

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 May 62		2. LOCATION Santa Barbara, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 19/0340Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Less than 30 sec.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objt w/no details. Brilliant white with red-orange flaming tail about 1 - 1 1/2 times as long as body. No sound. Observed at 215°az. Unknown elev. Disappearing descending toward ground. 1 report indicated objt struck water off Santa Barbara.				11. COMMENTS Multiple reports fm Los Angeles area. Duration and description conform to meteor sighting.	

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ACTION: CIN-17, SAFS-3

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, DIA-7 (31)

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RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS DI 10713. UFO - REFERENCE AFR 200-2, DATED 14
SEPT 59 (UFO).

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

(1) NO DETAILS

(2) SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN A PEA

(3) BRILLIANT WHITE

(4) ONE OBJECT OBSERVED

(5) N/A

(6) NO DETAILS

(7) RED-ORANGE FLAMING TAIL APPROX ONE TO ONE AND A HALF

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INCHES LONG

(8) NO AUDIBLE SOUND

(9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) NO UNUSUAL REASON FOR OBSERVATION OTHER THAN BRILLIANCY.

(2) ELEVATION UNKNOWN - 215 DEGREES T FROM VAFB CONTROL
TOWER

(3) SURFACE, 225 DEGREES T FROM VAFB CONTROL TOWER

(4) UNKNOWN ALTITUDE DESCENDING TO SURFACE RAPIDLY. SPEED
UNKNOWN.

(5) VAFB CONTROL TOWER REPORTED LIGHT OR FLAME DISAPPEARED
PRIOR TO SURFACE CONTACT. CIVILIAN IN SANTA BARBARA
REPORTED OBJECT STRUCK WATER NEAR GOLETA POINT.

(6) OBJECT OBSERVED FOR LESS THAN 30 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND - VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) 5/19/0340Z

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(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERY

VAFB CONTROL TOWER -- 3444N-12034W

8TH & NEW MEXICO STS, VAFB -- 344330N-12032W

5 MILES EAST OF SANTA BARBARA AIRPORT

F. IDENTIFYING INFO ON OBSERVERS

(1) THREE UNIDENTIFIED CIVILIANS

(2) (A) HODGE, FRED, F. A2C, COMBAT DEFENSE SQUADRON,
VAFB -- AIRMAN PERFORMING GUARD DUTY. CHARACTER
ESTIMATED RELIABLE.

(B) BOLES, FRANKLIN, A1C, 2035-1 COMM. DETACHMENT, VAFB-
DUTY IN CONTROL TOWER VAFB. CHARACTER ESTIMATE
RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS

(1) CLEAR, NO CLOUDS

(2) AWS VAFB WEATHER REPORT

(A) SURFACE WINDS 10 KTS AT 310 DEGREES T

(B) 6000 FEET WINDS 10 KTS AT 310 DEGREES T

(C) 10,000 FEET WINDS 15 KTS AT 290 DEGREES T

(D) 16,000 FEET WINDS 25 KTS AT 270 DEGREES T

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(E) 20,000 FEET WINDS 25 KTS AT 280 DEGREES T

(F) 30,000 FEET WINDS 35 KTS AT 290 DEGREES T

(G) 50,000 FEET WINDS 30 KTS AT 260 DEGREES T

(H) 80,000 FEET WINDS 07 KT AT 090 DEGREES T

(3) CEILING UNLIMITED

(4) 10 MILE VISABILITY, HAZE IN ALL QUADRANTS

(5) NO CLOUD COVERAGE

(6) N/A

(7) TEMPERATURE 50 DEGREES, DEW POINT 40

H. NONE

I. NO

J. ERYKIN 5, REPORTED NO AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY IN THE AREA; NO
SCHEDULED LAUNCHES OR FLARE SHOTS. WEATHER STATION INDICATED NO
KNOWLEDGE OF BALLOONS OR WEATHER EXPERIMENTS IN AREA.

K. CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR BELIEVED IT TO BE A SHOOTING STAR.
HAZE IN ALL QUADRANTS, POSITION OF THE SETTING SUN AT TIME OF
SIGHTING MAY HAVE CAUSED A PHENOMENA WHICH COULD APPEAR LIKE
DESCRIBED OBJECT. INVESTIGATOR UNABLE TO DETERMINE POSITIVE
IDENTIFICATION.

L. NONE

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