PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

12 July 1962

2. LOCATION

Westover AFB, Massachusetts

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local

GMT 13/0133Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE

Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

4 seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

one

9. COURSE

350 dgr

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

White obj like star and star sized, observed in sequence of four flashes fm 40 dgr elev at 170 dgr passing zenigh to 40 dgr elev at 350 dgr. Obj not visible while not flashing. Disappeared in haze. Four flashes. Evenly spaced. WX hazy w/broken clouds moon & bright stars visible, 7,000 scattered high scattered. Vis 6 mi smoke & haze. Less than 3/10. Observer considered sighting like satellite booster in near polar orbit. No estimate on alt. Not a/c.

11. COMMENTS

Obj considered as a possible meteor. WX conditions such that obj appeared only for periods through broken clouds. Dimness attributed to smoke, haze & atmospheric conditions present at time. Arc of 100 dgr in 4 sec puts speed of obj in meteor class if at alt ~~stated~~.

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

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

OVER AFB MASS. PART SIX. F. (1) N/A (2) MSGT JAMES G. PETERS, HQS 99 BOMB WING WAFB, STABLE AND CALM RELIABLE OBSERVER. 17 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY. PART SEVEN. G. (1) HAZY WITH BROKEN CLOUDS, MOON AND BRIGHT STARS VISIBLE. (2) SURFACE, 180/5; 5000', 200/15; 10000', 290/10; 16000', 280/20; 20000', 260/20; 30000', 270/30; 50000' 260/35. (3) 7000 SCATTERED, HI SCATTERED. (4) SIX MILES, HAZE AND SMOKE. (5) LESS THAN 3/10. (6) NONE. PART EIGHT. H. NONE. PART NINE. I. NONE. PART TEN. J. NONE KNOWN. PART ELEVEN. K. TSGT M. LIEBERMAN, NCOIC, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, INT. DIV 99 BOMB WING WESTOVER AFB MASS. MSGT PETERS STATES THAT HE BELIEVES OBJECT TO HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN LAST STAGE OF SATELLITE BOOSTER IN NEAR POLAR ORBIT. TUMBLING WOULD GIVE FLASHING LIGHT EFFECT. OBJECT NOT ECHO 1. MSGT PETERS STATES THAT HE COULD NOT ESTIMATE HEIGHT OF OBJECT BUT IS SURE THAT IT WAS NOT AN AIRCRAFT. SAYS HE SAW ONE PREVIOUSLY IN CONNECTION WITH KNOWN SATELLITE. INVESTIGATOR INCLINED TO AGREE WITH MSGT PETERS' ESTIMATE FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY. PART TWELVE. L. NONE.

BT

17/2036Z JUL RUETDH

4 flashes only

4 sec

WESTOVER

[illegible]

NO

25

Passed over ZENITH

— No

4 times. Not visible when light was out

— No

— No Speed fast. Too fast for A/C

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Would have been low enough to hear to go through 100° arc & pass zenith

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TO AFB
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(5C)

ACTION 17E/2 (UFO)
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FM 57AIRDIV WESTOVER AFB MASS

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

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BT

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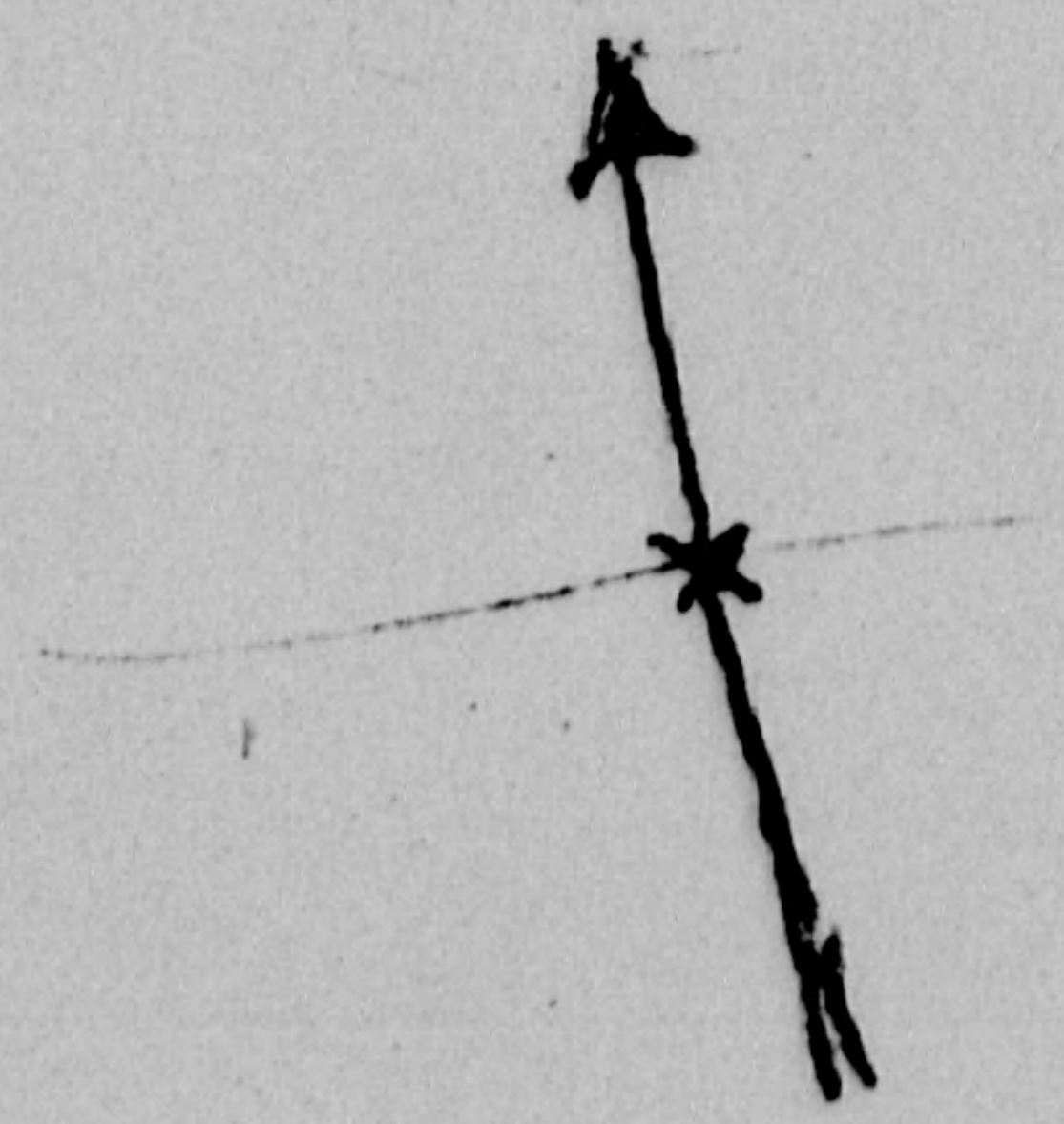UNCLAS 99DCOI 9439. CSAF; FOR (AFCIN). CSAF, FOR (SAFCI). REFERENCE AFR 200-2, PARA 15. THIS MESSAGE CONSISTS OF TWELVE (12) PARTS. PART ONE . A. (1) LIKE STAR. (2) STAR SIZED. (3) WHITE. (4) ONE. (5) N/A. (6) NONE. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) OBJECT FLASHED AS IT MOVED. PART TWO. B. (1) LIGHT BLINKING. (2) 40 DEGREES ELEV 170 DEGREE AZ. (3) 40 DEGREE ELEV 350 DEGREE AZ. (4) STRAIGHT PATH. (5) DISAPPEARED IN HAZE. (6) FOUR SECONDS. PART THREE. C. (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. PART FOUR. D. (1) 0133Z 13 JULY. (2) EIGHT. PART FIVE. E. CORNER PENDLETON AVE AND MCKENNIE ROAD, WEST-