

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 April 1955	2. LOCATION Elk, New Mexico	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 05/1745Z	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	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ten seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE straight down
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round object with a fan shaped tail the size of a baseball held at arm's length was seen in the bright sunlight. Color of object was a green-purple with an orange tail. Object first seen at an angle of 30° due south. Upon disappearing it exploded two feet above the ground. Object appeared to fall at same rate as stone would. Observer seated in a truck at time of observing. No Report In File	11. COMMENTS Probable meteor sighting-see attached news clipping.	RETURN TO: PROJECT 10073, 60121 McMurtry AFB, El Paso, Texas McMurtry Studies Inc. Archives Branch

'Green Fireball' Seen

ROSWELL, N. M., April 5 (UPI).—A "green fireball" with a flaming tail was reported seen over several southeastern New Mexico towns today. Civil Aeronautics Authority offices in both Roswell and Carlsbad said pilots flying in those areas had reported sighting the mysterious object.

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