

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>27 Aug 52</u>	2. LOCATION Richmond, Virginia	12. CONCLUSIONS		
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>0505</u> GMT	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	<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 type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical (Fr. 105) <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>5 min.</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>	9. COURSE <u>WNW</u>		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Amber. Round.		11. COMMENTS Planet Venus.		

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COUNTRY <b>UNITED STATES</b>	REPORT NO. <b>IR-73-52E</b>	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT <b>ELYOBMPT</b>		
AREA REPORTED ON <b>Richmond, Virginia</b>		
DATE OF REPORT <b>23 August 1952</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>27 August 1952</b>	FROM (Agency) <b>771st AGCM Sq., Fort John Custis, Va.</b>
PREPARED BY (Officer) <b>Marlin L. Williston, Captain, USAF</b>	SOURCE	EVALUATION <b>E-2</b>
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) <b>See this No. TIR AGCM 1105, DTM 27/17003 August 1952 - Air Force Ltr 200-5</b>		

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.)

One (1) round, medium sized, amber colored object was sighted moving west north west over Richmond, Virginia at 0505Z, 27 August 1952 by Air Force personnel stationed at the Richmond Filter Center. Observers said the object looked like a round light, was moving about 100 miles per hour, and disappeared near the horizon. The object remained in sight for approximately five (5) minutes.

The object was again sighted at 0510Z and was reported to this station at 0620Z. This station scrambled two (2) F-94 interceptor aircraft to attempt an interception of the object. At 0706Z one of the fighter pilots reported sighting a bright yellow light several miles south of Richmond. Contact was lost after three (3) minutes. The observers were in direct communication with this station and upon relaying position reports to the fighters, they stated that the only object visible to them was the planet Venus.

*Marlin L. Williston*

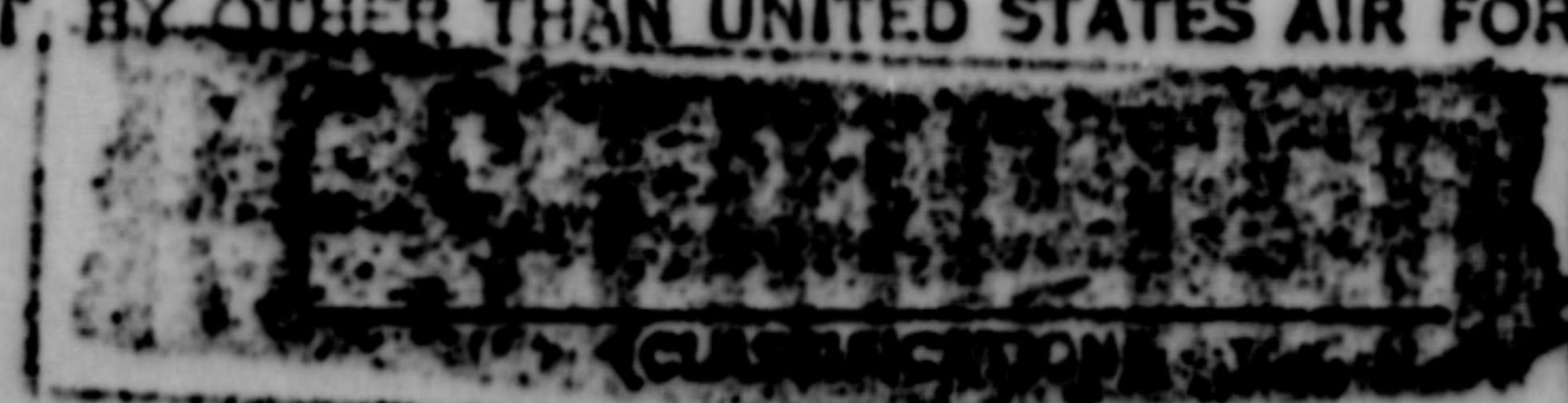
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## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) 771st AB&W Sq., Fort John Custis, Virginia	REPORT NO.	PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES
<p>1. One (1) round, medium sized, amber colored object was sighted moving at about 100 miles per hour. Object was moving west north west. Object disappeared near the horizon. Observers stated "it looked like a round light."</p> <p>2. The object was sighted at 0505Z, 27 August 1952 and remained under observation for five (5) minutes. The object was again sighted at 0510Z and remained under observation for an indefinite time. It was reported the second time as being very large and resembling a bright white light moving up and down.</p> <p>3. The object was observed visually from the ground.</p> <p>4. The object was observed over Richmond, Virginia, <math>37^{\circ} 35'</math> north latitude, <math>77^{\circ} 25'</math> west longitude.</p> <p>5. The object was observed by Lt. and Mrs. Wolgemuth, Lt. Fox, Lt. Babcock, S/Sgt. Covert, S/Sgt. Gray and S/Sgt. Helm. All of these, with the exception of Mrs. Wolgemuth, are Air Force personnel and are stationed at the Richmond, Virginia Filter Center of the Ground Observer Corps.</p> <p>6. Ceiling and visibility were unlimited. Winds aloft unknown.</p> <p>7. Pilots of the two interceptors stated the only objects visible to them over Richmond was the planet Venus and they believed that it was the object being observed.</p> <p>8. There is no physical evidence of the sighting.</p> <p>9. The object was reported to this station the second time at 0620Z. At 0629Z, this station scrambled two (2) F-94 fighter-interceptor aircraft in an attempt to intercept the object. At 0706Z the pilot of one of the scrambled fighters reported a contact on a bright yellow light several miles south of Richmond. Contact was lost after three (3) minutes. The observers were in direct communication with this station and were relaying the position of the object in relation to the fighters to us. We in turn relayed the position to the fighters. Each time, the pilot of the lead aircraft stated that the planet Venus was at the position reported for the object. After searching the area for fifteen (15) minutes, the fighters were returned to their home base. The lead aircraft was piloted by Captain James A. Swizing, AF 821330. The fighters were scrambled from the 143rd Fighter Sqdn at Dover AFB, Delaware.</p> <p>10. The pilots of the fighter aircraft reported no other aircraft in the vicinity.</p> <p>11. At 0740Z, Lt. Wolgemuth of the Richmond Filter Center called this station and said "I believe Lt. Babcock sighted the first object, looked away for a few minutes, and then mistook Venus for the object"</p> <p>12. Signed narrative statements of observers have been forwarded.</p>		

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## PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

8105 EDT!

## I. GENERAL

1. DATE 27 Aug 52	2. LOCATION Richmond, Va.	3. TIME Local: 0905 EDT Zebra: 0505
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Normal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: <input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: <input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) 771 AC & W Sq., Ft. Custer, Va.		

## II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? Planet Venus		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac) <input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunset		

## III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

#### IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:	Minutes	

#### 23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

a.	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

#### V. EVALUATION

##### 21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Unreliable
- Extremely Doubtful
- Hoax

##### 22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Insufficient to Evaluate

##### 23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- Was Balloon
- Probably Balloon
- Possibly Balloon
- Was Aircraft
- Probably Aircraft
- Possibly Aircraft

- Was Astronomical
- Probably Astronomical
- Possibly Astronomical
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- Unknown

##### 24. COMMENTS:

## ( PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET )

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7. CLOUD COVER:  _____ tenths at _____ feet.      _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.      _____ tenths at _____ feet.			8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.																																																																																																								
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P 271700Z

FM CO 771ST AC&W SQDN

*ACTION*

TO JEPHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

SUSPECTED DUPLICATE MESSAGE  
PREVIOUSLY RELEASED, CHECK  
BEFORE TAKING ACTION.

*1. Atta*

*2. Atta*

*3. C files*

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTELL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO ATTN ATIAA 2C

JEDEN/CG- ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

INFO JEPNB CG EADF STEWART AFB NY

ZF6/CG 26TH AIR DIV /DEF/ ROSLYN NY

*PA*

*FOR AGENT  
FOR INFOR*

ACGDO 1105 PD "FLYOBPT" PD IAW AF LTR

200-5 DTD TWO NINE APR FIVE TWO CMA FOLG IS SUBMTD CLN IAW PAR SEVEN  
CHARLIE PD PAR ONE CMA ONE OBJECT CMA ROUND CMA MEDIUM SIZE AMBER IN  
COLOR CMA MOVING WEST NORTH WEST AVOUT ONE ZERO ZERO MILES PER HOUR  
PD OBJECT DISAPPEARED NEAR THE HORIZON PD NO INFO RECEIVED ON PRO-  
PULSION SYSTEM CMA SOUND CMA AERODYNAMIC FEATURES OR EXHAUST PD OBSVRS  
STATED IT LOOKED LIKE A ROUND LIGHT PD PAR TWO CMA SIGHTED AT ZERO  
FIVE ZERO FIVE SEBRA 27 AUGUST 52 AND REMAINED

IN SIGHT FOR FIVE MINUTES PD OBJECT WAS AGAIN SIGHTED AT ZERO FIVE  
ONE ZERO AND THIS TIME REMAINED IN SIGHT FOR A INDEFINITE TIME PD  
IT WAS RPTD THE SECOND TIME AS BEING VERY LARGE AND LOOKED LIKE A

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BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT MOVING UP AND DOWN PD PAR THREE CMA OBSVSD  
VISUALLY PD PAR FOUR CMA OBJECT WAS OBSERVED AT THREE SEVEN DEGREES  
THREE FIVE MINUTES NORTH LAT CMA SEVEN SEVEN DEGREES TWO FIVE  
MINUTES WEST LONG PD PAR FIVE CMA OBJECT WAS OBSERVED BY LT AND MRS  
WOLGEMUTH CMA LT FOX CMA LT BABCOCK CMA STAFF SGT COVERT CMA STAFF  
SGT GARY CMA AND STAFF SGT HELM PD ALL OF THESE ARE STATIONED AT THE  
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RS WOLGEMUTH ARE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL PD PAR SIX CMA CEILING AND  
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INFORMED US THE OBJECTS POSITION IN RELATION  
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RELAYED TO THE FLIGHT LEADER BY VICTOR HOW FOX RADIO PD THE PILOT  
ROGERED FOR THE MESSWAGE AND IMMEDIATELY STATED QUOTE THE PLANET  
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GROUND OBSVRS RPTD THE OBJECT STILL OVERHEAD AND THE RELATIVE POSITION  
TO THE FTRS AS BEING QUOTE FIVE O CLOCK UNQUOTE PD THIS INFORMATION  
WAS IMMEDIATELY RELAYED TO THE FTR PILOT PD THE PILOT REPORTED QUOTE

VENUS

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VENUS IS VISIBLE TO ME AT FIVE O CLOCK UNQUOTE PD AT ZERO SEVEN ZERO  
SIX ZEBRA FTR PILOT RPTD SIGHTING A BRIGHT YELLOW LIGHT SEVERAL  
MILES SOUTH OF RICHMOND PD AT ZERO SEVEN ZERO NINE ZEBRA THE PILOT  
LOST CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT AND RETURNED NORTH TO RICHMOND PD  
AT ZERO SEVEN TWO FIVE ZEBRA CMA AFTER A FIFTEEN MINUTE SEARCH  
OF THE AREA OVER RICHMOND CMA THE FTR INTCPTRS RPTD NOTHING IN  
SIGHT BUT PLANET VENUS (A THE SEARCH WAS DISCONTINUED AND THE AIR  
CRAFT WERE RETURNED TO BASE PD PAR TEN CMA NONE PD END

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