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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Dec 60	2. LOCATION 3407N 140-27-30E Japan	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0248 GMT 05/1148Z	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	☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one 9. COURSE N	☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Spherical object size of pea, bright red. Tail streaming behind diminishing in brightness, length about width of silver dollar. No sound heard. Elevation 50° bearing 357° to elevation 20° about same bearing. Fell straight down. Appeared to breakup and extinguish rapidly. Sighting from sea level.

11. COMMENTS

This object has all of the characteristics of a meteor of the "fireball" class. There is no available evidence which indicates that this object was not such a meteor. It is concluded that the object was a meteor of the fireball class. NOTE: Zeta II came down on this date but no data is available as to where or when (time) this occurred.

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