

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 January 1955		2. LOCATION Kalispell, Montana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP (18 Jan 55) Local 1815 MST GMT 19/0115Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION momentary		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Southwest, S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright flash of light accompanied by a loud explosion. Oblong object observed moving at high speed.				11. COMMENTS Probable meteor.	

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REPORTED BY (Name) JAMES P. DUBOSE 2nd Lt. USAF	EVALUATION See Contents	
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- PART THREE: Results of telephone conversation with Mr. John Hall, United States Weather Station, Kalispell, Montana
- PART FOUR: Excerpts from COG log (29th AD)
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II. SUMMARY: At 0115Z 19 Jan 55 (1315 MCT 18 Jan 55) a bright flash of light accompanied by a loud explosion was heard by residents in and around Kalispell, Montana (GRID 3917). The information contained in this report was obtained by talking with persons who either observed the disturbance or talked to persons who did.

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Highschool Student

Location: Kalispell, Montana

[REDACTED] was in his back yard chopping wood at approximately 1815 EST 18 Jan 1955. Suddenly a bright light lit up the surrounding area to the extent that he could definitely see a house on the other side of a small lake on which he resides (distance approximately three quarters of a mile). Approximately five minutes after the flash of light a loud explosion was heard. [REDACTED] said that he saw some light when the explosion sounded.

II. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Occupation: Unknown

Location: Kalispell, Montana

[REDACTED] was on duty as part of Operation Skywatch. At approximately 1815 EST 18 Jan 1955, she observed a bright flash of light from overhead. Miss Kemp saw an object, oblong in shape (perhaps teardrop) moving at a high speed towards the S. An explosion followed some five minutes after the initial flash of light.

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Statement of Dr. Edward P. Neumann

STATEMENT

A telephone call to Dr. P. [REDACTED] Vice president and head of the astronomy section of [REDACTED] produced negative results. Dr. Neumann had not observed the disturbance and noted Lt. DuBois's call had not even heard of the occurrence of the light and emission.

STATEMENT

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Statement of Mr. J.H. Firebaugh

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Mr. [REDACTED] a liaison officer, 25th AD (Det), was asked to check on commercial traffic in the Kallispell area at the time of the disturbance. This was done. There were no flights in the Kallispell area at the time.

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PART THREE-Report 172-172-1
 Statement of Mr. John Hall

STATEMENT

A telephone call was placed to Mr. [REDACTED] United States weather station at Kalispell, Montana (307) 3917. Mr. Hall did not observe the disturbance but got several eyewitness reports from persons who did. The following paragraphs contain information obtained from these sources.

1. SOURCES

Occupation: Rancher

Location: Kalispell, Montana

A little after six o'clock PST, on 13 Jan 1955 Mr. [REDACTED] was walking through his back yard when suddenly he saw a bright flash from overhead. The surrounding ground was lit up with a violet color. Mr. Logie saw a tear-drop shaped object with a very small trail behind it. The movement was to the S.W. at a very high rate of speed. Some two to five minutes passed before he heard any sound and then the sound was a loud booming explosion. However, the sound did not come from directly overhead but from a southeasterly direction.

STATEMENT

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John D. Logie

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The following excerpts are taken from the COC (Combat Operation Center) 29th AD (Det), Great Falls AFB, Montana.

- 0125Z- A. L. Rippet saw a large red flash explosion. Rippet was in BMD 5101. Explosion was 2 miles south and 1 mile west of his position. Telephone is Helena 75161. Time of explosion was 0115Z.
- 0130Z- Received more information on explosion from [REDACTED] in BMD 5334 at 0100Z. His telephone number is Roman 1/381.
- 0340Z- Additional information on explosion from [REDACTED]. Heard sound before the flash. There were two flashes and two explosions. The flashes were very high and moved westwardly. Major Kinsey, Wing Controller, called Capt. Goley in reference to entry 0125Z. He received call from 15th AF. We will pass all new information on this to him.
- 0420Z- [REDACTED] said a group of people at Billings, Montana heard an explosion, saw a flash, heard a rumble. Estimated altitude of the explosion to be 10,000 feet and 20 miles from Billings. The time was between 1800 1815 MST.
- 0525Z- Frosty (A. C. W. etc) called us with this information from Railway (Spokane) which railway received by monitoring a transmission from a Carnival flight to Igloo (Nellisville, Wash.). The pilot of Carnival flight leader saw a bright orange and blue flash in approximately the same position of other reports at approximately the same time.
- 0540Z- Backlog- 0140Z. Checked base operations, Lowery Flight Service and notified Major Eason at GADR in regard to explosion. Notified CAF and sheriff's office also. Sausage (ACW) also reports Helena received a report on meteor approximately 100 miles south. Reported point of explosion approximately 20 minutes after explosion.
- 1220Z- Checked with Lowery flight service in regard to explosion at 0115Z. They report no a/c are down. GADR was notified of this.

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Since there was no report of a distinct object and there was no evidence to be found in the area, it is the opinion of the investigating officer that this disturbance was created by a small object penetrating the earth's atmosphere and exploding soon thereafter with heavier air.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

The high speed, light and explosion indicate the probability of a meteorite. No aircraft were known to be within the general vicinity. None reported missing.

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