

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Feb 61	2. LOCATION L.G. Hanscomb Field, Mass.	12. CONCLUSIONS
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1730 GMT 072230Z	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 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 type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical VENUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 hrs.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE NW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White objt size of half dollar observed first at aprox 80° angle. Disappeared at 0° 4 hours later. Appeared to turn a reddish-orange as it began to disappear into the western horizon. Intensity of its flashing accelerated also as it drew nearer horizon.		11. COMMENTS Long duration of sighting suggests witness was watching an astronomical body. Planet Venus was in W moving Nw, path noted by witness. Change of color of objt as it began to disappear behind horizon was due to light passing through more atmosphere than it was when it was higher above horizon.

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HEADQUARTERS
3245TH OPERATIONS GROUP
3245TH AIR BASE WING
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LAURENCE G. HANSOM FIELD, BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

CWOB

9 February 1961

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

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

Forwarded for your information and necessary action in accordance with
AFR 200-2 are two Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects

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OTTER REPORT
FEB CASE #1

REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Date

7 Feb 1961

The word "negative" in reply to any numbered item of the following report format will indicate that all logical leads were developed without success. The phrase "not applicable" (N/A) will indicate that the question does not apply to the sighting being investigated.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER(S)

Civilian (Name, age, mailing address, occupation)

Military (Name, grade, organization, duty, and estimate of reliability)

RUDOLPH A. L. SMITH, A3C, Det 6, 4th Weather Group - Observer

LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S)

Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark

Rep. obs. site (on top of DC Hangar) LG Hanscom Fld.

TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

Zulu time-date group of sighting

07 Feb 61-08 Feb 61 2230Z-0230Z

Light conditions (use one of the following terms: Night, day, dawn, dusk)
1730L-2130L
Dusk - dark

DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S)

Size compared to a known object (use one of the following terms: Head of a pin, pea, dime, nickel, quarter, half dollar, silver dollar, baseball, grapefruit, or basketball) held in the hand at about arms length

Shape	Color	Number	Formation, if more than one
Size-Half Dollar	White	1	

Any discernible features or details

The object appeared to turn a reddish-orange as it began to disappear into the western horizon. The intensity of its flashing accelerated also as it drew nearer the horizon.

Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s)

NONE

Sound, if heard, describe sound

NONE

Other pertinent or unusual features

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S)

What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)?

Noticed the object first on 06 Feb 61 about the same time (2200Z) and it followed the same path as it did tonight.

Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed
80° (Approximately)

Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) upon disappearance
0°

Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s)

Very slowly moved northwestward (4 hours approximately) before it disappeared.

Manner of disappearance of object(s)

Like the setting sun (down below the horizon).

Length of time in sight

Approximately four (4) hours

MANNER OF OBSERVATION

Use one or any combination of the following items: Ground-visual, ground-electronic, air-electronic. (If electronic, specify type of radar)

Ground - visual.

Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof

None

If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.

N/A

WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT. CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS**Observer(s) account of weather conditions**

Clear with a calm wind

Report from nearest AWS or U. S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface			
6,000'	310/15	30,000'	300/80
10,000'	310/25	50,000'	300/45
16,000'	310/30	80,000'	--
20,000'	310/45		

Ceiling None Visibility 15+

Amount of cloud cover 0

Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located

None

Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting

NONE

Interception or identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives)

Object had disappeared when report was filed.

Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting**Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting(s)**

Richard N. Woda, Capt, Base Operations
Unknown. Space Track at LG Hanscom had no information.

Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs