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1. DATE - TIME GROUP 07/0346Z 1 Feb 53 2/0330Z	2. LOCATION Terre Haute, Ind.
3. SOURCE AF Pilot	10. CONCLUSION <i>1. Deft</i> 2. Astro (JUPITER) mgl!
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Jupiter at 15° elev, 275° azimuth.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Moving lights which changed colors from red to blue to green were observed from T-33 a/c. Objects descended and disappeared. More lights were sighted by same a/c 100 miles south of St. Louis.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE Descending	
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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