
this object. I personally observed  
this object from 2120 to 2135 on  
the same date. At the latter time  
it appeared to fade away until



no longer visible. When I  
first reached the tower & actually  
saw this light I observed it for  
2 or 3 minutes before I called  
the 46<sup>th</sup> F.I.S. Box Room & requested  
the person on duty to call the  
770<sup>th</sup> AC & W sq. In turn the 770<sup>th</sup>  
AC & W sq. Controller called 26<sup>th</sup>  
Air Division. However Division stated  
that since the object was <sup>beginning</sup> to fade they  
would not scramble an aircraft.  
I left the tower at approximately  
2145 and at that time no trace  
of the object was visible.

David A. Greer  
1/21 USAF 401853441



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52 10  
Dover Air Force Base, Delaware

26 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 2130 EST a dull red colored light was observed low on the western horizon by several military personnel. The light was slowly moving from west to northwest alternating color from yellow, green, red, and back to white. After being observed for approximately five minutes, object disappeared below the horizon.

II. Discussion of Incident

Observers were, in the opinion of the preparing officer, reliable. At the time of sighting, weather was clear, visibility eight miles. F-94's in area on other missions noticed nothing unusual. Due to the fact that the light was seen moving from west to northwest low on the horizon and then to disappear over the horizon and that the planet Venus can be seen in that direction very plainly during this part of the year, it is quite certain that the light observed was Venus. ATIC's contract astronomer was consulted and he concluded that the object observed was definitely Venus.

III. Conclusion

Astronomical - Venus.

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Dover Air Force Base, Delaware

28 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 2121 EST four AF personnel observed a single light of alternating colors with red predominant. The light was due west of Dover Air Force Base and about 20° above the horizon pursuing a very gradual course from west to northwest. No sound, smoke or vapor was observed, It appeared to fade away or disappear over the horizon. There was no air traffic in the area.

II. Discussion of Incident

As in the case of the Dover sighting of 26 Feb 53, it was the opinion of ATIAE-5 that Venus caused this sighting. ATIC's contract astronomer was contacted and definitely concluded that it was Venus.

III. Conclusion

Was Venus.

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ACTION

-2 MAR 1953 10 44 Z

27 FEB 53 21 39 z

*1. Atis*  
*3. Ati*  
*3. C. files*

RF176

WPB184

YDC200

TYB313

TMA287

CBD174

TMB212V

JEPOD 33

PP JEPHQ JEPFF JEPEO JEDWP JEDEN 555

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FM CG 80TH ABS ATLD MATS DOVER AFB DEL

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1953 FEB 27  
INFOR  
INFOR  
17:55



26/2130  
DOVER, DEL

(Unclassified) Unidentified Flying Object over Delaware.

Delaware

Intelligence Division, ATLD-MATS  
Westover AF Base, Mass.

4 March 1953

26 February 1953

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P. K. MEAD, Major, USAF

Statements by personnel at 80th ABS,  
Dover, Del.

IR-805-52, dtd 21 Nov 52

1. The following information was received from the 80th Air Base Squadron, ATLD-MATS, Dover, Delaware. The date of the information is 26 February 1953.

2. "Approximately 2130 hours, 26 February 1953 several Air Force personnel observed a predominantly red light in the western sky. Personnel made their observations from the same relative area, within 300 yards of each other, and the majority concurred that although the object appeared predominantly red to "deep red", it initially appeared "white", later irregularly alternating to yellow, green, red, and back to white.

3. "All viewers declared this object to be the lowest eminence above the horizon, all were generally in agreement that its size, shape and speed of movement were indefinable, that its course was from due West to Northwest. All agreed to the absence of sound, smoke, vapor and that the object ultimately appeared to drop over the horizon.

4. "The Officer-of-the-Day was contacted, informed of the incident, scanned the area of the sighting with negative results. Personnel apparently were inclined to muse over the incident and possibly wasted valuable time. From a personal knowledge of the observers, it is the impression that all chroniclers are reliable, not given to exaggeration, and inherently sincere.

5. "Dover Tower Log reflected no air traffic in their vicinity. Intelligence Officer, 4710th Air Defense Wing, New Castle County Airport, Delaware reported several B-47 aircraft, belonging to the 96th FIS, airborne on other missions at the time of Dover sighting. 96th FIS Pilots reported no sightings, has no knowledge of the purported existence and were not alerted.

6. "Existing weather at time of report was clear sky, visibility 8 miles, sea level pressure 29.66, temperature 44°, dew point 30, surface winds South West at 3 knots, altimeter reading 966. Winds aloft at 12 thousand feet from 260° at 60 knots, 15 thousand feet from 270° at 70 to 75 knots, 20 thousand feet from 270° at 85 knots."

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- #1-Statement of Lt Leslie  
#2-Statement of A/2C Candido  
#3-Statement of A/1C Taylor

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DOWNGRADED AT 5 YEAR INTERVAL  
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS  
DOD DIR 5200.10



TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELL HQ USAF WASH DC

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTELL CTR WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

JEDEN/ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

JEPFF/COMATS USAF ANDREWS AFB MD

JEPEO/CO ATLD MATS WESTOVER AFB MASS

O&T 286B PD ATTN: ATIAA-2C ATTN INTELL DIVPD FLYOBRT PD SINGLE WHITE  
BRILLIANCE LATER BECOMING DEEP RED IN DETERMINATE SIZE AND DISTANCE  
CMA LOWEST LIGHT ON HORIZON BY GRND OBSERVATION CMA NO SOUND PD INITIALLY  
OBSERVED COLOR WHITE CMA WHICH CHANGED TO DEEP RED AS OBJECT WITHDREW  
PD TIME OF SIGHTING 2130 EST TO 2135 EST 26 FEB 53 PD VISUAL GRND OBSV  
BY THREE MIL PERS ON DOVER AFB DEL PD ALL PLACED OBJ DUE WEST OF DOVER  
AFB PROCEEDING TO NORTHWEST WHERE IT DISAPPEARED PD EXISTING WEATHER  
AT TIME OF OBSV WAS CLEAR SKY CMA VIS 8 MILES CMA SEA LEVEL PRESS 2966  
CMA TEMP 44 DEG CMA DEW POINT 30 CMA SURF WIND SW AT 3 KNOTS CMA ALT  
READING 966 PD WINDS ALOFT AT 12 THOUSAND FT FR 260 DEG AT 60 KNOTS CMA

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16 THOUSAND FT FR 270 DEG AT 70 TO 75 KNOTS CMA 20 THOUSAND FT FR 270  
DEG AT 35 KNOTS PD SEVERAL F-94 ACFT OF 96TH FIS NEW CASTLE COUNTY APT  
DEL ABN AT TIME OF SIGHT PD PILOTS HAD OTHER MISSION CMA DID NOT SIGHT  
OR PURSUE QBJ

27/1857Z FEB JEPOD



27 Feb. 53

At approx. 2115, I was on my way to the  
N.C.O. club, when I spotted a red light in the  
sky. Its position was approx. North by North  
West. When I got there, I called some of my friends  
outside to see it. They all said they saw it,  
some said it was moving slightly from side to side,  
others said it was moving away. It change  
colors in this order, Red, Blue and white. Its  
predominate color was Red. At approx 2130 it  
was getting real small, seemed to be moving  
away. At 2135 it was gone, it having disappeared  
some distance on the horizon.

Pat A. Condit  
A/oc AF 12294106  
Per. Ser.



James H. Rose  
1st Lt. H.B. 50,  
7/27/53,  
27 Feb 1953

On or about <sup>2130</sup> 1930 hrs. on 26 Feb 1953  
I saw a object in the sky. I can not specify  
a definite shape of this object because it  
was far in the horizon. I can not specify  
how far or close this object was.

When I first saw this object it was  
white and gradually turned to red as it  
dropped in the horizon. It then disappeared.  
My position was ~~in~~ in front of the WCO  
club. It took a period of 15 minutes to  
disappear. ~~No vapor or smoke was~~  
the sky was clear.

Henry Leslie  
2/27 VSHF



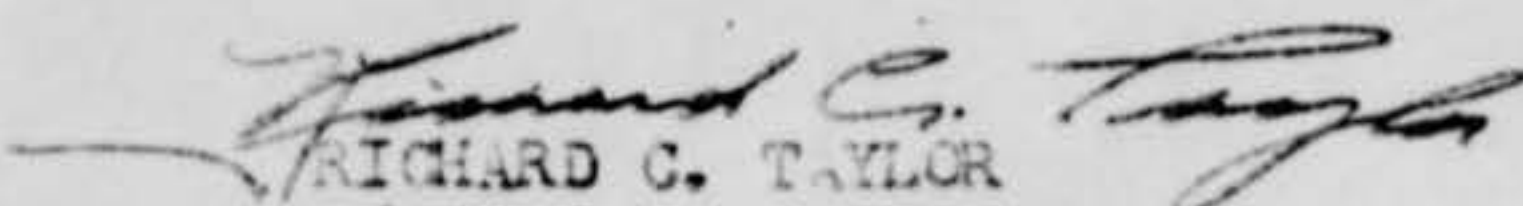
DOVER AIR FORCE BASE

27 Feb 1953

On the night of February 26, 1953, I, A/1C Richard C. Taylor sighted an unknown and unidentifiable object in the sky. When sighted the object was approximately 4000 feet high and looked to be slowly losing altitude. The object was moving North West at a speed which I could not estimate because the object was moving directly away from me.

When first sighted the object seemed suspended and was emitting a bright red light. As I watched it, it changed colors from red to white to yellow to green and continued to do so but in no set pattern.

When I sighted the object I was at the base theater, leaving for the Photo Lab. With me were A/2C Charles Brown and A/2C Karl Helgeson who also saw the object. Walking toward the Photo Lab, which is approximately North West of the theater, the object seemed to lose altitude and slowly recede. Upon reaching the the Photo Lab we lost sight of the object over the horizon. The time of this sighting was approximately 2130 and continued for about 20 minutes. Upon first sighting it I reported it to the O. D.

  
RICHARD C. TAYLOR  
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NCOIC BASE PHOTO LAB



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**ACTION**

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CBE070

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**ATIC**  
1953 MAR 3 08:35  
INFORM



*78/2/21  
DOWNGRADED  
DEL.*

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Intelligence Division, ATLD-MATS  
Westover AF Base, Mass.

9 March 1953

28 February 1953

F-5

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Statements by personnel at 80th ABS,  
Dover AF Base, Del.

IR-805-52, dtd 21 Nov 52, IR-171-53, 27 Feb 53

1. The following information was received from the 80th Air Base Squadron, ATLD-MATS, Dover AFB, Delaware. The date of the information is 28 February 1953. A copy of the aforementioned report was forwarded to CG, 26th Air Div., Roslyn, N.Y.

2. "Approximately 2121 through 2135 hours, 28 February 1953, four Air Force Personnel witnessed a single object of alternating colors due West of Dover AF Base. All witnesses made their observations from the Base and within an eighth of a mile of one another. Two of the witnesses, A/2C Pasquale Candido and A/B Leonard G. Whitney, have recently made similar reported sightings.

3. "All observers reported a continual series of alternating colors of no set pattern, with red seemingly predominant, and an object position of approximately 20° above the horizon pursuing a very gradual course from West to North-Northwest. No sound, smoke or vapor was reported. Object ultimately appeared to fade away or disappear over the horizon.

4. "Officer observer requested scramble from Controller of 770th AC&W Squadron at Palermo, New Jersey, but permission was denied by the 26th Air Division since the object had already begun to fade. Officer observer reported no trace of former sight at 2145 hours. Negative air traffic in general area.

5. "Existing weather at the time of sighting was clear sky, no clouds, visibility 6 miles, temperature 30°, surface winds West Southwest at 4 knots. Winds aloft at 12,000 feet from 290° at 60 knots, 15,000 feet from 290° at 70 knots, 20,000 feet from 290° at 100 knots.

6. "Two witnesses mentioned in paragraph 2 were not present on Base for statement. Procedures have been instituted to obviate this possibility in future reportings."

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Incl 1-Statement of Lt Bracken  
Incl 2-Statement of A/2C Helgeson

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