

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>28 Dec 60  |  | 2. LOCATION<br>Rushville, Nebraska  |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS  |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local 2200<br>GMT 29/0400Z  |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical Meteor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No   |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Military and Civilian  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown  |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>(varied with observer)<br>few sec to 1-3 min  |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one   |  | 9. COURSE<br>descended to SE   |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Round, size of basketball, white, trailing gray smoke. Appeared aprox 30° elev at aprox 180° first time; 05° at 160° second time. Disappeared aprox 30° elev at aprox 160°. Appeared to make level turn from azimuth of 180° to azimuth of aprox 160° from observers on first appearance. On second, course was straight until it disappeared below horizon. Faded gradually to SE first time and disappeared below horizon second time. |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>Several people reported object, one reported odor, one reported a sound like explosion. Majority estimated duration to be few sec, but two others estimated 1-3 min. Description is characteristic of bolide disintegrating. Direction indicates it was "Overtaking" the earth as it rotated, thereby staying in view longer than it would have otherwise. Odor possibly from federal highway next to that witness reporting it. Long duration reported by 2 witnesses could have been due to scattered clouds. |  |  |  |

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COFS FOR AFCIN, OSAF FOR SAFIS. IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.

SUBJECT: UFO REPORT. FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 202-2: A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: 1.  
ROUND. 2. SIZE OF BASKET BALL AT ARMS LENGTH. 3. WHITE.  
4. ONE. 5. NOT APPLICABLE. 6. NONE. 7. TRAILING GRAY  
SMOKE. 8. ONE WITNESS THOUGHT HE HEARD SOUND OF LIGHT  
EXPLOSION. OTHER WITNESS HEARD NOTHING. B. DESCRIPTION OF  
COURSE OF OBJECT: 1. HAPPENED TO GLANCE UP AND SEE IT. 2.  
APPROX 30 DEGREES ELEVATION AT APPROX 180 DEGREES FIRST TIME;

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25 DEGREES AT 150 DEGREES SECOND TIME. 3. APPROX 30 DEGREES  
ELEVATION AT APPROX 150 DEGREES. 4. APPEARED TO MAKE LEVEL  
TURN FROM AZIMUTH OF 180 DEGREES TO AZIMUTH OF APPROX 150 DEGREES

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CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLSCCE OF SIGHTINGS: 1. CLEAR AND COLD WITH  
GOOD VISIBILITY. NO SURFACE WIND. 2. WINDS WERE: SURFACE SW/OBK;;  
6,000 FT 310/25; 10,000 FT 300/30; 16,000 FT 310/30; 20,000 FT 320/  
25; 50,000 FT 230/35; 80,000 FT NOT AVAILABLE. 3. 10,000 FT  
SCATERED. 4. 15 PLUS. 5. 3/12 6. NONE. 7. MODERATE SURFACE  
INVERSION. SURFACE 11 DEGREES F. 300 FT ABOVE SURFACE 17 - 13  
DEGREES F. H. NONE. I. NONE. J. NONE. K. INTELLIGENCE STAFF  
OFFICER. AT APPROXIMATELY 2230 MST, 28 DEC 60 THE CONTROL TOWER  
AT ELLSWORTH AFB, SDAK, RECEIVED TELEPHONE REPORT FROM SHERIFF AT  
RUSHVILLE, NEBRASKA TO THE EFFECT THAT SEVERAL PERSONS HAD  
SIGHTED AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT FROM WHICH BURNING PARTICLES WERE  
FALLING AND THAT THE SIGHTING WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ODER OF TEAR  
GAS AND A SMARTING SENSATION OF THE EYES. INVESTIGATING OFFICER

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ARRIVED AT RUSHVILLE MORNING OF 30 DEC. AND INTERVIEWED ALL  
WITNESSES EXCEPT MR. [REDACTED] WHO WAS OUT OF TOWN. MRS. [REDACTED]  
VIEWED THE OBJECT FROM HER WINDOW AND WHEN SHE WENT OUTSIDE  
IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD EXPERIENCED A SHARP SMARTING OOF THE EYES  
AND SMELLED A STRON ACID TYPE ODER. SHE CALLED SHERIFF HILLS WHO  
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HIGHWAY AND IT IS CONCLUDED THAT THE ODOR AND THE SIGHTED OBJECT  
ARE NOT ASSOCIATED. THE PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS PRIVATE AIRSTRIPS  
SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF RUSHVILLE PLUS THE FACT THAT MR. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY TOLD OTHER OBSEVERS HE HAD SEEN THE SAME TYPE  
LIGHT BEHAVE IN THE SAME MANNER BEFORE, LEADS TO THE CONCLUSION  
THAT THE LIGHT PROBABLY WAS ON A SMALL PRIVATE AIRCRAFT WHICH

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TURNED JUST BEFORE REACHING RUSHVILLE AND DESCENDED BEHIND A  
RIDGE SOUTH O THE TOWN. E. NONE.

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