

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 Oct 59		2. LOCATION Republic of Korea		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Venus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0305Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes Not Forwarded ☐ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 hrs 20 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE West		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Approx size of the letter "c" of the word cent on the reverse side of a penny at arms length. Obj was crescent shaped, silver in appearance. * PHOTOS TAKEN BUT NOT FORWARDED WITH IR FROM 314 AD.				11. COMMENTS There is no reason to believe that the obj of this sighting was anything other than the planet Venus.	

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H/ms

ACTION: CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFS

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RJHPKM/PACAF HICKAM

RJHPKH/PACAF KUNIA ANFEX

RJAPAA/5AF

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/UNCLAS/3140C-OI 3548. HQ USAF ATTN: AFCIN AND ISO.

PACAF HICKAM ATTN: PFICO. 5AF ATTN: 5FIDC AND 5FOOT-C-COC.

WFO REPORT.

A. (1) CRESCENT

(2) APPROXIMATE SIZE OF THE LETTER C OF THE WORD CENT ON
REVERSE SIDE OF PENNY HELD AT ARMS LENGTH.

(3) SILVER

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) NO

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(7) NO

(8) NO

(9) NONE

B. (1) WEATHER MAN TRYING TO SPOT AIRCRAFT ON BOMBING RUN NOTICED OBJECT

(2) 246.2 DEGREES TRUE BEARING

41.6 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON

(3) 279.6 DEGREES TRUE BEARING

D 5.6 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON

(4) STRAIGHT

(5) OBJECT GRADUALLY GREW SMALLER AS IT NEARED THE HORIZON

(6) THREE HOURS TWENTY MINUTES

C. (1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) THEODOLITE ML-146- - 20 POWER

(3) N/A

D. (1) 190305Z OCT 59

(2) DAY

E. (1) 3715 NORTH 12642 EAST

(2) KOON-NI RANGE

F. (1) N/A

(2) 1ST LT RICHARD C. ROBBINS, AO3080693, 6314TH SUPPORT

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SQUADRON, USAF, RIABLE.

G. (1) CLEAR

(2) ALT DIR SPEED

0' UNK UNK

800' 050DEG 17K

10,000' 010 14K

P 16,000' 040 33K

20,000' 030 37K

30,000' 010 54K

50,000' 290 67K

80,000 250 11K

(3) NONE

(4) 10 MILES PLUS

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

H. NONE

I. 3 AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED. OBSERVER DIRECTED AIRCRAFT TO AREA OF
OBJECT. AIRCRAFT SPOTTED NOTHING.

J. AIRCRAFT IN LOCAL BOMBING PATTERN AT KOON-NI RANGE.

K. R.A. BASS, CAPTAIN, USAF. NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE AT

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THIS TIME. PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE FORWARDED WITH AF FORM 12.

L. NONE

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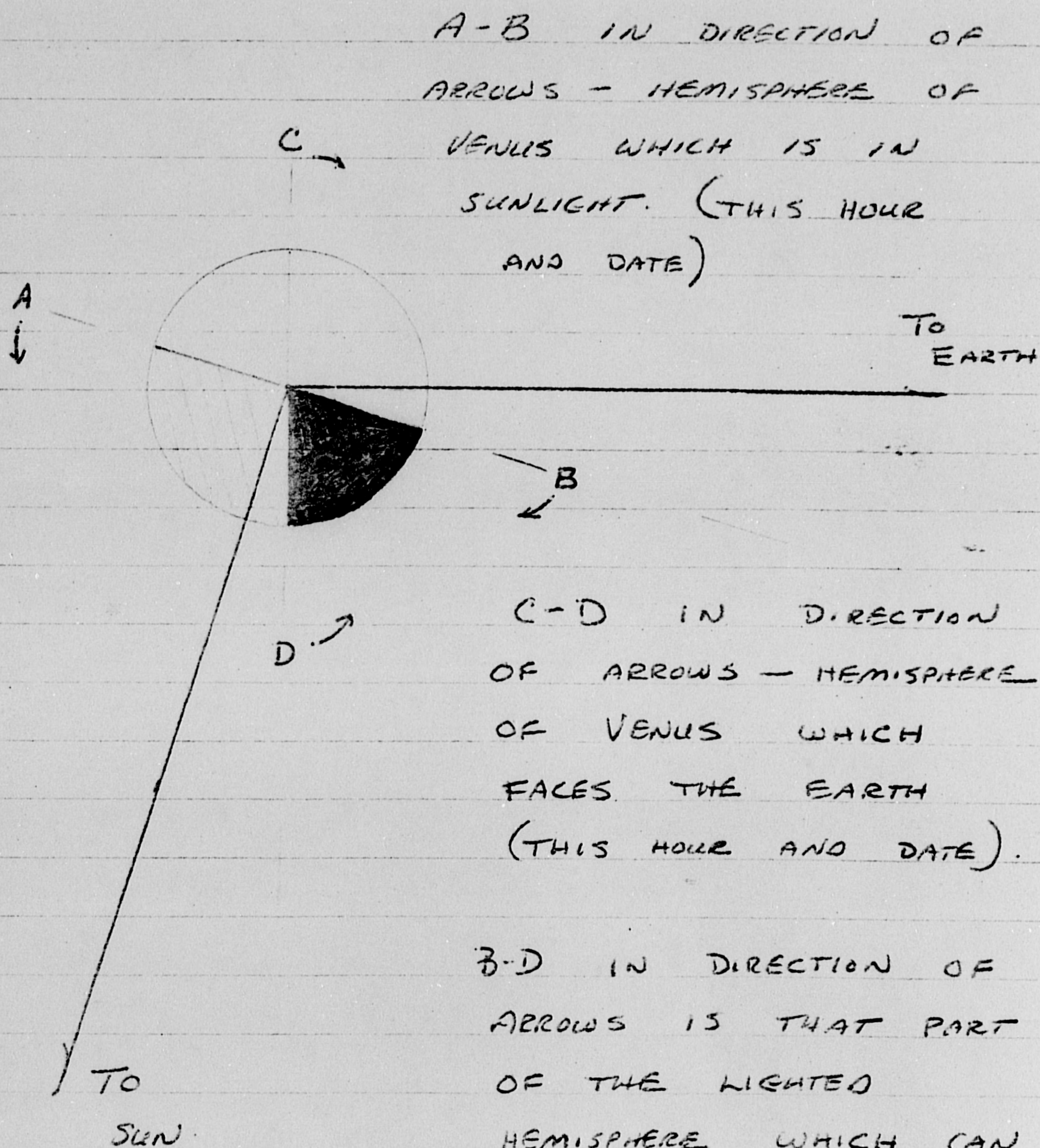
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Venus was again reported as a UFO on the night of October 19, 1959, in Korea. An observer reported a crescent-shaped silver object moving very slowly toward the west. Observing it for three hours and twenty minutes through the telescope of a transit, he obtained very exact data on the bearing and altitude, which provided the facts required for identification. The object moved westward at a rate of approximately 12 degrees an hour, a rate close to the rotational velocity of the earth and the apparent rotational velocity of the stars. Venus at the time occupied exactly the same position as the object, and went below the horizon shortly after the reported sighting [1].

19 Oct 1969

KOREA.



A-B IN DIRECTION OF
ARROWS - HEMISPHERE OF
VENUS WHICH IS IN
SUNLIGHT. (THIS HOUR
AND DATE)

C-D IN DIRECTION
OF ARROWS - HEMISPHERE
OF VENUS WHICH
FACES THE EARTH
(THIS HOUR AND DATE).

B-D IN DIRECTION OF
ARROWS IS THAT PART
OF THE LIGHTED
HEMISPHERE WHICH CAN
BE SEEN FROM THE
EARTH (THIS HOUR AND DATE)

Only 0.350 OF THE SURFACE FACING EARTH
ON THIS DATE AND HOUR IS LIGHTED. MAGNITUDE
OF VENUS THIS DATE - 4.2

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PLANS

(1) Name

(2) ALT

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600

70,000'

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700

(3) Name

(4) 20 Miles plus

(5) Name

(6) Name

E. Name

1. 3 aircraft observed. Observer directed aircraft to area of object. Aircraft spotted nothing.

2. Aircraft in broad banking pattern at Low-alt range.

3. E. M. Guss, Captain, USAF.

L. Name

Photographs

(1) Included

(2) N/A

(3)

(a) Frames 5-3

(b) 95 mm M103A1 gun

(c) Instruments

(d) & (e) First 5 frames (Number 20-25) through threshold 1/14
2-4 C. Next 3 frames (26-28) 1/14 AF.

(f) No

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(a) E2

(b) E2

(1) Approx 250 Degrees

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location Republic of Korea

Date 19 Oct 1959

Hour (Z) 19/ 0305 Z

WX Clear - Visibility 10 miles plus

Description Approximate size of the letter "c" of the word cent on the reverse side of penny at arm's length. Object was crescent shaped. Silver in appearance.

Direction of Motion Very slow to west - in sight three hours 20 minutes.

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) In sight too long.

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) In sight too long for meteor or comet - possibly planet.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) _____

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. In sight too long for aircraft moving in same direction. Possibly balloon but wind wrong.

Other _____

Evaluation of Source Reliability Probably very good.

Analysis and Conclusions: It is believed that the information in this report is very accurate. The object when first seen was 246.2° bearing at 41.6° elevation when last seen 279.6° bearing at 5.6° elevation. This indicates the object was moving west and descending. The westward rate was approximately 12° per hour; this is very close to the rotational rate of the earth and the apparent velocity of stars. The description of the object is, other than size, the same as that of the moon. Planets such as Mercury and Venus

(over)

whose orbits are smaller than that of earth have phases the same as the moon. To the naked eye Venus appears as a very bright star, -4.3 magnitude at its brightest, but with a 20 power optical aid the crescent shape would be apparent. On the date of this sighting only .350 of the surface of Venus as seen from the earth was illuminated.

On the day and at the time of this sighting Venus was in the exact position of the object of this report, and went below the horizon to the WSW after approximately three hours and twenty minutes.

It is not unusual for persons viewing the interior planets for the first time through an optical aid to be startled by the fact that it appears as a small moon, phases and all. Our every day experiences have left us with the impression that Venus is like a star and originates its own light rather than reflecting sunlight the same as the moon.

There is no reason to believe that the object of this sighting was anything other than the planet Venus.

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