

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Mar 62		2. LOCATION Bethel, Alaska		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 12/0247 GMT 12/1247Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input 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 type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>setting moon distorted by atmospheric refraction</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objt described as semi-circular, laying on flat side, size of dime at arms length as observed by witnesses in Bethel, Alaska. Objt was reported to be brilliant red and to have remained in sight for 3 min. It was observed on an az of approx 32° and an elev of less than 2°. Wx was clear windy and cold.			11. COMMENTS The waxing moon, whose az at time of sighting coincides with that reported for objt, was just setting. Moon was 38% illuminated with illuminated portion generally on bottom which probably also contributed to sighting, but major cause for misidentification was distortion to moon due to atmospheric refraction. Dispersion caused reddish color. Time of official moonset on this date was 1245Z and sighting occurred at 1247Z. Concluded that sighting was due to misidentification of setting moon due to distortions by atmospheric refraction.		

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FM COMDR 713TH ACW 90 BETHEL AFB ALASKA

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT ABF COLO

RJKDAG/AAC ELMENDORF AFB ALAS

RJEDSO/FTD WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJENHC/USAF AFCEM WASH DC

RJEZHQ/SECAF SAFIS WASH DC

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SUBJECT - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT

A. DESCRIPTION

- (1) SHAPE: SEMI-CIRCULAR, LAYING ON FLAT SIDE.
- (2) SIZE: DIME HELD AT ARMS LENGTH.9
- (3) COLOR: BRILLIANT RED
- (4) NUMBER: ONE
- (5) N/A
- (6) N/A
- (7) N/A

SUSPECTED DUPLICATE OF MESSAGE  
PREVIOUSLY RELEASED. CHECK  
BEFORE TAKING ACTION.

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**PRIORITY**

**ACTION**

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(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OR OBJECT

(1) COLOR (BRILLIAN RED)

(2) ANGLE OF ELEVATION 3-2 DEGREES

AZIMUTH - 323 DEGREES (TRUE OR MAGNETIC, UNKNOWN)

(3) SAME AS ABOVE

(4) NO FLIGHT-PATH OR MANEUVERS

(5) NOT SEEN TO DISAPPEAR (SEE COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER)

(6) THREE MINUTES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) N/A

(3) N/A

D. DATE/TIME GROUP

(1) 12/1247Z

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

(1) 63 DEGREES 48, N, 161 DEGREES 54, W; APPROX. 6 MILES WEST OF  
BETHEL ALASKA.

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F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER

(1) CIVILIAN - [REDACTED], [REDACTED], 713TH AC&W SQ., BETHEL, ALASKA,  
RADAR TECHREP, GOOD.O

G. WEATHER AND WINDS

(1) CLEAR, WINDY, COLD

(2) BETHEL U. S. WEATHER BUREAU 12/1200Z OBSERVATION: CLEAR,  
VISIBILITY FIFTEEN (15), TEMP MINUS THREE, DEW POINT MINUS SIX,  
WINDS NORTH-EAST TWENTY FOUR, GUSTS TO THIRTY-THREE, ALTIMETER  
TWO-NINE-EIGHT-TWO.

(3) NO THUNDERSTORMS

(4) NO TEMPERATURE GRADIENT AVAILABLE

(5) WINDS ALOFT: USAF TTYPE CKTS FROM ELMENDORF AFB, VALID 12/0500Z  
TO 12/1200Z

10M 320 DEGREES/35 TEMP - 14

20 M 360 DEGREES/50 TEMP -25

30M 340 DEGREES/55 TEMP -52

40 M 340 DEGREES/30 TEMP -54

H. NO OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. NO, REPEAT NO, NO THERN LIGHTS.

I. N/A

J. NONE

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K. POSITION TITLE, AND COMMENTS OF REPORTING OFFICER: SENIOR DIRECTOR  
CAPTAIN, A. C.&W. WEAPONS CONTROLLER. THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE A SIGHTING  
OF A PLANET LOW ON THE HORIZON. THIS OFFICER HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON  
PRIOR SIGHTINGS OF THE PLANET VENUS BY PERSONNEL OF THIS STATION.  
THE BRILLIANT RED COLOR COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A HAZE  
LAYER AND THE OBJECT SEEMS TO HAVE HAD THE SHAPE OF A SPHERE SETTING

BELOW THE HORIZON. THE OBSERVER DID NOT SEE THE OBJECT DISAPPEAR AS  
LHE WAS HURRYING TO A RADAR TOWER TO GET A BETTER VANTAGE POINT, AND  
WHILE HE WAS CLIMBING UP THE INSIDE OF THE TOWER, THE 083:5 S8-  
APPEARED. U. S. WEATHER BUREAU UNOFFICIALLY, ESTIMATES MOON-SET AT  
12/1245Z, BUT THIS OFFICER WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE AZIMUTH AND TIME  
OF MOONSET, AS NO AIR ALMANAC WAS AVAILABLE.00

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