

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 May 1951		2. LOCATION South Falls, Montana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1430 - 1500 GMT 22/2030Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE East	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object described as ball or 3 pointed star, silver or bluish white. Appearing and disappearing against background of blue sky. In flight to east. Appeared to be very high. Also reported from NW Airlines.				11. COMMENTS Balloon released from Great Falls ARB at 1400. In flight to East. Object evaluated as this balloon.	

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COUNTRY USA-MATS	REPORT NO. IR-94-51		
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Aerial Object			
AREA REPORTED ON Montana		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.	
DATE OF REPORT 6 June 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 22 - 23 May 1951	EVALUATION B-3	
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)			

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.)

1. On 23 May 1951 source received a telephone call from a person identifying herself as Mrs. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Great Falls, Montana, who reported that she sighted an unidentified aerial object over the city of Great Falls between 1430 and 1500 hours (MDT) on 22 May 1951. The woman stated that the object, which was silver or a bluish white shade, appeared to be shaped like a ball or a three-pointed star and gave off a glow similar to that of an electric light bulb. During the visual observation, the object disappeared from sight occasionally against the blue background but consistently reappeared against the same blue background. The object appeared to the observer to be at very high altitude and was moving slowly in a general west-to-east direction.
2. Source contacted the Great Falls AFB weather detachment and the Core Field weather station. The former had no weather balloons in the air at that time, but the latter reported that they had released a balloon at 1400 hours on 22 May 1951. This balloon was white and moved in a west-to-east direction in its ascent.
3. A Great Falls radio station reported that a Northwest Airlines pilot reported seeing the same unidentified aerial object.
4. Another newscast on 23 May 1951 reported that an unidentified object of similar description was sighted over Kansas City [sic].

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