PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
20 Sep 63

2. LOCATION
Arcada, California Redbluff, Calif
Klamath, Calif Ukiah, Calif
Medord, Oregon

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local _____
GMT 21/0540Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
civilian and military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 - 8 seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
NW

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

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Five FAA ground stations reported flaming object. Picket ship off coast also reported object. Two a/c flights in area reported obj. Long tail to burning obj. Burned brightly lighting entire sky.

11. COMMENTS
Contact with SPADATS revealed that there was no reentry for this period. With decay ruled out object determined to be meteor.

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RUCDSO/AIR INTEL CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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UNCLAS RDDDC 21-J-20. FOR AFCIN AND SAFIS AT WASH DC.

U.F.O.B. IS FORWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2.

I. 1. ROUND 2. UNKNOWN 3. RED 4. 1 5. N/A 6. GLOWING BRIGHTLY

7. SEE SECTION II 4 BELOW 8. NONE 9. APPEARED TO BE FALLING.

II. 1. PICKET VESSEL PV-3 2. 50 DEGREE ELEVATION 270 DEGREE

BEARING 3. OBJECT TRAVERSED DIRECTLY OVER HEAD 090 DEGREE HEADING

4. AF30654, FLYING NORTH OF REF BLUFF C ALTN. SPOTTED OBJECT 20 5

DEGREES FROM HIS POSITION...BURNING BRIGHTLY AT 0544Z.

UNITED AIRLINES 733, 70 MILES SOUTH OF WEDFORD ALSO

OBSERVED AN OBJECT LIGHTING UP THE ENTIRE SKY. RDS 93, ACIS 5,

Data relayed from Walter Sayre G.T.

AB-335 - no record on a since 21 Sep

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no trace on file

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UNCLAS PODDC 21-J-24. FOR AFCIN AND SAFIS AT WASH DC.

U.F.O.B. IS FORWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2.

I. 1. ROUND 2. UNKNOWN 3. RED 4. 1 5. N/A 6. GLOWING BRIGHTLY

7. SEE SECTION II 4 BELOW 8. NONE 9. APPEARED TO BE FALLING.

II. 1. PICKET VESSEL PV-3 2. 30 DEGREE ELEVATION 270 DEGREE

BEARING 3. OBJECT TRAVERSED DIRECTLY OVER HEAD 090 DEGREE HEADING

4. AF30S54, FLYING NORTH OF REF BLUFF C ALIF. SPOTTED OBJECT 29 D

DEGREES FROM HIS POSITION...BURNING BRIGHTLY AT 0246Z.

UNITED AIRLINES 733, 73 MILES SOUTH OF MEDFORD ALSO

OBSERVED AN OBJECT LIGHTING UP THE ENTIRE SKY. FOB 93, 3013 D.

PATCH THROUGH TO → AF Seattle
Circ Sec Sam Tel #2

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TOOK A CELESTIAL ON OBJECT...IT DISAPPEARED AT 42 DEGREES NORTH FROM HIS POSITION OF 40 MILES NNE OF MEDFORD ORE... SAID OBJECT WAS SO BRIGHT IT LIGHTED UP THE WHOLE SKY. THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS STATIONS SPOTTED THE SAME OBJECT ALL APPROXIMATELY 2346Z MEDFORD ORE...OBJECT WAS BEARING 250 DEGREES FROM STATION ARCADA CALIF...OBJECT WAS BEARING 300 DEGREES FROM STATION KLAMATH CALIF. ..OBJECT WAS BEARING 240 DEGREES FROM STATION.

IN ADDITION, A FLYING TIGER HEADED NORTH OVER UKIAH CALIF. SAID OBJECT APPEARED IN FRONT OF HIM, THEN DROPPED STRAIGHT DOWN... ALTHOUGH HE COULDN'T ASCERTAIN THE DISTANCE. PV-5 REPORTED VISUAL SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT BELIEVED TO BE SATTELITE. POSITION 45 DEGREES 22 MINUTES NORTH 135 DEGREES 34 MINUTES WEST. OBJECT SIGHTED AT TIME OF 0345Z BEARING 270 DEGREES TRUE AT HEIGHT OF 30 DEGREES. OOJECT HAD APPEARANCE OF A FIRST MAGNITUDE STAR AND TRAVERSED DIRECTLY OVERHEAD ON APPARENT TRUE COURSE 090 DEGREES. OBJECT HAD COMPLETED OVERHEAD ARC IN APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES. 5. N/A 6. 10 MIN

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III. 1. VISUAL, GROUND TO AIR, AND AIR TO AIR 2. UNKNOWN

3. 4 ACFT SEE II 4. ABOVE

IV. SEE II 4 ABOVE

PORTLAND Oregon
AT 748 PM EST HOURS

743 PM
No city 76° ELEV
⇒ SE

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V. SEE II 4 ABOVE VI. SE II 4 ABOVE

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TELEPHONE CONFIRMATION
PHONED TO
DATE & TIME
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UNCLAS POODC-D 25-J-7

THE FOLLOWING IS SUPPLEMENTARY INFO TO UFOB REPORT POODC-21-J-20 DTD 21 SEP 63. FAA GROUND STATIONS MEDFORD AND ARCADA REPORT OBSERVING OBJECT FOR FIVE TO EIGHT SEC. BOTH STATIONS CONFIRM LONG TAIL TO BURNING OBJECT.

BT

21 Sept

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Request for UFO Information

7 OCT 1963

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Dr E C Ebbighausen
Dept of Physics & Astr
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

1. We have received a report of a possible meteor sighting from your area. The fireball entered the atmosphere at about 0540Z on 21 Sep 63, 9:43 pm (PST). It was reported from Medford, Oregon, Klamath, California and Arcada, California, in addition to several air visual sightings.

2. We would appreciate any information which you may have regarding this object. Please send any information you have to:

Captain Hector Quintanilla, Jr
FTD(TDEW/UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 45433

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

2 Atchs
1. FOODC 21-J-20, 23 Sep 63, msg
2. FOODC-D 25-J-7, 25 Sep 63, msg

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
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EUGENE, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

October 16, 1969

Captain Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
FTD(TDEW/UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 45433

Dear Captain:

Thank you for your letter of October 7 regarding UFO information about the meteor siting of the 21st of September. I am sorry that this reply has been delayed this long.

I do not have any information concerning this siting, but I am referring you to Mr. Phil Brogan of the Bend Bulletin newspaper in Bend, Oregon. Mr. Brogan acts as a coordinator for the collection of such information for the American Meteor Society, and I am quite sure that he will give you whatever information is available. Let me assure you that Mr. Brogan is a very highly competent individual in this respect, and I have a great deal of faith in his ability.

I am sending directly to Mr. Brogan a copy of your letter to me, and I rather suspect that you will hear from him in a short time.

If I can be of any further service to you, please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

E. G. Ebbighausen

E. G. Ebbighausen
Professor of Physics

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THE BEND BULLETIN
BEND, OREGON

PHIL F. BROGAN
Associate Editor

October 26, 1963.

Captain Hector Quintanilla, Jr.,
Wright-Patterson AFB., OhiO.

Dear Captain Quintanilla:

Dr. E.G. Ebbighausen of the University of Oregon has forwarded to me your letter relative the the fireball sighted in southern Oregon and Northern California on September 21.

So far as I am able to ascertain, the object was not sighted in the Pacific Northwest. I saw no mention in area newspapers, or heard more on radio news.

Dr. Ebbighausen reports that he also is without information.

Kindest regards,

Phil F. Brogan

Phil F. Brogan,
Northwest Director,
American Meteor Society.