

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Jan 58	2. LOCATION Woodridge, England		12. CONCLUSIONS <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Venus <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 02/1740Z	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		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr 15 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oval shaped, dull reddish-orange obj, size of grapefruit. Tremendous size for a star. Started moving, turned upon end w/what looked like 3 tail-like protrusions. At that point it seemed about 3 times larger. Obj moved slowly up and down, then to right & back to left, then down to orig position. All the time the obj grew dimmer, until it turned to an orange glow & disappeared.		11. COMMENTS It was the opinion of the AACS Tower operators & weather personnel on duty at the time of the sighting, that the obj could have been the planet Venus. ATIC concurs.	

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SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)			
UFOB			
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112 unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)			
<p>On the evening of 2 January 1958 a large, dull reddish orange object about the size of a grapefruit was observed at a 20 to 30 degree elevation. It moved Southwest growing larger and brighter, then disappeared.</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Harlan B. Ferrill</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">HARLAN B. FERRILL Colonel USAF DCS/Intelligence Hq Third Air Force APO 125, New York, New York</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">INCL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1. Similar to many similar reports rec'd during last 3 weeks found (after flying) that was Venus mistaken for UFO. 2. Venus was so bright in New papers here Commented on it</p>			
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The following information is submitted in compliance with AFR 200-2,
12 August 1954, Subject: UFOB.

- (1)(a) Oval shaped.
(b) Grapefruit.
(c) Dull reddish orange.
(d) One of three overlapping.
(e) Refer to (d) above.
(f) Refer to 2(d).
(g) Negative.
(h) Negative.
(i) Refer to 2(d).
- (2)(a) Tremendous size for a star.
(b) Southwest, 20 to 30 degree elevation.
(c) Approximately same as 2(b) above.
(d) Started moving at 1810Z, turned up on end with what looked like three tail-like protrusions. At that point it seemed about three times larger than original observation. The object did not speed up but moved slowly up and down, then to the right and back to the left, then downwards to the original position. All the time the object grew dimmer, until it turned to an orange glow, then disappeared.
(e) Refer to 2(d).
(f) 021740Z to 021815Z.
- (3)(a) Ground visual.
(b) Negative.
(c) Negative.
- (4)(a) 021740Z January 1958.
(b) Night.
- (5) IAF Station Woodbridge.
- (6)(a) Negative.
(b) [REDACTED] A/2C USAF, Det. 5, 603rd Communications Squadron teletype operator.
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[REDACTED] A/1C USAF, Det 5, 603rd Communications Squadron.
- (7)(a) No low clouds. Very few middle clouds. High thin Cirrus at 25,000 ft..
(b) East/North-east winds, 15 to 20 knots from surface to 15,000 feet.
West/North-west winds, 50 to 60 knots at 15,000 to 40,000 feet.
(c) Unlimited except for a few clouds at 24,000 feet.
(d) Unknown.
(e) Unknown.
(f) Negative.
- (8) Negative.
- (9) Negative.
- (10) The following type aircraft were in the area after 021700Z: Five F-86, One F-84-F and one L-20 aircraft.
- (11) There definitely was an unusually bright object sighted at the time indicated, however, it was the opinion of the AACCS Tower operators and weather personnel on duty at the time of the sighting, that it could have been the Planet Venus.

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<p>(12) Negative.</p> <p><i>William F. Manning</i> WILLIAM F. MANNING Captain, USAF Intelligence Officer</p>		

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Venus Most Prominent

Venus, the only planet now visible in the evening, is a brilliant object in the sky and will soon be joined by the Leonids, "shooting stars."

JAMES STOKLEY

THE MOST BRILLIANT object you see in the southern sky this evening is dark Venus, the planet now appearing as part of the spectrum.

What you see is the planet Venus, now reaching its greatest prominence, which comes just before its disappearance from the evening sky early in 1936.

Venus is far brighter than any other star in the night sky, and there is no difficulty in identifying it. Indeed, it is not observed long before the sky is dark. But if you know where to look, you can see it in daylight.

After it passed behind the sun last April Venus has gradually been drawing to its present position. That means that it is now in the line of sight from the earth. Venus is now in the line of sight from the earth. Venus is now in the line of sight from the earth. Venus is now in the line of sight from the earth.

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Bright Birds in the Sky

These maps do, however, show the stars that are now visible.

Look toward the west, toward the top of the "northern" cross, which is really part of the constellation of Cygnus, the swan. Directly in the bird's tail, in fact, the word is "cross" and means "tail." The crosspiece represents the wings, and the lower part of the cross has long neck stretched forward in flight. At the head is Albireo, a star of the second magnitude on the astronomical brightness scale. Below Cygnus is another first magnitude star, Vega, in Lyra, the lyre. To the left is another bird, Aquila, the eagle, with the star Altair.

High in the south you can see the four stars that form the "great square," part of the constellation of Pegasus, the winged horse. Although these are not among the brightest, their characteristic arrangement makes them a good starting place from which to find other groups. The horse, actually, is upside down in the sky, as the row of stars extending westward from the lower right corner of the square is his head!

The star at the upper right, Alpheratz, is

not in Pegasus at all, but in the neighboring group of Andromeda. This constellation represents the Ethiopian princess who, according to mythology, was chained to a rock to be devoured by a sea monster, represented by the constellation of Cetus, the whale, in the south. Fortunately, she was rescued by the hero, Perseus, who is seen in the north east.

Andromeda's mother, Cassiopeia, is seen in the north, a group forming the letter M, above Polaris, the pole star. Alongside her is her husband, the king, Cepheus.

Turning now toward the east, we can see what is generally considered to be the finest constellation in the sky making its debut for the season.

Orion: Season's Finest

This is Orion, the warrior, easily recognized because of the three stars in a row that form his belt. To the left is Betelgeuse, to the right is Rigel, both of the first magnitude, although being a low in the sky they do not appear as bright as they

will in the coming months. They can be seen high in the south.

Just above Orion's belt, the belt, are brilliant Aldebaran and to the left of the figure stands Arcturus, the brightest star in the constellation of Bootes, the bull.

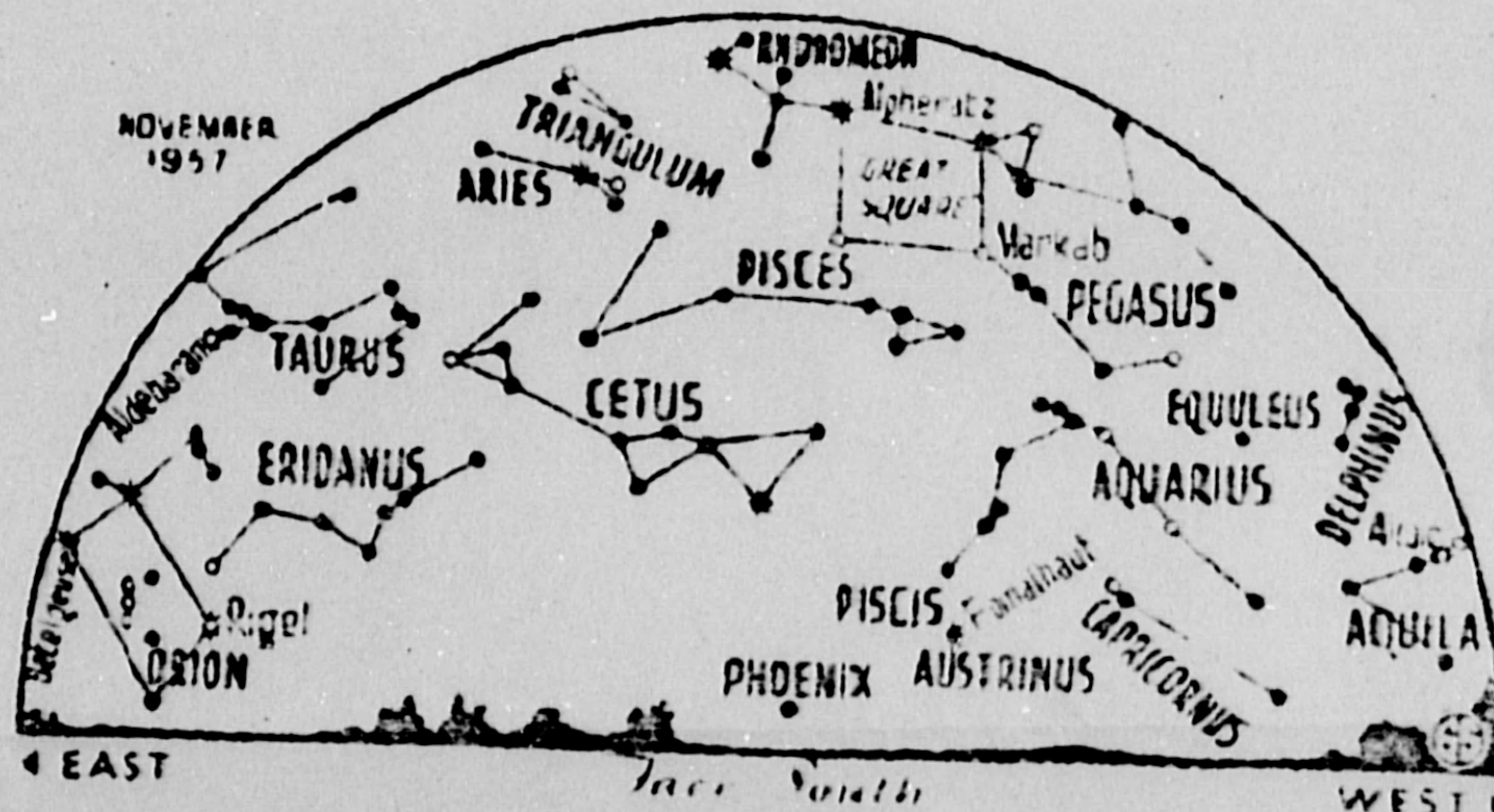
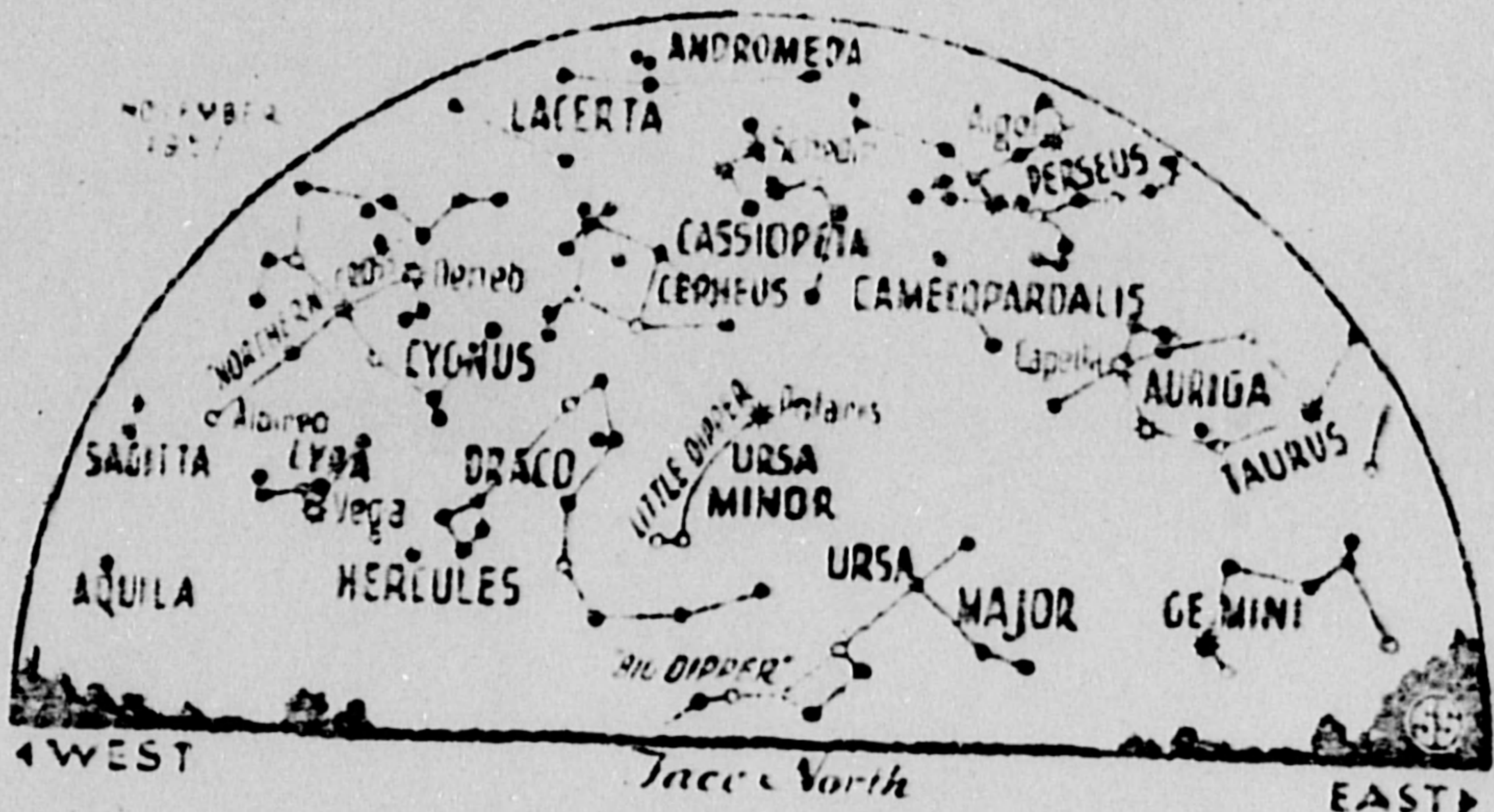
Although only Venus is now visible in the evening, two other planets appear in the southeast before sunrise. Brightest of these is Jupiter, in the constellation of Virgo, the virgin. It is close to the bright star Spica. However, it exceeds the star in brightness about ten times.

Farther east is Mars, rising about an hour ahead of the sun. Its brightness is about half that of Spica. Mercury and Saturn are both too near the sun to be easily visible in November.

Shower of "Stars" to Come

November is the month bringing one of the year's famous showers of meteors, or "shooting stars," which appear from about the 13th to the 16th.

They are most numerous after midnight, because then we are on the forward side of the earth in its orbital movement around the sun. Thus, we meet them head-on. This is different from the evening hours when we are on the rearward part, and see only those that catch up to us.



• • • SYMBOLS FOR STARS IN ORDER OF BRIGHTNESS

1. Brightest star in the sky. 2. Second brightest. 3. Third brightest. 4. Fourth brightest. 5. Fifth brightest. 6. Sixth brightest. 7. Seventh brightest. 8. Eighth brightest. 9. Ninth brightest. 10. Tenth brightest.