

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 2 March 53 03/0500Z	2. LOCATION Cambria, California
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (VENUS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 35 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Reddish-orange, spherical object varying in size oscillated gently sideways then moved straight away from observers in NW direction, until out of sight.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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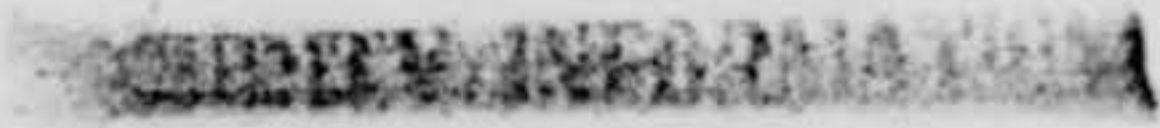
At 2120 hours, 2 March 1953, T/Sgt Brunges came up to the transmitter door and summoned me outside. On going out he told me to shut off the outside light. He then pointed out over the ocean. There was a round object which gave off a reddish orange glow. When I first saw the object, it looked about the size of a dime. It kept getting smaller. It was moving in a direction of NW. The distance and height was hard to judge because it was dark. Upon first observation it appeared to be a star. But to the fact it was getting smaller, it ruled the fact of being a star, almost impossible. It moved from side to side sort of a wig-way. It seemed to hover for an instant and then diminished from view.

*Ronald E Haag*

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March 2nd at 2120 I went outside the door of the Operations building and observed a reddish orange object suspended in the sky. It seemed to be about on a level with where I was standing thus it might have had an altitude of approximately 1000 feet. Distance is deceptive at night so it is hard to estimate how far it was away. I would judge that it was nearly out to the horizon. It had a slight sideways motion and also it seemed to hover at a certain distance from land over the ocean. It diminished in size at approximately 2135 and disappeared in a matter of a couple of seconds. The size when it was hovering over the ocean seemed to be a little bit bigger than that of a 25¢ piece.

*Howard M. Potter Jr.*

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REF PAR 7C, AFL 200-5 [REDACTED] ) FLYOBRPT

(1) ONE GLOWING RD-ORANGE SPHERICAL OBJECT. REPORTED SIZE VARIES FROM APPROX 18 INCHES DIAMETER TO 1 INCH DIAMETER. NO TRAIL, EXHAUST OR SOUND OBSERVED. OSCILLATED GNTLY SIDEWAYS WHEN FIRST OBSERVED THEN MOVED STRAIGHT AWAY FROM OBSERVERS IN WNW DIRECTION, UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT.



(2) SIGHTED AT

APPROX 0500Z 3 MAR 53. OB ERVE FOR APPROX 35 MIN.

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<sup>A</sup>LLY ONLY FROM SURFACE.

(4) OBSERVERS LOCATED ON THIS SITE. (EXACT L

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OBJECT APPEARED TO BE WNW OF THIS SITE WHEN OBSERVED. DISTANCE NOT ESTABLISHED.

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PERSON. OBSERVRS WER 1 T/SGT, 2 A/2C AND 1 A/EC. NO PREVIOUS XPERIENCE IN SIGHTING SUCH OBJECTS.

(6) WEATHER, CAVU. WINDS ALOFT UNKNOWN. <sup>why?</sup> SURFACE WINDS ESTIMATED AT 25KTS WITH GUSTS UP TO 30KTS FROM WNW. 219°

(7) NO KNOWN OR REPORTED UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS TO ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTINGS.

(8) NO EXISTENCE OF ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE SIGHTING.

(9) NO INTERCEPT ACTION TAKEN.

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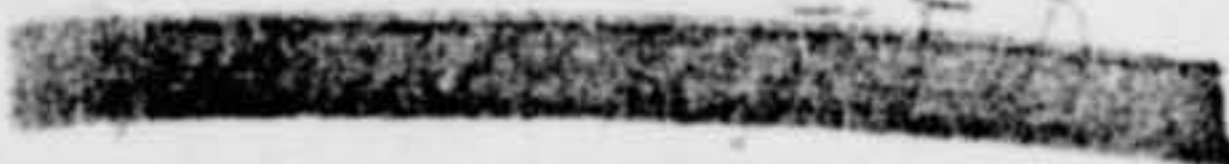
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On 2 March 1953 between 2100 and 2135 PST, T/Sgt Benjamin F. Brunges of the 775th AC&W Squadron, Cambria, California observed an unidentified flying object. Sgt Brunges subsequently contacted three other airmen whom he knew to be on duty at that time. The other three airmen also observed the unusual object. See inclosures 1, 2, 3, and 4.

## 1. Description of Object:

Shape: Spherical.

Size: From approximately 12 inches to 1 inch in diameter.

Color: From red to reddish-orange.

Number: One object.

Speed: Unknown. Described as excessive.

Sound: None.

Maneuvers: Dropping and rising in altitude as well as apparently moving from side to side.

Trails or Exhaust: None observed.

Propulsion System: None observed.

Manner of Disappearance: Suddenly disappeared from view while it appeared to be at extreme range.

Other Unusual Features: Object appeared to sway like a light suspended from a balloon.

## 2. Time of Sighting:

Between 2100 and 2135 PST, 2 March 1953. Length of time observed 35 minutes.

## 3. Manner of Observation:

Visual without aids. The 775th AC&amp;W Squadron had no radar contacts with this object.

## 4. Location of Observers During Sighting:

At the 775th AC&amp;W Squadron, Cambria, California. Object was first sighted at approximately 30° above the horizon. The distance between the observers and the object was undetermined. The object appeared to be approximately horizontal with the observers at the time it disappeared below the horizon.

## 5. Observers were:

T/Sgt Benjamin F. Brunges, Jr.

A/2C Ronald B. Haag

A/2C Leo A. Delinski

A/3C Howard M. Potter, Jr.

All are airmen assigned to the 775th AC&amp;W Squadron, Cambria, Calif.

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## 6. Weather and Winds:

The weather was generally clear with a slight amount of smoke haze from brush fires in the local area. Surface winds were between 20 and 25 knots from the WNW.

## 7. On the 3rd and 4th of March 1953, an extremely bright planet was visible in a WNW direction from the 775th AC&amp;W Squadron. At 2000 PST this planet appeared to be approximately forty degrees above the hori-

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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object Report (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)		
AREA REPORTED ON Cambria, California	FROM (Agency) Director of Intelligence, Hq 28th Air Div (Def), Hamilton AFB, Calif.	
DATE OF REPORT 16 March 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 March 1953	EVALUATION C-4
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt. Orville E Bixel, Dir of Intelligence	SOURCE USAF Airmen	

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)  
AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, Hq 775th AC&W Sq Msg 75 SAJ 179

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

In accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, Subject: "Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)" the following report of an unidentified flying object is submitted.

On 2 March 1953, between 2100 and 2135 PST, four airmen of the 775th AC&W Squadron, Cambria, California observed an unidentified airborne object, over the ocean to the West of the 775th AC&W Squadron, which appeared to be heading in a WNW direction. The object appeared to be about 30 degrees above the horizon when first sighted. The object was described as spherical in shape, ranging from approximately twelve inches to about one inch in diameter and dropping to a horizontal position on the horizon. The observers stated that the object appeared to move short distances in a WNW direction and intermittently hovered in ~~the~~ place. The object appeared to be red when first observed, changing to a reddish-orange as it appeared to move further away. The object was not picked up by radar at the 775th AC&W Squadron. The speed of the unidentified object was described only as "Excessive". No sounds were heard coming from the object. No contrails or visible means of propulsion were observed.

On two subsequent nights following the sighting of this unidentified flying object, an extremely bright planet was visible in a WNW direction from the 775th AC&W Squadron. At 2000 PST the planet appeared to be approximately forty degrees above the horizon and disappeared below the horizon at about 2135 PST. As the planet progressed toward the horizon, the size appeared to diminish causing its color to change from a bluish-white to a red-orange. As the angle between the planet and the horizon decreased, the observer viewed it through an increasing amount of haze and smoke from local brush fires. This would probably account for the apparent changes in size, color, and movement of the planet. It is possible that the unidentified flying object observed by the four airmen on 2 March 1953 was the same planet observed from the 775th AC&W Squadron on the nights of 3 and 4 March 1953.

*Orville E Bixel*  
ORVILLE E BIXEL  
Captain, USAF  
Director of Intelligence

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Statements by  
4 Airmen, 775th AC&W Sq

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- 8. Negative.
- 9. Negative.
- 10. Negative.

*Orville E Bikel*  
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At about 2100 hours 2nd March 1953, an object, red in color appearing to be about one (1) foot in diameter, was seen. This object was first thought to be antenna corona, but when I went outside at approximately 2115 PST the object moved off in a northwesterly direction at an excessive rate of speed so as to appear the size of a baseball in a very few seconds. The object moved in a very peculiar manner, ie: it acted like a light suspended from a balloon, sort of a swaying motion. The object gave a long dip as it moved out to sea. At about 2120 I called A/2C Haag and also A/2C Delinski and they also saw the object which was then far out to sea and slowly moving. The altitude at first sight appeared about 1000 feet but after more careful study it could have been much higher as it was about 30 degrees above the horizon when first sighted.

*Benjamin F. Brunges Jr.*

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At approximately 2120 hours on the 2nd of March 1953 I received a telephone call from T/Sgt Brungas, who was on duty at the MARS station, asking me to step outside the door and look at the sky out over the ocean and tell him what I saw. I stepped outside and looked in the described direction and saw an object which appeared to be a ball of fire. It appeared to be about eight (8) inches in diameter and was proceeding in a West-erly Northwest direction. I could not judge the speed for it moved which to me looked about one (1) foot and stopped. It seemed to drop and rise three times without getting smaller. It then moved again in the same direction as mentioned above which appeared again to be several feet. It then stopped and dropped again and stayed out of sight for approximately five (5) seconds, then reappeared and disappearing again. The last time I saw the object, it app-earred to be about three (3) inches in diameter. The time that had lapsed from the first time I saw it until it disappeared was about ten (10) minutes. The above took place while I was on duty with the Air Police stationed at Post number 4.

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