PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 23 September 65 24/0407Z	2. LOCATION Portland, Salem, Corvallis and Oregon Area
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR) ✓ In view of other evidence. Known meteor reported in area at approximate. Differences in motion, duration, and blinking attributed to personal interpretation of this identified object.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Several MINUTES	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Red circular object emitting trail of red sparks. Flight was faster than jet. Blinked. High altitude. Moved back and forth. In sight for several minutes. Faded rapidly from view. Observed through BX. Night was dark with smoke and fog in area. Spectacular meteor observed in area at approximate time of this report. Reported speed and duration in conflict. Sighting attributed to the known meteor and discrepancies attributed to personal interpretation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	
7. COURSE North	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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AFIN: 7381 (25 Sep 65) A/ap

ACTION: NIN-7

INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-8, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (21)

SMB B036CHQC380ZCQJD848

PP RUEAHQ

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P 242140Z

FM HQ POADS ADAIR AFS ORE

TO RUWGALE/ADC

RUWHBH/25TH AIR DIV MCCHORD AFB WASH

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IS SUBMITTED. PART I.

PART A.

1. CIRCULAR SHAPPED OBJECT.

2. SIZE AND SHAPE OF LIGHT BULB.

3. COLORED RED (COLOR MIGHT HAVE BEEN DUE TO OIL ON BINOCULARS

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4. ONE.

5. N/A

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6. CIRCULAR OBJECT EMITTING SPARKS.

7. TRAIL OF SPARKS.

8. NONE.

9. OBJECT OBSERVED BLINKING-ALTITUDE WAS HIGH, RATE OF TRAVEL WAS FASTER THAN A JET AIRCRAFT.

PART B.

1. OBSERVERS ATTENTION WAS CALLED TO THE OBJECT BY ITS SPEED PLUS THE FACT THAT IT "EMITTED SPARKS".

2. UNKNOWN.

3. UNKNOWN.

4. MOVED BACK AND FORTH AS A BLINKING LIGHT WITH "SPACES".

5. RAPIDLY FADED FROM VIEW.

6. FADED FROM VIEW.

7. SEVERAL MINUTES. ?

PART C.

1. OBSERVED FROM GROUND.

2. BINOCULARS.

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3. N/A

PART D.

1. 230415Z SEPTEMBER 1965.

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2. DURING A DARK NIGHT-WITH SMOKE AND FOG IN PORTLAND AREA.

PART E. 4535N12436W; DKNA 2435.

PART F. MR. [redacted] PORTLAND, OREGON,

PHONE: [redacted] F-5. [redacted] 2ND & RAMON, PORTLAND

OREGON, PHONE [redacted]

PART G.

1. DARKNESS WITH SMOKE AND FOG IN THE PORTLAND AREA.

2. WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY

SURFACE FROM 310 AT 09K

06M FROM 050 AT 20K

10M FROM 030 AT 25K

16M FROM 020 AT 35K

20M FROM 030 AT 30K

30M FROM 060 AT 15K

50M FROM 020 AT 15K

80M FROM 310 AT 04K

3. NO CEILING.

4. VISIBILITY 4 MILES.

5. SCATTERED CLOUD COVER.

6. NO THUNDER STROMS IN AREA.

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7. NO SIGNIFICANT TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS.

PART H. A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE OREGON STATESMAN, SALEM, OREGON, 23 SEPTEMBER 1965, CONCERNING THE SIGHTING OF A LARGE METEORITE. "IT WAS SEEN FROM TWO LOCATIONS SOUTH OF SALEM, CORVALLIS, ALBANY AND DALLAS. ALL AGREED IT WAS A METEOR." THIS PARTICULAR METEOR WAS SIGHTED AT 230407Z SEPTEMBER 1965 MOVING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH.

PART I. NONE.

PART J. N/A.

PART K. MAJOR ARTHUR F. SHIFLETT, USAF STAFF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AT HQ POADS. THE OBSERVATION WAS PROBABLEY A METEORITE. A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING FROM THE OREGON STATESMAN 23 SEPTEMBER STATED THAT " A SPECTACULAR METEOR HAD FLUSHED ACROSS THE MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY SKY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND HAD BEEN SEEN BY SPEC-TATORS SOUTH OF SALEM AND FROM CORVALLIS, ALBANY AND DALLAS."

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ALL HAD AGREED THAT IT WAS A METEOR. THE TIME LISTED VARIED ONLY BY A FEW MINUTES FROM THAT OF THE TWO OBSERVERS IN PORTLAND. INASMUCH AS THE OBJECT WAS TRAVELING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH, IT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY THE SAME SIGHTING AND WAS, IN ALL PROBABILITY THE SAME SEEN BY THE OTHER OBSERVERS FARTHER SOUTH, A METEORITE.

PART L. NONE.

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