

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Mar 61	2. LOCATION Minot, Bismarck N. D.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical <i>VENUS</i> ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 11 0400Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military and Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE Stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Unknown light observed 3-4 miles off runway at 1,000'. Light changing color fm white, green, yellow, red. Remained fairly stationary and disappeared into horizon. Reports from N. D. are in general a/c landing about time of observation. Local report fm civilian report same.			11. COMMENTS Probably observation of Venus, which was very low on horizon. Probable distortion to location and refraction in atmosphere. Venus was of -4.3 mag and brightest objt up at this time. During latter part of Feb and first part of March there was a rash of reports due to misidentification of this Planet.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE DIVISION

DO/INCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

INCOMING

AF IN : 43951 (11 Mar 61)

ACTION : CIN-14

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (21)

SMD B 089

ZCZCHQE0 912 ZCUJA585

00 RJEZYQ

DE RJWXBRB 8

ZNR

O 110631Z

FM CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

TO USAF WASH DC

O 110501Z ZEX

FM 4136SWSMINOT

TO RJWXBRB/SAC

RJEBKG/15AF

RJEXAD/8AF

RJEBKF/2AF

RJDXGW/7AD HIGH WYCOMBE ENGLAND

RJFXBN/16AF TORREJON AB MADRID SPAIN

RJWFALB/NORAD COC ENT AFB COLO

BT

May 1961

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

STAFF MESSAGE DIVISION

AF IN : 43951 (11 Mar 61) ~~UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE~~

INCOMING

UNCLAS ZIPPO 03-065 HOT NEWS REPORT/M-12 NO. 1

1. SITEING OF UNIDENTIFIED MOVING LIGHT.

3 AT APPROXIMATELY 11/0400Z THE COMMAND POST AT THIS BASE INTERCEPTED CONVERSATION ON FAA MINN, LONG LINE BETWEEN MINN. AND MINOT TOWER TO THE EFFECT THAT AN UNKNOWN LIGHT WAS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY THREE TO FOUR MILES OFF THE NORTHWEST RUNWAY AT ONE THOUSAND FEET. LIGHT CHANGING COLORS FROM WHITE, YELLOW, GREEN, AND RED IN THAT ORDER AND REMAINING FAIRLY STATIONARY FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN MINUTES LIGHT DISAPPEARED INTO THE HORIZON. SHERIFFS IN NORTH DAKOTA HAD BEEN REPORTING AND TRACKING THE LIGHT FROM BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA. ACFT LANDED APPROX THE TIME THE LIGHT DISAPPEARED BUT DID NOT OBSERVE. LOCAL CSN REPORTED TO THE END OF RUNWAY AND REPORTED THE SAME DETAILS AS ABOVE.

BT

11/0632Z MAR RJWXBRB

NOTE: ADV CY TO CIN 110225L Mar 61

JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED											
SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER															
PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE								
ACTION ROUTINE		BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE	AF	ZIPPO 03-065	UNCLAS								
INFO															
FROM: ATIC V-P AFB						SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS									
TO: MINOT AFB ND															
UNCLAS/APCIE-4E2x <u>3-1420</u> 4136SW/YOUR MSG ZIPPO 03-065 HOT NEWS RPT/M-12 #1, DTD 11 MAR 61 REPORTING THE SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED MOVING LIGHT. THE INFO RPTD IS LIMITED IN NATURE; THEREFORE, REQ FURTHER INVESTIGATION BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59.															
						1400									
						<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">DATE</td> <td style="text-align: center;">TIME</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">31</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1400</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">MONTH</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YEAR</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Mar</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1961</td> </tr> </table>		DATE	TIME	31	1400	MONTH	YEAR	Mar	1961
DATE	TIME														
31	1400														
MONTH	YEAR														
Mar	1961														
SYMBOL APCIE-4E2x TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) Major Robert J. Friend PHONE 59216 PAGE NR. 1 NR. OF PAGES 1 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED				SIGNATURE TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE PHILIP G. EVANS Colonel, USAF Deputy for Science and Components											

DD FORM 1 MAY 55 **173**

REPLACES DD FORM 173, 1 OCT 49, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED