

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 Oct 55		2. LOCATION Elmendorf AFB, Alaska		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 29/0551Z		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 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Indefinite outline. Dark with orange flame following. No sound, tail was 7 times length at beginning of observation, reduced in 2 sec to length same size of obj. WX clear.				11. COMMENTS Possible Meteor.	

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10DO1 6809. REF AFR 200-2 PAR 7D UFOE (1) (A) INDEFINITE OUTLINE
(B) QUARTER (C) DARK WITH ORANGE FLAME FOLLOWING, (D) ONE (E) N/A
(F) NONE (G) TAIL WAS SEVEN TIMES LENGTH AT BEGINNING OF OBSERVATION
REDUCED IN TWO SECONDS TO LENGTH SAME SIZE AS OBJECT (H) NO SOUND (I)
NONE (2) (A) 748&5 5-8 (B) ANGLE OF ELEVATION 23 DEG AZIMUTH
322 DEG (C) 25 DEG 180 DEG (D) STRAIGHT AND LEVEL WITHOUT CHANGE OF
COURSE (E) PASSED OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND TAIL (F) 5 SECONDS (3)
(A) AIR VISUAL (B) NONE (C) F89D, 111-362 25000 FT 330 DEG 350 KTS
TRUE AIR SPEED EDF AFB (4) (A) 29/2551Z (B) NIGHT (5) 60 DEG 44 MIN
NORTH 150 DEG 23 MIN WEST (6) (A) N/A (B) [REDACTED] 1ST LT 64 FIS

BRIGHT TAIL

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SODR PILOT, COMPLETELY RELIABLE (7) (A) COMPLETELY CLEAR, VISIBILITY
UNLIMITED LITTLE OR NO WIND, NO CLOUDS IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY, SCATTERED
CLOUDS AT 8000 IN GENERAL AREA. WAS ABLE TO SEE EDF AFB 100 MI AWAY.

(B) SURFACE 330 DEG 13 KTS, 3000 FT 030 DEG 13 KTS, 10000 FT 030 DEG,
15 KTS, 16000 FT 020 DEG 25 KTS, 20000 FT 010 DEG 30 KTS, 30000 FT 340
DEG 20 KTS, 50000 FT 280 DEG 25 KTS, 80000 FT 260 DEG 30 KTS. (C)
NONE (D) UNLIMITED (E) NO CLOUDS ABOVE 8000 FT (F) NONE (G) NONE
(H) PILOT IMMEDIATELY TURNED 180 DEG TO FOLLOW UFO WAS UNABLE TO
MAKE FURTHER CONTACT (10) ~~NINE~~ (11) INTELLIGENCE OFFICER 64 FIS. NEITHER
THE GROUND CONTROLLER NOR THE RADAR OBSERVER WERE ABLE TO PAINT THE UFO
ON THEIR RADAR SCOPES HOWEVER AI RADAR WAS POINTED TOWARD THE GROUND
DURING THE PERIOD OF THE SIGHTING APPARENT SPEED OF THE UFO AND THE
LACK OF RADAR RETURN IN A CLEAR AREA INDICATE EITHER A VERY LARGE OBJECT
GOING VERY FAST BEYOND RANGE OF RADAR OR A VERY SMALL OBJECT AT CLOSE
RANGE. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE. 10TH AIR DIV
EVALUATION: SHORT DURATION OF SIGHTING, COLOR OF BURNING TAIL, INABILITY
TO SEE OBJECT AFTER COMPLETING 180 TURN WHICH TOOK ONLY 10 TO 15
SECONDS TO COMPLETE, INABILITY OF GCI STATION TO PAINT, THE SUDDEN AND
DRASTIC SHORTENING OF TAIL DURING THE 5 SECONDS UFO WAS UNDER
OBSERVATION ALL STRONGLY SUGGEST THE UFO WAS A METEOR. PILOT INDICATED

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THAT HE IS FAMILIAR WITH APPEARANCE OF METEORS FROM THE GROUND AND FELT
THE UFO RESEMBLED AN AIRCRAFT MORE THAN A METEOR. HOWEVER, HE HAD
NEVER SEEN A METEOR AT 25000 FT WHICH SEEMED CLOSE TO HIS AIRCRAFT.
CHECK WITH MILITARY STATIONS ALONG EXTENDED FLIGHT PATH FOR UFO OR
METEOR REPORT DREW NEGATIVE RESPONSE. CHECK WITH UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA
INDICATED THAT METEOR SHOWER WAS NOT EXPECTED DURING PERIOD OF SIGHTING.

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