

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Detroit Lakes, Minnesota		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other: <u>Prob condensation</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>260018Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1 round objt. black turning to red glow with black smoke trailing moving W and gaining altitude. Flashed twice 1/2 min each time.				11. COMMENTS Objs probably condensation trails for high flying a/c. a/c probably flew into shadow line and this accounted for their disappearance. Red color can be attributed to atmospheric refraction and associated diffussion. Fact that jet a/c were known to be in area tends to substantiate this conclusion.	

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ACTION : CIN-17

INFO : SAFS-3, OOP-CP-1, OOP-2 -24-

SMB C 125

TCZCHQB064ZCYJA633

PP RJEZHQ

DE RJEDAF 1

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P 261000Z

FM GRADS GRAND FORKS AFB NDAK

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFKF/29ADIV RICHARD GEBUR AFB MO

RJEDSQ/ATIC WP AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEZHQ/SEC OF AF WASHDC

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UNCLAS FROM GFOIN 1107.

ADC ATTN ADOIN; 29ADIV ATTN 29OIN; ATIC ATTN INTELL OFF; HQS
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) ROUND
- (2) DIME AT ARM'S LENGTH
- (3) BLACK, TURNING TO RED GLOW
- (4) ONE

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(5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) BLACK SMOKE TRAILED THREE INCHES AT ARM'S LENGTH.

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) WHILE DRIVING AUTOMOBILE

(2) 20 TO 30 DEGREES IN ELEVATION; 300 DEGREES AZIMUTH

(3) SAME AS B (2)

(4) SEEMED TO MOVE TOWARD SE AND GAIN A LITTLE ALTITUDE.

(5) COMPARED TO THE TURNING OUT OF A LIGHT WITH A RHEOSTAT.

(6) SIGHTED TWICE: 1 1/2 MINUTES EACH TIME.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) 260018Z

(2) DUSK, JUST BEFORE SUNSET

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

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(1) FOUR MILES SE OF DETROIT LAKES, MINNESOTA: 46 DEGREES 44'N
95 DEGREES 45'W

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER

MR. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] STREET, GRAND FORKS N. DAKOTA,
AGE 29, A FORMER JET MECHANIC IN USAF, NO REASON TO DOUBT VERACITY.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS

(1) CLEAR EXCEPT FOR A FEW BROKEN CLOUDS FORTY MILES WEST AT
10,000 FEET.

(2) DET 2, 29TH WEATHER SQUADRON GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE NDAK.

SURFACE - 180/10

6,000 210/30

10,000 240/25

16,000 240/30

20,000 240/30

30,000 240/45

50,000 250/40

80,000 240/20

(3) UNLIMITED

(4) 15 PLUS

(5) ZERO

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(6) NONE

(7) 2 DEGREES F/100 MILES

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. ONE DC-8 REPORTED AT 26/0000Z; ONE DC-8 REPORTED AT 26/0010Z
TWO B-52 REPORTED AT 26/0027Z IN GENERAL AREA BY DULUTH AIR
DEFENSE SECTOR, IDENTIFICATION SECTION OF SAGE. NO BALLONS WERE
RELEASED IN THIS AREA DURING THIS PERIOD.

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

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

THIS INVESTIGATION INCLUDED TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WITH ONE WITNESS,
CONSULTATION WITH DETACHMENT 2 OF THE 29TH WEATHER SQUADRON,
FAA TOWER OPERATOR IN GRAND FORKS, TOWER OPERATORS AT GRAND FORKS
AIR FORCE BASE AND FARGO N. DAKOTA. THE REPORT WAS PROMPTED BY
ANOTHER UNUSUAL SIGHTING REPORTED OVER LOCAL TV STATION

L. NONE

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