

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

<b>1. DATE</b> 30 Set 61	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Indian Springs & Las Vegas, Nevada		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local _____ GMT 301714Z	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" 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
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> Civilian and Military /		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <i>VENUS</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 4 Hrs	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> 1 then 4	<b>9. COURSE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> Elevations and azimuths of planet Venus at times of sightings from Indian Spring WFB and Nellis WFB are coincident with those reported for UFO. Planet was of magnitude -3. and its appearance in a theodolite would have been as described by witnesses. Since it was reported that witness came across planet while tracking a weather balloon it is safe to assume balloon was at an az close to that reported for objt. Objt observed by radar was in SE and was probably weather balloon. There is no evidence available which would indicate that objt seen visually and objt observed on radar were not Venus and a weather balloon.		<b>11. COMMENTS</b>	

6 Oct 61 13 20z

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EL. SEARCHED LAS VEGAS AF TN NEV  
TO HEDGECOTTIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO  
INFO AMZNJ/4522COPTNGWG WELLS AFB NEV  
BT

UNCL. SECRET 1202. UFG  
FOR AT. REF ATTC W. 66 TV-5-3-13-55. AFB 233-C SECRET

- 1. (1) SALUTE FILE
- (2) UNKNOWN
- (3) UNKNOWN
- (4) UNKNOWN
- (5) UNKNOWN
- (6) UNKNOWN
- (7) UNKNOWN
- (8) UNKNOWN

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- (9) UNKNOWN
- (10) REPORT FROM WELLS AFB NEV
- (11) REPORT FROM WELLS AFB NEV

(4) BY HEARING APPROX 200 0000Z

(5) DIVERGENT TO THE SOUTH

(6) 45 MIN

G. (1) GROUND ELECTRONIC FF-1B OFFICER

(2) NONE

(3) NO

H. (1) 2045 LOCAL (16-52)

(2) DAY

I. 06 15, 27, 30, 115 34, 30, 37

F (1) NO

(2) JOHN H. SCHILLING JR, SGT, 365 RADAR SQ., OPERATIONS  
RELIABLE.

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. UNKNOWN

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K. EARLE W. BENEAU, CAPTAIN, USAF, OPERATIONS OFFICER, 365  
RADAR SQ., LAS VEGAS AFB, NEVADA. PREVIOUS STATED ALTITUDE  
AS REPORTED FROM THIS STATION BY FAL 3 SINCE SEARCH CAP  
CANNOT SEARCH ABOVE 100,000 FT. MSL.

L. NEGATIVE COPE CAMERA FILM AVAILABLE AT TIME OF SIGHTING  
BT

05 1030Z OCT RJWZHP

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location INDIAN SPRINGS LAS VEGAS NEVADA AREA

Date (Local) 30 SEPT 1961 Hour (Local) \_\_\_\_\_

Hour (Z Time Group) 30/1710Z SEPT 61

Satellite: \_\_\_\_\_

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) POSSIBLY VENUS.

Radar Analysis (TD-EI) POSSIBLY WX BALLOON

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc POSS BALLOON (RADAR)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

CIVILIAN GROUND VISUAL (EX THEODORE) 74R PLUS

Evaluation of Source Reliability \_\_\_\_\_

Analysis and Conclusions:

ROUND WHITE METALLIC LOOKING OBJECT WITH SILVER SHINE. APPEARING AS ONE OBJECT BREAKING INTO 4. OBSERVATION BY WEATHER OBSERVER FOLLOWING PIRAL. SPOTTED AT 0904. STILL VISIBLE AT 1000. 160° AZ 6200 ELEV. → 180 AZ 634 ELEV. SPEED 6 KNOTS. PICKUP ON RADAR AT 30 NEVADA AFB. ON SCOPE FOR 45 MIN ON AZ SCOPE ONLY

THE ELEVATIONS AND AZIMUTHS OF THE PLANET VENUS AT THE TIMES OF THE SIGHTINGS FROM INDIAN SPRINGS AFB AND NEVADA AFB ARE COINCIDENT WITH THOSE REPORTED FOR THE UFO. THE PLANET WAS OF ~~MAGNITUDE~~ MAGNITUDE -3.4 AND ITS APPEARANCE IN A THEODORE WOULD HAVE BEEN AS DESCRIBED BY THE WITNESSES. SINCE IT

WAS REPORTED THAT IT WAS TRACKING A  
ACROSS THE PLANET WHILE TRACKING A  
WX BALLOON IT IS SAFE TO ASSUME  
THE BALLOON WAS AT AN AZIMUTH CLOSE  
TO THAT REPORTED FOR THE OBJECT.  
THE OBJECT OBSERVED BY THE RADAR  
WAS IN THE SE AND WAS PROBABLY  
THE WX BALLOON.

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AVAILABLE  
WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT THE OBJECT  
SEEN VISUALLY AND THE OBJECT OBSERVED  
ON RADAR WERE NOT VENUS AND A  
WX BALLOON.

Final.

H. NONE

I. NONE. 865TH AC&W OPERATIONS OFFICER ADVISED ALTITUDE OF OBJECTS, COMPUTED VIA TRIANGULATION, APPROXIMATELY 98 STATUTE MILES, WITH OBJECTS 45 STATUTE MILES SOUTHEAST OF NELLIS AFB AT TIME OF INITIAL SIGHTING.

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J. USWB AND FAA, MCCARRAN AIRPORT, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, ADVISE NO UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITY, BALLOON RELEASES, AND NO NOTAMS ON FILE CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE SIGHTING.

K. ANTHONY J. BUSALACCHI, MAJOR, USAF, DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, 4520TH CCRTNGWG, NELLIS AFB, NEVADA. NO ANALYSIS POSSIBLE VIA AVAILABLE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO SIGHTINGS.

L. NEGATIVE. UNKNOWN IF 865TH AC&W SQUADRON OBTAINED SCOPE PHOTOSENG

BT

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PEAK ( MT CHARLESTON NW OF LAS VEGAS)

I. (1) N/A

(2) DET 31, 25TH WEA SQDN, NELLIS AFB, NEV

G. (1) CLEAR, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED

(2) WINDS: SURFACE - CALM; 6,000FT, 10DEGREES/4 KNOTS;  
10,000FT, 320/13; 16,000FT, 250/14; 20,000FT, 280/13;  
30,000FT, 310/19; 50,000FT, 280/52; 60,000FT, 290/15. WINDS  
ARE FROM USWB, MCCARRAN AIRPORT, LAS VEGAS, FROM 1100Z BALLOON  
REPORT (0400 LOCAL. NO HIGHER WINDS.

(3) CEILING CLEAR

(4) VISIBILITY 35 MILES

(5) CLOUD COVER - NONE

(6) THUNDERSTORMS-NONE

(7) TEMPERATURE (NAFB) 60 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT AT 0830 LOCAL,  
1530Z, 30 SEP 61.

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(B) (1) WEATHER OBSERVER, INDIAN SPRINGS AFB, NEVADA PICKED UP OBJECTS ON A THEODOLITE DURING OBSERVATIONS.

(2) AZIMUTH 133.4, ELEVATION 55.0, FROM INDIAN SPRINGS AFB.

(3) LAST THEODOLITE OBSERVATION FROM DETACHMENT 31, 25TH WEATHER SQUADRON, NELLIS AFB NEVADA AT 1630Z, 30 SEP 61, AZIMUTH 166.0, ELEVATION 63.0.

(4) SE, HEADING APPROX 145 DEGREES (FROM NELLIS AFB).

(5) STILL PAINTED BY 865TH AC&W SQUADRON, LAS VEGAS AF STATION, AT REPORTING TIME, PASSED TO PHOENIX AC&W AT TIME OF REPORT.

(6) FIRST OBSERVED 0830 LOCAL (1530Z, 30 SEP 61) BY AN INDIAN SPRINGS AFB WEATHER OBSERVER. VISIBLE ONE HOUR AT REPORT TIME. ONLY ONE OBJECT VISIBLE ON THE THEODOLITES AT BOTH ISAFB AND NAFB.K

C. (1) (A) THEODOLITE (ISAFB AND NELLIS AFB)

(B) GCI RADAR, 865TH AC&W SQUADRON, MT CHARLESTON, NEV

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. (1) 301530Z SEP 61

(2) DAY

E. INDIAN SPRINGS AFB, NELLIS AFB, AND 865TH AC&W SQ, ANGELS



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1961 SEP 30 22 58

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TO	_____
NO.	11224
TIME	_____
Date	_____
By:	_____

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DE RJWZNJ 36

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P M 302200Z ZEX

FM 4520TH CCRTNGWG NELLIS AFB NEV

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLORADO

RJWZSB/28TH AIRDIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSR/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE SAFIS

INFO RJWZHAP/865TH ACW SQUADRON LAS VEGAS AF STATION

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UNCLAS OI 09-066E

HQ USAF FOR AFCIN. UFO. AFR 200-2FORMAT.

- A. (1) ROUND APPEARANCE
- (2) HEAD OF A PIN
- (3) WHITE OR METALLIC
- (4) FOUR TO FIVE
- (5) BROKEN
- (6) NO
- (7) NONE VISIBLE
- (8) NONE
- (9) NEGATIVE

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1 } E (ufo)

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4 - x2

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

02/21/61

PRECEDENCE	TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE			
INFO ROUTINE				AF	01 09-0660	UNCL

FROM:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

WPAFB 0

TO:

NELLIS AFB NEV

RJWZ NJ

UNCLASSIFIED TD-E

3-10-33

4520th CCRTG WG/YOUR UNCL MSG 01 09-0660 DTD 30 SEP 61. THE INFO REPORTED IS LIMITED IN NATURE. THEREFORE REQUEST A FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION BE MADE. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFO, THE WITNESSES AT EACH OF THE SIGHTING POSITIONS SHOULD REPORT THE INFO REQUESTED IN PAR 15A THRU 15D, AFR 200-2 DTD 14 SEP 59.

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FM 4520TH CCRTNGWG NELLIS AFB NEVADA

TO WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

Handwritten notes: 17, 23, 4, X2A, E(UFO)

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UNCLAS/CI 13-3612. FOR RTD. UFC. REFERENCE OUR OI 39-3661 AND YOUR TD-E-3-13-33, 3 OCT 61. FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION REVEALS FOLLOWING. AFR 203-2 FORMAT.

15A(1) ROUND

(2) ONE-EIGHTH INCH (TURN ON POWER THEODOLITE)

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G(1) CLEAR, SUNNY

(2) SEE OUR 09-0663-30 SEP 61

(3) NONE

(4) 35 PLUS MILES

(5) NO CLOUDS

(6) NONE

(7) 73 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

H, I, J, K AND L: SEE OUR OI 09-0660

ABOVE INFORMATION FROM COMMANDER, DETACHMENT 31, 25TH WEATHER SQUADRON, HAFB, NEVADA. ELECTRONIC TRACKING REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED DIRECT BY THE 865TH AC&W SQUADRON, LAS VEGAS AIR FORCE STATION. 865TH AC&W SQUADRON EARLIER ADVISED UFO WAS APPROXIMATELY 45 STATUTE MILES SE OF NELLIS AFB AT APPROXIMATELY 1700Z, 30 SEP, TRAVELING THROUGHOUT SIGHTING AT APPROXIMATELY 6 KNOTS. ADDED ITEM FOR INFORMATION: THE LAS VEGAS NEVADA REVIEW JOURNAL NEWSPAPER RAN A FRONT PAGE ASSOCIATED PRESS ITEM ON 3 OCT 61 REGARDING A DISC-SHAPED UFO SIGHTING SOUTH OF SALT LAKE CITY ON MONDAY, 2 OCT 61, SEEN BY AIRBORNE PILOT [REDACTED] A SALT LAKE CITY INSURANCE MAN, ALONG WITH SEVEN GROUND OBSERVERS IN THAT AREA.

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- (3) WHITE (METALLIC, SILVER SHINE)
- (4) STARTED AS ONE (FOUR CAME FROM IT- TRAVELING VERY FAST).
- (5) NO FORMATION
- (6) EVEN TEXTURE
- (7) NONE

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(8) NONE

(9) FOUR SMALLER OBJECTS CAME FROM LARGER OBJECT.

B(1) WEATHER OBSERVER FOLLOWING PIBAL AND CAME INTO FIELD OF VIEW.

(2) 152 1/2 AZIMUTH, 62.3 ELEVATION FROM INDIAN SPRINGS AFB, NEVADA RANGE III AT 35/1914 PST. SPOTTED 15 MINUTES EARLIER. FINISHED PIBAL RUN THEN WATCHED UFO.

(3) 182.2 AZIMUTH, 63.4 ELEVATION, 35/1954 PST SEP 61.

(4) STRAIGHT LINE FLIGHT PATH

(5) FOLLOWED UNTIL 1950 HOURS PST PIBAL RUN REQUIRED DIVERSION.

OBJECT STILL VISIBLE ON THEODOLITE.

(6) SEE A(5) ABOVE.

C(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) 25 POWER WEATHER THEODOLITE

(3) N/A

D(1) 35/1714Z SEP 61

(2) DAY

E. 36 DEGREES 35 MINUTES NORTH: 115 DEGREES, 41 MINUTES WEST.

F(1) N/A

(2) A/3C DEANE W. MILLINGTON, AF 19638723 AND A/3C BOBBY L. SETLIFF

AF 19638723 WEATHER OBSERVERS INDIAN SPRINGS AFB NEV