PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Jul 58	**2. LOCATION** E of Ascension Island	**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 02/2115Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar Shipboard ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Steamship African Planet	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** W to East

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

A bright red missile which disintegrated in mid air.

11. COMMENTS

Probably a bolide.

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Multi

The following was extracted from the Staff Duty Officer's Report dated 5 Jul 58:

0905-Called Col Carter in Washington, used 330-99. The Msg was: at 02 2115Z Steamship African Planet reported a Bright Red Missle Traveling from West to East which disintegrated in mid air. SS African Planet was at 100 20'S and 00025' W. Col Carter said msg apparently came originally from Navy and was relayed to Intell by Command Post, also a check with Partick should range shot down. Relayed to Capt Gregory.

Staff Duty Officer was Capt Anderson

Clues!

E. OF ASCENSION ISLAND

(1) Insufficient info upon which to base a firm conclusion or initiate any detailed study.

(2) However, on basis of hundreds of similar UFO reports — object apparently was a piece of meteorite (now quite common i.e. Earth now going through PERSEID meteric shower) known as "bolides" or fireballs.

(3) See Dr. Olivier's report on bolides. almost word-for-word description.

ASTRO-/BOLIDE