

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 March 1961		2. LOCATION Mellette, South Dakota		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1845-1910 GMT 29/0045Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 50 Min.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS N One		9. COURSE	
				☒ Other <u>Unreliable.</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Ltr to Secy of Defense asking for action , against flying saucers that are shooting down out planes and killing our sons. Two jets were attacked by saucers S of her farm. Sees them all time, usually from 7:45 pm to 8:50 pm. Tonight they were early so encounter with jets. After supposed attack on jets by saucers, jets threw in afterburner and escaped. Observation of preceding evening with surveyors transit. Also reported seeing atomic blast (mushroom cloud)				11. COMMENTS Witness probably saw something and ids- torted her impressions into above tale. Duration of over one hour for the sight- ings earlier in month are probably re- fraction of astronomical bodies. Any- thing this lady sees in air and cannot identify is a saucer. Sightings include; Mar 1 of Venus, Mar 2 Insufficient Data Mar 10 Venus. No reports of mushroom clouds; no reports from a/c were received.	

Mellette S.D.
March 29.61

Secy Defense, MacNarena

Dear Sir: Don't you think it is about time our Government pulled their head out of the sand and called a spade a spade. Last night we witnessed another of those "so called" freak ^{near} accidents.

Two jet planes came over our farm and somewhat west of our place we suddenly saw one of those flying saucers dive at the jets.

This far the jets had left a nice vapor trail but they veered out sharply to avoid being hit and believe me they left 2 jet black smoke streaks after that.

We have been watching these flying saucers here every night for 2 weeks. It always came up with a bright light at 7:45 and left 8:50 but last night it met the jets at around 6:45 to 7:10.

We took a surveyors level and transit and watched it. If it had hit the jets some family would have gotten that "so sorry to inform you" line. I think it is plain criminal negligence not to inform the people what really happens so someone can be on the look out for these saucers.

On the evening before (Tue) that thing was here and looked like an arrow pointing West South West. Some times they seem to put on lights and shut them off as tho signalling.

This thing is big enough and near enough to be seen by the naked eye but with the level we can get a good look at the thing. Also was there an accidental atomic blast N west of here a week ago Thursday P.M. we saw a mushroom suddenly in the sky on a bright clear day.

U F O ANALYSIS SHEET

DATE 28 March, 1961 LOCATION Mellette, South Dakota
 DATE TIME GROUP LOCAL 1845-1910 GMT 29/0045Z
 PHOTO YES NO XX PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES NO XX
 SOURCE MILITARY CIVILIAN XX TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual
Surveyors Level & Transit
 LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 minutes NUMBER OF OBJECTS One COURSE Not Given
 SATELLITE: IN ORBIT: VERIFY YES: NO: DECAY: Ruled Out
 ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA Probably
 METEOR N/A
 STAR OR PLANET Poss Planet or Star
 OTHER N/A
 AIRCRAFT N/A Duration too long
 BALLOON N/A Ruled out due to motion
 INSUFFICIENT DATA No location speed etc given.
 OTHER Distortion of normal objects by observer.
 REFLECTION No INVERSION PRESENT Poss PHOTO ANALYSIS
 SUN DOG LENTICULAR CLOUD PHYSICAL SPECIMEN ANALYSIS

BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING:

Letter to Secy of Defense asking for action against the flying saucers that are shooting down our planes and killing our "sons". Described incident where two jets were attacked by these saucers south of her farm. She sees them all the time, usually from 7:45 PM until 8:50PM, however tonight they were early so the encounter with the jets. After the supposed attack on the jets by the saucer, the jets threw in afterburner and escaped. Observation on preceeding evening was with surveyors transit. Occasionally they have lights that go on and off. She also reports what appeared to her to be an atomic blast in early march to the North of her location. (mushroom cloud).

EVALUATION: CASE CATEGORY:

CONCLUSION:

Witness probably saw something and distorted her impressions into the above tale. The duration of over one hour for the sightings earlier in the month are probably refraction of astronomical bodies. Anything that this lady sees in the air which she cannot readily identify is a saucer. March sightings from the Dakota's include one on March 1st of Venus, One on March 24 of insufficient Data, & Another on March 10 of Venus. ~~again~~ XX. No reports of mushroom clouds, and no reports from A/C were received. Assuming that any A/C would report action such as the lady described, this case is classed as an unreliable report.

which looked exactly as the pictures
of the bomb.

Sincerely

Mrs. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

Mellette, S. Oak

P.S. I'm not nuts. My husband
and son both happened to be
in the yard & all saw the same
thing. I just feel sorry for the
families who lose sons as we
also have a son and realize what
it means and also realize that
just by bushing things up you
will avoid accidents.