

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Nov 59	2. LOCATION Oakridge, Eugene, Oregon	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 01/1135Z	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	 <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Venus <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr 55 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE contradictory
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Cigar-shaped obj, 6-8 times as long as wide. Believed to be Venus by several of the in vertical position. Red lights at extremities observed. w/extremely bright white light in center, possibly flashing.	11. COMMENTS	

HEADQUARTERS
337TH FIGHTER GROUP (AIR DEFENSE)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PORTLAND 18, OREGON



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 3370DC

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. A report of civilian sighting of unidentified flying objects is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2.

a. Description of the Object:

(1) Cigar shaped, about 6-8 times as long as wide in vertical position.

(2) Large, but impossible to give a reasonable estimate.

(3) Red lights at the extremities with an extremely bright white light in the center, possibly flashing.

(4) One.

(5) N/A

(6) Observer in the Government Camp area described the object as resembling the Mobilgas Red Horse, about the size of a blimp.

(7) None.

(8) None.

(9) None.

b. Description of Course:

(1) Unknown.

(2) The Oakridge observers reported it at about 12,000 feet due North of Mount Hood, Oregon. The Government Camp observer reported it at 12,000 feet South, Southeast of Mount Hood.

(3) Oakridge - at 2000 feet and 2 miles East of Oakridge. Government Camp - South into the mountains.

(4) Oakridge observers reported that the object drifted to the North. The Government Camp, Oregon, observer stated that objected drifted to the South.

(5) Oakridge - suddenly at 2000 feet, 2 miles East of Oakridge. Government Camp - observer entered a canyon and when he came out, the object had disappeared into the mountains to the South.

(6) Approximately 1 hour and 55 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground - visual.
- (2) None.
- (3) N/A.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

- (1) 01/1135Z.
- (2) Night.

e. Location of Observers:

Oakridge, Government Camp, and Eugene, Oregon.

f. State Patrol Officer [REDACTED]
State Police Office, Milwaukee, Oregon (Government Camp)

State Patrol Officer [REDACTED]
West Fir, Oregon (Oakridge)

Patrolman [REDACTED]
State Police Office, Eugene, Oregon (Eugene)

g. Weather:

(1) Clear night.

(2) Winds:

Portland (010400 PST)

SFC Calm/38°F
6000 340°/05K/12°C
10,000 360°/10K/5°C
16,000 020°/05K/-10°C
20,000 010°/15K/-19°C
30,000 320°/25K/-39°C
50,000 290°/15K/-68°C

Medford (010400 PST)

Calm/34°F
120°/15K/12°C
070°/10K/6°C
050°/05K/-7°C
270°/10K/-15°C
320°/25K/-40°C
340°/15K/-68°C

(3) Clear.

(4) 15 Plus.

(5) None

(6) None.

(7) See (2), above.

h. Northern Lights were visible. Venus and several other bright stars were visible on the horizon. The observers at Oakridge and Eugene decided that Venus was the object they had seen.

i. The object was reported to the 460th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, but no interception was attempted because of the poor weather conditions at Portland International Airport. The radar sites in the area were alerted but no return could be detected.

j. None known.

k. Helicopter pilot, George V. Lawler, 1st Lt., USAF, 48279A.

(1) An airliner over Eugene, Oregon was contacted but the crew could see nothing unusual in the Mount Hood area.

(2) Officer Olson first observed the UFO when he was about five miles West of Government Camp. It was moving slowly to the South. He then drove up to Timberline and observed that the UFO was just slightly higher than he was. He thought he was at 11,000 feet and the object at about 12,000 feet. Actually he was at about 6500 feet.

(3) The FAA Tower at Portland had no report of UFO's from any aircraft during this time period. No aircraft were known to be in the sighting area.

(4) Officer Olson reported the UFO to be so bright that he could clearly see it while he had on his sunglasses.

(5) The presence of Aurora Borealis and Venus and other bright stars in this area of the sky seems to point a possible cause of this phenomenon. The observers reports seem to conflict and since some people looking for the UFO could not find it, optical illusion seem to be indicated.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Frank C. Hardin

Adj. to the Commander