

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Feb 61	2. LOCATION Tyndal AFB, Florida	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical VENUS <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1935 GMT 270035Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE W-E
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Elliptical, size of grapefruit. Color was very similar to a star, very bright. Objt was traveling on a steady course, seemed to bounce every five seconds. First observed angle 45° and azimuth 295°. Disappeared on an approx heading of 60°.		11. COMMENTS Objt was probably planet Venus. On day of sighting planet was of magnitude -4.3, as bright as it ever gets. Planet was low on horizon and in a direction which coincides with that reported by witness. Objt disappeared with setting of planet. Description of objt favorably matches that of objts which are distorted and given apparent motion by atmospheric refraction.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

HEADQUARTERS
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE
and
4756th AIR BASE GROUP (ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ABDO

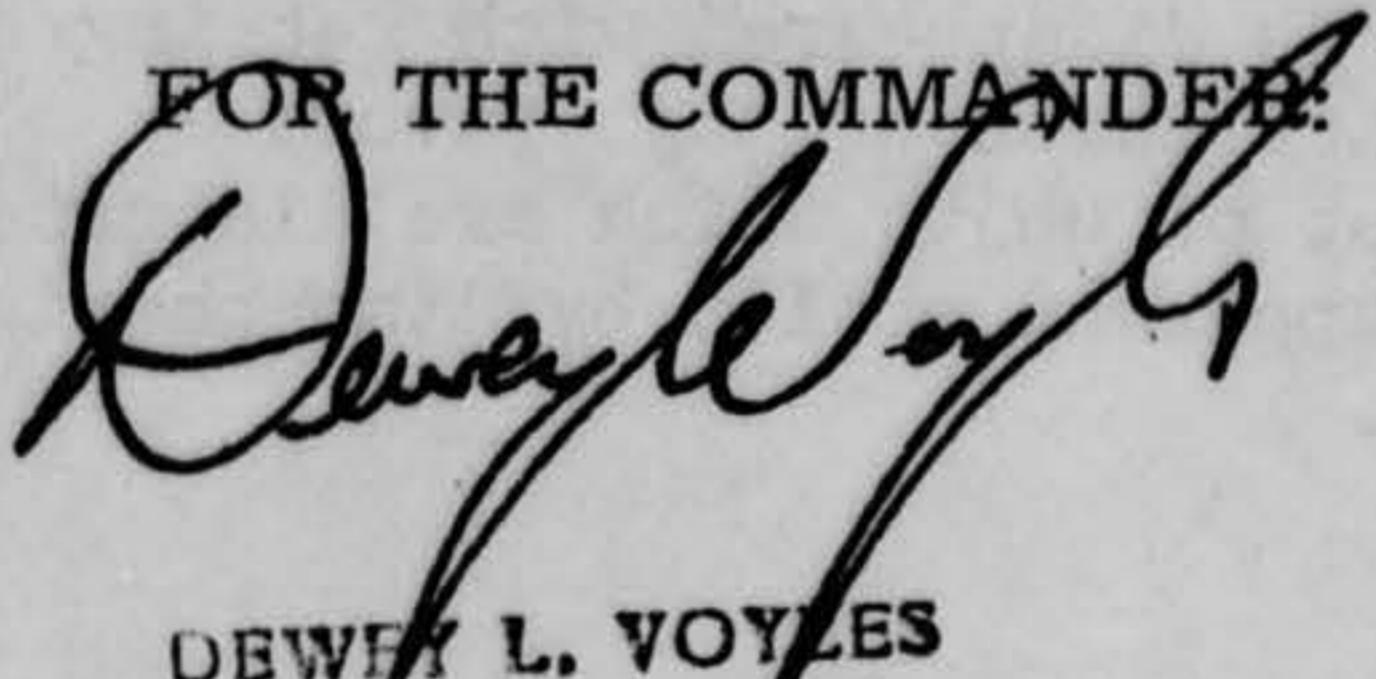
28 FEB 1961

SUBJECT: Report on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center (AFCIN) 4E2X
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, paragraph 15, dated 14 September 1959, the attached Flying Object Report and sketch are submitted.
2. Reference previous conversation between Captain Allan E. Aaronson, this office, and your headquarters requesting identification of these objects be forwarded, if security permitted; as of this date no information has been received on any reports submitted by this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



DEWEY L. VOYLES
CWO, W-2, USAF
Assistant Administrative Officer

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Report on Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

1. Description of the Object:

- a. Shape - elliptical
- b. Size of a grapefruit
- c. Color - similar to a star, very bright
- d. Number - 1
- e. Formation - N/A
- f. Discernible Features: Object was traveling on a steady course, seemed to bounce every five seconds.
- g. Tail or Trail - None observed
- h. Unusual Features - The object seemed to stop and bounce.

2. Description of Course of Object:

- a. When I first noticed the UFO at 1935 hours, 26 February 1961 at Capehart Housing, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, azimuth 295° , it seemed to be stopping and bouncing. I observed it for a while to make sure it was not an aircraft. I called Master Sergeant Maloney's children to observe it, while I called Captain Allan E. Aaronson. After talking to Captain Aaronson, I went over to Captain Norman R. Smedes and we observed it.
- b. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object: Angle - 45° and azimuth 295° .
- c. Angle and azimuth of object seemed to disappear on an approximate heading of 60° .
- d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: The object traveled from west to east.
- e. Manner in which object disappeared - all at once.
- f. Length of time object was visible - 10 minutes.

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3. Method Used in Observation:

- a. Ground - visual
- b. Optical Aid - None
- c. Aircraft used - N/A

4. Time and Date of Sighting:

- a. 1935 hours, 26 February 1961

b. Light Conditions: Night, clear and moonlight

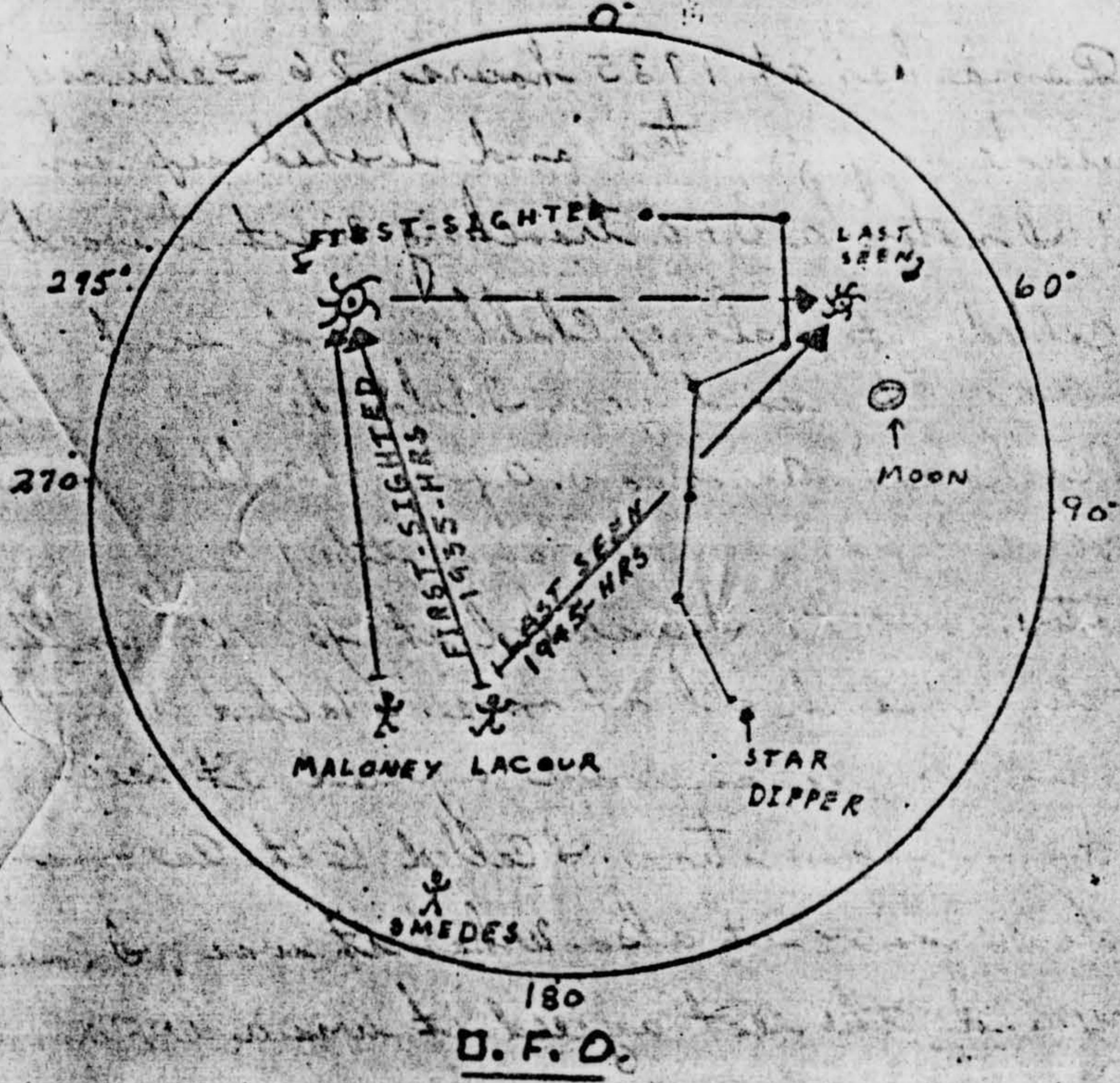
5. Location of Observer - Capehart Housing, Tyndall AFB, Florida

6. Identifying Information on Observer:

- a. Civilian - N/A
- b. Military - MSGT Henry J. Lacour, 4756 AB Gp (Training Section), Tyndall AFB, Fla.

7. Weather and Wind: Fair and clear

/s/ Henry J. Lacour
/t/ HENRY J. LACOUR
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Training Section
Tyndall AFB, Fla



1. DATE SIGHTED - 1935 HRS - 26 FEB. 61
 2. SIZE - LIKE GRAPEFRUIT
 3. SHAPE - ELLIPTICAL
 4. COMPOSITION - VERY BRIGHT LIGHT
 5. SPEED - VERY FAST - BOUNCING
 6. SOUND - NONE
 7. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED - 10 MIN.
 8. ALTITUDE - VERY HIGH
 9. SKY CONDITION - CLEAR - MOON-LIGHT
 10. VISIBILITY - VERY GOOD
 11. SGT. LACOUR - SGT MALONEY CHILDREN - CAPT. SMEDES - CAPT. APPONETTA
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at 2 P.M. local at 1935 hours, I stepped outside my quarters and looked up in the sky and I notice a UFO traveling west toward the east. I called Capt. Maloney Children and said "I saw a UFO." The Major told them to go ahead. The call left soon after. I had just went outside and they came up and noted it was. I watched it for 10 minutes and it disappeared all at once. I talked to all the people there and we agreed it seemed to be a flying saucer. I called Capt. Gandy and asked him seen it also what it was. I could not say and the rest agreed it was a UFO.

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location Tyndal AFB, Fla

Date (Local) 26 Feb 61 Hour (Local) 1935

Hour (Z-Time Group) 270035Z Feb 61

Satellite: (Det 5 ATIC, Ext 3279) ----- UNKNOWN

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) Possibly Venus.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) —

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc —

Other —

Evaluation of Source Reliability Unknown

Analysis and Conclusions: THE OBJECT VIEWED BY
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OBJECT FAVORABLY MATCHES SITUATION
OBJECTS WHICH ARE DISARRANGED BY
GIVEN APPARENT MOTION BY ATMOSPHERIC
REFRACTION. ----- (PTSC XII, DITA 2 sec) estimates

It is conceded that the object
observed over the first witness reported
this sight was identified as
planet Venus.

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