# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| **1. DATE**<br>3 Mar 61 | **2. LOCATION**<br>Ephrata, Washington | **12. CONCLUSIONS**<br>☐ Was Balloon<br>☐ Probably Balloon<br>☐ Possibly Balloon<br>☐ Was Aircraft<br>☐ Probably Aircraft<br>☐ Possibly Aircraft<br>☐ Was Astronomical VENUS<br>☒ Probably Astronomical<br>☐ Possibly Astronomical<br>☑ Other UFX (RADAR)<br>☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br>☐ Unknown |
| **3. DATE-TIME GROUP**<br>Local 2148<br>GMT 040548Z | **4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION**<br>☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar<br>☒ Air-Visual ☒ Air-Intercept Radar | |
| **5. PHOTOS**<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | **6. SOURCE** VISUAL<br>Military | |
| **7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION**<br>7 min | **8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS**<br>1 | **9. COURSE** RADAR<br>NW |

**10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING** Round objt, size of pea, changing white to red, continuous light until disappearance. Observed in level position at 2 o'clock. Disappeared on horizon at 2 o'clock. Objt appeared stationary. Spokane center called and confirmed a target was in contact moving rapidly to NW, suggesting objt moving away giving no apparent az movement. No break up or diminishing in intensity was noted prior to disappearance. Radar speed estimated at 1050 knots by Spokane Center.

**11. COMMENTS** Appearance of objt and its azimuthfm the observer suggests that it was probably planet Venus. From witnesses' location and altitude planet would have been just on horizon and atmospheric refraction could have been responsible for illusion of motion and caused color change. It is believed that objt reported by radar was not not related to visual sighting other than by possible cause of both being due to atmospheric refraction. The objt of this sighting was probably planet Venus.

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TELEPHONED
TO [illegible]
NO. 71222
TIME 0930Z
Date 04
By: 36

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YES (UFO)
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RF 112

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FM SPOKANE AIR DEFENSE SECTOR LARSON AFB WASH

TO RJWFAL/HQ ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWZBH/25 AIRDIV MCCHORD AFB WASH

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF AFCIN IBI WASH 25 DC

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RJEDSQ/COSMATIC AFCIN 4A WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZBF/PROJECT SPACW TRACK L G HANSCOM FIELD BEDFORD MASS

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UNCLAS FROM SPOIN 453.

FOR INTELLIGENCE. SUBJECT UFO

POSSIBLE MONE DUST

1. A. ROUND

B. PEA

C. CHANGING WHITE TO RED

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. CONTINUANCE LIGHT UNTIL DISAPPEARANCE

G. N/A

H. N/A

I. APPEARED STATIONARY RELATIVE INTESITY OF LIGHT REMAINED UNIFORM UNTIL DISAPPEARANCE.

2. A. NORMAL LOOKOUT

B. LEVEL

C. ON 14 OR 120N - 2 O'CLOCK

D. APPEARED STATIONARY

E. INSTANTANEOUSLY

F. SEVEN MINUTES.

E. A. AIRBORN VISUAL AND RADAR

B. NO AIDS

C. T-33 AIRCRAFT NO. 29549 MCCHORD 33,000 FT
260 DEGREES MC
210 K INDICATED

4. A. 0548 ZULU 4 MARCH 1961

B. NIGHT

5. 12NM NORTH OF EPHRATA VOR

6. A. N/A

B. MILLAR G/C, RCAF
DEEN, CAPTAIN, USAF

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25TH AIR DIVISION, HQ

RELIABILITY GOOD

7. -. CLEAR

B. SFC-270/03

5000-290/10 20000-300/35

10,000-300/10 30,000-300/60

15,000-290/15 40,000-300/40

C. CEILING HIGH OCST

D. VIS 50 MILES

E. CLOUD COVER TOPS 27,000 CIRRUS

F. N/A

G. GRADIENT ISOTHERMAL

8. MOON DUST ALERT

9. N/A

10. N/A

11. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER APPARENT VALID

SIGHTING POSSIBLE SATELLITE VEHICLE REENTRY.

12. SPOKANE CENTER CONFIRMED RADAR RETURN. RADAR SPEED ESTIMATED AT

1050 KNOTS. TARGET MOVING NORTHWEST VERY RAPIDLY.

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

23 MAR 61 20 35Z TOT 2320537 9T

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

FROM:

ATIC W-P AFB

TO: LARSON AFB WASH RJWZHK

INFO: 25TH AIRDIV, McCHORD AFB WASH RJWZBH

UNCLAS/AFCIN-4E2x 3-1333

SPOKANE AIR DEFENSE SECTOR. YOUR MSG SPOIN 453, DTD 4 MAR 61, REQ CLARIFICATION OF ITEMS 2A THROUGH 2F, AND ITEM E. REFERENCE PAR 15, AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59.

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| DATE | TIME |
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| 23 | ~~1235~~ |
| MONTH | YEAR |
| MAR | 1961 |

WRITER

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for
PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

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FM SPOKANE ADS LARSON AFB WASH

TO ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

BT

6 APR 61 19 15

UNCLAS SPOIN 686. REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE AFCIN-4E2X 3-1333. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS ENLARGED UPON FOR CLARIFICATION. ITEM 2A. NORMAL LOOKOUT WAS BEING MAINTAINED WHEN A BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT WAS OBSERVED. B. OBJECT WAS IN A LEVEL POSITION AT 2 O,CLOCK WHEN SIGHTED. C. OBJECT WAS ON THE HORIZON AT 2 O,CLOCK WHEN IT DISAPPEARED. D. OBJECT APPEARED STATIONARY. SPOKANE CENTER WAS CALLED AND CONFIRMED A TARGET WAS IN CONTACT MOVING RAPIDLY TO THE NORTHWEST, SUGGESTING OBJECT MOVING AWAY GIVING NO APPARENT AZIMUTH MOVEMENT. E. OBJECT DISAPPEARED INSTANTANEOUSLY LIKE A LIGHT BEING SUDDENLY SHUT OFF. NO BREAK UP OR DIMINISHING IN INTENSITY WAS NOTED PRIOR TO DISAPPEARANCE. F. SEVEN MINUTES.

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