PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 April 1955	2. LOCATION Burtonwood, England	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 17/2235Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-3 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Round, bright, bluish white object with oblong exhaust or trail. Sparks.

11. COMMENTS

Steady course, slightly downward. Speed greatly in excess of a/c. Meteor sighting.

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INFO ZEN/CCM 1631ST AB GRU PRESTWICK SCOTLAND
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JEDWP/CCM ATIC WPAFB OHIO
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/U N C L A S S I F I E D/NR OPS 04-185 TRUE DTG 180335Z SUBJECT
CIRVIS CONFIRM. 1. FOLLOWING CIRVIS REPORT MADE BY MATS 53027
AT 2335Z 17 APR 55 TO CROUGHTON AIRWAYS CMM FILED AT PRESTWICK SCOT
18 APR 55. 2. CIRVIS REPORT CLN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT BRIGHT
BLUE LIGHT CMM ROUND SHAPE CMM TRAILING EXHAUST WITH BLUE-WHITE
SPARKS. POSITION 42D 40 MINS N 21D 58 MIN W TIME 2235Z. ALTITUDE
APPROX 10000 TO 13000 FT. DIRECTION OF TRAVEL WESTERLY SPEED CMM FAR
IN EXCESS OF ANY KNOWN AIRCRAFT.

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3. AMPLIFIED REPORT CLN A. PILOT WAS IN PROCESS OF ESTIMATING CLOUD
COVERAGE. SKY OVERHEAD WAS CLEAR. BUILD UPS WERE PRESENT ON ALL
SIDES OF AIRCRAFT AT DISTANCES OF APPROX 1 TO 10 MILES. CLOUDS
BELOW WERE COMPLETE UNDERCAST. B. PILOT WAS LOOKING OUT LEFT SIDE
OF COCKPIT AT APPROX 45 DEG OF NOSE OF ACFT. BLUE WHITE ROUND OBJECT
WITH TRAILING EXHAUST OF LIGHTER AND OR BRILLIANT BLUE WHITE SOLID
ELONGATED STREAK WITH FLYING SPARKS CMM SUDDENLY SHOT OUT OF CLOUDS
45 DEG OFF LEFT SIDE AND NOSE OF ACFT IT TRAVELED THROUGH APPROX
90 DEG OF ARC IN LEVEL FLIGHT TO A POSITION 45 DEG OFF LEFT SIDE
OF TAIL OF ACFT IN APPROX 1 TO 2 SEC CMM AND DISAPPEARED INTO
CLOUDS. C. DIST FM ACFT WAS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 1 TO 5 MILES.
ALTITUDE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE NOT MORE THAN 1000 FT BELOW OR 2000
ABOVE FLIGHT ALTITUDE OF REPORTING AIRCRAFT PAREN 11000 FT PAREN.
D. NO OUTLINE OR SHAPE OF OBJECT WAS NOTED OTHER THAN LIGHTED AREA
WAS ROUND CMM AND "EXHAUST" WHICH WAS DEFINITELY SEPARATED FROM OBJECT
AND OBLONG IN SHAPE.

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4. DIRECTION OF TRAVEL WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 250 DEG TO 280 DEG.
5. OBJECT WAS SEEN WITH BACKGROUND OF CLOUDS CMM NOT A BACKGROUND
OF STARS IN SKY. 4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CLN REPORTING ACFT T.
O. TIME 2334 DEPAD LAJES DESTINATION BURTONWOOD AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
MCCARTER. PILOT SIGHTING OBJECT CLN DETURK. 5. NO OTHER CREW
MEMBER WAS IN A POSITION TO SIGHT OBJECT. STEPHEN D DETURK CMM CAPT
CMM AC 5500685 CMM 1ST AIR TRANS SQ CMM DOVER AFB DEL. ACFT OVERFLEW
BURTONWOOD AND LANDED PRESTWICK SCOT DUE TO WEATHER. NOTE CLN THIS
MESSAGE HAS BEEN RELAYED TO CIA WASHDC
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OPS 04-185 SUBJECT CIRVIS CONFIRM 1N FOLG CIRVIS REPORT MADE BY MATS 53027 AT 2335Z 17 APR 55 TO CROUGHTON AIRWAYS FILED AT PRESTWICK SCOT 18 APR 55 2. CIRVIS REPORT UNIDENT FLYING OBJECT BRIGHT BLUE LIGHT ROUND SHAPE TRAILING EXHAUST WITH BLUE-WHITE SPARKS POSITION 42D40MINS N 21D 58MIN W TIME 2235Z ALT APPROX 10000 TO 13000 FT PD DIRECTION OF TRAVEL WESTERLY SPEED CMM FAR IN EXCESS OF ANY KNOWN AIRCRAFT 3M AMPLIFIED REPORT A. PILOT WAS IN PROCESS OF ESTIMATING CLOUD COVERAGE PD SKY OVERHEAD WAS CLEAR BUILD UPS WERE PRESENT ON ALL SIDES OF AIRCRAFT AT DIST OF APPROX ONE TO TEN MILES PD CLOUDS BELOW WERE COMPLETE UNDERCAST B. PILOT WAS LOOKING

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3OIN-3 5D-897 UFOB REPORT. ATTN CLN INTEL. REF AFR 2[illegible]-2 CMM PARA 7D. SUB-PARA 1 CLN A CLN ROUND. B CLN DIME. C CLN BRIGHT BLUEISH-WHITE. D CLN ONE. E CLN N/A. F CLN EXHAUST OBLONG SHAPE. G CLN HORIZONTAL BLUE FLAME CMM EMITTING BLUE-WHITE SPARKS. H CLN NEGATIVE. I CLN SPEED IN EXCESS OF KNOWN ACFT. SUB-PARA 2 CLN A CLN OBSERVER LOOKING OUT OF PILOT'S PORT-WINDOW. B AND C COMBINED CLN OBJECT ESTIMATED ONE TO FIVE MILES DISTANT CMM PORT-SIDE CMM SUDDENLY APPEARED AT 45-DEGREE ANGLE TO LEFT OF AIRCRAFT NOSE CMM CONTINUED ON PATH THROUGH 9[illegible]-DEGREES OF ARC TO ACFT CMM ON HORIZONTAL PLANE CMM VANISHED AT ANGLE OF 45-DEGREES TO ACFT'S TAIL. D CLN FLIGHT PATH HORIZONTAL STRAIGHT FLIGHT FROM ELEVEN OCLOCK TO EIGHT OCLOCK CMM COURSE 25[illegible]-28[illegible] CMM NEGATIVE MANEUVERS. APPEARED ABOVE PORT WING-TIP CMM BETWEEN ONE ANGLE HIGH AND TWO ANGLES

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BELOW CMM WITH CLOUDS IN BACKGROUND. E CLN VANISHED TOWARDS CLOUD. F CLN APPROXIMATELY 1-3 SECONDS. SUB-PARA 3 CLN A CLN AIR-VISUAL. B CLN NEGATIVE. C CLN MATS ACFT C-124 NO. 53:27 CMM APPROX 11 ANGLES CMM HEADING NORTH TO BURTONWOOD AIRDROME ENGLAND FROM LAGES CMM AZORES CMM HOME STATION DOVER CMM DELAWARE. SUB-PARA 4 CLN A CLN SIGHTING SEVENTEENTH APRIL CMM 2235ZULU HOURS. B CLN NIGHT CMM NO STARS. SUB-PARA 5 CLN POSITION 4246 NORTH CMM 2158 WEST APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR OUTBOUND FROM AZORES. SUB-PARA 6 CLN A CLN NEGATIVE. B CLN MILITARY OBSERVER ONLY CLN CAPTAIN STEPHEN D DE TURK CMM USAF SMCLN AO 594886 CMM CO-PILOT CMM FIRST AIR TRANSPORT SQUADRON CMM MATS ATLANTIC DIVISION CMM DOVER CMM DELAWARE. RELIABILITY UNKNOWN. SUB-PARA SEVEN CLN A CLN UNDERCAST CMM CLOUD BUILDUPS ALL DIRECTIONS CMM NOTHING OVERHEAD. B CLN PROBABLY OBTAINABLE FROM WEATHER STATION TCC CMM MATS CMM LAGES CMM AZORES. C CLN UNLIMITED OVERHEAD. D CLN FORWARD VISIBILITY 5 MILES. E CLN NEGATIVE ABOVE. F CLN NEGATIVE. SUB-PARA EIGHT CLN NEGATIVE. SUB-PARA NINE CLN NEGATIVE. SUB-PARA TEN CLN ONE KNOWN AIRCRAFT FOLLOWING. SUB-PARA ELEVEN CLN PREPARING OFFICER CMM TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH OBSERVER CO-PILOT AT PRESTWICK AIRDROME CMM SCOTLAND CMM WAS MAJOR CMM ASSISTANT OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER CMM DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE CMM HQ 3RD AIR FORCE CMM SOUTH RUISLIP CMM ENGLAND. COMMENTS CLN POSSIBLE METEORITE. ONLY ONE OBSERVER. SUB-PARA TWELVE CLN NEGATIVE. ADDITIONAL INFO CLN ACFT HAD BEEN DIVERTED FROM BURTONWOOD TO PRESTWICK. TCC MATS PRESTWICK SUBM CIRVIS CONFIRM ENERG MSG OPS-[illegible]4-185 CMM 18-[illegible]8357. END

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