

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 Feb 61	2. LOCATION Williston, 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 <b>VENUS</b> <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 2031 GMT 010325Z	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <b>NOT RECEIVED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circular, size of nickel at arms length. White with red crest near top. NW az aprox 16° above horizon at appearance and was watched for over an hour but was not observed to disappear. Slight left and right movement.		11. COMMENTS Objt of this sighting was probably planet Venus with associated effects of atmospheric refraction. The direction of the planet and UFO at time of sighting are coincident. Venus at time of sighting was just setting and effects of stmospheric refraction, distortion, discoloration and apparent motion were at maximum magnitude of -4.3. Fact that last sighting occurred just as planet set substantiates this conclusion.

**PHOTOS NOT RECEIVED**



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5. N/A

6. STILL VISIBLE/ END OF ONE HOUR LAST REPORT AT 0325Z

C/ 1. GROUND VISUAL

2. WITH TELESCOPE THAT HAD COATED LENS AND WITH NAKED EYE.

3. N/A

D/ 1. 0224Z/ 1 MAR 1961

2. NIGHT

E/ 1. OBSERVED BY CITY PATROLMAN BILL LORD WILLISTON N.D. REPORTED  
BY LT. WILLIAM A. WILLIS OF WILLISTON N.D. POLICE EPARTMENT.

G/ 1. CLEAR

5. NONE

2. NW APPROX 6

6. NONE

3. CLEAR

7. UNKNOWN

4. 15 PLUS

#H/ NONE

I/NONE

J/ UNKNOWN

K/ SENIOR DIRECTOR/ FRANKLIN B. BRIGHAM JR. CAPT.

COMMENTS: MINOT AFB, N.D. WEATHER OFFICER (LT. SHABLOW) SAID THAT  
IT MIGHT BE PLANET VENUS WHICH IS BRIGHTEST THIS MONTH.

L/ PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN BY WILLISTON N.D. POLICE DEPT. AND

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WILL BE FORWARDED TO ATIC WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

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