

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 Feb 53 2/0200Z	2. LOCATION Quarryville, Penn.
3. SOURCE Civ. Man	10. CONCLUSION Astro (MARS & VENUS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Reddish-orange pulsating light hovered for approximately 10 minutes, moved toward the horizon, reversed its direction to climb upward, and then moved slowly toward the horizon again. Object diminished in brightness and disappeared.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE W	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ATTN AT1AA-2C MEEBF-2-1E 1 FEB 53 AT APRX 2150EST MR JOHN RIPPLE OF LANCASTER R D 6 CALLED AND REPT SEEING AN ORANGE-REDDISH GLOW IN THE SKY THE SIGHTED OBJ WAS LOW AND HOVERED FOR APRX 10 MINUTES AND THEN DISAPPEARED INTO THE WEST AT THE TIME MR AND MRS [REDACTED] WERE VISITING A MR [REDACTED] WHO LIVES BETWEEN QUARRYVILLE AND NEW PROVIDENCE PENNA

MR [REDACTED] IS A GRD OBSR AND STATED TO MR [REDACTED] THAT LAST NIGHT

31 JAN THERE WERE TWO SIMILAR OBJ SEEN AT APRX THE SAME PLACE THERE

WAS NO SOUND OR ANY EXHAUST ASSOCIATED WITH THE OBJ THE WEA AT MIDDLETOWN AT 2130EST WAS CLEAR AND 15 MILES VISIBILITY

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COUNTRY United States		REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT (UNCLASSIFIED) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBRPT).			
AREA REPORTED ON Middletown Air Materiel Area		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa.	
DATE OF REPORT 5 Feb 53	DATE OF INFORMATION 1 Feb 53	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Joseph W. Widing, Jr., 2d Lt, USAF		SOURCE Civilian Observer	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Air Force Letter No. 200-5, 29 Apr 52			
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.)			

Mr. [REDACTED] of Lancaster, R.D.6, Pa., reported seeing an unidentified flying object at approximately 2100EST on 1 February 1953 while near Quarryville, Pa. (3955N/7612 W). An interview with the observer revealed the following account of the sighting:

Mr. [REDACTED] attention was attracted to an orange-red, pulsating light approximately twenty-five degrees above the horizon. The light appeared to be elliptical in shape but did not seem to have any measurable diameter. When first seen the light was "hovering" in the sky to the West of the observer's position. After approximately ten minutes, it began to move toward the horizon, reversed its direction to climb upward and then moved slowly toward the horizon again, diminishing in brightness as it descended and finally disappeared. It was visible for approximately twenty minutes.

The observer stated that he heard no sound and that no exhaust or trail was visible. He stated that the light was brighter than any of the stars near it. He explained that he had observed many Aircraft at night and this light did not resemble either normal navigation lights or landing lights.

Weather at the time of the observation was clear with 15 miles visibility.

Three other witnesses observed this object, but could not add anything to Mr. [REDACTED]'s description. One witness stated that he had seen three other similar objects within the "last few weeks" in the same part of the sky, but had not reported them.

Mr. [REDACTED] is a farmer with a High School Education. He stated he has often looked for "flying saucers" and although he had seen two others during the summer, he had not previously reported any.

This Office can offer no explanation for this sighting. There are no Airports of any importance in the area of observation and the description of the object's behavior would also indicate that Aircraft were not responsible for this or the previous similar sightings. The motion and brightness of the object also eliminate the probability of ordinary Astronomical Phenomena.

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