

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Oct 61		2. LOCATION Grand Forks, North Dakota		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 1900 GMT 090100Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Varied	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING This report does not contain sufficient at info to allow a valid conclusion. There is some cause to believe that witnesses were good observers, ie they reported sighting objt to NW at an elev of 45°. A short man might view an angle of 30° elev through a car windshield without some special effort but the rule would be something less than 30°. Since this was winter the windows were probably up; therefore, due to this fact and noise of car motor noise of another source would not be heard unless it was of considerable volume. It is possible that this objt was an a/c misidentified by witnesses due to their inability to see details and possible due to an exaggeration of the motions ascribed to objt due to motion of witnesses. This case is classed as Insufficient Evidence.				11. COMMENTS	

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : (SAFS-3) OOP-2, OOP-CP-1 (24)
SMB A203

HQD040ZCYJE131

PP RJEZHQ

DE RJEDAF 57

ZNR

P 132200Z ZEX

FM GRADS GRAND FORKS AFB NDAK

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFKF/29 AIR DIV RICHARDS GEBUR AFB MO

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE WASH DC

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ADC FOR ADOIN. 29 AIR DIV FOR 290IN. ATIC FOR INTELL OFF. HQ

USAF FOR AFCIN. SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE FOR SAFIS. SUBJ: UFO.

THIS IS A UFO REPORT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 15, AFR
200-2.

15A. DISCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(1) SHAPE OF A DISC.

(2) ABOUT SIZE OF DIME AT ARM'S LENGTH.

(3) WHITE TO YELLOW - CREAM TO READ, GRADUALLY.

(4) ONE

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- (5) N/A
- (6) NONE
- (7) NONE
- (8) NONE
- (9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

- (1) OBSERVED WHILE DRIVING AUTOMOBILE.
- (2) 45 DEGREES ELEVATION AT 330 DEGREES AZIMUTH.
- (3) 20 DEGREES ELEVATION AT 140 DEGREES AZIMUTH.
- (4) DRIVER HEADING DUE WEST, OBJECT PASSED FROM RIGHT TO LEFT IN FRONT OF HIM. LOST SIGHT OF OBJECT BEHIND TREES, OBJECT THEN REAPPEARED AND HEADED WEST PARALLEL TO PATH OF AUTOMOBILE. IT THEN STOPPED STILL AND THEN PROCEEDED IN A SE DIRECTION.
- (5) SLOWLY INTO HORIZON IN SE.
- (6) 1900 THRU 1915 CST.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION.

- (1) FROM AUTOMOBILE.
- (2) NONE
- (3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

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(1) 9/0100Z

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

TEN MILES WEST OF GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA. 47 DEGREES 55 MINUTES
N. 97 DEGREES 20 MINUTES W.

F. (1) N/A

(2) TSGT [REDACTED]

GRAND FORKS AIR DEFENSE SECTOR, GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE
BASE, NORTH DAKOTA. A/1C [REDACTED] GRAND
FORKS AIR DEFENSE SECTOR, GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH
DAKOTA.

NO REASON TO DOUBT VEROCITY. NOTH RELIABLE AIRMEN.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) BROKEN.

(2) DET 2, 29 WEA SQ, GRAND FORKS AFB, NDAK

SURFACE 350/6

6,000 190/30

10,000 230/30

16,000 240/30

20,000 260/20

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30,000 260/25

50,000 260/50

80,000 UNKNOWN

(3) EST 25,000 FT

(4) 15

(5) BROKEN CIRRUS

(6) NONE

(7) SURFACE PLUS 47 DEGREES F.

H. NONE

I. N/A

J. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC; RADIOSONDE 2300Z, BISMARCK, NDAK.

K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, GRAND FORKS AIR DEFENSE SECTOR, GRAND FORKS AFB, NDAK.

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REVEALS NO APPARENT EXPLANATION FOR THE SIGHTING. NO UNUSUAL OBJECTS WERE DETECTED DURING THIS PERIOD BY THE GRAND FORKS AIR DEFENSE SECTOR PERSONNEL. THIS PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INCLUDED PERSONAL INTERVIEWS WITH BOTH WITNESSES, CONSULTATION WITH DETACHMENT 2 OF THE 29 WEATHER SQUADRON, FAA TOWER OPERATOR AT GRAND FORKS, NDAK. TOWER OPERATORS AT GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE AND THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF THE GRAND FORKS AIR DEFENSE SECTOR.

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