PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Jan 61	2. LOCATION Tarawa Island (Pacific)	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical METEOR ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1841 GMT 090641Z Jan 61	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 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Very bright green firey object with red tail. Very high speed below cumulus clouds. Burned out. Appros altitude 30°.

11. COMMENTS There were no satellites re-entering at this time. Description and duration is characteristic of a meteor. There have been many reports of individuals sighting objects very similar to this one, and they invariably turn out to be meteors connected with one of the many meteor showers that occur this time of year. Although the info reported is limited, it appears that the witnesses observed a meteor of the fireball class.

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INFO FROM ARMA WELLINGTON QUOTE FOLLOWING INFO RELAYED BY [redacted]A

REGARDING SIGHTING BY NATIVES ON TARAWA EIGHT JANUARY X EVALUATION

FOXTROT SIX BUT MAY HAVE SOME CONNECTION SUBJECT MY CHARLIE XRAY

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DASH TWO X ONE EIGHT FOUR ONE HOURS AT NUKUNAU VERY BRIGHT GREEN FIREY OBYECT WITH RED TAIL CROSSED OVER ISLAND EAST TO WEST AT HIGH SPEED BELOW CUMULUS CLOUDS BURNING OUT TO SOUTHWEST X APPROX ALTITUDE THREE XERO DEGREES X VISIBLE FIVE SECONDS IN DAYLIGHT AND UNLIKE A METEORITE UNQUOTE [redacted]

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