

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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<p>1. DATE 26 February 1960</p>	<p>2. LOCATION San Juan, Puerto Rico</p>		<p>12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon</p>
<p>3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>26/2302Z</u></p>	<p>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual      <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual            <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft</p>
<p>5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>6. SOURCE Military and Civilian</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</p>
<p>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Less than 1 sec.</p>	<p>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1</p>	<p>9. COURSE SW &amp; SE</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Navy night illumination exercise.</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object, size of large pea at arms length, bright red with yellowish-orange tinge, left contrail which persisted at point of disappearance for 10 min. Four additional reports of similar activity by ground and air observers of pyrotechnic activities. Also described as possible missile reentry.</p>		<p>11. COMMENTS Evaluated as Navy surface unit conducting night illumination training exercise by USN.</p>	

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U N C L A S E F T O FROM DCOI 2659. SUBJECT:

UFO REPORT. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, 14 SEP 1959. AS AMENDED. A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.

(1) BALL-SHAPED. (2) SIZE WAS COMPARABLE TO A LARGE PEA HELD IN THE HAND AT ARM'S LENGTH. (3) COLOR WAS BRIGHT FLAMING RED WITH YELLOWISH-ORANGE TINGE. (4) SINGLE OBJECT. (5) NOT APPLICABLE. (6) NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS. (7) NO TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUSE, HOWEVER OBJECT LEFT WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS CONTRAIL. CONTRAIL WAS APPROXIMATELY TWICE THE SIZE OF THE OBJECT AND PERSISTED AT POINT OF DISAPPEARANCE OF FLAMING OBJECT IN WISPY FORM FOR TEN

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MINUTES. (3) NO SOUND CONNECTED WITH SIGHTING. (9) NOT OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT. (1) OBSERVER NOTED OBJECT BECAUSE HE HAPPENED TO BE LOOKING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SIGHTING. (2) OBJECT WAS THOUGHT TO BE AT AN ELEVATION OF 40 DEGREES AND AN AZIMUTH OF 310 DEGREES WHEN FIRST OBSERVED. (3) OBJECT WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE DISAPPEARED AT AN

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NO CLOUDS. (2) WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY IN KNOTS IS AS FOLLOWS AS RECEIVED FROM U.S. NAVAL STATION, SNA JUAN PUERTO RICO.

ALTITUDE DIRECTION VELOCITY IN KNOTS

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION	VELOCITY IN KNOTS
SURFACE	ESE	9
6,000'	090	24
10,000'	070	37
216,000'	060	10
20,000'	120	07
30,000'	350	19
50,000'	330	09
60,000'	010	03

(3) CEILING WAS UNLIMITED, LESS THAN 1/10 CUMULUS CLOUDS. (4)

5,000'	090	24
10,000'	070	87
215,000'	060	10
20,000'	120	07
30,000'	350	19
50,000'	330	09
60,000'	010	03

(3) CEILING WAS UNLIMITED, LESS THAN 1/10 CUMULUS CLOUDS. (4) VISIBILITY WAS 15 MILES. (5) NO CLOUD COVER. (6) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA. (7) STANDARD TEMPERATURE GRADIENT. H. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION WAS DISCOVERED THAT MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING. I. NO INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION WAS FEASIBLE. J. A RAWINSODE BALLON WAS RELEASED FROM ISLA VERDE AIRPORT 3 3/4 MILES, EAST FROM LOCATION OF OBSERVER AT 2305Z. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE SIGHTING DO NOT BELIEVE THIS BALLON COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING. K. PREPARING OFFICER OF THIS REPORT IS CAPTAIN

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DONALD K MANGELS, CHIEF, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, WING INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 72ND BOMBARDMENT WING. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THIS SIGHTING WOULD INDICATE A POSSIBLE REENTRY OF SOME VARIETY OF BALLISTIC MISSILE OR EARTH SATELLITE VEHICLE. THE MANNER IN WHICH OBJECT DISAPPEARED (SEE ITEM B(5) ABOVE) IS THE PRIMARY SUPPORT FOR THIS ANALYSIS. ALTHOUGH THE ESTIMATED AZIMUTH WHEN FIRST SIGHTED COMPARED TO AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARANCE WOULD INDICATE MOVEMENT FROM EAST TO WEST OBSERVER WAS NOT POSITIVE OF THESE FIGURES, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY SHORT TIME THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED. BECAUSE OF THE SHORT DURATION OF THIS SIGHTING, DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT AS INDICATED IN ITEM B ABOVE IS NOT CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE BY THE PREPARING OFFICER.

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CIRVIS EVALUATION X MY 270042Z X EVALUATION UNKNOWN BURNING OBJECT X  
NAVY SURFACE UNIT CONDUCTING NIGHT ILLUMINATION TRAINING EXERCISE FROM  
270001Z TO 270300Z WITHIN 10 MILES OF 18-50N 56-45W X MY 270120Z  
EVALUATED NIGHT ILLUMINATION EXERCISE

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CIRVIS. FOLLOWING THREE REPORTS CMM AT 2306 ROOSEVELT ROADS  
NAVY TOWER ADVISED THAT THEY SAW A BIG BALL OF FIRE WITH A BIG  
TRAIL OF SMOKE APRXLY NNW OF ROOS RDS AT 20 THOUSAND FEET.  
THE BALL OF FIRE DESCENDED ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND FEET TO FIFTEEN  
THOUSAND FEET AND DISAPPEARED. THE SMOKE TRAIL WAS STILL VISIBLE  
AT 2305Z. AIRCRAFT WY2 A4DJ AT THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND FEET REPORTED  
TO US AT 2314Z THAT HE HAD SEEN A BALL OF FIRE AT 55 THOUSAND  
FEET WHICH FELL TO SIX THOUSAND FEET BURNING ITSELF OUT. MR ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~ AIR LINE PILOT ADZD AT 2335 WHILE IN FAA STATION THAT  
HE SAW STREAK BLUE WHITE FIRE HEADING NORTHWEST FROM SOUTHEAST  
WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BURNED OUT LEAVING BLUE WHITE SMOKE FROM  
HIS POSITION AT ENTRANCE TO CARIBE HILTON HOTEL. HE ADVISED COULD  
HAVE BEEN SOME SORT OF REENTRY. TIME SIGHTED APPROXIMATELY 2305Z

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CIRVIS. AT 270044 MJNR TOWER CONTROLLER ADZD SAW A BALL  
OF FIRE STATIONARY WITH TRAIL OF RED SPARKS BEHIND IT CMA APPEARED  
TO BE APRXLY TWO TO THREE THOUSAND FEET AND ABOUT 3 MILES SOUTH  
CAPE SANJUAN LIGHT HOUSE

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CIRVIS. FURTHER RE OUR CIRVIS 262345. WBAS ADVISED THAT PILOT  
ON JET PAA 451 SOUTHBOUND OVER SOUTH CAICOS SAW METEORITE OR  
MISSILE RE/ENTRY MOVING FROM NW TO SE. SEEMED TO HAVE  
BURNED OUT BUT COULD POSSIBLY HAVE DISAPPEARED INTO HAZE

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TRINGA PONCE ARBOR SIGHTED BRILLIANT FLASH TRAILING SMOKE

2618500 BRG 330 DEG EST ALT 30000 FT EST COURSE 270 DEG X

POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT SMOKE REMAINED NO C UTES SIGHTED

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