

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Jan 61	2. LOCATION Fort Worth, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2000 GMT 120200Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <i>VENUS</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20-25 Min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE W	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object, 6-7 times brighter than Evening star (Venus), bright white turning to dull red as it traveled W. Above overcast sky. Sighted--65° azimuth, 270° magnetic. Disappeared--20° azimuth, 270° magnetic. Estimated speed--1000mph or better.		11. COMMENTS It is concluded that the witness probably was watching a mirage of the planet Venus. The direction of the object coincides with that of the planet at the time of the sighting. Venus was of a magnitude of -3.9 and just setting at the time of the sighting. The weather conditions, as described, are favorable for the mirage. This object was probably the planet Venus.	

Air Intelligence Branch  
Department of Intelligence Training  
3750th Technical School, USAF (ATC)  
Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: TA-3

18 January 1961

SUBJECT: UFOs.

TO: ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. There have been sightings of UFOs in the vicinity of Sheppard AFB, Texas on 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15 January. Not all of these sightings were related.

2. The sighting of 9 January was made by Major Warren R. Aiken and Major Donald F. Taylor as they proceeded from the area of Altus AFB, Oklahoma to Sheppard AFB, Texas (see Atch #1). Majors Aiken and Taylor appear to be highly reliable sources. Major Aiken has had much experience in investigating UFOs, so his conclusion, that the object he observed was probably a meteorite or a piece of rocket or satellite entering the earth on an orbital path, appears to be sound. No other sightings of this object were reported.

3. Reference my message of 13 January TA1702A concerning 10 January sighting. Many ground sightings correlate highly in the description and the path of the object sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] in the aircraft (see Atch #2 and #3); but, since these reports were received by the offices of local news media, the preparing officer was able to obtain only two witnesses' names. The testimony obtained from [REDACTED], who is considered reliable, verifies unquestionably the description and path of the object sighted from the aircraft (see Atch #4). The cause and identity of this object remain undeterminable.

4. The 11 January sighting was reported by Mrs. [REDACTED] whose judgement and reliability seem questionable. It is significant that this sighting took place on the day that the local paper headlined the 10 January sighting. Mrs. [REDACTED] seemed overly insistent that she saw this strange object (see Atch #5) and she described it as "cigar shaped," the much-used description for UFOs. She left the sighting momentarily to get her husband to see the object, and when they observed the sky together neither one saw the object. Further, no other persons reported seeing this object, which seems unlikely if it hovered in the sky for 30 minutes only a few miles away. It is the preparing officer's conclusion that the object was an illusion, or that Mrs. [REDACTED] was seeking publicity.

5. Mr. [REDACTED], programmer and weatherman for KFDX-TV, Wichita Falls, reported that he saw an extremely bright object in the southwest as he drove from Hunter, Oklahoma to Frederick, Oklahoma (see

Atch #6). Mr. [REDACTED] judgement and reliability seem high. There were no other reported sightings of this object. The preparing officer is unable to estimate the cause or identity of this object.

6. On 15 January from approximately 0315Z to approximately 0330Z Mr. [REDACTED] and other employees of KFDI-TV sighted from the station, on the southwest end of Wichita Falls, an object at about 250° and 10° from the horizon. The object appeared the same as the one sighted 14 January (see Atch #6), except that it did not emit a red glow at intervals. The preparing officer is unable to determine the cause or identity of the object.

CHARLES J. MC CLURE  
1st Lt, USAF

6 Atch

1. Statement from Major Aiken
2. Statement from Mr. [REDACTED]
3. Statement from Mrs. [REDACTED]
4. Statement from Mrs. [REDACTED]
5. Statement from Mrs. [REDACTED]
6. Statement from Mr. [REDACTED]

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(S):

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S):

1. ROUND
2. UNKNOWN. 6 TO 7 TIMES BRIGHTER THAN EVENING STAR
3. BRIGHT WHITE TURNING TO DULL RED AS IT TRAVELED WEST
4. ONE
5. N/A
6. ABOVE OVERCAST SKY BUT STILL EXTREMELY BRIGHT
7. NONE

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8. NONE

9. NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

1. COMMERCIAL PILOTS NATURAL HABIT TO CHECK WEATHER CONDITIONS
2. 65 DEGREE AZIMUTH, 270 DEGREE MAGNETIC
3. APPROXIMATELY 20 DEGREE AZIMUTH, 270 DEGREE MAGNETIC
4. STRAIGHT FLIGHT PATH TO WEST OBSERVED THROUGH OVERCAST AT

TELEPHONED  
 TO Mr. [unclear]  
 NO. 71222  
 TIME 22 0 17  
 Date 12 JAN 61  
 By: [unclear]

RECEIVED

16 JAN 61 08 38H

ATIC

(17)

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 44X2A  
 (LVFO)

8. NONE

9. NONE

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2. 65 DEGREE AZIMUTH, 270 DEGREE MAGNETIC

3. APPROXIMATELY 20 DEGREE AZIMUTH, 270 DEGREE MAGNETIC

4. STRAIGHT FLIGHT PATH TO WEST OBSERVED THROUGH OVERCAST AT ESTIMATED SPEED 1000 MPH OR BETTER.

5. GRADUAL DISPEARANCE CHANGING FROM A BRIGHT WHITE TO DULL RED

6. APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

1. GROUND-VISUAL

2. N/A

3. N/A

D. DATE AND TIME OF SIGHTING

1. APPROXIMATELY 0200Z TO 0120Z, 12 JANUARY 1961.

2. NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S):

1. APPROXIMATELY 32 DEGREES 45 MINUTES NORTH, 97 DEGREES 21 MINUTES WEST [REDACTED], FORT WORTH, TEXAS

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER(S):

1. [REDACTED] AGE UNKNOWN, [REDACTED], FORT WORTH, TEXAS, OFFICE PHONE [REDACTED] HOME PHONE [REDACTED] COMMERCIAL PILOT RELIABILITY GOOD. COMMERCIAL AIRLINE PILOT WITH 25 YEARS FLYING EXPERIENCE. MR [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] HAD ALSO OBSERVED OBJECT. [REDACTED] AGE UNKNOWN [REDACTED], FORT WORTH, TEXAS. PHONE [REDACTED] CAFE OWNER. RELIABILITY GOOD. GOOD. EX/DELTA AIRLINE PILOT

2. N/A

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING.

1. LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM CENTERED OVER SAN ANGELO, TEXAS. 700MB THROUGH 200MB.

2. WINDS: SURFACE 325/05

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2. N/A

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1. LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM CENTERED OVER SAN ANGELO, TEXAS. 700MB  
THROUGH 200MB.

2. WINDS: SURFACE 325/05  
6000 100/05  
10000 200/15  
16000 150/20  
20000 150/20  
30000 180/50  
50000 310/20  
80000 UNKNOWN

3. FWX: 0000Z 7000OVERCAST

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0100Z 7000 OVERCAST  
0200Z 5500 BROKEN HIGH OVERCAST  
FTW: 0000Z 2000 BROKEN 7000OVERCAST  
0100Z 2000 SCATTERED 7000 OVERCAST  
0200Z 6500 OVERCAST

4. AVERAGE 5-6 MILES LIGHT RAIN FOG

5. OVERCAST

6. WEAK SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS AT WACO, FORT WORTH, WICHITA FALLS,  
TEXAS AVERAGE TOPS 20000 FEET

7. TEMPERATURE GRADIENT.

FWX 0000Z 12 JANUARY 1961

	ALTITUDE	TEMP DIFFERENCE
SURFACE TO 960MB	1500 7.8 TO 6.6 DEGREES CENTIGRADE	-1.2 DEGREES CENTIGRADE
960 TO 910MB	3000 6.6 TO 4.2 "	-2.2 " "
910 TO 890MB	3500 4.2 TO 5.2 "	PLUS 1 " "

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890 TO 825MB	5500	5.2 TO 0.3 "	" -4.9 " "
825 TO 785MB	6800	0.3 TO -0.3 "	" I -0.6 " "
785 TO 500MB	18280	-0.3 TO -22.5 "	" -22.2 " "
SURFACE		5.1 DEGREES CENTIGRADE	DEWPOINT TEMP
960		2.5 "	"

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850	0.3	"	"
825	-0.6	"	"
785	-1.3	"	"
700	-8.3	"	"
500	-27.5	"	"

H. NONE

I. UNKNOWN

J. UNKNOWN

K. AIR OPERATIONS OFFICER, 2048TH AACS MILITARY FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER

NO COMMENT.

L. NONE

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NO COMMENT.

L. NONE

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0100Z 7000 OVERCAST

0200Z 5500 BROKEN HIGH OVERCAST

FTW: 0000Z 2000 BROKEN 7000 OVERCAST

0100Z 2000 SCATTERED 7000 OVERCAST

0200Z 6500 OVERCAST



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FROM: ATIC W-P AFB

TO: CARSWELL AFB, TEXAS *RJWF SK*

/UNCLAS/AFCTN-4E2x *1-6-72*

2048TH AACCS, YOUR MSG FS-13-A 05, DTD 13 JAN 61 RPTG THE SIGHTING OF A UFO. WHAT STAR IS THE WITNESS REFERRING TO AS THE EVENING STAR? WAS THE WITNESS INSIDE A BLDG WHEN THE OBJ WAS FIRST SEEN? IF SO, DID HE GO OUTSIDE DURING THE OBSERVATION? WERE THERE SHADOWS CAST BY THE OBJECT'S BRIGHTNESS? IF THE WITNESS HAS EVER OBSERVED ECHO I, COMPARE THE SPEED OF THE OBJ TO THAT OF ECHO I. HOW WAS THE SPEED OF THE OBJ DETERMINED? HOW WAS THE DURATION OF THE SIGHTING DETERMINED? CONFIRM THE SPEED AND DURATION. TO WHAT ALTITUDE DID THE OVERCAST EXTEND? WAS THE OVERCAST THIN ENOUGH THAT AN OBJ SUCH AS THE MOON COULD BE SEEN THROUGH IT? REQ A CHECK BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF THERE WERE ANY ACFT IN THE AREA AT THE TIME. REQ MR [REDACTED] AND ANY OTHER WITNESSES, BE CONTACTED AND ALL INFO BE RPTD IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59, TO ATIC,

ATTN: AFCTN-4E2x.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

DATE 17	TIME 0921
MONTH JAN	YEAR 1961

SYMBOL AFCTN-4E2x	13 JAN 61 00 5
TYPED NAME AND TITLE Robert J. Friend	1
PHONE 69216	NR. OF PAGES 1
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED	

SIGNATURE <i>Philip G. Evans</i>
TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE PHILIP G. EVANS Colonel, USAF Deputy for Science and Components

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR MESSAGE AFCIN-R32X 1-672. FOLLOWING PROVIDED BY [REDACTED] THE STAR HE REFERRED TO IS TECHNICALLY KNOWN AS THE PLANET VENUS OR MARS (DEPEND- ING ON THE TIME OF YEAR) AND AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, IT IS VENUS. MR [REDACTED] WAS OUTSIDE OF A BUILDING WHEN FIRST OBSERVING THE OBJECT. THERE WERE NO SHADOWS CAST BY THE OBJECT'S BRIGHTNESS. MR [REDACTED] HAS OBSERVED ECHO 1 AND ESTIMATES THAT THE OBJECT'S SPEED WAS GREATER THAN THAT OF ECHO 1. MR TATE FIRST OBSERVED THE OBJECT APPROXIMATELY 60 DEGREES ABOVE THE WEST HORIZON AND MOVING IN AN ARC, IT WAS VISIBLE FOR ABOUT

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20 MINUTES. DURATION OF THE SIGHTING WAS BY WATCH. INFORMATION OB- TAINED FROM AN AUTHORIZED WEATHER FORECASTER THAT WAS PRESENT ON DUTY AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING STATES THAT THE OVERCAST EXTENDED FROM 18,000 TO 22,000 FEET OVER NORTH TEXAS AREA AT THAT TIME. MR [REDACTED] DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE MOON WOULD HAVE BEEN VISIBLE AT THE TIME. FOLLOWING PROVIDED BY MR [REDACTED]. THE STAR HE REFERRED TO IS TECH- NICALLY KNOWN AS VENUS OR MARS AND AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, IT IS VENUS MR WEBB WAS INSIDE A BUILDING AND OBSERVED THE OBJECT ON FIRST SIGHT THROUGH A WINDOW. MR [REDACTED] WENT OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING TO FURTHER OBSERVE THE OBJECT. NO SHADOWS WERE CAST BY THE OBJECT'S BRIGHTNESS MR WEBB HAS OBSERVED ECHO 1 AND BELIEVES THE SPEED OF THE OBJECT IS COMPARATIVE WITH THAT OF ECHO 1. MR [REDACTED] STATES THAT HE FIRST OBSERVED THE OBJECT APPROXIMATELY 40 DEGREES ABOVE THE WEST HORIZON AND IT

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WAS VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 25 MINUTES. HE ESTIMATED THE TIME OF  
OBSERVATION BY WATCH. MR [REDACTED] BELIEVES THAT THE MOON WOULD NOT HAVE  
BEEN VISIBLE AT THIS TIME, HE LOOKED IN ALL DIRECTIONS FOR VISIBLE  
SIGHT OF SOMETHING ELSE, I.E., STARS, PLANETS, ETC. THIS ORGANIZATION  
UNABLE TO DETERMINE TRAFFIC FOR THE AREA AT STATED TIME. MR [REDACTED]  
ADVISES THAT HE IS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT  
ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED. NO OTHER WITNESSES WERE OR ARE AVAILABLE  
FOR ELABORATION

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