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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 Feb 61	**2. LOCATION** Forsyth, Montana (4613N 10640W)	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical Venus ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2105 GMT 070405Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** ~~Military~~ CIVILIAN	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 Min.	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** 1	**9. COURSE** W then N then W

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, bright white (farther away it got, it turned red). 2 times bigger than star. First observed 80° elevation 240° azimuth. Disappeared down to horizon 240°

11. COMMENTS Position of this objt as given by witness coincides w/Venus for time and date. Info for position of Venus is taken from the 1961 Almanac. Fm witnesses position planet would have set at 0435Z. It is FTD conclusion that witness was viewing Venus and that atmospheric refraction and extreme brightness of planet (magnitude -4.2) were contributing factors to misidentification. A/c reported to be in general area at time were probably contributing factors also.

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d. Number - **1 (one)**

e. Formation if more than one. **N/A**

f. Any discernible features or details. **None**

g. Tail, trail or exaust, including size of same compared to size of objects. **None**

h. Sound, if heard describe sound. **Unknown**

i. Other pertinent or unusual features. **None**

(2) Description of source of objects:
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b. Statement as to optical aids (telescopic, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof. None

c. If sighting is made airbourne, give type aircraft, identification number altitude, heading, speed, and home station. N/A

(4) Time and Date of sighting:

a. Zulu date/time group of sighting: 0405Z

Light conditions (use one of the following terms): Night, day, dawn, or dusk.

(5) Locations of observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer or or GEORGE position, or position with reference to known landmark.
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(6) Identifying of all observers: [redacted] Forsyth, Montana

a. Name, Age, Mailing address, occupation, estimation of reliability.
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(7) Weather and Winds Aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:

a. Observers account of weather conditions. Clear 0 15 35/29 SSE 10 29.88

b. Report of nearest AWS or U.S Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface, 6,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000' and 80,000' if available. 6,000'-260° @ 5kts 10,000'-280° @6kts 16,000'-160° @9kts 20,000'-220° @6kts 30,000'-190° @18kts 50,000'-350° @23kts 80,000'-N/A

c. Ceiling Clear

d. Visibility. 15Miles Plus

e. Amount of cloud cover. Clear to high cirus

f. Thunder storms in area and quadrant in which located. None

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(8) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. No predicted WX refraction.

(9) Interception and identification action taken (such action may be taken when ever feasible, complying with existing Air Defense directives. None

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