PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Mar 61	**2. LOCATION** PACIFIC 3920N 13320W and 4311N 13404W	**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 0352 & 0354 GMT 081252Z & 081254Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-8 sec	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** 1 which broke into 4	**9. COURSE** NE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Thin, pencil-like objt, red and white, with red tail. Observed for 5 sec, then broke into 4 pieces and disintergared. Appeared to be in level flight.

11. COMMENTS Crews of 2 a/c separated by about 100 mi apparently witnessed same objt. Description and duration are characteristic of a bolide, which is seen to explode.

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AF DIST: OOP-2, CIN-14, OOP-CP-1
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CIRVIS UFO AMPLIFY

A. MY 081559Z

1. AMPLIFICATION AND CORRELATION OF REF A RECEIVED FROM AIR FORCE ETHAN 42 AND AEW ACFT.

2. THIN PENCIL LIKE OBJECT SIGHTED VISUALLY FOR FIVE SECONDS. OBJECT BROKE INTO FOUR PIECES AND DISAPPEARED 081252Z. COURSE WAS NE 060. ENTIRE SURFACE APPEARED BURNING.

3. COMMENT. OBJECT APPARENTLY PASSED BETWEEN POSITS OF ETAN 25 AND 42 AND IN VIC OF 41-00N 134-00W. DISTANCE AND ANGLE OF SIGHTING COULD ACCOUNT FOR COURSE DISCREPANCY.

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AF DIST:

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CIRVIS REPORT

1. FROM AIR FORCE E25

AT 081254Z E25 VISUALLY OBSERVED A BRIGHT RED AND WHITE OBJECT WITH RED TAIL PARTS FALLING AWAY FROM TAIL. OBJECT APPEARED FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE SECONDS FALLING 30 DEGREE ANGLE HEADING 100 DEGREES AT A POSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 135-40W 43-30N. SPEED UNDETERMINED. ALTITUDE 20,000 FEET.

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AF IN : 41067 (9 Mar 61) K/cgd

ACTION: CIN-14

INFO : SAFS-3, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1 (21)

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RJWZSB/28 AIR DIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/COFS WASHINGTON D C

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASHINGTON D C

RJEDSQ/COSMATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZBH/PROJECT SPACE TRACK L G HANSCOM FLD BEDFORD MASS

INFO RJWZBH/25AIR DIV MCCHORD AFB WASH

RJWZKP/PORTLAND AIR DEFENSE SECTOR ADAIR AFS ORE

BT

UNCLASSIFIED/520IN 0445.

FOR COFS PASS TO AFCIN AND AFCIN-1B1, FOR OSAF PASS TO SAFIS

FOR COSMATIC PASS TO AFCIN-4A. MOON DUST IS SUBMITTED

IN AFR 200-2 FORMAT.

A(1) ROUND

(2) MARBLE

(3) WHITE AND RED

(4) 1 (ONE)

(5) N/A

(6) APPEARANCE OF FIREBALL WITH A TAIL

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(7) TAIL APPEARED TO BE 50 TIMES LONGER THAN DIAMETER OF OBJECT

(8) N/A

(9) N/A

B(1) LOOKED BACK TO OBSERVE ROUGH ENGINE - SIGHTED OBJECT

(2) INNITIALLY SIGHTED JUST ABOVE ACFT WING AT 255 DEGREES FROM NOSE OF ACFT. INCREASED IN AZIMUTH AND CROSSED TO 210 DEGREES.

(3) 25 DEGREES ABOVE THAT OF ORIGIONAL SIGHTING - AZIMUTH, 210 DEGREES.

(4) SLIGHT ARC - FAIRLY CURVED TRATECTORY

(5) OBSCURED BY CLOUDS

(6) 5 SECONDS

C(1) VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) RC-121, ETH 25, 1300 FT, 335 DEGREES MAG.H., 165 K IND, MCCLELLAN

D(1) 08/1254Z

(2) NIGHT

E 43 DEGREE 11' N X 134 DEGREE 04' W

F JOHN D. THOMPSON, CAPT 965TH AEW/C SQ, ACFT COMDR.

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MATURE INDIVIDUAL WITH 5 - 6000 PILOT HOURS

G(1) CUMULOUS AND STRATUS BROKEN DECK BASE 12000' TOPS 18000'

(2) SURFACE 300 DEGREE 15K TEMP. 1 EST

6,000 270 DEGREE 27K TEMP. -6

Y16,000 250 DEGREE 60K TEMP. -25

20,000 250 DEGREE 80K TEMP. -30

30,000 250 DEGREE 95K TEMP. -51

50,000 250 DEGREE 95K TEMP. UNK

80,000 UNK TEMP. UNK

(3) BROKEN BASE THIN SCATTERED 30,000

(4) 0 - UNLIMITED

(5) 8/10 BELOW 5/10 ABOVE

(6) NONE

(7) SEE G(2)

H. NONE

I. REPORTED TO MCCHORD AFB RADIO SHORE STATION AND THEN TO PORTLAND AIR DEFENSE SECTOR

J. NONE

K. CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION COMMENTS: APPEARS TO BE THE REENTREE OF A SPACE VEHICLE. THIS REPORT IS COMPLIMENTED BY A REPORT FROM ETHAN 42. REPORT FROM ETHAN 42 FOLLOWS.

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AF IN : 41193 (9 Mar 61) DO/jl
ACTION: CIN-14
INFO : SAFS-3, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, DSD-4 (25)

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ZNR ZOV ZFH 1

ZCSUB842ZCSBA152

PP RJWZBH RJWFAL RJEDSQ RJEMVB RJEZBH RJEZHQ RBWPPG

DE RJWZSBA 5

ZNR

P R 090200Z

FM 552 AEW C WING MCCLELLAN AFB CALIF

TO RJWFAL/AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB COLO

RJWZSB/28 AIR DIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/COFS WASHINGTON DC

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RJWFAL/CINCNORAD ENT AFB COLO

RBWPPG/COMWESTSEAFRON SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

RJEMVB/CANAIRDEF ST HUBERT MONTREAL CAN

INFO RJWZBH/SAN FRANCISCO AIR DEFENSE SECTOR BEALE AFB CALIF

AF GRNC

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UNCLASSIFIED/520IN 0448.

FOR COFS PASS TO AFCIN AND AFCIN-1B1, FOR OSAF PASS TO SAFIS

FOR COSMATIC PASS TO AFCIN-4A. THE FOLLOWING MOON DUST

REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN AFR 200-2 FORMAT.

A(1) PENCIL

(2) THAT OF STANDARD SIZE CIGARETTE (POSSIBLY SMALLER)

(3) WHITE - BRIGHTER THAN THE STARE

(4) 1 (ONE)

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) TRAILING DEBRES - 4 TO 5 SMALL PIECES - THEN OBJECT SEPERATED INTO 4 PIECES THEN COMPLETELY DISINTEGRATED

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B(1) IF LOOKING OUT OF COCKPIT IT COULDN'T BE MISSED

(2) APPEARED TO BE SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN OUR ACFT (8,000 FT) DEAD AHEAD

(3) ANGLE OR ELEVATION APPEARED TO BE SAME AS AT TIME OF SIGHTING - TRAVELED 15 DEGREES IN AZIMUTH WHEN BURN OUT OCCURRED

(4) OBJECT APPEARED TO BE IN LEVEL FLIGHT

(5) APPEARED TO DISINTERGRATE

(6) 5 - 8 SECONFS

C(1) VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) ETHAN 42; 8,000'; 310 DEGREE MAG; 170 K IND; MCCLELLAN

D(1) 08/1252Z

(2) NIGHT

E(1) 3920N X 13320W

F(1) PUREZO, JACK S. 1/LT 963RD AEW/C SQ PILOT MATURE 1500 HRS

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PAYETTE, DONALD R. TSGT 963RD AEW/C SQ ENGINEER MATURE

6500 HRS AGE 31

G(1) CUMULUS 4/10 TOPS 12,000'

(2) NONE

(3) NONE

(4) ZERO TO UNLTD

(5) 4/10

(6) NONE

(7) -1 DEGREE C TRUE

H NONE

I NONE

J NONE

K CHIEF INTELLIGENCE DIVISION COMMENTS: THIS REPORT TENDS TO CONFIRM EARLIER REPORT BY ETHAN 25. IT APPSARS THAT A SPACE VEHICLE DID BURN OUT WITHIN THE AREA BETWEEN ETHAN 25 AND ETHAN 42.

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