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12 Jan 1950

Holloman AFB, N. Mex.

OSI Report Airman

13 Jan 51

1900 MST Brilliant white changing to green and red

Star Relatively slow

Same as Planet Venus Unknown

West 5 Min.

1 Ground

Source observed object once at 1900 for 5 minutes then again at 2100. At 1900 it was approx. 353° - 355° true. At 2100 it was at 325°. It was 10° - 15° above horizon. Was about same brightness as Venus, changed erratically to green and red.

ASTRO (VENUS)



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

DR/WEB/pc

26 January 1950

File No: (24-8) - 15

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA
Sighted by Pfc JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-57501418,
Holloman AFB, at 1900 hours, 12 January 1950
SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this district concerning the sighting of unidentified aerial objects.
2. Attached is one copy of a Report of Investigation by Special Agent Russell O. Womack, Jr., this office, dated 13 January 1950, subject as above.
3. Copies of all future reports of sightings of this nature will be forwarded to your headquarters.

1 Incl:
Rpt of Inv, 13 Jan 50

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Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation predicated upon a directive (AFCSI Letter No. 85) dated 12 August 1949, to report all sightings of unidentified flying objects.

AT HOLLOWAY AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

2. Pfc. WALTER M. GUSICH, AF-57501418, 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, was interviewed on 13 January 1950 concerning his sighting of an unusual aerial phenomenon and the following information was obtained:

- a. Date of sighting: 12 January 1950.
- b. Time of sighting: Observed for 5 minutes at 1900 to 1905 and at 2100 hours on 12 January 1950.
- c. Where sighted: Holloman Air Force Base.
Azimuth at 1900 was 5 to 7° west of north.
At 2100 azimuth was about 35° west of north.
- d. Number of objects: One
- e. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting: None
- f. Distance of object from observer:
 - (1) Laterally or horizontally: Undeterminable; however, object appeared to be further away than the sighting of this observer at 1930 8 January 1950. Re: (24-8)-13.
 - (2) Angle of elevation from horizon: 10 to 15°.
 - (3) Altitude: Undeterminable, due to unknown size of object.
- g. Time in sight: Observer did not observe object for a very great length of time. Approximately 5 minutes.
- h. Appearance of object:
 - (1) Color: Predominately white - very bright, comparable to Venus; changed erratically to green and red.
 - (2) Shape: Starlike shape; unable to determine specific shape.
 - (3) Apparent construction: Unable to determine.
 - (4) Size: Appeared to be about the same size as the planet Venus.

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- i. Direction of Flight: Observer did not keep object in sight long enough to determine overall movement of the object; however, at 1900 hours the object was moving to the west, and when sighted again at 2100 it was still west of where it was first observed. Object moved erratically, up, down, to the right, and to the left in its general path of movement from east to west.
- j. Tactics or maneuvers: Object traversed a predominately level path; changes in altitude were comparatively minute and erratic.
- k. Evidence of exhaust: None
- l. Effect on clouds: Although the night of 12 January 1950 was extremely cloudy in the west, east and south, there were no clouds to the north. The object was clearly visible in the north and had no effect on the clouds that were in the sky.
- m. Lights: Object itself was a light.
- n. Support: None visible.
- o. Propulsion: Unable to determine.
- p. Control and stability: Apparently poor, trajectory was very erratic.
- q. Air ducts: Unable to determine.
- r. Speed: Unable to determine.
- s. Sound: None
- t. Manner of disappearance: Discontinued watching due to length of stay in the sky.
- u. Notes relative to observer:
 - (1) Name: JOHN M. GUSICH, AF-67501418, Pfc.
 - (2) Address: 3024th Air Police Squadron, Holloman AFB.

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- (3) Occupation: File clerk, Air Provost Marshal's Office.
- (4) Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.
- (5) Pertinent hobbies: None
- (6) Ability to determine: Average
- (7) Reliability of observer: Reliable.
- (8) Former sightings: Observer saw a like object on 6 January 1950, which object was reported by this agent.
- (9) Witnesses:
 - Cpl. Gailen K. Greseth, AF-17238126,
Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman AFB.
 - Pfc. Sidney C. Autenberry, AF-16280978
Air Provost Marshal's Office, Holloman AFB.

3. This agent was unable to make an attempt to get a definite "fix" on the object due to the fact that it was not reported until after it had disappeared. There was no radar in operation at the time of the sighting. Checks were made with the Base Weather Squadron, the Operations and Projects Section, Holloman AFB, and the Research Branch at White Sands Proving Ground and it was determined that no testing devices had been released which would account for the sighting.

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