

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 Mar 58	2. LOCATION Dayton vicinity, Ohio	12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 6:30 to 6:50A M GMT 06/1130Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input 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 type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military & Civilian	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Brief	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Small, rnd, slightly red & moving generally South to SE, and appeared to be between 5000 to 1000 ft.		11. COMMENTS The appearance, characteristics, and movements are typical of a balloon. Checks confirmed the obj was without doubt a balloon released just a few mins before rpts were received.

106 [REDACTED] 6:50 A.M.
UFO SIGHTING - DAYTON AREA, 6 March 1958

1. Majority of reports state object small, round, slightly red-- and moving generally South to Southeast, and appeared to be between 5000 to 1000 feet. (See winds above for these altitudes at that time and place: S to SE,). Winds coincide with movement of object.

2. A. General time of sighting 6:30 to 6:50 A.M.

B. Checked with U.S. Weather Service, Mr. Halsey, Phone TW 8-4629. Stated winds substantially as above, and balloon released a little after 6:00 A.M. Due to low wind velocity rose high over Dayton area, but did not move out of the vicinity because of this low velocity. Number of people going to work would naturally notice it.

3. A report of a very reliable source follows:

Source: M/Sgt Hurley, 6th Weather Grp, WP, Phone 5-6111

Sighting Brief: Observed sometime between 6:00 to 6:50 A.M. Moved slowly, about 30° in 7 minutes. Movement was S. to SE. Shape and color: small, round, slight tinge of red (stated that this was due apparently to early sun's rays) and about 45° elevation.

4. Astro check: Astro computer, tables, etc., reveal no astro body in that general direction or area--that would be seen by the naked eye. Venus, 20° below this area, would have been "washed" out ~~away~~ by the sun at 6:45.

5. Conclusions: The appearance, characteristics and movements of the object are typical of a balloon. The checks above confirm that the object was without doubt a balloon released just a few minutes before reported by the general public.

See report rec'd next day - - - attached.

Astro Check - Venus → 6 Mar 58
Dayton Sights

1. Venus now very bright.
2. At 6:30 AM. - approx 25° above horizon. (Low)
3. Sunrise (upper limit i.e. half of sun) - at 6:22 approximately
(Ref. Astro - NAUT. EDREMONS)
4. Daylight at 6:22, Venus fairly low on horizon, and in general direction of rising sun.
5. At 6:45 A.M. Sun approx 10° degrees above horizon - washing out Venus.
6. Therefore - Up to approx 6:30 probably Venus if 20° or below horizon. (With trees, Bldgs, etc. - this would appear practically on horizon.)
7. After 6:30 - if above 20° not Venus.

Check N's Balloon
units for that time.

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Dayton 1958

TELEPHONE

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION

'OLD FRIEND' 07/2030 5:50

FROM NAME

UFO Scare Here Blamed on Venus

By OLIVER W. BROWN JR.
Daily News Staff Writer

Dayton today had had its own "unidentified flying object"—which a local scientist said was not flying and was not unidentified.

The object, variously described as green, yellow, red, white and blue, startled many Dayton area residents around 5:30 a. m. At least one person reported it was his second sighting.

This morning's phenomenon was reported by Dayton and Kettering police, the State Highway Patrol and the Montgomery county sheriff's office, along with a considerable number of early-rising citizens.

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A GUARD at the Mound lab in Miamisburg watched it through binoculars. He said he could see it rising in the sky for about two hours. But, he recalled he'd seen it do the same thing in about the same position Wednesday morning.

This was the tipoff as far as scientist Kenneth Kissell was concerned. Although he did not see the object, Kissell said, "It's our old friend Venus!" "It's the same object which excited the populace last December. The

phone calls started in November."

Venus is now appearing about 30 times as bright as the brightest star, Kissell said. He is chairman of the Moonwatch team here and is a physicist dealing with celestial mechanics at Wright-Patterson Air Force base.

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"IT'S SO prominent, it looks like a search light on an airplane . . . It's now appearing far enough away from the sun, out of its glare, to be visible for two hours or so before sunrise. . . . It's a little bit south of due east.

"Maybe in two weeks or so it will be 20 times as bright as the brightest star . . . by two months it will have faded and just look like a bright star then."

County Sgt. Jack Reese reported. "We watched the object travel east like an object on fire and then it changed to a greenish yellow, then very white light. It then turned and went in a southwest direction."

Today's Chuckle

Salesman: A fellow with a smile on his face, a shine on his shoes and a lousy territory.

REMARKS

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MEMO ROUTING SLIP

Phone Report

10:15 AM, Saturday
8 March 1958

1. Rec'd Call from a Mr. ? - [redacted] (name not too clear), referred to this office by Provost Marshall's Office.
2. Asked if we knew of any ^{other} report of any strange object seen by him and a friend near the Yellow Springs Road, near Xenia (?) at approx. 7:15 yesterday (Friday) morning. Told him that time was bright and clear, and that a balloon cut across the SE corner of day in around 7:30 or thereabouts.
3. Upon suggesting that he give me data to fill out a UFO questionnaire, stated that it was not necessary. The object was a balloon - merely wanted to see if we had a report on it. Thanked me and hung up. !!!

Capt. G. T. Gregory
8 March 1958
(Saturday Morning)

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1958

Off Beat

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MIKE HENNESSY

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Sgt. Bolivar: One of the officers gave me this
this morning. As I pointed out last Thursday
(6 March)—two objects in the sky: a balloon and
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR and Venus. Capt. G.

'Flying Saucer' No Planet Unless Venus Wears Tail

On the morning of March 6, The Daily News stated, a local expert and "Moonwatch" member said that UFO (unidentified foreign object) was Venus. Although—and note—he himself did not see the object!

At approximately 7 o'clock that morning . . . I noticed a small, round object moving very slowly southeast from my position just south of Xenia. The thing was located at an angle a little higher than halfway up from where I was standing to directly overhead. Upon pointing it out to a friend,

Letters submitted for publication in this column must bear the full name and address of the writer. All letters are subject to condensation.

He rushed inside and came out with a highpowered target-spotting tripod. We both took a look.

If the object was Venus, somebody put a tail on her!

There was a faint rope of wire hanging a little way from below the object which was—a balloon. We could barely see some small gimmick or light attached to the end of the rope. My friend remarked that the balloon looked like the ones the Air Force weather boys used to send up during World War II.

I did notice a very bright star just above the horizon around the southwest about 45 minutes earlier. I now know this was Venus, but not the object we and many others observed. Watch out, kids. Don't fly your kites too early or too high. You won't get credit for their being yours. If the flying saucer believers don't claim it, the astronomers will.

Xenia.

R. L. WILLIAMS.

to collect both. When will the working man wake up and vote these parasites out of office?

Dayton. GEORGE FREIBERGER.

Bad Films Are Blight On Whole Community

A theater in Oakwood showing Class XXX movies . . . What is going on now will be a test on how much the public will take. There are others watching and waiting to add their blight to this community if steps are not taken immediately. This blight can breed into an uncontrollable scourge which we will not be able to shake off.

Dayton. BERNARD WAHRER.

New Expense Wipes Out Cost of Living Gains

On March 3 we received a three-cent-an-hour increase for cost of living at the plant where I work. This is \$1.20 a week or \$4.80 a month.

This same week I was informed that property tax on my home increased \$6 per month. Therefore, with a raise of \$4.80 and an increased tax of \$6, I am actually losing \$1.20 a month. How can anybody say the cost of living is helping the working man?

As for city income tax raise, I am against it 100 per cent.

LESTER ROUDEBUSH JR.

Dayton.

Warm Feelings After Rescue From Ice

The members of the Fort Loramie