

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 August 1958		2. LOCATION 5 Mi W of Bismark, North D.		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 _____ GMT 18/1330Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Binoculars ☐ Air-Intercept Radar ☐ Air-Visual			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one			
		9. COURSE East			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White, balloon like obj, looked like balloon, bright flash followed by a white glow, high overhead. Stationary at first, then moving slowly to the East.				11. COMMENTS Everything points to obj being balloon.	

1 Witness

18/1330 2 Aug

BALLOON

10/57

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FM CCMDR 786TH ACWRON

TO RJEDDN/KCMDR AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFE

RJWZGU/COMDR 29 ADIV

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPHQ/ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

RJEPHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQ USAF

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UFO REPORT OPS2757.D

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT

1. BALLOON (WEATHER) - NOTE:
2. BASKETBALL
3. WHITE WITH IRREGULAR LIGHT
4. CNE
5. N/A
6. BRIGHT FLASH FOLLOWED BY A WHITE GLCW
7. NCNE
8. NCNE

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9. NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

1. BRIGHT LIGHT
2. OVERHEAD
3. OVERHEAD, HIGH AND DISSAPPEARING
TO THE EAST
4. STATIONARY AT FIRST BUT MOVING SLOWLY TO THE EAST
BEFORE DISSAPPEARING
5. SLOWLY TO THE EAST-BRIGHT LIGHT INSTANTANECUSLY DISSAPPEARING
6. 40 MINUTES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATIONS

1. NONE
2. BINOCULARS USED
3. NONE

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

1. 18/1330Z 1330-7 = 0650
2. NIGHT ← *ASTID Plot shows sunrise at approx. 0504 local*

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

1. 100 DEGREES 41AND1HALF MINUTES WEST 46 DEGREES 46AND1HALF MINUTES NORTH OR 5 MILES WEST OF BISMARK NORTH DAKOTA

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F. OBSERVER

MR. [REDACTED]

POSTAL CLERK
[REDACTED]

BISMARK NORTH DAKOTA

WEATHER AND WINDS ALONG

1. GOOD . . .

2. 6,000-140/10 SE

10,000-270/15 W

16,000-270/20 W

22,000-270/20 W

32,000-310/40 NW

50,000-310/40 NW

80,000-N/A

3. ~~HIGH THIN BROKEN~~

4. 15 PLUS

5. N/A

6. NONE

H. SPUDNIK III WAS DUE TO ARRIVE AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME
AS THE UFO SIGHTING.

1. Observer states it was night but astro tables show
the sun rose at 0500 local time.

2. The shape is given so that if it is a weather balloon.

3. Balloon launching schedules show Dismark launch
balloons at about time of sighting.

4. The wind direction is from the W, generally and would
carry a balloon in direction given by observer.

PAGE FOUR RJWZGU 1H 5. Everything points to object being a
balloon.

I. CAMPAIGN 9, F89J, WAS SCRAMELED BUT NEGATIVE RESULTS-LIGHTS

REFLECTING FROM DISCREET CLOUDS COULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE CAUSE

FOR SIGHTING WAS PILOTS CPINION.

J. NONE

K. J.R. HARRISON, SR. DIRECTOR ON DUTY AT TIME OF REPORT HAS
NEGATIVE COMMENT. COULD HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN REFLECTION BY
SPUDNIKS ROCKET OR REFLECTION OF MOON ON DISCREET CLOUDS.

L. NONE

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