PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Jul 61	2. LOCATION Gardnerville, Nevada	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Prob A/c flare ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0100 GMT 270800Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE S

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Jet a/c with appearance of fuel burning and dropping.

11. COMMENTS Initial sighting to attract attention of observers probable a/c flare. After sighting flare, a/c was seen and heard and flight path described by observers. Flare sighting was only part out of ordinary ~~at~~ to observers.

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FOR USAF AFCIN, OSAF SAFIS. UFO. ONE OBJECT SIZE AND CONFIGURATION OF A SINGLE-ENGINE JET AIRCRAFT, TRAILING FIRE AND LARTE SPARKS WHICH GAVE THE APPEARANCE OF FUEL BURNING AND DROPPING. OBSERVER STATED TWO OBJECTST DROPPED, A SECOND OR TWO APART, WHICH ALTHOUGH NO PARACHUTES WERE SIGHTED, GAVE THE APPEARTNCE OF PERSONNEL ABANDONING THE VEHICLE. OBJECT WAS SEEN PLUS OR MINUS THREE MINUTES OF 0800 ZULU ,27 JULY 1961, ON A SOUTHERLY HEADING SOUTH OF LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA ARE, OBJECT WHCH WAS OBSERVERREDE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF MINUTES APPEARED TO BE ON GLIDE PATH THEN ROSE SLIGHTLY AND ARCHED DOWN AND OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND

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OF SIGHTINGS, NO UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS SIGHTED. RENO FAA CONTACTED [illegible] REPORTED NO MISSING OR DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT. DUE TO LACK OF SUBSTANTIATING REPORTS FROM OTHER LOCALITIES AND PROXIMITY OF MOUNTAIN HIGHWAYS, LIGHTS FROM VEHICULAR TRAVEL REFLECTING UPON CLOUDS, COUPLED WITH INVERSION PHENOMENA, SUGGESTS AN OPTICAL ILLUSION MAY HEVE BEEN CREATED.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO:

STEAD AFB NEV RJW2NL

UNCLASSIFIED TD-E 31-7-602

3635 FLYTNGWG/YOUR UNCL MSG O 322 G DTD 27 JULY 61. WHAT WAS THE ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE OBJECT WHEN FIRST OBSERVED? WERE THE WITNESSES IN A CAR AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING? IF SO, WAS THE OBJECT OBSERVED THROUGH A WINDOW GLASS? IN WHAT DIRECTION WERE THE WITNESSES MOVING, IF IN A CAR, WHEN THE OBJECT CAME INTO VIEW? REQUEST YOUR ORG CONTACT ONE OR TWO OF THE OTHER WITNESSES TO OBTAIN THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE SIGHTING, REF PAR 15 AFR 200-2 DTD 14 SEP 59, AND FORWARD TO FTD ATTN: TD-E.

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