

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Feb 54		2. LOCATION Keesler AFB, Mississippi		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical Meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 27/0120Z (Night)		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE S to N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, bright, incandescent obj on straight course, split and disappeared.				11. COMMENTS Description indicates meteor.	

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(2) (A) BRIGHT LIGHT

(B) ELEV UNK; AXIMUTH 35 DEG

(C) ELEV UNK; AXIMUTH 35 DEG

(D) FLT PATH STRAIGHT, SOUTH TO NORTH

(E) SPLIT AND DISAPPEARED

(F) 5 SECONDS

(3) (A) GROUND VISUAL

(B) N/A

(C) N/A

(4) (A) 0120Z, 27 FEB 54

(B) NIGHT

(5) SIMULTANEOUSLY FM 600 FT SE OF KAFB CONT TWR AND 1350 FT E OF TWR.

(6) (A) N/A

(B) JOSEPH D. JOHNSON, A/3C, 3386 STU SQ; REL UNK

JAMES E. JACKSON, A/3C, 3383 STU SQ; REL UNK

H.L. REED, T/SGT, 3380 MAINT SQ; REL UNK

(7) (A) CLEAR

(B) NEGATIVE

(C) UNLIMITED

(D) 8 MILES

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(E) SCATTERED CIRRUS AT 20,000

(F) NEGATIVE

(8) NEGATIVE

(9) NEGATIVE

(10) NEGATIVE

(11) NEGATIVE

(12) N/A

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27 FEB 54
KEESLER AFB, MISS

27 FEBRUARY 1954, KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI

Three members of the military at Keesler AFB, Mississippi reported sighting an unidentified flying object on the night of 27 February 1954. The object appeared to be solid and round, giving off a bright incandescent light. The object was in view for approximately five seconds, followed a straight course, and split in two before disappearing.

All characteristics point to that of a meteor entering the earth's atmosphere.

Incl 5

NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)

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SOUTH ATLANTIC

First [REDACTED] of the American SS. *Uruguay*, [REDACTED] reports that at 2235 G. M. T., February 28, 1954, in lat. $21^{\circ}20'$ S., lon. $40^{\circ}00'$ W. he observed a very brilliant meteor. It was yellow-green and became a dull red when it reached the horizon with a fragmentary tail of the same color. It was first seen bearing 100° altitude 15° and disappeared at the horizon bearing 130° . Weather clear with excellent visibility, wind northeast force 3, barometer 29.86 inches.

12 February 1954

Information Only
Source:

Case 4. On February 12th I think the year was 1954. A U. S. Air Force Stratojet bomber was on an Arctic training flight, exploded at 35,000 feet, killing two of the four crew members. The other two, Lieutenant Colonel K. G. McGrew and Captain L. E. Epton, were hurled unconscious from the plane as it disintegrated. Both revived in time to open their parachutes.....Neither of the survivors could explain what had happened. There had not been an instant's warning before the explosion.