

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 January 1963		2. LOCATION 43.59N 124.51W (Pacific)		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 19/1351Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE southwest	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round small black particle followed by a ball of fire on flight from northeast to southwest falling into water after flight of 2 seconds. Described as a bright light at initial observation.				11. COMMENTS Meteor sighting. Description & duration consistent with this analysis.	

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ACTION : CIN-17

INFO : OOP-1, OOP-CP-2, SAFS-3,
DIA-15, DIA/CIIC-3 (42)

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UNCLAS POOIN 19-A-1.

ATTN: (AFCIN) AT HQ USAF

ATTN: (SAFOI) AT SEC OF AF

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

1. ROUND

2. SMALL PARTICLE

3. BLACK

4. 1 (ONE)

5. N/A

6. SMALL BLACK PARTICLE FOLLOWED BY BALL OF FIRE

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7. BRIGHT BALL OF FIRE COMPARABLE TO SIZE OF OBJECT

8. N/A

9. N/A

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

1. BRIGHT LIGHT

2. ANGLE UNKNOWN, AZIMUTH 010 DEGREES

3. UNKNOWN

4. NORTHWEST TO SOUTHWEST

5. FADED INTO WATER

6. 2 (TWO) SECONDS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

1. VISUAL ABOARD SHIP, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSEL

2. N/A

3. N/A

D. TIME & DATE OF SIGHTING

1. 19/1350Z

2. NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

43-59N 124-51W

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER

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1. CAPT. BEN GERTULLA, BOX 1, TAFT, OREGON, AGE: 50

OCCUPATION: CAPTAIN OF VESSEL SOURCE GRADING B-2

G. WEATHER & WINDS

1. CLEAR NIGHT

2. SFC 030/10, 6M 040/20, 16M 020/45, 20M 020/55, 30M
020/60, 50M 360/50

3. N/A

4. 10 (TEN) MILES

5. CLEAR

6. N/A

7. SFC - 5M PLUS 1 DEGREE CENTIGRADE/ 1,000 FT

5M - 8M OC DEGREES/1,000 FT

8M - 9M PLUS 1C DEGREE/1,000 FT

9M - 40M -2C DEGREES/1,000FT

40M - 50M -13C DEGREES/1,000 FT

(H) WEA STN AT ADAIR AFS ADVISES THAT "COULD POSSIBLE BE
RAWINSONDE BALOON RELEASED FROM SALEM, EUGENE, OR REDBERG.
UPPER AIR GENERALLY N-EASTERLY FLOW.

I. N/A

J. N/A

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K. THIS REPORT WAS REWAVED TO HQ POADS DC BY MR. [REDACTED]
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NOTE: Adv cy del to DIA