

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 May 1957		2. LOCATION Springfield, Missouri		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 15/0433Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-3 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE falling	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object round, size of grapefruit color white turning to green. Object had trail or exhaust 3 times the length of object. Object appeared to have exploded and disappeared.				11. COMMENTS Meteor sighting.	

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Multi
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MM RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHO

DE RJEDKF 1GE

M 151400Z

FM COMDR 797TH ACW SQ FORDLAND AFS HO

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO

RJEDKF/COMDR 20TH AIR DIVISION RICHARDS GEBUR AFB MO

RJEDWP/COMDR CIN TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC

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/U N C L A S S I F I E D/OPS 258 TEXT OF MESSAGE

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A. SHAPE BALL OR ROUND

B. GRAPEFRUIT

C. WHITE TURNING TO LIGHT GREEN

D. 1

E. N/A

F. NONE

G. TRAIL OR EXHAUST ABOUT THREE TIMES THE LENGTH OF THE OBJECT

H. NONE

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B. UNKNOWN

C. UNKNOWN

D. FALLING TO EARTH

E. APPEARED TO HAVE EXPLODED AND THEN DISAPPEARED

F. 2 TO 3 SECONDS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. GROUND AND VISUAL

E. N/A

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4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 15/0433Z

B. NIGHT

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS WITH REFERENCE TO A KNOWN LANDMARK

A. SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

B. JOPLIN, MISSOURI

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C. FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

A. CIVILIAN

1. PATROLMAN [REDACTED]

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI POLICE DEPT.

2. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

JOPLIN MISSOURI

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

4. POST [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

5. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

HEPLIN, MISSOURI
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT PLACE AND TIME OF SITEING

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A. CLEAR

B. 6,000 FT. 300 AT 20 KTS.

10,000 FT. 270 AT 30 KTS.

16,000 FT. 260 AT 30 KTS.

20,000 FT. 260 AT 45 KTS.

30,000 FT. 260 AT 55 KTS

50,000 FT. 270 AT 30 KTS.

80,000 FT. NOT AVAILABLE

C. NONE

D. UNRESTRICTED

E. NONE

F. NONE

2 NONE

0. NONE

99 NONE

10. NONE

11. SENIOR DIRECTOR, FORDLAND AF STATION, MISSOURI COMMENTS:

BELIEVE OBJECT TO BE FALLING STAR OR METOR JUDGING FROM
THE REPORTS RECEIVED BY ME. THE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING
COULD BE EXPLAINED BY THE BRIGHTNESS AND OBJECT APPEARING
TO HAVE EXPLODED.

12. NONE

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13. /U N C L A S S I F I E D/

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