

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
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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ACTION : CIN-14

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FM CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

TO USAF WASH DC

O 110501Z ZEX

FM 4136SWSMINOT

TO RJWXBRB/SAC

RJEBKG/15AF

RJEXAD/8AF

RJEBKF/2AF

RJDXGW/7AD HIGH WYCOMBE ENGLAND

RJFXBN/16AF TORREJON AB MADRID SPAIN

RJWFALB/NORAD COC ENT AFB COLO

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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.

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11/0632Z MAR RJWXBRB

NOTE: ADV CY TO CIN 110225L Mar 61

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FROM: **ATIC V-P AFB**

TO: **MINOT AFB ND**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

UNCLAS/AFCIN-4E2x 3-1420

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 AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59.

1400

DATE 31	TIME 1400
MONTH Mar	YEAR 1961

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