

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 December 1957		2. LOCATION 4 Mi N of Bowbells, N.D.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 07/1350Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE E to W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object cone shaped in front, size of baseball, silver, long streaks of fire out of back.				11. COMMENTS Meteor sighting.	

Order 3D at 1930Z 7/1358Z
1 Witness
4 mi N of Bowbells, ND 12
Dec 57

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RA090

SQE123 YDA145 XYA204 XDD095GUA040

PP RJEDDN RJEDWP RJEPHQ

DE RJWPGU 1H

P 070940Z

FM COMDR 786TH ACWRON

TO RJEDDN/COMDR AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB

RJWPGU/COMDR 29TH ADIV MAFB

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELL CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS USAF

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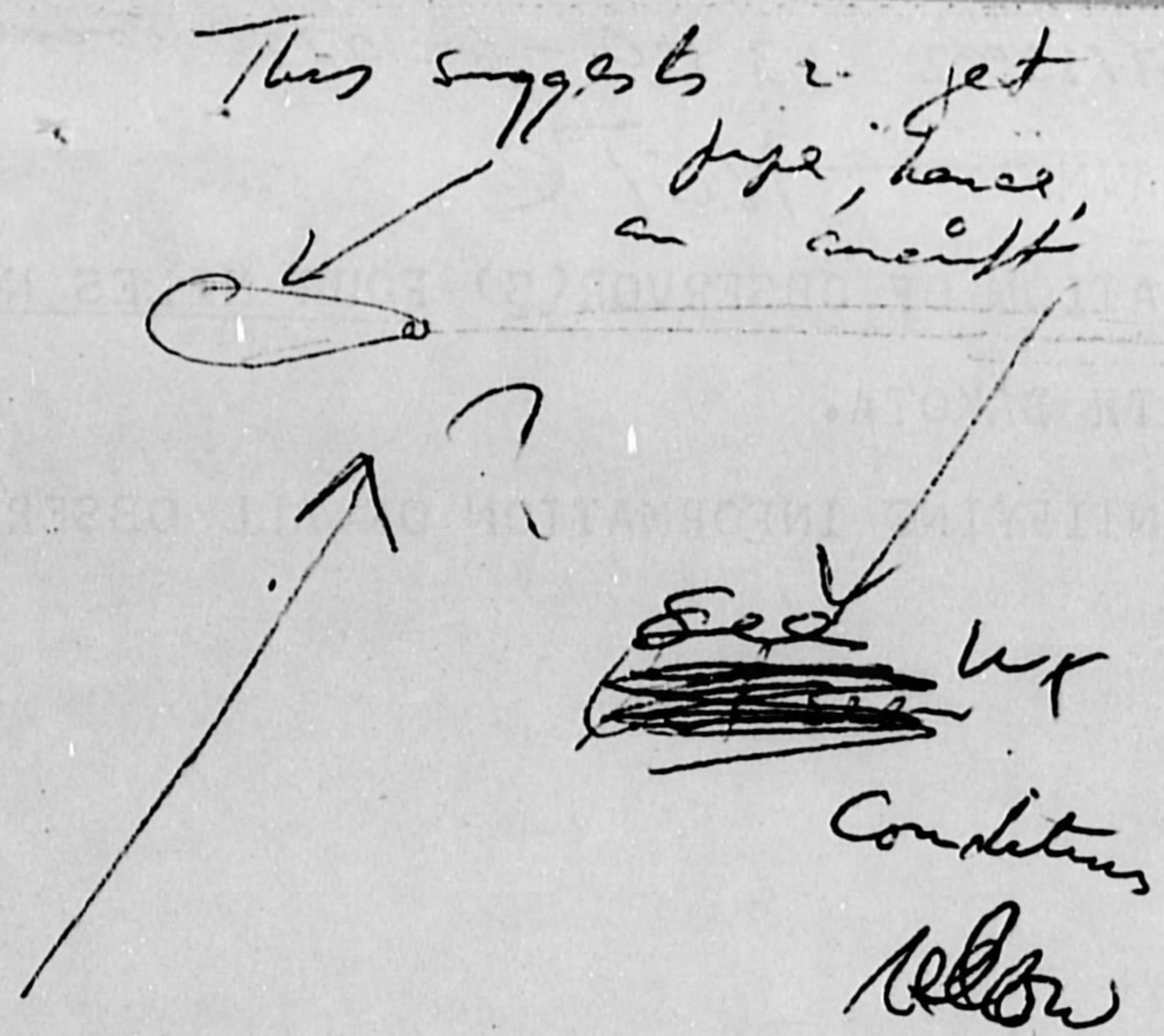
UNCL 786TH OPERATIONS

17
2/4E4
3
4-4X20
RLO

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(1) DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT (S):

- (A) ROUND AND CONE SHAPED IN FRONT
- (B) BASEBALL
- (C) SILVER
- (D) ONE
- (E) N/A
- (F) N/A
- (G) LONG STREAKS OF FIRE OUT OF BACK



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- (H) NONE
- (I) NEGATIVE

(2) DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

- (A) NEGATIVE
- (B) THIRTY DEGREES } *elevation*
- (C) NEGATIVE } *azimuths*
- (D) LEVEL FLIGHT PARALLEL TO EARTHS SURFACE EAST TO WEST
- (E) NEGATIVE
- (F) EIGHT SECONDS

(3) MANNER OF OBSERVATION

- (A) GROUND-VISUAL
- (B) NONE
- (C) N/A

(A) 07/13 52Z 135-0-6 = 0720 local

(B) ~~DAWN~~ NOTE

(5) LOCATION OF OBSERVOR(S) FOUR MILES NORTH OF BOWBELLS,
NORTH DAKOTA.

(6) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVOR(S)

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(A) CIVILIAN

[REDACTED]

(B) N/A

(7) WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF
SIGHTING.

(A) CLEAR?

apparently not so,

(B) WINDS-ALOFT FORCAST FOR FKCD AREA FROM 29TH AIR DIVISION

^{WNW}
6000-301/30/-3

^W
10000-280/35/-12

^{WNW}
16000-290/35/-24

^{WNW}
20000-290/45/-34

^{WNW}
30000-290/75/-54

^{WNW}
50000-300/55/-59

(C) NEGATIVE *→ Ceiling?*

(D) NEGATIVE *→ Visibility?*

(E) NEGATIVE *→ cloud cover?*

*Shower
a few
minutes
later*

(F) NEGATIVE

If it snowed ten minutes after the sighting, there must have been a fairly low ceiling and 10/10 cloud coverage.

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NOTE: - SNOW SHOWERS TEN MINUTES LATER.

(8) SNOW SHOWERS IN AREA AT 1400Z

(9) N/A

(19) NEGATIVE

(11) SENIOR DIRECTOR ON DUTY AT TIME THINKS IT WAS AN ILLUSION

DUE TO NEWSPAPER COMMENTS ON SATELLITE RE-ENTERING THEATMOSPHERE.

(12) NEGATIVE

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No reports (Radar, 6000 ft, ground streams, etc) from that area in command. On basis of above, it's like object - trailing smoke of fire - possibly a/c (although meters can be)

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