

flares being the cause of the sighting of Mr Silsback and Geo Serion and left the remaining possibility of their sighting as a meteor.

None of the other reported sightings were investigated.

The following points were considered to be the most pertinent in evaluation of the Bonnie Austin portion of the HURRICANE sightings: (a) The exact route that Bonnie and Phyllis took was retraced at a corresponding time. The same was in the position of the UFO at the time of the initial sighting. Subsequent observations revealed that Jupiter was always in the reported position of the object. (b) The turning of the road accounts for the alleged change in position of the object. (c) At no time did Phyllis see the object as described by Bonnie. (d) Marshall Station identified the object as the Evening Star. (e) Two people continued to watch the object for the remainder of the night, the object always being in the position of Jupiter and disappearing with dawn.

It is concluded that Mr Bonnie Austin first saw the boom through a slight haze while driving in the valley of the road by the Buford Transformer Sub-Station. Mr Austin continued to see the boom at the top of the valley near the Micro-Wave station. However, at this time his attention was diverted to the left of his car and he focused his attention on Jupiter. He continued to see Jupiter for the rest of the evening. Marshall Serion's conclusion that what Mr Austin saw was the "evening star" (Jupiter) was correct.

The sighting reported by Marshall Serion and State Trooper Oldenak was a meteor of the fireball class.

The sighting reported by Mr Updoff and Mr Hill was an air-to-air refueling operation which took place over southern Illinois.

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