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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

4 April, 1960

2. LOCATION

San Diego, California Area

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local /

GMT (4) 0810Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE

Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

15 seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

One

9. COURSE

North-East
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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Falling object changing color from red to reddish white observed from 20 deg elev at 280 deg az and disappearing below horizon at 330 deg az. In view for 15 seconds. No sound or tail.

11. COMMENTS

Lunik III decay on unknown date in April. This sighting conforms to a Satellite Decay pattern. Color and direction as well as duration of the sighting. Object moved very slow for a meteor and disappearance over horizon indicated excessive duration. It is more probable that this was a decay rather than a meteor sighting.

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☒ Other Satellite Decay
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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GUARD-

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5 Apr 60 07 49

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Prob Meteor

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CATEGORY B ENCRYPTION--PHYSICALLY REMOVE
ALL INTERNAL REFERENCES BY DATE-TIME GROUP
PRIOR TO DECLASSIFICATION

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INFO RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB

ZEN NRL SPACE TRACK FILTER CENTER L.G. HANSCOM FLD

ZEN/NWL DAHLGREN

FM USS THOMASTON

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Date 2 MAY 1960
AFR 205-1, Par 24 7a
3 Jan 68

SIGHTED FALLING OBJECT 040801Z FROM SAN DIEGO AREA BEARING 230 DEGREES POSIT ANGLE 20 DISAPPEARING IN 15 SECS BELOW HORIZON BEARING 330. CHANGING COLOR FROM READ TO REDISH WHITE. NO SOUND OR TRAIL LEFT BEHIND. FALLING FAST

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