

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11-13 Nov 61		2. LOCATION Manning, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <i>VENUS</i> <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 _____ GMT 1230Z		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 3 hrs.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Planet Venus was in a position coincident with that reported for UFO on dates and at time of sighting. Planet which was of magnitude -3.4 was just rising and the effects of atmospheric refraction were probably reason for mis-identification and apparent radial motion of planet. It was still quite dark since planet rose at 0518 and sun did not come up until 0628. Probable cause for witness assuming objt went over horizon and out of sight are, brightening of sky with approach of sunrise, weather conditions and loss of the effects associated with atmospheric refraction. Fact that planet was rising later each morning and possible overcast is why this particular experience came to an end. There is no evidence which would indicate that this objt was not planet Venus viewed under rather unusual circumstances.				11. COMMENTS	

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, **INCOMING** SAFS-3, DIA-2 (26)

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FM COMDR 706TH RADAR SQUADRON DICKINSON AFS NDAK

TO RJWFAL/AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB COLORADO

RJWFKF/29 ADIV RICHARDS-GEBAUER AFB MO

RJEDSQ/AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE WASH DC

RJEDKA/MINOT AIR DEFENSE SECTOR MINOT AFB NDAK

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UNCLAS FROM C&E 393. HQ USAF ATTN AFCIN, SECRETARY OF
THE AIR FORCE ATTN SAFS. SUBJECT: UFO. THIS REPORT
SUBMITTED AS PER PARAS 15, AND 17 OF AFR 200-2. PARA
15:

A. DISCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

- (1) FLAT
- (2) SEVEN (7) FEET
- (3) SILVER
- (4) ONE (1)
- (5) N/A
- (6) NONE

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(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. DISCRIPTION OF COURSE:

(1) SHINING SILVER

(2) TEN DEGREE (10) ANGLE - AT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY (130) AZIMUTH.

(3) DISAPPEARED AT LINE OF SIGHT OVER HORIZON.

(4) STRAIGHT

(5) GRADUALLY TO SOUTH EAST.

(6) THREE (3) HOURS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE USED

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATES:

(1) 1230-1245 ZULU - 11, 12 AND 13 NOVEMBER 1961.

(2) DAWM.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: SIXTEEN (16) MILES NORTH OF DICKINSON
NORTH DAKOTA ON STATE HIGHWAY TWENTY TWO (22) THEN TO RIGHT THREE
(3) MILES EAST OF HIGHWAY TWENTY TWO (22).

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F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: (1) CIVILIAN, MR.

[REDACTED] AGE THIRTY FIVE (35), MAILING ADDRESS, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FARMER. ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY: [REDACTED] (2). N/A

G. WEATHER AND WINDS: (1) CLEAR, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED ON ALL
THREE (3) DAYS.

(2) WINDS ALOFT, AT TIME OF SIGHTING. 11 NOV 61: (6000 FT
270 DEGREES AT 11 KNOTS), (10,000 FT 241 DEGREES AT 11 KNOTS),
(16000 FT 230 DEGREES AT 33 KNOTS), (20,000 FT 220 DEGREES AT
33 KNOTS, (30,000 FT 230 DEGREES AT 43 KNOTS), 12 NOV 61: (6000
FT 310 DEGREES AT 19 KNOTS), (10,000 FT 230 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS),
(16,000 FT 260 DEGREES AT 27 KNOTS), (20,000 FT 240 DEGREES AT 55
KNOTS), (30,000 FT 230 DEGREES AT 48 KNOTS), 13 NOV 61: (6000 FT
290 DEGREES AT 13 KNOTS), 10,000 FT 290 DEGREES AT 16 KNOTS),
(16,000 FT 290 DEGREES AT 26 KNOTS), (20,000 FT 30 DEGREES AT
33 KNOTS, (40,000 FT 20 DEGREES AT 71 KNOTS).

(3) CEILING, AT TIME OF SIGHTING: 11 NOV 61: OVERCAST CIRRUS,
12 NOV 61: 1000 FT OVERCAST, 13 NOV 61: 3700 FT SCATTERED.

(4) VISIBILITY: 15 MILES PLUS ON ALL THREE (3) DAYS.

(5) CLOUD COVER: 11 NOV 61: OVERCAST WITH CIRRUS, 12 NOV 61:
OVERCAST 1000 FT, 13 NOV 61: SCATTERED AT 37,00 FT.

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(6) LIGHT SNOW 12 NOV 61 AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

(7) NOT AVAILABLE

(H) NONE

(I) NONE

(J) NONE

(K) DIRECTOR OF SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

(L) NONE

PARAGRAPH 17: POSSIBLE CONTRAIL OF A SCHEDULED MILITARY AIR-
CRAFT FLIGHT. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO WEATHER REPORT FOR TIMES
AND DATES OF SIGHTING, IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE THAT OBSERVER
COULD SIGHT OBJECT THREE (3) DAYS IN A ROW UNDER VARIED CONDITIONS
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16/1810Z NOV RJEDKAD

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1900 GMT 122400Z		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 10-12 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright starlike objt fluctuating in sky W-E-NE dimming overhead disappearing at 60° elev.				11. COMMENTS The objt responsible for sighting was satellite Echo I. Description and characteristics of objt as reported by witness parallel those for Echo I. Satellite could be seen fm location of witness in directions coincident with those reported for UFO and time of passage of satellite conform to those of sighting.	

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

12 Day Nov Month 61 Year

2. Time of day: 1900 Hour 10-12 Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time Zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[REDACTED] Nearest Postal Address Denton City or Town Ohio State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. How long was object in sight?

_____ Hours 10-12 Minutes _____ Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

NIGHT
a. Bright
b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right

d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. The object appeared:

(Circle One): a. As a light b. Shiny c. Dark d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars?

About same as a large star

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| g. Flash or flicker? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| h. Disappear and reappear? | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes ☒ No ☐ Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): a. Solid ☒ b. Transparent ☐ c. Vapor ☐ d. Don't Know ☐

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|----------------|-----|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other _____ | | |

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound None

b. Color Bright white

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

no shape - could only see a light

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred

b. Like a bright star

c. Sharply outlined

d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

From west to east - northeast

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

21. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

size of large star

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

No began to dim

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type)
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

*Saw noticed it out of western window
went outside to look at the rest of the time*

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West <i>(above)</i> |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
| | | | i. <u>Overhead</u> |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. <u>North</u> | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. <u>Northeast</u> | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
| | | | i. Overhead |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North (thru east) and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees. *(up at 60°)*

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object?

12 Nov 61 _____
Day Month Year

PTD Duty Off

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Son & daughter ages 15 & 13

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

No idea - would like to hear from PF concerning it

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? Several hundred feet

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

Age _____ Sex F

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day Month Year