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Dover Air Force Base, Delaware

16 February 1965

I. Description of Incident

An 0250 EST a dull red colored light was observed low on the western horizon by several military personnel. The light was slowly moving from west to northwest alternating between orange yellow, green, red, and back to white. After being observed for approximately five minutes, object disappeared below the horizon.

II. Discussion of Incident

Observers were, in the opinion of the reporting officer, well-trained. At the time of sighting, weather was clear, visibility eight miles. P-M's in area on other stations noticed nothing unusual. Due to the fact that the light was seen moving from west to northwest low on the horizon and then to disappear over the horizon and that the planet Venus can be seen in that direction very plainly during this part of the year, it is quite certain that the light observed was Venus. AFSS's nuclear astronomer was consulted and he concluded that the object observed was definitely Venus.

III. Conclusion

Astronomical - Venus.

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