

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>17 Aug 59</u>	2. LOCATION Donaldson AFB, South Carolina		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 <u>17/0600Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 secs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 exploding	9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Ball or streak of fire observed for 10 sec at which time it exploded and faded out. Obj had level flight fm SE to the NE until it exploded. Slight trail of fire prior to the explosion. After explosion obj arched toward ground.			11. COMMENTS Characteristics of bolide observed to explode present. Case listed as a meteor sighting.

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UNCLAS/TCC 17-H-4. "U.F.O.".

A. (1) BALL OR STREAK OF FIRE. (2) GRAPEFRUIT. (3) FIERY WHITE.

(4) ONE (5) N/A (6) N/A (7) SMALL TRAIL OF FIRE. (8) N/A

(9) EFTE APPROXIMATELY TEN (10) SECONDS OBJECT EXPLODED AND
FADED OUT.

B. (1) LIGHT OF OBJECT (2) APPROXIMATELY 22 DEGREES

(3) 10-15 DEGREES (4) LEVEL FLIGHT UNTIL EXPLOSION, TRAVELING
SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST. ESTIMATED 2500 FEET MSL. AFTER EXPLOSION
OBJECT ARCED TOWARD EARTH AND GRADUALLY DISAPPEARED. (5) AFTER
EXPLOSION OBJECT DISAPPEARED WITHIN FIVE (5) SECONDS (6) FIFTEEN
SECONDS.

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C. (1) GROUND-VISUAL (2) NONE (3) N/A

D. (1) 17/2600Z (2) NIGHT.

E. 34 45N, 82 22 W, DONALDSON AFB TOWER BY TOWER PERSONNEL

AND ONE MILE NORTH OF DONALDSON AFB BY CIVILIAN.

F. (1) MRS [REDACTED] GREENVILLE,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VERY RELIABLE.

G. (1) FOLLOWS (2) CALM, 210/28 190/25, 180/25, 360/15, 290/25,
050/12.

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. DONALDSON AFB TCC DUTY OFFICER. CELL WAS TAKEN FROM MRS

[REDACTED] WHO SEEMED EXCITED AND REASONABLY SURE THAT OBJECT WAS

VERY NEAR. TOWER PERSONNEL FEELS THAT OBJECT COULD POSSIBLY

HAVE BEEN A METEORITE BUT WAS MUCH BRIGHTER AND EXPLOSION OF

OBJECT CAUSED DOUBT THAT IT WAS A METEORITE. MRS [REDACTED] ESTIMATED

ALTITUDE AT 2500 MSL BUT TOWER COULD NOT GIVE AN ESTIMATE

BECAUSE DISTANCE TO OBJECT COULD NOT BE ESTIMATED. (2). NONE

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