

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <i>VENUS</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 hrs.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
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 caused 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

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

SMB C 196

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RR RJEZHQ

DE RJEDKAD 3

ZNR

R 161700Z

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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