

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<b>1. DATE</b> 1 Jun 60		<b>2. LOCATION</b> Ponce, Puerto Rico		CONCLUSIONS Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Astronomical Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Other Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown	Maxwell AFB, Alabama ATIC Archives Project 10073 STURM Venus
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local 1000-1100 GMT 011500-600Z		<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<b>6. SOURCE</b> Civilian			
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 45 min		<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> one	<b>9. COURSE</b> stationary		
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> An object slightly W of the sun, so close that it could only be seen by shielding eyes from the sun. The object was higher than two cloud layers and shown brightly with the sun's reflection. One source reported that it was spinning. After 45 min object was lost to sight.				<b>11. COMMENTS</b> The planet Venus was 7° removed from the sun in a westward direction at the time of the sighting and was of magnitude -3.4. Appearance of spinning was probably due to prolonged staring at an undetailed object so very near to the bright sun.	



[REDACTED]

June 6, 1960.

National Aeronautics & Space  
Administration  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Could you tell me what the object <sup>was, that</sup> my wife and I observed in the sky on Wednesday, June 1st?

We were sunbathing alongside the swimming pool of the Hotel Ponce Intercontinental, Ponce, Puerto Rico and we observed a roundlike object in the very high altitudes.

I am sure that we might never have noticed it, except that we were sunning ourselves and taking notice of cloud formations in the sky. At about 10:00 A.M. we noticed this object slightly ~~East~~ West of the Sun, so close that it could only be seen by shielding the Sun from your eyes. The object was higher than two cloud layers, and shown brightly with the Sun's reflection. It could be seen (by my wife) to be spinning.

In the forty-five minutes we followed its course, it never moved away from the Sun. At about 11:00 A.M. we lost sight of it and never re-sighted it again.

To be sure we were accurate, we pointed the object out to the [REDACTED] at the Hotel. He was as surprised as we were.

Could you confirm what object we sighted? Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
[REDACTED]

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21 JUN 1960

UFO Sighting, Puerto Rico, ~~██████████~~

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

1. ~~██████████~~ his wife and friends were observing the planet Venus. The planet was  $7^{\circ}$  removed from the sun in a westward direction, and was of magnitude -3.4 on 1 June 1960.
2. It is a new and novel experience for people to see planets in the day time, and few know that it can be done without a telescope.
3. It is probable that ~~██████████~~ experience that the object was spinning was due to prolonged staring at an undetailed object so very near to the bright sun.
4. It is quite understandable that the planet was lost to the witnesses after a long period of staring at such a bright area. The planet was still there and if the witnesses had allowed their eyes sufficient rest they would have again been able to pick out the object.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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June 10, 1960

To AFIC My friend  
for analysis and for  
mail

[Redacted]

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

I wish to acknowledge your letter of June 6th.

The NASA did not conduct an experiment in the vicinity of Puerto Rico on June 1st. Therefore, I am forwarding your letter to the Department of Defense for further reply.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

Copy to: Dept. of Defense)



AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE  
OHIO



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, Puerto Rico, Mr H. I. Morrow

21 JUN 1960

TO: SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

1. Mr [REDACTED] his wife and friends were observing the planet Venus. The planet was  $7^{\circ}$  removed from the sun in a westward direction, and was of magnitude  $-3.4$  on 1 June 1960.
2. It is a new and novel experience for people to see planets in the day time, and few know that it can be done without a telescope.
3. It is probable that Mr [REDACTED] experience that the object was spinning was due to prolonged staring at an undetailed object so very near to the bright sun.
4. It is quite understandable that the planet was lost to the witnesses after a long period of staring at such a bright area. The planet was still there and if the witnesses had allowed their eyes sufficient rest they would have again been able to pick out the object.

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24 June 1960

Dear Mr. 

This is to acknowledge your letter of 6 June 1960 concerning an unidentified object you sighted on June 1st while vacationing in Puerto Rico.

A carefully analysis reveals the fact that your group observed the planet Venus. The planet was 7 degrees removed from the sun in a western direction and was of magnitude minus 3.4 on that date.

It is a rather novel experience to see planets in the daytime and many people do not realize that this is possible without a telescope. The indication that the object was spinning was probably due to prolonged staring at the planet while it was so close to the bright sun. It is also quite understandable that the planet was lost to sight after a long period of viewing this bright area.

I trust this information explains your sighting satisfactorily.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

  
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SAFOI-1 - Reading