

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>18 January, 1960</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Lakota, North Dakota</u>		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 <u>19/0455Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>5-10 seconds</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>		9. COURSE <u>NE descending</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object described in great detail for an observation lasting 5-10 seconds. Crescent shaped object with horns pointing up. Color yellowish-green or aqua. Empennage on left horn of pear shaped light. Large cone surmounted a shaft between the horns of the crescent. Bright light emitted from the object in it's entirety. First observed low on the horizon and faded into ground fog.				11. COMMENTS General overall description without the detail conforms to a meteor observation. Duration of the sighting and motion is consistent with a slow moving meteor. The Lyrids stream occurs between 12-23 January and is a slow moving evening shower. It is possible that this was a meteor from this stream.	

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ATTN INTELL OFF; HQ, USAF, ATTN AFCIN; SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
ATTN SAFIS. SUBJ: UFO. THIS IS A UFO REPORT SUBMITTED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 15 AFR 200-2.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

- (1) CRESCENT SHAPED WITH HORNS POINTING UP.
- (2) BASKETBALL
- (3) YELLOWISH GREEN OR AQUA
- (4) ONE
- (5) N/A

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(6) OBSERVER ONE NOTED EMPENNAGE ON LEFT HORN OF CRESCENT
SURMOUNTED BY PEAR SHAPED LIGHT. OBSERVER TWO NOTED LARGE CONE
SURMOUNTED BY A SHAFT BETWEEN THE HORNS OF THE CRESCENT.

(7) NONE NOTED

(8) NONE NOTED

(9) BRIGHT LIGHT EMANATING FROM THE OBJECT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) ENTIRE AREA BECAME LIGHT

(2) DUE NORTH OF OBSERVERS

(3) NORTHEAST OF OBSERVERS AND 10 TO 15 FEET ABOVE GROUND.

(4) DESCENDING

(5) FADED OUT AS IT DESCENDED INTO GROUND FOG.

(6) 5 TO 10 SECONDS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 19/0455Z

(2) NIGHT

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E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

9832 N 4836 N 8 MILES WEST OF LAKOTA, NORTH DAKOTA

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS:

(1) MR. [REDACTED], AGE 55, CONTACT REPRESENTATIVE,
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FIELD OFFICE, GRAND FORKS, NDAK. NO
REASON TO DOUBT VERACITY.

(2) MR. [REDACTED], AGE 50, SOIL SCIENTIST, US SOIL
CONVERSATION SERVICE, GRAND FORKS, NDAK. NO REASON TO DOUBT
VERACITY.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS - ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE
OF SIGHTINGS:

(1) CLEAR WITH PATCHES OF GROUND FOG.

(2) US WEATHER BUREAU, BISMARCK, NDAK

	DIRECTION	VELOCITY (KTS)
SURFACE	300 DEGREE	18
6000;	330	30
10,000	330	35
16,000	320	30
20,000	300	45
30,000	320	35

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50,000	260	15
30,000	230	76

(3) CEILING UNLIMITED

(4) UNLIMITED

(5) HIGH THIN BROKEN

(6) NONE (7) SURFACE PLUS 11

H. NONE NOTED

I. NONE

J. NONE KNOWN. RADIOSONDE BALLOONS ARE LAUNCHED AT 1200

AND 2420 HOURS (CST) FROM BISMARCK, NDAK, RAPID CITY, SDAK.

K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, GRAND FORKS AIR DEFENSE SECTOR, GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NDAK.

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REVEALS NO POSITIVE EXPLANATION FOR THIS SIGHTING. NO UNUSUAL OBJECTS WERE DETECTED DURING THIS PERIOD BY THE GRAND FORKS AIR DEFENSE SECTOR.

THIS PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INCLUDED PERSONNAL INTERVIEWS OF THE TWO WITNESSES, CONSULTATION WITH DETACHMENT 2 OF THE 29TH WEATHER SQUADRON, AND THE DIRECTION CENTER CHIEF OF THE GRAND FORKS AIR DEFENSE SECTOR.

L. NONE.

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