

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 Nov 61		2. LOCATION Gettysburg, South Dakota		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical <i>METEOR</i> ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 160524Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round objt white to reddish color appearing as brilliant light, similar to photo flash bulb. Observed at 45° elev disappearing on horizon after straight flight path; in view 1 min.				11. COMMENTS Observation characteristic of slow moving meteor of long duration. Case evaluated as meteor.	

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ACTION: CIN-17

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INFO : SAFS-3, DIA-2, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1 -26-

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CZCHQC968ZCYJB483

PP RJEZHQ

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P 172145Z

FM 903 RADAR SQ GETTYSBURG AFSTN SDAK

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFKF/29 AIR DIV RICHARDS GEBUR AFB MO

RJEDSQ/AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WIRGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH D C

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE WASH D C

RJEDAF/GRADS GRAND FORKS AFB NDAK

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FOR ADOIN AT ADC, 290IN AT 29 ADIV, AFCIN AT HQ USAF, SAFIS AT SAF

AND GROAC AT GRAND FORKS. UFO. REFERENCE PARA 15, AFR 200-2.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

A. (1) CIRCULAR

(W) VARIABLE. BASEBALL TO BASKETBALL.

(3) VARIABLE. BRILLIANT WHITE TO REDDISH WHITE.

(4) 1

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

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(7) NONE.

(8) NONE.

(9) UNUSUALLY BRILLIANT LIGHT SIMILAR TO PHOTO FLASH BULB.

B. (1) BRILLIANT LIGHT.

(2) HALFWAY BETWEEN ZENTH AND HORIZON.

(3) HORIZON.

(4) STRAIGHT MOVEMENT. NO MANEUVERS.

(5) VARIED FROM INSTANTANEOUS TO RAPID DISAPPERAANCE OVER
HORIZON ON SOUTH WESTERLY COURSE DEPENDING ON OBSERVER ACCOUNTS.

(6) ONE MINUTE.

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE.

(3) N/A

D. (1) 16/0524Z/61

(2) NIGHT

E. 45 DEGREES 03 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE, 99 DEGREES 57 MINUTES WEST
LONGITUDE, ONE MILE NORTH EAST OF GETTYSBURG S DAK.

F. (1) (A) HAROLD EMERY, 36(EST) GETTYSBURG S DAK, STATE HIGHTWAY
PATROLMAN, RELIABLE

(B) JOHN C. BURKE, 28, 5304 28TH AVE S. MINNEAPOLIS 17

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MINN, FAA CONTROLLER, RELIABLE.

(C) HOROLD HANNA, 51 9408 4TH AVE S. MINNEAPOLIS 20 MINN
FAA CONTROLLER, RELIABLE.

G. (1) GOOD CLEAR.

(2) 6000 - 040 DEGREES 14 KNOTS

10000 - 020 DEGREES 10 KNOTS

16000 - 230 DEGREES 11 KNOTS

20000 - 250 DEGREES 60 KNOTS

30000 - 230 DEGREES 90 KNOTS

50000 - 250 DEGREES 40 KNOTS

8000 - 260 DEGREES 25 KNOTS

(3) CLEAR.

(4) 20 MILES

(5) NONE.

(6) NONE.

(7) TEMP 25 DEGREES, DEW POINT 22 DEGREES.

H. NONE.

I. NONE.

J. NONE

K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER - LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE REVEALS NO

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CAUSE FOR SIGHTING. NO FLIGHTS, MILITARY OR CIVILIAN WERE REPORTED
IN AREA AT TIME FOR SIGHTING.

L. NONE.

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