

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 January, 1960	2. LOCATION North Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0125Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military and Civilian		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not stated	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE Not given	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Flaming object generally described as green by a large number of persons, both Military and Civilian from locations ranging from Duluth, Minnesota to Cheyenne Wyoming. Most of the information was put on a tape recording at March AFB, Calif, however little info could be gained as most of it was garbled. Duluth _____ Malstrom -Sgt Smith		11. COMMENTS Object reported as a meteor. Sighting has no information which would tend to indicate that this was anything other than a meteor observation.	

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4X2/Captain McNeill/59117

SUBJECT: Extract from ATIC Duty Officers Report

13 January 1960

TO: AFCIN-4E

The following are extracts from ATIC Duty Officer, Captain George T. Gregory's report dtd 16 Jan 60 for your information:

1735 - Received a UFO report from Col. Vitunac, 4A in typed form regarding a "lost Russian missile" that fell near the residence of the observer, a Mrs. [REDACTED] L. I. New York. Transmitted from Col. Moore, OSI, Pentagon. (She threatens to take this to Sen. Wagner. Called Maj. Friend to alert him).

2325 - FLASH INDICATIONS message directly from SAC COMMAND Post at Offutt AFB, with SAC D. O., Col. Barnwright (?) monitoring, reporting a UFO observed by a number of persons from Duluth, Minnesota to Cheyenne, Wyoming, including military personnel and pilots. The Command Posts of both HQ USAF and 15th Air Force at March Field, California were all on a three way tie-line to ATIC on this call. March Field had collected all the reports on a rather extensive tape, which HQ USAF Command Post directed that it be played back to the undersigned SDO. The attempt was not very successful, as it was garbled and full of static. A brief transcript is attached. Request was made to the 15th Air Force Command Post that a written report be submitted to ATIC in compliance with AFR 200-2, "UFO Reporting". Maj. Friend contacted and informed of the incident. It was recommended that this SDO contact Col. Meador, 1127th FAG and inform him of the incident for whatever action his investigative units in the areas if the sightings deemed necessary. Command Post at 1125th FAG contacted and informed of incident as recommended by Maj. Friend, USAF UFO Officer.

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UFO Report

Subject: Report of UFO From SAC Command Post

To: Major Friend, AFCON-4E, Bldg 243

1. This is to inform you of UFO incident reported to the SAC Command Post at approximately 2330 hours, 15 January 1960. Standard UFO questionnaire and not be used because of the general and very sketchy nature of the report.

2. Details, are as follows:

- a. Reported in an unusual manner: a three-way communication network (FLASH INDICATIONS, SAC) consisting of SAC Command Post at Offutt (Col. Barnwright, SDO); 15th Air Force HQs, March Field California (Major. Schmidt, SDO), and Command Post, HQs, USAF (Name not given). All parties gave impression of concern. Report was from 15th AF Tape - very garbled.
- b. Flaming object, generally green, observed by a large number of persons, including military personnel and pilots, from locations ranging from Duluth, Minnesota to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Time: approx 0125Z.
- c. Observed by a Mr. [REDACTED] and party near Duluth. Shiny and bright.
- d. Two observations from Cheyenne.
- e. Pilot observed object N-NW of Bismark, ND.
- f. Observed in Glasgow S.D. (?)
- g. GCI site reports it as a large, green meteor.
- h. Several calls from Aberdeen (W.D. & S.D.?)
- i. Observed by a Sgt. Smith + MP near [REDACTED]

AFB.

3. Undersigned SDO, upon completion of the above information, requested details as to direction of travel, approximate speed, elevations, duration in sight, etc. None of the agencies were able to give any further details. Therefore, requested the SDO at the March Field Command Post to initiate action for a written, detailed report in accordance with AFR 200-2 be submitted to ATC.
4. The tape played back through the tie-line circuit, was very garbled, and consisted essentially of a verbal report of the number of sightings of this flaming object dictated by a male voice with a noticeable accent. It appears he attempted to "lump" all the observations as a single entity.
5. Explained to all the principals involved that very little could be done with this shrunken information, even a general location could not be given. At this point Major Schmidt directed some Sergeant to play a portion of the tape back more slowly. It was revealed that the object was pinpointed by some person or persons (static had) at 105° 25' West, 48° 50' North.
6. All persons thanked and assurances given that the incident would be given proper consideration.
7. Major Friend contacted at 2350 hours and informed of the incident.

Capt. G. T. Gregory
Staff Duty Officer.

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