

<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 19 March 53 20/0205Z	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Cape Vincent, New York
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Civilians	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> Astronomical (VENUS)
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> <del>X</del> <del>SEVERAL</del> One	Venus was positioned in the NW at time of observation.
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 4 Hours	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b> Ball of fire with orange border appeared to be hovering in the sky at low altitude, appearing to move toward the N. Object was observed eight or nine times for periods of 15-30 minutes, during a four hour observation. Sources stated that they had previously observed similar objects.
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Ground-Visual	
<b>7. COURSE</b> North	
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



8. UNKNOWN

9. NEGATIVE

12. NEGATIVE

PD END

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*Astro: Vanner?*

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JEPSN/CG 32D A/DIV /DEF/ HANCOCK FLD EASTWOOD SYR NY  
 JEPEO/CO 4711TH DEF WG PRESQUE ISLE AFB PRESQUE ISLE ME

// ~~REDACTED~~ // ACL 03079 PD ATTNCLN ATIAA-2C CLN

FLYOB RPT CLN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT CMA AIR FORCE LETTER 200-5

1. BALL OF FIRE WITH ORANGE BORDER PD SEEMED TO BE HANGING IN THE SKY  
 AT A LOW ALTITUDE PD ALWAYS SEEMED TO MOVE TOWARD THE NORTH PD
2. 2105 EST CMA 19 MAR 53 PD OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 8 OR 9  
 TIMES IN 4 HOURS CMAFOR APPROXIMATELY 15 TO 30 MINUTES EACH TIME PD
3. VISUAL PD
4. OBSERVERS WERE LOCATED IN CAPE VINCENT CMA NY PQ 3308 PD OBJECT  
 LOCATED NORTHWEST OF OBSERVERS CMA DISTANCE UNKNOWN PD
5. OBSERVED BY A MR ~~REDACTED~~ OF CAPE VINCENT CMA NY ~~REDACTED~~

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WITNESSES CLN MR ~~REDACTED~~ CMA ~~REDACTED~~ CMA AN ~~REDACTED~~  
~~REDACTED~~ CMA ~~REDACTED~~ IT WAS REPORTED THAT THESE OBJECTS HAVE BEEN  
 SIGHTED PREVIOUSLY BUT NEVER REPORTED PD

6. 3000 OVERCAST WITH WINDS SOUTHWEST AT 11 PD
7. UNKNOW



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<p style="text-align: right;">             THOMAS C. SCHIRBEL            Captain, USAF            Intelligence Officer         </p>		
<p>INCL.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">           DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;            DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.            DOD DIR 5200.10         </p>		
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And now to the 2nd batch; of 26 March 53:

In the 2nd batch, only 2 are Venus: 13<sup>✓</sup> (Bartlesville) and 19<sup>✓</sup> (Cape Vincent) March. There is a possibility that also the 15<sup>✓</sup> March, Germany, was the star Sirius. Most interesting to me is March 18, Williams AFB. This one could be a Menzel mirage. Would be interesting to know elevation above horizon. Would be interesting to have questionnaire filled out on this one. If the heading had been 270° instead of 90°, these might very well have been Sundogs. My guess is, however, that this was some sort of meteorological phenomena.

Now as to the remainder, the 23<sup>✓</sup> March Casper could have been a meteor if the reported 2 minutes is in error. How large was the disk? Does altitude here refer to elevation? What is your opinion of this one?

The 15 March Courtlands could have been a meteor. The short time of observation seems to make follow-up not worthwhile.

The 19<sup>✓</sup> March Newfoundland case is very interesting, but only one observer. The fact that the measured ceiling was 2700 feet puts a limit ~~on~~ to height. Were there any witnesses? If so, this would be worthwhile following up.

The 18<sup>✓</sup> March Great Falls, Mont., gives us another Nocturnal Meandering Light. Can a balloon be ruled out? I think a questionnaire here would be appropriate. Maybe you ought to station a special observer at Great Falls!

The 19 March Tanawanda has insufficient data. The 21 March Elmira is quite interesting but observed only a few seconds. I don't see how Menzel can explain this one.

the 13 March Maxwell AFB has insufficient evidence.

Finally, the 14<sup>✓</sup> March Greenville, could be a balloon.

In both batches there are 3 cases I should personally like to follow up. Those are Shaw AFB, 5 March; Wms AFB 18 March; and 18 March Great Falls.

My plan, Lieutenant, is to concentrate on relatively few cases that show promise of affording scientific data. I purposely want to keep the number of cases down for ~~time~~ obvious reasons of time limitation. If it becomes possible to obtain the services of one full time assistant, then I could assign certain follow up jobs which would facilitate matters a great deal.

I hope we can discuss these and other matters at your visit here 22 April.

Best Wishes,

Sincerely,

*Allen Hynek*

P.S. Any further word on the Port Austin Case of 17 Feb?

I should appreciate talking with Dr. Kaplan concerning the Menzel plan.

*Wade - Ask Port Austin by TWX if the object may have been a helicopter, asking info on local helicopter activity, companies, mail runs, etc.*

*Lt. Olson*