

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Feb 61	2. LOCATION Silver Bay & Gilbert, Minnesota		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical <i>Meteor</i> ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1648 GMT 222248Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant, round tapered cone-shaped objt. Conflicting reports on size, from dime size to 4-6 inches at arms length. Vivid red, green, and blue. Trailed fire and sparks. One observer hears sound like sonic boom Extremely high speed. Appeared at unknown elevation, 300°. Disappeared below trees, 300°. One observer said objt broke into 3 or 4 pieces and disappeared behind trees.		11. COMMENTS Description indicates that objt was a rare daylight meteor of such a size that it reached a low enough altitude to be heard when it exploded, as reported by one observer.	

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P 231830Z

FM DUADS DULUTH MUNI APRT MINN

TO RJEDAH/30 AIR DIV TRUAX FIELD WISC

RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/WPAFB

ZEN/COFSUAF WASH D C

ZEN/L G HANSCOM FID BEDFORD MASS

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1. 42C
2. 4F3
3. 4E214F41
4. 4XW

/ [REDACTED] / DUOOP 61-540-C ATTN: SAFS, AFCINAND
AFCIN-1B1 AT HQUSAF. ATTN: PROJECT SPACE TRACK AT L.G. HANSCOM FID.
ATTN: ATIC AND COSMATIC, AFCIN-4A AT WPAFB.

- A (1) ROUND TAPERED, CONE SHAPE
(2) CONFLICTING REPORTS, DIME SIZE TO 4 TO 6 INCHES AT ARMS
LENGHT.
(3) VIVID RED, GREEN AND BLUE, BRILLIANT
(4) 1
(5) N/A
(6) N/A

Classification Cancelled

Auth. [Signature]
By [Signature]
Date 2 MAY 1969

AFR 2057 For 2-172
3 Jan 68

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2-22-61 4:48 P.M. Cone shaped; red, green, and blue; trailing fire and
sparks; observed 5 seconds. Observed from Silver Bay
and Gilbert, Minnesota.

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(7) TRAILING FIRE AND SPARKS

(8) ONE OBSERVER STATED SOUND WAS HEARD LIKE SONIC BOOM, BUT
COULDN'T SAY WHETHER IT WAS BEFORE OR AFTER SIGHTING.

OTHER OBSERVERS NOTICED NO SOUND.

(9) EXTREMELY HIGH SPEED. 6 OR 7 TIMES FASTER THAN F-106

B (1) BRIGHT COLORED LIGHTS

(2) ELEV UNK BUT LOW, 300 DEGREES

(3) BELOW TREES, 300 DEGREES

(4) 300 DEGREES, NO DEVIATIONS. FLYING HMNEA

OO EARTH. THESE CURRENT DATA OBSERVED FIVE OBJECTS IN FORMATION

(5) OBSERVERS AT SILVER BAY STATED OBJECT DISAPPEARED BEHIND

HILLS. POLICEMAN GULBRANSON AT GILBERT, MINN SAID OBJECT

BROKE INTO 3 OR 4 PIECES AND DISAPPEARED BEHIND TREES.

APPROX 20 TO 30 MILES DUE NORTH OF GILBERT, MINN. WAS VERY

VAGUE ABOUT DISTANCE NORTH OF GILBERT AND COULD NOT ESTIMATE
ELEVATION.

(6) 5 SECONDS

C (1) VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D (1) ALL OBSERVERS REPORTED SIGHTING AT APPROX 22/2248Z

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(2) DAY (1) 9110W-4720N (SILVER BAY) 4729N-9229W (GILBERT)

(2) SILVER BAY AND GILBERT MINNESOTA

F (1) MR GARFIELD GULBRANSON, POLICEMAN, GILBERT, MINN

MR AND MRS ~~REDACTED~~, RESERVE MINNING CO, SILVER BAY, MINN

MR [REDACTED], SILVER BAY, MINN

MRS [REDACTED], HOUSEWIFE (VISITING AT SILVER BAY) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], DULUTH, MINN

A3C MACE A. FENNELL, AIR POLICEMAN, FINLAND AF STATION,
FINLAND, MINN

G (1) CLEAR

(2) A 180 DEGREES AT 6 KNOTS

B 190 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS

C 210 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS

D 220 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS

E 220 DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS

F 220 DEGREES AT 35 KNOTS

G 240 DEGREES AT 30 KNOTS

H 270 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS

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(4) 15 MILES

(5) CLEAR

(6) NONE

H NONE

I NONE

J NONE

K NOBAD INTELL OFFICER, IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT OBJECT WAS BRILLIANT
ENOUGH TO BE SIGHTED DURING DAYLIGHT
A. POSSIBLE MOON DUST

L (1) NONE

(2) NONE

M OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED BY OBSERVERS AT SILVER BAY. OBJECT WAS OVER LAKE SUPERIOR HEADING NORTH WEST AT LOW ALTITUDE AND EXTREMELY HIGH SPEED. OBSERVERS AT SILVER BAY STATED IT DISAPPEARED BEHIND HILLS HEADING N.W. OBSERVER AT GILBERT SAW THE OBJECT HEADING FROM EAST TO WEST AND ACCORDING TO HIS ESTIMATE 20 TO 30 MILES DUE NORTH OF GILBERT. HE WAS VAGUE ABOUT DISTANCE. HE THEN SAID IT BROKE INTO 3 OR 4 PIECES AND DISAPPEARED BEHIND TREES. FURTHER COMMENT JUST RECEIVED FIVE OBJECTS IN FORMATION WERE SIGHTED AT 2245Z ON THE 22ND OVER LAC LA CROIX (4815N 9200W).

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THE OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED BY [REDACTED], PILOT, [REDACTED] ELY, MINN, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] VIRGINIA, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] DEPUTY SHERIFF, VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA. THESE THREE MEN HAD JUST LANDED ON LAC LA CROIX FOR ICE FISHING. ALL MEN AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING: THERE WERE FIVE OBJECTS IN FORMATION, HEADING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH. THEY WERE ROUND AND DOME SHAPED WITH GREENISH HUED TAILS. OBJECTS WERE TRAVELING AT A TREMENDOUS RATE OF SPEED AS COMPARED TO REGULAR JET AIRCRAFT AT AN UNESTIMATED ALTITUDE. OBJECTS DISAPPEARED IN THE NORTH.

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