

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Feb 61	2. LOCATION Silver Bay & Gilbert, Minnesota	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical METEOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1648 GMT 222248Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant, round tapered cone-shaped objt. Conflicting reports on size, from dime size to 4-6 inches at arms length. Vivid red, green, and blue. Trailed fire and sparks. One observer hears sound like sonic boom. Extremely high speed. Appeared at unknown elevation, 300°. Disappeared below trees, 300°. One observer said objt broke into 3 or 4 pieces and disappeared behind trees.		11. COMMENTS Description indicates that objt was a rare daylight meteor of such a size that it reached a low enough altitude to be heard when it exploded, as reported by one observer.

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P 231830Z

FM DUADS DULUTH MUNI APRT MINN  
TO RJEDAH/30 AIR DIV TRUAX FIELD WISC  
RJWFA/ADC ENT AFB COLO  
RJEDSQ/WPAFB  
ZEN/COFSUAF WASH D C  
ZEN/L G HANSCOM FID BEDFORD MASS

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DUOOP 61-540-C ATTN: SAES, AFCINAND  
AFCIN-1B1 AT HQUSAES, ATTN: PROJECT SPACE TRACK AT L.G. HANSCOM FID.  
ATTN: ATIC AND COSMATIC, AFCIN-4A AT WPAFB.

A (1) ROUND TAPERED, CONE SHAPE  
(2) CONFLICTING REPORTS, DIME SIZE TO 4 TO 6 INCHES AT ARMS  
LENGTH.  
(3) VIVID RED, GREEN AND BLUE, BRILLIANT  
(4) 1  
(5) N/A  
(6) N/A

DECLAS 10 YEARS  
DOD DIR 8000.10

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Auth Director  
By Quinton  
Date 12 MAY 1969

AFR 207 Par 2-172

3 Jan 8

2-22-61 4:48 P.M.

Cone shaped; red, green, and blue; trailing fire and  
sparks; observed 5 seconds. Observed from Silver Bay  
and Gilbert, Minnesota.

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(7) TRAILING FIRE AND SPARKS  
(8) ONE OBSERVER STATED SOUND WAS HEARD LIKE SONIC BOOM, BUT  
COULDN'T SAY WHETHER IT WAS BEFORE OR AFTER SIGHTING.  
OTHER OBSERVERS NOTICED NO SOUND.

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## B (1) BRIGHT COLORED LIGHTS

(2) ELEV UNK BUT LOW, 300 DEGREES

## 631 BELOW TREES, 300 DEGREES

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# OB EARTH.

5) OBSERVERS AT SILVER BAY STATED OBJECT DISAPPEARED BEHIND

HELLS. POLICEMAN GULBRANSON AT GILBERT, MINN SAID OBJECT

BROKE INTO 3 OR 4 PIECES AND DISAPPEARED BEHIND TREES.

APPROX 20 TO 30 MILES DUE NORTH OF GILBERT, MINN. WAS VARY

VAGUE ABOUT DISTANCE NORTH OF GILBERT AND COULD NOT ESTIMATE

## ELEVATION.

(5) - 5 SECONDS

## (1) VISUAL

(2) **NONE**

131 N/A

D (1) ALL OBSERVERS REPORTED SIGHTING AT APPROX 22/2243Z

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DAY (1) 9110W-4720N (SILVER BAY) 4120N-9229W (GILBERT) 23

## (2) SILVER BAY AND GILBERT MINNESOTA

11. MR GARFIELD GULBRANSON, POLICEMAN, MINN

MR AND MRS. H. B. RESERVE MINNING CO, SILVER DAY, MINN

MR. [REDACTED], SILVER BAY, MINN

MRS. [REDACTED], HOUSEWIFE (VISITING AT SILVER BAY) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], DULUTH, MINN

A3C MACE A. FENNELL, AIR POLICEMAN, FINLAND AF STATION,  
FINLAND, MINN

G (1) CLEAR

(2) A 180 DEGREES AT 6 KNOTS

B 190 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS

C 210 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS

D 220 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS

E 220 DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS

F 220 DEGREES AT 35 KNOTS

G 240 DEGREES AT 30 KNOTS

H 270 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS

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(4) 15 MILES

(5) CLEAR

(6) NONE

H NONE

I NONE

J NONE

K NORAD INTELL OFFICER, IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT OBJECT WAS BRILLIANT  
ENOUGH TO BE SIGHTED DURING DAYLIGHT

A. POSSIBLE MOON DUST

L (1) NONE

(2) NONE

THE OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED BY OBSERVERS AT SILVER BAY. OBJECT WAS OVER LAKE SUPERIOR HEADING NORTH WEST AT LOW ALTITUDE AND EXTREMELY HIGH SPEED. OBSERVERS AT SILVER BAY STATED IT DISAPPEARED BEHIND HILLS HEADING N. W. OBSERVER AT GILBERT SAW THE OBJECT HEADING FROM EAST TO WEST AND ACCORDING TO HIS ESTIMATE 20 TO 30 MILES DUE NORTH OF GILBERT. HE WAS VAGUE ABOUT DISTANCE. HE THEN SAID IT BROKE INTO 3 OR 4 PIECES AND DISAPPEARED BEHIND TREES. FURTHER COMMENT JUST RECEIVED FIVE OBJECTS IN FORMATION WERE SIGHTED AT 2245Z ON THE 22ND OVER LAC LA CROIX (4815N 9200W).

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THE OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED BY [REDACTED], PILOT, [REDACTED] ELY, MINN, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], VIRGINIA, [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] DEPUTY SHERIFF, VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA. THESE THREE MEN HAD JUST LANDED ON LAC LA CROIX FOR ICE FISHING. ALL MEN AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING: THERE WERE FIVE OBJECTS IN FORMATION, HEADING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH. THEY WERE ROUND AND DOME SHAPED WITH GREENISH HUED TAILS. OBJECTS WERE TRAVELING AT A TREMENDOUS RATE OF SPEED AS COMPARED TO REGULAR JET AIRCRAFT AT AN UNESTIMATED ALTITUDE. OBJECTS DISAPPEARED IN THE NORTH.

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DOD DIR 5200.2B, 30 SEP 86, CHG 1, 10 SEP 91