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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 August, 1960	**2. LOCATION** E of Kyushu Island, Japan	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft XX ☐ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 11/1103Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar XX ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX ☐ No	**6. SOURCE** Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-4 Seconds	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** One	**9. COURSE** SSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Orange ball of light with slight fluorescent tail following. Object moved with curvature of earth and faded out. Speed several thousand miles per hour.

11. COMMENTS

The description and duration are characteristic of a meteor.

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AF IN : 17926 (12 Aug 60) C/eac

ACTION: OOP

INFO : XPD, XDC, CIN, MLP

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/[redacted]FOOC 649-H. APEX PACAF HOT NEWS REPORT NUMBER 61. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM 67TH TRW YOKOTA AB, IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO. QUOTE

421-INT-C-1912/1 COMOC 113 G-HOT NEWS. ACFT NR 081/KB-50/421 AREFSQ/UNUSUSUAL SIGHTING ON 11/1130Z AT 3057N13400E. TWO CREW MEMBERS OBSERVED OBJECT APPEARING TO BE ORANGE BALL OF LIGHT. ACFT ON HEADING OF 057 DEGREES AT 17,000 FEET AT TIME OF SIGHTING OBJECT ESTIMATED FIFTY MILES IN FRONT OF ACFT AND TRAVELING ON COURSE OF 330 TO 150 DEGREES. ONE OBSERVER ESTIMATED SPEED OF OBJECT AT SEVERAL THOUSAND MILES PER HOUR. CO-PILOT WATCHED OBJECT MOVE ACROSS HORIZON FROM LEFT TO RIGHT IN SLIGHT ARCH. RIGHT SCANNER OBSERVED OBJECT COME INTO VIEW LASTING APPROXIMATELY 3 TO 4 SECONDS AND THEN FADE OUT DESCRIBING OBJECT AS ORANGE BALL OF LIGHT WITH SLIGHT FLUROESCENT TRAIL FOLLOWING CURVATURE OF EARTH. VISIBLITY AT TIME WAS UNLIMITED. UNQUOTE
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NOTE : Adv cpy del to OOP-CP

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location E. of Kyushu Island, Japan

Date 11 August 1960 **Hour (Z)** 1130Z

WX Visibility unlimited

Description Orange ball of light with slight flourescent trail following curvature of earth, object estimated to be 50 miles in front of acft traveling on course of 150 deg. One obs estimated speed of obj at several thousand MPH, object viewed for 3 to 4 seconds.

Direction of Motion SSE

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) None reported to be reentering at this time.

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) Prob meteor

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) None

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) ------

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. Ruled out

Other

Evaluation of Source Reliability Prob reliable

Analysis and Conclusions: There were no satellites reported to be reentering at this time, and the trajectory was wrong for an acft in trouble and burning. The extremely high speed is meteoric speed, such as that of an an object entering the earths atmosphere from outer space. The description and duration is characteristic of a meteor passing through the earths atmosphere.