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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>22 Jan 53 23/0040Z                                                     | 2. LOCATION<br>Harmon AFB, Newfoundland                                                                                                                                                |
| 3. SOURCE<br>AC&W Personnel                                                                    | 10. CONCLUSION<br>Astro (PLANET VENUS)<br>1. Radar contact tried - negative.<br>2. Good report - contains an evaluation by the preparing officer as to sightings cause - ATIC concurs. |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>One                                                                    | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br>Unusual light changing from white to red was stationary not far from the horizon.                                                                    |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>10 Min                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground Visual                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 7. COURSE<br>NW                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                                                                                                                                                        |



*More than one*

CSAF ITEM 1 ( UNCL )

FROM: CAPT HARRY SMITH AFOIN-2A2

TO: CAPT ED RUPPELT ATIAA-5

THE FOLLOWING FLYOBRPA IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR  
INFO AND ANY DESIRED ACTION. \*VISUAL SIGHTING

*ja* 233349 ZULU AT HARMON (FB NFD

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT OBSERVED BY

CONTROL TOWER, WEATHER STATION, BASE OPERATIONS,

165 AC/W SQ FOR FOUR MINUTES. ONE OBJECT

STATIONARY 8000 FEET ALTITUDE OVAL SHAPE CHANGING

COLOR RED WHITE BLUE NO TRAIL NO EXHAUST

SILENT NO RADAR CONTACT WEATHER CALM VISIBILITY 10

MILES. WEATHER STATION CHECKED FOR BALLOON

POSSIBILITY WITH NEGATIVE RESULT. NO INTERCEPTION

MADE. THIS REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM CG NEAC

PEPPERRELL AFB NFD 233439 ZULU

END CSAF ITEM 1 ( UNCL )

*23/004102*

*HARMON AFB*

*NEWFBW (and)*

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| COUNTRY<br>Canada                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | REPORT NO.<br>IR-5-53                             | CLASSIFICATION<br><b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>                                         |
| AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                   |                                                                               |
| SUBJECT<br>Unidentified Aerial Object (FLYOB RPT)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                   |                                                                               |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br>Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | FROM (Agency)<br>Dir/Int, NEAC                    | EVALUATION<br>A-1                                                             |
| DATE OF REPORT<br>2 February 1953                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | DATE OF INFORMATION<br>23 January 1953            |                                                                               |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br>NATHAN J. MEYERSON, CAPTAIN, USAF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | SOURCE<br>Intelligence Officer, Ernest Harmon AFB |                                                                               |
| REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc. as applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                   |                                                                               |
| SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one sentence paragraph. List inclusions if any. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                   |                                                                               |
| <p>1. At 0040Z on 23 January 1953, an unusual aerial light was observed by numerous personnel at Ernest Harmon AFB. Among the observers were officers and airmen from Base Operations, the Weather Detachment and the 105th AC&amp;W Squadron.</p> <p>2. The object was visually observed for about 10 minutes on an approximate bearing of from 270 degrees true to 300 degrees true from the base.</p> <p>3. While some observers estimated the distance of the object from the station to be from 8 to 15 miles, others including a member of the Weather Detachment reported that no approximation of distance could be given. The observers generally agreed that its altitude above the horizon was not great, not more than 4,000 feet.</p> <p>4. Movement of the light was not erratic. Some observers reported it as being stationary while to others it seemed to be moving to the North, then Northwest and down.</p> <p>5. Although the light was visually observed by personnel of the local AC&amp;W Squadron, they could not pick up the target with radar. ✓</p> <p>6. All observers concurred that the light changed colors rather frequently from a star-like white to a dull red. Others reported it changing to green and yellow.</p> <p>7. Weather at 0050Z 23 January as reported by the local Weather Detachment indicated scattered cloud covering at 10,000 feet, with an overcast at 20,000 feet: visibility, 10 miles. The wind was from the Northeast at 5 knots. The overcast at 20,000 was described as thin and stars were visible at the time.</p> |                                                   |                                                                               |
| COMMENTS of the Preparing Officer:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                   |                                                                               |
| <p>1. The planet Venus (Magnitude 4.0) was located on a true bearing of 260 degrees-270 degrees from the base at an altitude about 5 degrees above the horizon at the time of the sighting.</p> <p>2. It is considered likely that the light reported in this incident was actually the planet Venus. The illusion of changing colors and movement could have been produced by the passage of clouds of varying density between the observers and the sighted object.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                   |                                                                               |
| NATHAN J. MEYERSON<br>Captain, USAF<br>Chief, Current Intelligence Division                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                   | APPROVED:<br>FRED W. SIEBERT<br>Lt. Colonel, USAF<br>Director of Intelligence |
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| CO, All NEAC Bases                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | CG, ADC                                           | COMCEDEFOR                                                                    |
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Harmon Air Force Base, Newfoundland

22 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

An unidentified flying object described as red, white and blue and oval-shaped, was observed visually from the weather station, control tower, base operations office, and a nearby AC&W site at Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, at 0040 Z. An attempt to contact the object by radar met with negative results.

II. Discussion of Incident

Local investigation precluded the possibility of the object being a balloon.

III. Conclusion

Insufficient data for analysis.

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| 1. DATE - TIME GROUP<br>22 Jan 53 23/0100Z                                                     | 2. LOCATION<br>Patrick AFB, Florida                                                                                              |
| 3. SOURCE<br>Unknown                                                                           | 10. CONCLUSION<br>INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION<br>Insufficient Data                                                          |
| 4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>Three                                                                  |                                                                                                                                  |
| 5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>Not Reported                                                       | 11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS<br><br>Three fiery objects red to orange in color. No Aero Dynamic features. No trail or exhaust. |
| 6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>Ground Visual                                                        |                                                                                                                                  |
| 7. COURSE<br>East                                                                              |                                                                                                                                  |
| 8. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No            |                                                                                                                                  |
| 9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                                                                                                  |



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WPD189

YDA191

VYD145

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JESPT 131

PP JEDWP JEDEN JEPHO JEPYB 444

DE JESPT 123

P 232000Z

FM CG AFMTC PATRICK AFB FLA

TO JEPHO/DIR OF INTELL HQ USAF WASH DC

JEDWP/ATIC ATIAA-2C WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

JEPYB/CG ARDC BALTO MD **UNCLASSIFIED**

/ [REDACTED] D/MTK-1-2335. FLYOBRPT THREE FIREY OBJS FLY IN

TANDEM PD RED TO ORANGE IN COLOR PD NO EXTRAORDINARY FLY CHARACTERISTICS

PD NO AERODYNAMIC FEATURES PD NO TRAIL PD NO EXHAUST PD NO PRPLN SYS

PD SPEED NOT DETERMINED PD ALT NOT DETERMINED PD NO SOUND PD

SIGHTING MADE TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO HRS PD OBSERVATION VIS PD OBSR

V NE CORNER PATRICK AFB VIEWING OBJS AS THEY PASSED [REDACTED] TO E

WEA CLEAR WITH HIGH SCATTERED CLOUDS

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Insufficient Evidence

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