

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 Feb 53 7/1222Z	2. LOCATION OKINAWA
3. SOURCE MILITARY	10. CONCLUSION ASTRONOMICAL: VENUS - VISUAL RADAR: FALSE TARGETS.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	Comments: Was probably Venus which at this time of year at time of sighting is 10 deg above the horizon on an az of approx 270 deg. Mars within close proximity with Venus also.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5h 15 min	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Bright orange colored obj which was observed from F-94 a/c at a lower alt diminished in size and color and changed to intermingled red and green color. Obj pulled away from a/c at high speed & disappeared. Obj was observed on GCI radar scope as being below F-94 a/c.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air Vis, Gd Radar	
7. COURSE - - -	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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TO JEPHQ/HQ USAF WASHDC
JEDWP/CG ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO
JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AFB COLO
JKDCR/CG AAC ELMENDORF AFB ALASKA
ZEN/CG JAPAIRDEF NAGOYA JAPAN
/ [REDACTED] X2319 IN-REQ FOR USAF IASS TO DIR OF INT PD FOR
ATIC PASS TO ATIAA-2C PD SUBJ CLN FLYOBRPT PD FOLG RECD FR
OKINAWA ADCC CLN QUOTE UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT PICKED UP ON RADAR
AT POSITION 2627N/13645E PAREN GARBLED PAREN BYCSITE 51 PAREN GCI
PAREN OKINAWA PD POSITION OF SITE 262455N/1274719E PD TIME OF FIRST
SIGHTING 071222/Z UNABLE TO OBTAIN SPEED OR ALTITUDE PD RECEIVED
3 ELECTRONIC PLOTS PD INITIAL PLOT AND 2 PLOTS IN ORBIT PD TYPE OF
SEARCH RADAR USED AN/CPS-1 IN NORMAL OPERATION AND AN/CPS-4
IN LIMITED OPERATIONS FIGHTER TYPE AIRCRAFT FZVM-94B SCRABLED
ON OBJECT AT 1233/Z PD AT 1245/Z FIEGHTER HAD VISUAL SIGHTING OF
OBJECT PD AT 1245/Z FIGHTER WAS CHASING OBJECT AT AN ALTITUDE OF

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9000 FEET PD FROM FIGHTER OBJECT APPEARED TO BY A TYPE OF AIRCRAFT
WITH RED GREEN ORANGE LIGHTS PD LIGHTS APPEARED TO BE BRIGHT AT
FIRST BUT DIMINISHED PD FIGHTER WAS NOT ABLE TO OVERTAKE OBJECT AT
A SPEED OF 360 KNOTS PD FIGHTER CHASED OBJECT TO A POSITION 145
MILES FROM THE GCI STATION THEN BROKE OFF BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF
FUEL PD UNQUOTE END OF MESSAGE PD DTLD RPT HAD BEEN RED TO INC
NARRATIVE OF F-94 CHASE AND STATEMENT OF ANY RECENT TRACKS WHICH
MIGHT BE ATTRIBUTED TO CCAF ACFT

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C-2 PRIORITU SECRET
FM NANA AB OKINAWA
TO CS USAF WASHDC FOR DIR OF INTEL
CG ATIC WPAFB OHIO FOR ATIAA-2
CG INT AFB COLO
CG 225 AF OKINAWA
CG KADENA AB OKINAWA
CG FFAF TOKYO JAPAN

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CO-INT 11649
REF MYMSG DO-INT 1162 ON TDTG 182722Z FEB CRTNS AND ADDS FOL: CHANGE
QUOTE REF URMSG D10500 UNQUOTE TO READ QUOTE THIS MSG IN THREE PARTS:
PART 1. FLY OB RPT UNQUOTE NO CHANGE ITEM ONE THRU TEN. NO
CHANGE PART TWO. ADD: PART THREE THIS MSG REPLY FFAF MSG A2418 AND
20TH MSG D10500. AF FORM 112 WILL FOL

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C-1 PRIORITY SECRET
FM CO 6351 AB WG NAHA AB OKINAWA
TO HQ USAF WASH DC FOR ATIAA-2C
AMC WPAFB OHIO ATTN: DO-INT 11621
CO ENT AFB COLO
FEAF TOKYO JAPAN
25TH AF OKINAWA

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ATTN DIR INTEL

REF UP-MSG D 10400 FLY OB RPT [REDACTED] / (1). AN UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJ
PICKED UP ON RADAR AT 26 DEGREES 27 MINUTES NORTH 125 DEGREES
45 MINUTES EAST AT 072122 I FEB 53. 2 ADD PLOTS MADE WHILE OBJ
IN ORBIT AT 26 DEGREES 24 MINUTES NORTH 123 DEGREES 51 MINUTES
EAST AT 072135 I AND 072137 I FEB 53 AT WHICH TIME TRACK FADED.
1 F-94 SCRAMBLED AT 072123 I FEB 53. F-94 ARR IN AREA BUT
UNABLE TO MAKE RADAR CONTACT WITH FLY OBJ. F-94 WAS INTR TO ORBIT
AT 10000 FEET AND AT 072145 I FEB 53 A BRIGHT ORANGE COLORED OBJ
OBSR TO APPEAR FROM BEHIND A SMALL CLOUD FORMATION. BRIGHT OBJ
QUICKLY BEGAN TO DIMINISH IN SIZE AND COLOR AND CHANGED TO
INTERMINGLED RED AND GREEN COLOR. IT APPEARED TO BE PULLING AWAY
FR F-94 AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. OBJ APPEARED TO BE BELOW F-94
AND F-94 DROPPED TO 5000 FEET AND LOST OBJ. AFTER CLIMBING BACK
TO 15000 FEET OBJ WAS AGAIN SIGHTED AND APPEARED TO BE BELOW ACFT.
AFTER STERN CHASE OF APRX 15 MINUTES ON HEADING OF 290 DEGREES
OBJ DISAPPEARED OVER HORIZON AT 072200 I FEB 53 AND INVS WAS DISC.

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(2) ELECTRONIC SIGHTING 072137 I FEB 53. VIS SIGHTING 072145 I THRU
072200 I FEB 53. (3) MANNER OF OBSVR; AN/CPS-1 IN NORMAL OPR AND
AN/CPS-4 IN LTD OPR. VIS SIGHTING FR F-94 ACFT WITHOUT OPT
AIDS AT ALT FR 5000 TO 15000 FEET AT SPEED OF 360 KNOTS.
(4) . LOC OF OBSR: OBJ APPEARED APRX 5000 FEET AHEAD AND TO THE
LEFT AND SLIGHTLY BELOW F-94. (5) IDENT INFO ON OBSR: CREW
OF F-94. PLT AND RO. BOTH FIRST LTS. (6) WEA: SCATTERED STRATUS
CLOUDS. GOOD VIS. (7) OTHER ACTY WHICH MIGHT EXPLAIN SIGHTING:
VENUS. EVENING STAR AT THIS TIME WAS IN A DIR OF 275 DEGREES FR
NAHA OKINAWA AND 10 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON. EVENING STAR DURING
THIS TIME OF YR WHEN WEA IS CLEAR IS EXTREMELY BRIGHT AND APPEARS
TO CHANGE COLOR CM WHICH IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CONFUSED PLT AND RO.
(8) PHY EVIDENCE: NONE. (9) SEE (1). (10) OKINAWA ADCC AND NAHA
JOINT REPORT NO ACFT IN AREA DURING TIME OF SIGHTING. PART 2: THERE
HAVE BEEN NO RECENT TRACKS WHICH MIGHT BE ATTRIBUTED TO FLY

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Okinawa

7 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 2122 local time radar tracked an unidentified object for 15 minutes and alerted a local interceptor squadron. An F-94 scrambled at 2123 hours, climbed to 15,000 ft., picked up nothing on airborne radar but at 2145 did make visual contact with a bright orange colored object which seemed to change to red and green at a special interval. Object was seen by the pilot and the R.O. for approximately 15 minutes after which it disappeared behind a cloud at an azimuth of 290°, low on the horizon.

II. Discussion of Incident

The weather consisted of scattered stratus clouds. No information is available on atmospheric phenomena such as temperature inversions or moisture-laden clouds which could have given a spurious radar return. It was determined at the base making the report that the F-94 had sighted the planet Venus which is extremely bright at this time of year and which also is located at a 273° azimuth from Okinawa 10° above the horizon. It is probable that merely by chance ground radar received a spurious plot on its scope and accordingly vectored the F-94 to a position where Venus was very apparent. No strict correlation between the electronics sighting and visual contact can be made.

III. Conclusion

Probably Venus.

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