

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 March 53 01/1945Z	2. LOCATION Princeton, New Jersey
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (VENUS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Determined to be caused by Venus by the intelligence Officer concerned.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Circular, silver, stationary object was observed in the West. Object was still in sight 3 hours after initial observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Stationary	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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*23 Mar 53*

SUBJECT: (UNCLASSIFIED) Letter of Commendation

24 MAR 1953

*H. Johnson  
A/C ATIAE  
23 Mar 53*

*Joseph A. Callahan  
A/C ATIAE  
24 Mar 53*

Commanding Officer  
Detachment #3  
4670th Ground Observer Sq  
Tranton, New Jersey

1. The Air Technical Intelligence Center recently received your report of an unidentified aerial object seen by GOC personnel at 10450, 1 March 1953. It wishes to commend the prompt action taken by 1/Lt Richard F. Watson and A/2C Raymond J. Swallow, Jr., in going to the scene of the sighting and identifying the unknown object as the planet Venus, thereby saving the ATIC considerable cost and effort in determining the object's identity.

2. It is hoped that more personnel responsible for reporting unidentified objects Air Force-wide will show equal initiative and enthusiasm in determining the nature of many so-called "flying saucer" reports.

3. The Air Technical Intelligence Center has received about twenty reports from the East Coast in the past month which have been analyzed as being the planet Venus. Therefore, your report and conclusion fall into this recent trend.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

ROBERT C. BROWN  
Major, USAF  
Air Adj. Gen.

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT Report of Unidentified Aerial Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Princeton, New Jersey	FROM (Agency) Det #3, 4670th Grd Obsr Sq, Trenton, N.J.	
DATE OF REPORT 3 March 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 1 March 1953	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) RICHARD F. WATSON, 1st Lt, USAF	SOURCE	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, 29 April 1952 Intelligence		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

At 1945Z, 1 March 1953, the Trenton Filter Center received a report of an unidentified object over Observation Post at Princeton, New Jersey. The observer, Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Princeton, New Jersey, reported a circular, silver, stationary object, location: Alfa-Lima 2120 at 40,000 plus feet. His report relayed immediately to ADDC. At 2000Z, A/2c Raymond Swallow was dispatched to Princeton. At 2045Z, he reported the object still visible but in a different position. At 2100Z, relieved of duty, 1st Lt Richard F. Watson departed for Princeton. Examination of this object with the naked eye revealed a star or planet-like object at approximately 250° with approximately 70° elevation. Through binoculars the object appeared to change shape and brilliance; at times resembling a first quarter moon. Experimentation with the focus of the binoculars, however, indicated that movement and ~~change~~ change of shape were actually the result of refracted light in the lens. Returning to Trenton at 2300Z, Lt. Watson was able to locate this object at approximately 260° and elevation 70° est. This fact leads observer (Lt. Watson) to the conclusion that the object in question was actually Venus or some other celestial body.

*Good!* Weather: Visibility unlimited

Ceiling unlimited

Cloud coverage 0%

Wind at 40,000 ft. 125 knots from 300°

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*Richard F. Watson*  
RICHARD F. WATSON  
1st Lt. USAF

*Raymond J. Swallow, Jr.*  
RAYMOND J. SWALLOW, JR.  
A/2c USAF

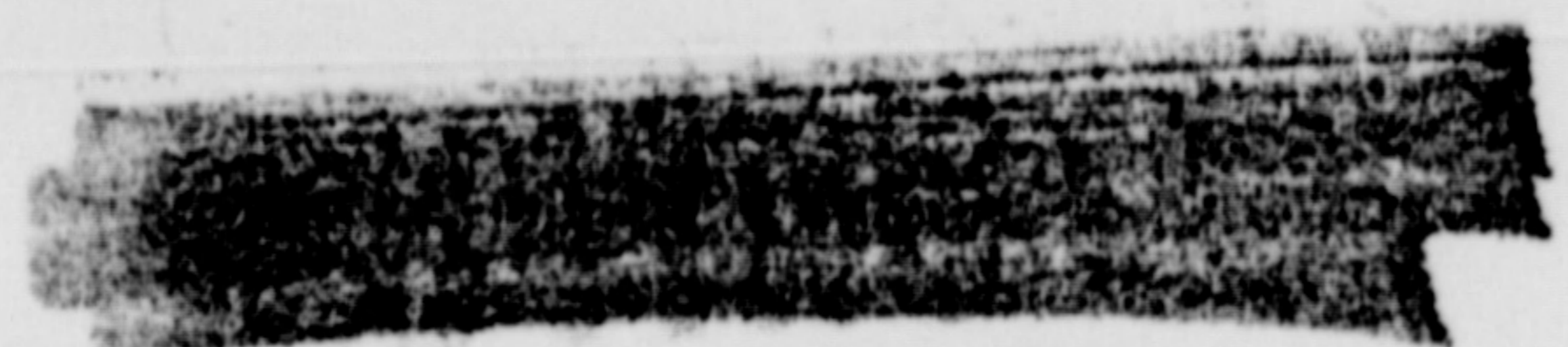
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- 1 Dir. of Intell., Hq, USAF
- 1 Chief ATIC, Ohio
- 1 4670th GCS, ATTN: M/Sgt Caughman

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 March 53 02/0115Z	2. LOCATION Olean, New York
3. SOURCE <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> CIVILIAN (SOC Member)	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (VENUS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	An amateur astronomer believed the object to be planet Venus.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 75 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Large, round, bright object. Was seen for 1 hour and 15 min through a 150X telescope. Observer did not state whether object moved or not.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (TE)	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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HEADQUARTERS  
763D AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON  
Lockport, New York

OPS-I 319.18

6 March 1953

SUBJECT: Transmittal of FLYOERTs

*02/01/53  
OCEAN NEW YORK*

THRU: Commanding Officer  
4707th Defense Wing  
Attn: Director of Intelligence

THRU: Commanding General  
32d Air Division(Defense)  
Attn: Director Of Intelligence  
Hancock Field, Eastwood Station 6  
Syracuse, New York

THRU: Commanding General  
Eastern Air Defense Force  
Attn: Director of Intelligence  
Stewart Air Force Base  
Newburgh, New York

THRU: Commanding General  
Air Defense Command  
Attn: Director of Intelligence  
Ent Air Force Base  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

TO: Director of Intelligence  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Washington, 25, D.C.

1. Transmitted herewith are FLYOERT reported to this station  
2 March 1953. Reports are transmitted in accordance with AFL 200-5,  
dated 29 April 1953.

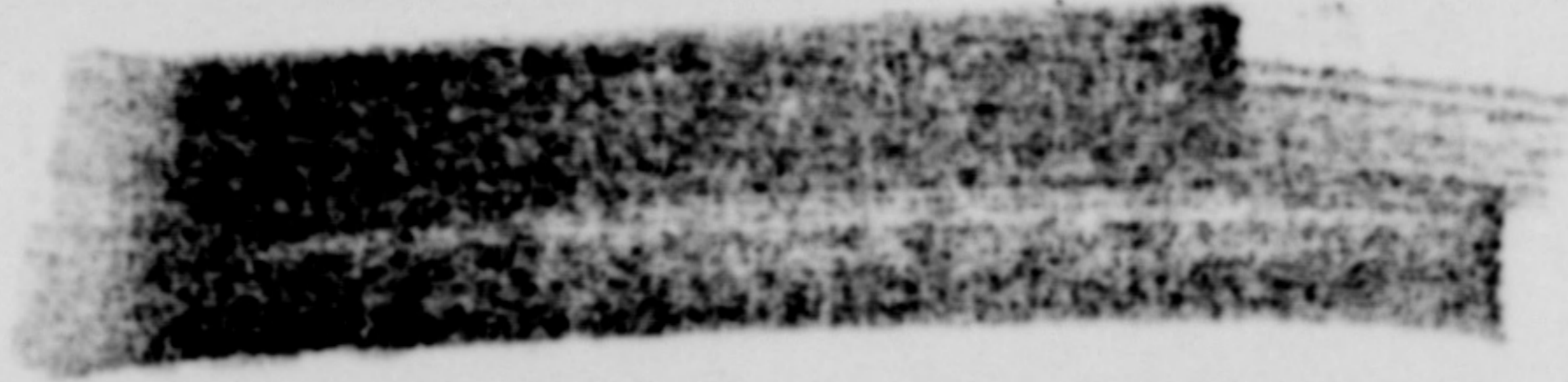
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DONALD W. VENN  
Capt., USAF  
Adjutant

Info:  
Chief, Air Tech Int Center  
Attn: ATIA A-2c  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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### AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Report of Unidentified Flying Object (Flyobrppt)

AREA REPORTED ON Western New York State FROM (Agency) 763d A. C. & W. Sqdn, Lockport, N. Y.

DATE OF REPORT 3 Mar 53 DATE OF INFORMATION 2 Mar 53 EVALUATION C-2

PREPARED BY (Officer) ROBERT V. KURTZ, 1st Lt., USAF SOURCE Ground Observer Corps

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, AF Reg 200-15, EADP Lt EACIN 350.09, 7 Aug 52

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

One large, round, bright object was sighted at 0115Z 2 Mar 53 by Mr. GINO ANESI, Chief Observer of GOC Post MN308, Olean, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., MN3205. It was in sight for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Manner of observation was visual from surface and a 150X telescope was used as an aid.

Weather was 2000 scattered, 10 miles visibility with winds aloft at 10,000 ft from 320 degrees at 20 knots per hour.

No physical evidence is known to exist and no other air traffic was in the area at the time of the sighting.

This headquarters requested fighters from 32nd Air Division (Defense) at 0110Z. None were available.

Mr. ANESI was collaborated in the sighting by Mr. [redacted] of Olean, NY, an amateur astronomer. Mr. [redacted] believed the object to be the planet Venus.

APPROVED:



ROBERT V. KURTZ  
1st Lt., USAF  
763d A. C. & W. Sqdn Intel. Officer

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