

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Oct 55		2. LOCATION 1. NW of San Angelo, Tex 2. 50 Miles N of Del Rio, Texas		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	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 14/1600Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military (pilots)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. five seconds 2. thirty seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS none		9. COURSE 1. W to E 2. Easterly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1. One reddish-orange fireball, size of a dime held at arms length, left a white smoke trail as curving towards the earth. Appeared to burn out in brilliant flash. 2. One blazing light moving easterly and descending. Orange in color and appeared to observers to compare to blazing and falling a/c. Observers searched area with negative results.				11. COMMENTS Meteor sighting.	

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O 151622Z
FM COMAIRDIV 47 WALKER AFB NMEX
TO RJEDEN/COMADC ENT AFB COL
RJEDWP/COMATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO
RJEPHQ/DI HQ USAF WASH 25 D.C.

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UNCLASSIFIED/9WOI 5111-12. UFOB. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 220-2, PARA 7,
UFOE, THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS IN TWELVE PARTS.

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT.

- A. LARGE RED FIRE BALL.
- B. SIZE OF A DIME HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH
- C. REDDISH ORANGE
- D. ONE EA.
- E. N/A
- F. N/A
- G. WHITE SMOKE TRAIL NOTED FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE SECONDS DURATION.

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PART II. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

A. CASUAL OBSERVATION

B. LEVEL 30,000 FEET

C. 115 DEGREES FROM OBSERVER'S POSITION. ALTITUDE 30,000 FEET.

D. FROM WEST TO EAST CURVING TOWARD GROUND.

E. APPEARED TO BURN OUT WITH A BRILLIANT FLASH.

F. FIVE SECONDS.

PART III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

A. AIR TO AIR VISUAL

B. N/A

C. AIRBORNE B-47E AIRCRAFT TAIL NUMBER 53-2349. ALTITUDE 32,000 FEET

HEADING 120 DEGREES. SPEED 480 KNOTS GROUND SPEED. HOME STATION

WALKER AFB, ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO.

PART IV. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

A. 14/1600Z

B. DAY

PART V. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 31 DEGREES 45 MINUTES NORTH, 101 DEGREES
31 MINUTES WEST.

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PART VI. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER:

A. N/A

B. MOETMANN, FRANK J. MAJOR 23RD BOMB SQUADRON 53TH BOMB WING

RELIABILITY OF REPORT -2.

PART VII. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. CLEAR

B. 302 DEGREE AT 50 KNOTS AT 30,000 FEET.

C. UNLIMITED CEILING

D. UNLIMITED VISIBILITY

E. NONE

F. N/A

PART VIII. NEGATIVE

PART IX. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: REPORTED OBSERVATION TO MIDLAND AND SAN ANGELO RADIOS. ADVISED NOTIFICATION OF FLIGHT SERVICE, FORT-WORTH AREA. NOTIFIED FLIGHT SERVICE UPON LANDING AT WALKER AFB.

PART X. LOCATION OF AND AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING:

NEGATIVE.

PART XI. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER: CAPTAIN,

USAF, ACTING DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, 509TH BOMB WING,

COMMENTS: NONE. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING: NONE

PART XII. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: NEGATIVE

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SOURCE: CRIFO Newsletter 4 Nov 55

14 Oct 55
New Orleans, La

**"SPACE FIREBALL BLOWS UP, SETS OFF
LOUISIANA FIRES"**

Case 110, At least five southern states, 10:00 a.m. Oct. 14, '55—Quoted above are the giant headlines which appeared in the *New Orleans States*. The story itself filled two columns. Clippings received from other cities indicate similar concern, but for an abridgement we refer to a report sent in by Richard Hall of New Orleans. We paraphrase Hall's report in which he quotes from the *New Orleans Item*: "Mysterious fireball . . . set off a flurry of plane crash reports from Brownsville, Texas to Mobile, Alabama. One object, described as a single-engine plane, was reported down in Lake Pontchartrain as the fiery things streaked through the air in daylight. Spokesman at New Orleans Airport said the fireball 'definitely was a meteor.' New Orleans police searched 10 sq. miles for two hours before giving up search for the object at 2:05 p.m. Near Vacherie they reported marks from the crashed object and state police sent troops into the swamps to search for it. A spokesman at Gulf Lander Field said 'plane crash' reports had been received there from Luling, Missouri, the Atchafalaya River, Texas.

water, Burns, Loftin and Louisville. Burns reported the Lake Placid-Cornell object near Irish. He said he witnessed the crash from the top of a tree. He described it as a single engine plane, flying at 100 m.p.h. It caught fire and was seen to fall into the water. A pilot who landed at the Naval Air Station said he saw a fiery object in the air near McClellan field, and "it looked like a burning object" as it fell into the water.

praised in seconds and there was nothing. Witnesses in Mobile saw the fireball come over their heads... with blue fire from the rear. Suddenly, the fire seemed to go out and the object dropped near the Chrysler Plant. Dennis Linaux of Lucy, La., said the meteor left a vapor trail in the sky for 45 minutes." Quoting the States again, "Hundreds of miles out in the Gulf of Mexico ships altered their course to search for planes they believed crashed." The Sun, Baltimore, reported, "Control tower operators at Brookley AFB, Mobile said they saw a 'fireball' explode on the edge of the military reserve. Pilots of three military aircraft near Mobile reported seeing a 'red rocket' about the same time."

64 Dr. Fraser Thompson of Tulane University Observatory, who noted about sixteen explosions, commented, "This would be unusual in the daytime but fireball explosions have been sighted before on day." The writer believes the exploding object was a meteorite, but notes that some of the reports indicate that a sound accompanied the fireball which as Dr. Linnell found by work from his unpublished research, are indicative of nuclear explosion. "The latter note the startling frequency of such events," he writes, "and knows it rare." This comment is interesting because it contrasts with July 21-22, 1930 earthquake near California, Los Angeles area, (1) reports of low-flying objects, (2) falling meteors, (3) reports of earthquakes, (4) scientific interest.