

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Feb 61	2. LOCATION Finland	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Prob Venus Probe</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>0410</u> GMT <u>120210Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Size of full moon, glowing silver, shape of round plate whose edges were not sharp but hazy. Strength of light was the glass of strong northern light. Slowly light in middle of plate disappeared until it looked like ring of light which disappeared completely at 0420. Altitude 20-30° above horizon.		11. COMMENTS The Venus probe launched by Russia was launched on the date of this sighting; the exact time of launch is unknown, however. It is quite possible that the object observed by the four pilots was, in fact, the rocket during its ascent.	

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TO CSAF ATTN AFCIN /CONFIDENTIAL/

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM USAIRA
FINLAND IS TRANSMITTED TO CSAF ATTN AFCIN FOR INFO PER REQUEST OF
AFCIN DASH ONE ECHO TDTG TWO SEVEN ONE TWO THREE FIVE ZULU FEB X
QUOTE X CHARLIE DASH SEVEN X FOR AFCIN DASH ONE ECHO DASH ALFA X
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HE BELIEVES WAS SOV VENUS ROCKET LAUNCHING X REPORT HAS NOT BEEN

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PUBLICLY RELEASED TO DATE X QUOTE OBS MADE FROM FOUR FINNAIR PLANES IN
VARIOUS PARTS OF FINLAND X ALL WERE FLYING ABOVE CLOUD FORMATION X ALL

PRN ONE TWO FEB CMM THUS PHENOMENON MUST HAVE APPEARED SUDDENLY CMM
IT COULD NOT HAVE COME INTO VISION FROM BEHIND CLOUDS X IF PHENOMENON
HAD STARTED BEFORE ZERO FOUR ONE ZERO IT WOULD MOST LIKELY HAVE BEEN
OBSERVED EARLIER AS PLANES AT TIME OF OBS FLEW WITHOUT CHANGING
COURSE X THE LIGHT PHENOMENON WAS SIZE OF FULL MOON CMM GLOWING SILVER
CMM THE SHAPE OF ROUND PLATE WHOSE EDGES WERE NOT SHARP BUT HAZY X
STRENGTH OF LIGHT WAS THE GLASS OF STRONG NORTHERN LIGHT X SLOWLY LIGHT
IN MIDDLE OF PLATE DISAPPEARED UNTIL IT LOOKED LIKE RING OF LIGHT WHICH
DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY AT ZERO FOUR TWO ZERO X LIGHT MOVED DURING TIME
OBS TOWARDS NORTH AT ALTITUDE OF TWO ZERO DASH THREE ZERO DEGREES
ABOVE HORIZON X ALL PLANES MOVED TOWARDS NORTH DASH TWO DIRECTLY
NORTH CMM ONE NORTH EAST AND ONE NORTH WEST DASH THUS COULD NOT
HAVE BEEN SUPPOSED MOVEMENT X OBJECT IN QUESTION COULD NOT HAVE
BEEN ANYTHING STABLE X TWO PILOTS OBS STARS THROUGH THE RING
DASH FORMED OBJECT WHEN IT DISAPPEARED X DISTANCE OF OBJECT MUST
HAVE BEEN VERY GEAT AS WELL AS DIAMETER OF RING THE LIGHT FORMED
X NO NORTHERN LIGHTS REPORTED NIGHT ONE ONE DASH ONE TWO FEB

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X FOL ARE POSITIONS CMM TIMES OBS AND DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT GIVEN BY
PILOTS CLN PRN ONE PRN POSITION CLN PARKANO PRN SIX TWO ZERO ZERO
NORTH DASH TWO THREE ZERO ZERO EAST PRN SEMICLN
DIR TRAVEL CLN NORTH WEST SEMICLN TIME OBS CLN ZERO FOUR
ONE ONE X LIGHT OBSS IN ENE AT FIVE ZERO DEGREES ON MAGNETIC COMPASS
X APPEARED AS THE MOON THROUGH VEIL OF CLOUDS OR THE CORONA OF
MOON X PRN TWO PRN POSITION CLN KANGASNIEMI PRN SIX TWO ZERO ZERO NORTH

EAST X TIME OBS CLN ZERO FOUR ONE ZERO TWO ZERO FOUR TWO
ZERO X LIGHT APPEARED AT FIVE ZERO DEGREES ON MAG COMPASS X IN
BEGINNING IT WAS A ROUND SPOT SHINING CLEAR LIKE NORTHERN LIGHT
WITH UNCLEAR EDGES X SLOWLY CHANGED TO RING DASH FORMED OBJECT
AND DISAPPEARED AT ZERO FOUR TWO ZERO X PRN THREE PRN POSITION
CLN HAAPAYARVI PRN SIX THREE FOUR ZERO NORTH DASH TWO FIVE THREE
EIGHT EAST PRN CLN DIR TVL CLN NORTH X TIME OBS CLN ZERO FOUR
ONE ZERO TO ZERO FOUR TWO ZERO X APPEARED AT EIGHT ZERO DEGREES
ON MAG COMPASS AND WHEN DISAPPEARED AT ZERO FOUR TWO ZERO IT
WAS AT FOUR FIVE DEGREES X IT APPEARED SIZE OF FULL MOON CMM
SHINING SILVER CMM FAIRLY REGULAR ROUND LIGHT SPOT WITH STRENGTH
OF STRONGEST NORTHERN LIGHTS X GREW DIMMER AND CHANGED TO FORM

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AA RING WITH JNDETERMINED EDGES X PRN FOUR PRN POSITION CLN YYVASKYLA
PRN SIX TWO TWO FIVE NORTH DASH TWO FIVE FOUR ZERO EAST PRN
CLN DIR TVL CLN NORTH X TIME OBS CLN ZERO FOUR ONE ZERO TO ZERO FOUR
TWO ZERO X APPEARED AS MOON ON STRONGLY LIT CLUD CMM EDGES
WERE NOT SHARP X CHANGED TO RING DASH FORMED OBJECT CMM GREW
DIMMER DISAPPEARED AT ZERO FOUR TWO ZERO X INDIA ROMEO DASH ONE
FOUR FIVE SEVEN SIX SIX FOUR GIVING DETAILS FOLLOWS X UNQUOTE
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