PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
14 Jan 61

2. LOCATION
3 mi SE of Portales, New Mexico

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0733
GMT 141433Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
4-5 sec

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Burning mass like a ball of fire, size of quarter at arm's length. Bluish-green glow. Black exhaust trail, five inches long at arms length. Sighted 45° above horizon, due N. Disappeared 20° above horizon, 297°. Disappeared instantaneously.

11. COMMENTS There were no satellites re-entering at this time. A large number of people are reported to be seeing balls of fire flashing across the sky, mostly on the West Coast. The description and duration is characteristic of a fireball.

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
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☐ Was Astronomical METEOR.
☒ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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UNCLAS ABG/BDOO 01-405. SUBJ: UFO. THIS MESSAGE IN SEVEN PARTS.

PART ONE: DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A. FIRE BALL

B. QUARTER COIN AT ARMS LENGTH

C. BLUISH GREEN GLOW LIKE ARC WELDER

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. BURNING MASS

G. EXHAUST TRAIL, FIVE INCHES LONG AT ARMS LENGTH, BLACK

H. NEGATIVE SOUND

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I. NONE

PART TWO: DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

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F. FOUR TO FIVE SECONDS

PART THREE: MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. N/A

PART FOUR: TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 14/1433Z JAN 61

PART FIVE: LOCATION OF OBSERVER

A. 34 DEG 10 MIN 40 SEC N AND 103 DEG 17 MIN 10 SEC W, THREE MILES
PORTALES NEW MEXICO

PART SIX: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER

A. CIVILIAN, MR [redacted], PORTALES, NEW MEXICO

PART SEVEN: WEATHER AND WINDS

A. CLEAR, VISIBILITY FIFTEEN MILES

B. CANNON AWS, WIND DIRECTION/VELOCITY IN GEGREES AND KNOTS,

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SURFACE 320 DEG/7, 6000' 330 DEG/20, 10,000' 330 DEG/35, 16,000' 330 DEG/45, 20,000' 320 DEG/40, 30,000' 320 DEG/65, 50,000' 280 DEG/50, 80,000' 280 DEG/10

C. CEILING CLEAR

D. VISIBILITY FIFTEEN MILES

E. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER NONE

F. THUNDERSTORMS NONE IN VICINITY

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A. SFC TO 8ØØØ''-1 DEG C PER 1ØØØ'

B. 8ØØØ' TO 24,ØØØ' -2.5 DEG PER 1ØØØ'

C. 24,ØØØ' TO 3Ø,ØØØ' -Ø.6 DEG PER 1ØØØ'

D. 3Ø,ØØØ' TO 8Ø,ØØØ' ISOTHERMAL

F. KNOWLEDGE OF BALLON RELEASE NONE

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