

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Sep 61		2. LOCATION 6738N 16325W (Pacific)		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 230459Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Mirvis report. Air view of reflection or glow on high overcast followed by ball of fire just above (1°) horizon. Red with horizontal streamers of white. Ball becoming elongated and dissipating. Sighting fm 2000 for 4 min. weather high overcast but clear in quadrant where objt sighted.				11. COMMENTS Objt was probably planet Venus. Cause of misidentification was probably fact that planet was distorted and discolored due to atmospheric refraction. Fact that planet was in same direction reported by witness and witnesses description is that characteristically associated w/refractions tends to substantiate this conclusion. Disappearance was due to setting of planet.	

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FM 748ACARON KOTZEBUE ALASKA

FM COMWESTSEAFRON

TO RJKBAG/COMDR AAC ELMENDORF AFB ALASKA
RJWFALB/CINNOGAD ENT AFB COLORADO
RBWPPG/COMWESTSEAFRON SAN FRAN CAL
RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASH DCO
RFEMVB/CANAIREF ST HUBERT CANADA
RCWNC/CANFLAGPAC ESQUIMALT B C

TO BKAC/COMALSEAFRON

INFO RBEPW/CNO
RBHPB/CINCPACFLT
RBEPW/SECNAV
RJHPKM/PACAF

AF DIST
CIN-14
OOP-2
OOP-CP-1
SAFS-3
(20)

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(1) CIRVIS REPORT.

(2) CESSNA 180, [REDACTED] PILOTED BY MR. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], ALASKA. PHONE [REDACTED]

(3) MR [REDACTED] ATTENTION WAS ATTRACTED TO A REFLECTION OR GLOW ON A HIGH OVERCAST TO THE WEST OF HIS POSITION. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HE SAW A BALL OF FIRE (NO COMPARISON IN SIZE) JUST ABOVE THE HORIZON. IT WAS VERY RED AND HAD HORIZONTAL STREAMERS OF WHITE EXTENDING FROM IT. THE BALL OF FIRE BECAME HORIZONTALLY OBLONG AND SLOWLY DISSIPATED. WEATHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING WAS HIGH OVERCAST, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED IN QUADRANT OF SIGHTING. MR [REDACTED] WAS FLYING AT 2,500 FEET. DURATION OF SIGHTING WAS FOUR MINUTES.

(4) MR [REDACTED] POSITION AT TIME OF SIGHTING WAS APPROXIMATELY

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COGARD..CIA..MRCC..DIRNSA..NAVAIDE..FLAGPLOT..BFR..OOD..JSC(J2)..NIC..
CSAF..OSD..

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67 DEGREES 38 MINUTES NORTH, 163 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST. HE WAS PROCEEDING WEST NORTH WEST AND SIGHTING APPEARED IN HIS TEN THIRTY POSITION. HE HAD NO EXTIMATE ON RANGE.

(5) 23/0459Z

86) APPROXIMATELY ON DEGREE ABOVE HORIZON.

(7) STATIONARY

(8) N/A

(9) VERY RED IN COLOR WITH WHITE STREAMERS

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