PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

MULTIPLE

1. DATE	6 Jul 60
2. LOCATION	Misawa, Japan
3. DATE-TIME GROUP	Local 0120 GMT 05/1620Z
4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS	☐ Yes ☒ No
6. SOURCE	Civilian
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	5 min
8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	one
9. COURSE	NW-SE

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☒ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One round object appearing as a white luminous cloud at estimated 36,000 ft observed to move at a slow rate of speed from NW to SE. Cloud appeared to spread at the center, at which time a bright reddish-orange ball appeared with flames shooting out from the sides. Assumed the shape of a donut and retained this configuration while drifting on a course due E of Misawa. Amature astronomer with group observing phenomena at first assumed object to be spiral nebula.

11. COMMENTS

Probable cause of this sighting was a weather balloon which reached an altitude sufficient to cause it to explode and the following phenomena attributed to water vapor released at the time of explosion. The cloud was illuminated by the moon, which itself was 88% illuminated. Wind direction conforms to direction of the object.

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X [redacted] THREE NINE OSCAR INDIA DELTA ZERO NINE EIGHT EIGHT PD SUBJECT CLN USAF PROJECT MOON DUST REFERENCE USAF SIERRA ROMEO INDIA ALFA DASH TWO FIVE ONE ONE PD THIS MESSAGE IN THREE PARTS PD PART ONE PD REFERENCE USAF SIERRA ROMEO INDIA ALFA DASH TWO FIVE ONE ONE CMA DATED SIX APRIL ONE NINE SIX ZERO PD ACCORDING TO TESEPHONIC INSTRUCTION FROM FIFTH AF DASH FOXTROT INDIA CHARLIE OSCAR DASH CHARLIE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON REFERENCED SIDNA RTNP INDIA IS BEING REPORTED USING FORMAT CONTAINED IN USAF SIERRA ROMEO INDIA ALFA DASH TWO FIVE ZERO SIX DATED ONE ONE APRIL ONE NINE SIX ZERO PD PART TWO PD ALFA PAREN ONE PAREN ROUND PD ALFA PAREN TWO PAREN PUSHBALL PD

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ALFA PAREN THREE PAREN WHITE LUMINOUS CLOUD PD ALFA PAREN FOUR PAREN ONE PD ALFA PAREN FIVE PAREN NOT APPLICABLE PD ALFA PAREN SIX PAREN

WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP PD

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[illegible] PD REPORT PAREN SEVEN PAREN FIRST OBSERVED WAS A WHITEN
LUMINOUS CLOUD AT AN ESTIMATED THREE SIX CMA ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET
MOVING AT SLOW RATE OF SPEED NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST ACROSS MISAWA AB CMA
JAPAN PD AFTER APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES THE CLOUD APPEARED TO
SPREAD AT THE CENTER AT WHICH TIME A BRIGHT REDBISH ORANGE BALL CMA ABOUT
THE SIZE OF A BASKETBALL APPEARED WITH STREAKS OF FLAMESHOOTING FROM
THE SIDES PD ONE WITNESS REPORTS FORMATION OF TWO OF THESE BALLS CMA
WHILE OTHERS AGREE ON ONLY ONE PD WITHIN ONE MINUTE THE BASE FADED AND
THE CLOUD ASSUMED THE SHAPE OF A DOUGHNUT WITH A DARK CENTER PD
IT REMAINED IN THIS CONFIGURATION FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR MINUTES
UNTIL DISAPPEARANCE ON A COURSE DUE EAST OF MISAWA AB PD
BRAVO PAREN ONE PAREN FIRST OBSERVED AT APPROXIMATELY THREE SIX CMA
ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET FROM AND ANGLE OF EIGHT ZERO DEGREES PD BRAVO
PAREN TWO PAREN UPON DISAPPEARANCE CLOUD WAS AT APPROXIMATELY THREE
SIX CMA ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET AT AND ANGLE OF SIX ZERO DEGREES PD
BRAVO PAREN THREE PAREN NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST WITH A SLOW CHANGE OF
DIRECTION TO DUE EAST JUST PRIOR TO DISAPPEARANCE PD NO OTHER
MANEUVERS NOTED PD BRAVO PAREN FOUR PAREN SLOWLY DUE EAST OF MISAWA AB PD

BRAVO PAREN FIVE PAREN ESTIMATED TEN MINUTES PD CHARLIE PAREN ONE PAREN
GROUND VISUAL PD CHARLIE PAREN TWO PAREN NO UPPLICABLE PD DELTA PAREN
ONE PAREN ONE SIX TWO ZERO ZULU TO ONE SIX THREE ZERO ZULU CMA FIVE
JULY ONE NINE SIX ZERO CMADELTA PAREN TWO PAREN EIGHT CMA CLEAR CMA
HIGH THIN SCATTERED CIRRUS WITH TOPS AT THREE SIX CMA ZERO ZEROZERO
FEET MAXIMUM CMA VISIBILITY TWO ZERO MILES PD PART THREE PD FIVE
AMERICAN AIR POLICE WITNESSES ARE BEING REINTERVIEWED AND RESULTS

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ALL OF WHOM OBSERVED ALL OR PART OF THE PHENOMENA AT MISAWA AB CMM JAPAN PD PART TWO PD ALFA PAREN SEVEN PAREN ALL WITNESSES AGREE UPON REINTERVIEWS ONLY ONE REDDISH ORANGE BALL APPEARED PD ONE AMERICAN WITNESS CMM AND AMATEUR ASTRONOMER CMM DID NOT SEE THE OBJECT UNTIL THE REDDISH ORANGE BALL HAD SUBSIDED AND THE CLOUD HAD ASSUMED A DOUGHNUT SHAPE PD THIS WITNESS FURTHER STATED THAT THE CLOUD PASSED FROM A DOUGHNUT CONFIGURATION TO A SHAPELESS BLOB AS IT DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST PD THIS WITNESS FURTHER STATED THAT HIS FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT HE WAS OBSERVING A SPIRAL NEBULA CMM BUT SOON REALIZED THAT SUCH WAS NOT THE CASE PD ALL OTHER INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN CITED MESSAGE CONFIRMED BY WITNESSES DURING REINTERVIEWS PD

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Request for Evaluation of UFO Report

12 July 1960

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1. Request a check be made of the following reports, copy to your office, to determine if a satellite or carrier w s responsible for the sightings.

a. [redacted] message T60-23691, dated 6 July 1960.

b. [redacted] mess ge T60-23728, dated 6 July 1960.

c. [redacted] message T60-23495, and 23496, dated 6 July 1960.

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