

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 January 1956		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 19/0442Z (N)		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-3 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE E to W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Resembled rocket exhaust. No obj could be seen ahead of glow. Size of 1/2 dollar. Color--orange yellow to white. Exhaust 2-3 times as long as diameter--flight level to horizon. Same type of sighting occurred 18 Jan 56 1800Z except flight was W to E.				11. COMMENTS Meteor sighting.	

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10DO1 01-0020. REF AFR 200-2 PAR 7D UFOB
(1) (A) RESEMBLED ROCKET EXHAUST. NO OBJECT COULD BE SEEN AHEAD OF
GLOW (B) HALF DOLLAR (C) ORANGE-YELLOW TO WHITE (D) ONE (E) N/A (F)
NONE (G) EXHAUST TWO OR THREE TIMES AS LONG AS DIAMETER (I) NONE (I)
NONE (2) (A) PASSED INTO FIELD OF VISION (B) 35 DEGREES TO 40 DEGREES
ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND 95 DEGREES AZIMUTH (C) 35 DEGREES TO 40 DEGREES
ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND 60 DEGREES AZIMUTH (D) VERT FAST, LEVEL, PARALLEL
TO HORIZON (E) ABRUPTLY PASSED OUT OF SIGHT (F) TWO TO THREE SECONDS
(3) (I) GROUND VISUAL (NO OPTICAL AIDS (C) N/A (4) (A) 19BRWZ (B)
NIGHT (5) TOWER, ELMENDORF AFB, ANCHORAGE, ALA KA (6) (A) N/A (B)

A PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED EXCEPT PRIOR TO
CATEGORY B ENCRYPTION—PHYSICALLY REMOVE
ALL INTERNAL REFERENCES BY DATE-TIME GROUP
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T/SGT WARREN G. RAMSET, 1931ST AACS, CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR. HAS
BEEN CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR FOR SEVEN YEARS. COMPLETELY RELIABLE.
(7) (A) 2000 THIN SCATTERED, VISIBILITY 15 MILES CLEAR WITH SLIGHT
HAZE (B) SURFACE 305 DEGREES 6-15 KNTS, 6,000 140 DEGREES 35 KNTS,
10,000 150 DEGREES 30 KNTS, 16,000 140 DEGREES 37 KNTS, 20,000 150
DEGREES 19 KNTS, 30,000 230 DEGREES 23 KNTS, 80,000 220 DEGREES 33
KNTS. (C) 8,000 -BROKEN, (D) 15 MILES, (E) 6 8/10, (F) NEGATIVE (8)
NONE (9) INSUFFICIENT TIME, SIGHTING LASTED ONLY 2 TO 3 SECONDS NO
RADAR RETURN FROM ADJACENT ACW DIRECTION CENTER (10) NO AIRCRAFT IN
IMMEDIATE VICINITY (11) CHIEF INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 10TH AIR DIVISION
(DEF) RAPID MOVEMENT PRECLUDES POSSIBILITY OF PLANET OR STAR, ARMY
FIRING AT TIME AND IN DIRECTION OF OBSERVATION. HOWEVER ONLY MORTARS
AND MACHINE GUNS WERE USED. PATH OF UFOB WAS PARALLEL TO HORIZON
ELIMINATING BOTH MORTAR FIRE AND METEORS AS PROBABILITY. DESCRIPTION
DOES NOT RESEMBLE MACHINE GUN TRACER FIRE. NM WEATHER BALLOONS
RELEASED IN AREA OBSERVER REFERRED TO UFOB AS AN EXHAUST RESEMBLING
JET BURNER OR HIGH SPEED, HIGH ALTITUDE ROCKET MOVING IN HORIZONTAL
LANE, NOT FALLING LIKE A METEOR. OBSERVER STATED THAT HE MADE AN
ALMOST IDENTICAL OBSERVATION AT 19/0200 LOCAL TIME EXCEPT THAT IN THIS
FIRST INSTANCE MOVEMENT WAS FROM WEST TO EAST. (12) N/.

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CCC LINE 9 PAGE ON SHUD READ AS FOLLOWS:
/839 (A) GROUND VISUAL (B) NO OPTICAL AIDS (C) N/A (4) (A) 19/0442Z (B)
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12DOI 6031 ATTN:J-2 REF 12DOI 01-2220 UFOB RPT. REEVALUATION OF INITIAL RPT INDICATES POSSIBILITY THAT UFOB MAY HAVE BEEN METEOR PASSING INTO EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IN NORMAL ARCING TRAJECTORY. OPTICAL ILLUSION OF A PATH PARALLEL TO THE EARTH'S SURFACE COULD RESULT FROM METEOR COMING ALMOST DIRECTLY TOWARDS OBSERVER FROM A POINT LOW ON THE HORIZON. THE SHORT HORIZ PATH WITH ABRUPT TERMINATION DESCRIBED BY OBSR CORR TO HOW SUCH A TRACK WOULD APPEAR.

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