PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 Feb 61	2. LOCATION Williston, North Dakota	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical VENUS ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2031 GMT 010325Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes NOT RECEIVED ☐ 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.

PHOTOS NOT RECEIVED

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.

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ACTION: CIN-14

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (21)

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RJEZHQ/HQ USAF AFCIN WASH 25 DC

RJEDSQ/AIR TECHNICAL INTEL CNTR WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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INFO RJWZGU/29 AD SAGE MALMSTROM AFB MONT

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/UNCLAS/112 SUBJECT: UFO REF: AFR 200-2 PARA 15

A/ 1. CIRCULAR 6. RED CREST NEAR TOP

Q WWM A NICKEL COVERED IT AT ARMS LENGHT 7. NONE

3. WHITE 8. NONE

4. ONE (1) 9. NONE

5. N/A

QB/ 1. BRIGHTNESS AND MOVEMNT

2. N.W. AZIMUTH/ APPROX 16 DEGRESS ABOVE HORIZ.

3. NEG. DISAPPEARANCE WHLE BEING OBSERVED

Q SLIGHT LEFT AND RIGHT MOVEMENT

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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

2. NW APPROX 6

3. CLEAR

4. 15 PLUS

5. NONE

6. NONE

7. UNKNOWN

#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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