PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 October 1957	2. LOCATION S of Bismark, 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 1815 GMT 26/0015Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian - GOC	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE South

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

A pencil shaped object the size of a basketball, red, was sighted moving fast and climbing slowly.

11. COMMENTS

The Bismark AWS launched a balloon at 0000Z, which was, no doubt, the object sighted.

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PP RJWPGU RJEDDN RJEDWP RJEPHQ

DE RJWPGU 1H

P 260500Z

FM COMDR 786 ACWRON MINOT AFS NDAK

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWPGU/COMDR 29 ADIV DEF MAFB MONT

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH 25 D C

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UNCLAS 786 OPS

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT

1. A PENCIL SHAPED

B BASKETBALL, AT LEAST

C FLAME RED, TURNING TO BLACK

D 1.

E N/A

F NONE

G FLAME FROM ONE END, AS IN A GAS FLARE.

H NONE

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I HAD TURNED BLACK WHEN LAST SIGHTED

2. A RED COLOR

B AZIMUTH NOT REPORTED; SOUTH OF OBSERVER

C SAME AS ABOVE

D SOUTHERLY HEADING, MOVING FAST, CLIMBING SLOWLY.

E TURNED BLACK AND DISAPPEARED.

F 20 MINUTES

3. A GROUND VISUAL

B NONE

C N/A

0015-6 = 1815 local

4. A 0015Z 26 OCT 57

B DUSK

5. GEOREF: FK EB 1234

6. [redacted] [redacted]

FT. RICE, NORTH DAKOTA [redacted] SERVICE

7. A SCATTERED CLOUDS ABOUT 1000-1500 FEET. WIND NNW 8 KNOTS, TEMP. 17 DEGREES F.

B SURFACE-NW 8K. 30,000--020/45

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6000---020/16 50,000--030/45

10,000-020/31 80,000--NEGATIVE

16,000-020/20

20,000-020/20

C NONE.

D 15 MILES

E 2/10

F NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. 1/LT., DIRECTOR ON DUTY AT TIME OF REPORT. THIS OBJECT SIGHTED BY TWO PEOPLE, THE LADY BEING ON DUTY AS A GOC OBSERVER. THEY ESTIMATED THE OBJECT TO BE 14 FEET THICK AND 1/4 MILE LONG. BISMARCK AWS LAUNCHED A WEATHER BALLOON (STANDARD SIZE) AT APPROXIMATELY 0000Z WHICH MIGHT CONCIEVABLY ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING.

12. NONE.

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