

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Grafton, North Dakota		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 <input 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 0340 GMT 250940Z		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 Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Disc-shaped objt. Appeared as red glow at 75° elev, 060°T. Disappeared at horizon at 90° az.				11. COMMENTS Objt was probably a balloon. Wind direction and speed coupled with release time would have allowed a balloon in area at time of sighting. Red lights on weather balloons can be seen when they are at extreme altitude. There is no evidence available which indicates that objt was not a balloon.	



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ACTION: CIN-17

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

SMB B 250

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FM GRADS GRAFB NDAK

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFKF/29 AIR DIV RICHARDS GEB AIR AFB MO

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHG/HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE WASHINGTON DC

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ADC FOR ADOIN. 297 -84 \$8; 194 290IN. ATIC FOR INTELL OFF. HQ  
USAF FOR AFCIN, SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR SAFIS. SUBJECT:  
UFO. THIS IS A UFO REPORT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 15,  
AFR 200-2.

15A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(1) SHAPE OF A DISC.

(2) 12 - 18 INCHES IN DIAMETER WHEN HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH.

(3) RED GLOW (COMPARED TO THE SUN WHEN VIEWED THROUGH  
SMOKE).



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

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

- (1) OBSERVED WHILE DRIVING AUTOMOBILE.
- (2) 75 DEGREES ELEVATION AT 60 DEGREES AZIMUTH.
- (3) 0 DEGREES ELEVATION AT 90 DEGREES AZIMUTH.
- (4) DESCENDING AWAY FROM OBSERVER INTO HORIZON.
- (5) SLOWLY INTO HORIZON IN THE EAST.
- (6) 0340 THROUGH 0405 CST.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- (1) GROUND VISUAL.
- (2) NONE.
- (3) N/A.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

- (1) 25/0940Z.
- (2) NIGHT.



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E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

ONE MILE WEST OF GRAFTON, NDAK (FIRST SIGHTING). 4 MILES  
EAST OF GRAFTON (LAST SIGHTING). 48 DEGREES 24'N, 98 DEGREES 34'W

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) MR. [REDACTED] AGE 52 [REDACTED] AVE, GRAFTON,  
NDAK. NO REASON TO DOUBT VEROCITY. HE IS A [REDACTED]  
AT GRAFTON, NDAK.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) CLEAR, NO CLOUDS, FULL MOON.

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

SURFACE	200/12
5,000	240/20
10,000	200/20
16,000	270/20
20,000	320/25
30,000	260/30
50,000	260/30
80,000	UNKNOWN

(3) UNRESTRICTED.

(4) 15 PLUS.



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(5) NONE.

(6) NONE.

(7) SURFACE PLUS 40 DEGREES F.

H. NONE.

I. N/A.

J. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC; RADIGSONDE BALLOONS RELEASED AT 0000Z,  
25 SEP 61, AT BISMARCK, NDAK; SIOUX FALLS, ( \$-(; FARGO, NDAK.

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

PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REVEALS NO EXPLANATION FOR THIS  
SIGHTING. NO UNUSUAL OBJECTS WERE DETECTED DURING THIS PERIOD  
BY THE GRAND FORKS AIR DEFENSE SECTOR PERSONNEL. THIS PRELIMI-  
NARY INVESTIGATION INCLUDED TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW WITH ONE WIT-  
NESS, CONSULTATION WITH DETACHMENT 2 OF THE 29 WEATHER SQUADRON,  
FAA TOWER OPERATOR AT GRAND FORKSANK NDAK, TOWER OPERATORS AT  
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE AND THE SENIOR DIRECTOR OF THE GRAND  
FORKS AIR DEFENSE SECTOR.

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