

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Mar 61	2. LOCATION Minot, Bismarck N. D.	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input 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 <i>VENUS</i> <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 _____ GMT 11 0400Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military and Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE Stationary
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Unknown light observed 3-4 miles off runway at 1,000'. Light changing color fm white, green, yellow, red. Remained fairly stationary and disappeared into horizon. Reports from N. D. are in general a/c landing about time of observation. Local report fm civilian report same.		11. COMMENTS Probably observation of Venus, which was very low on horizon. Probable distortion due to location and refraction in atmosphere. Venus was of -4.3 mag and brightest objt up at this time. During latter part of Feb and first part of March there was a rash of reports due to misidentification of this Planet.

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INCOMING

ACTION : CIN-14

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (21)

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FM 4136SWSMINOT

TO RJWXBRB/SAC

RJEBKG/15AF

RJEXAD/8AF

RJEBKF/2AF

RJDXGW/7AD HIGH WYCOMBE ENGLAND

RJFXBN/16AF TORREJON AB MADRID SPAIN

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UNCLAS ZIPPO 03-065 HOT NEWS REPORT/M-12 NO. 1

1. SITEING OF UNIDENTIFIED MOVING LIGHT.

3 AT APPROXIMATELY 11/0400Z THE COMMAND POST AT THIS BASE  
INTERCEPTED CONVERSATION ON FAA MINN, LONG LINE BETWEEN  
MINN. AND MINOT TOWER TO THE EFFECT THAT AN UNKNOWN LIGHT  
WAS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY THREE TO FOUR MILES OFF THE NORTHWEST  
RUNWAY AT ONE THOUSAND FEET. LIGHT CHANGING COLORS FROM WHITE,  
YELLOW, GREEN, AND RED IN THAT ORDER AND REMAINING FAIRLY  
STATIONARY FOR A PERIOD OF FIFTEEN MINUTES LIGHT DISAPPEARED  
INTO THE HORIZON. SHERIFFS IN NORTH DAKOTA HAD BEEN REPORTING  
AND TRACKING THE LIGHT FROM BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA. ACFT LANDED  
APPROX THE TIME THE LIGHT DISAPPEARED BUT DID NOT OBSERVE.  
LOCAL CSN REPORTED TO THE END OF RUNWAY AND REPORTED THE SAME  
DETAILS AS ABOVE.

BT

11/0632Z MAR RJWXBRB

NOTE: ADV CY TO CIN 110225L Mar 61

## JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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UNCLASSIFIED

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

ATIC W-P AFB

TO:

MINOT AFB ND

UNCLAS/APCIN-482x

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4136SW/YOUR MSG ZIPPO 03-065 HOT NEWS RPT/M-12 #1, DTD 11 MAR 61

REPORTING THE SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED MOVING LIGHT. THE INFO RPTD IS LIMITED IN NATURE; THEREFORE, REQ FURTHER INVESTIGATION BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59.

1400

DATE <b>31</b>	TIME <b>0000</b>
MONTH <b>Mar</b>	YEAR <b>1961</b>

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