

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 December 1957		2. LOCATION Argentia & St. Johns Area, Newfoundland Thule AFB, Greenland		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 <u>02/0235Z 0140 &</u> GMT <u>0130Z 2. 02/0245Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military & Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 not reported 2 one minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE East	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1. Object, large flash of light passed across the sky. Flash appeared similar to an explosion. Thunderous type noise heard. 2. One object flying E to W, moving fast, size unknown, speed unknown, altitude unknown. Object changed to white then a dull red. It was 3-4 times larger than any visible star. Horizon to Horizon.				11. COMMENTS Meteor sightings. Multiple observers from wide area.	

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Multi 1 02/01382
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DE RJENFX 12A

Y020530Z

FM JIR 64TH CVNAD CC

TO RJEPHQ/DIR INTEL HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEDDN/COMV ADN INT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/COMM ATIC WIAFB OHIO

ZEN/AOC ADCH ST HUBERT QUEBEC

BT

CONAD CC 3923 BETWEEN THE PERIOD FROM 02/0130Z TO 020330Z UNUSVAL (i.e. 9:30 PM

OBJECT SIGHTED IN THE SKY IN THE AREA OF ST. JOHNS NFLD. BY

A NUMBER OF OBSERVERS. REPORTS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME ARE AS

FOLLOWS: TWO USAF PERSONNEL, T/SGT W.A. BATEMAN AF 1426937 QRWYOEU AND A/IC

I. A. TELLING. AF17431059 WHO BOTH WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 64TH

~~CONAD CC REPORT SEEING A LARGE FLASH OF LIGHT PASS ACROSS THE SKY~~

OVER ST. JOHNS AT 0235Z. SGT. BATEMAN SAID THE FLASH APPEARED

SIMILAR TO AN EXPLOSION, AND THAT IT CAME INTO VIEW, PASSED ACROSS

THE SKY IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION AND DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW. AIRMAN

TILLING REPORTS HEARING A THUNDEROUS TYPE NOISE AT THE SAME TIME

AS SEEING THE FLASH OF LIGHT. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SEVERAL OTHER UAAF

PERSONNEL IN THIS AREA OBSERVED

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SIMILAR TYPE FLASH AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME AS A NUMBER OF OTHERS.

SIGHTING REPORTS DURING THE SAME PERIOD WERE MADE BY SEVERAL OTHERS.

2nd REPT
20 Dec 57 08 24z

1-4E4
2-4A2
3-4F1
4-4X2a
5-4X

Specifically when?

C130Z-9
= 2130 hrs
(i.e. 9:30 PM
Local)
1 Dec 1957

not Alpha or
Beta

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ CIVILIANS. THE MANAGER OF A LOCAL RADIO STATION STATED THAT 5 REPORTS WERE MADE TO HIM. THREE PEOPLE REPORTED SEEING A LARGE FIXED LIGHT IN THE SKY AND TWO OTHERS SAID THEY NOTICED A BRIGHT FLASHING OBJECT MOVE ACROSS THE SKY IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION AND THAT IT SEEMED TO B EXPLODING. ANOTHER CIVILIAN REPORTED SEEING A BRIGHT FTASH IN THE SKY AT 0140Z AND A SEAMAN STATIONED A ARGENTIA NAVAL AIR STATION REPORTED TO AUTHORITIES THERE THAT HE SAW A LIKE PPENOMENA AT APPROXIMATELY 0130Z THE WEATHER SECTION OF THE 64TH CONAD CC REPORTS LOCAL WEATHER DURING THIS TIME PERIOD AS BEING LIGHT RAIN AND LIGHT SNGW SHOWERS WITH 6-10 MILES VIS AND

Correct!

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~~2000-2500~~ BROKEN. WEATHER PEOPLE HERE ADVISE THEY BELIEVE LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE TOO STABLE DURING THIS PERIOD TO PRODUCE LIGHTNING OR THRNDER. NO AIRCRAFT WERE IN THIS AREA THAT COULD HAVE CAUSED THESE SIGHTINGS. NO REPGRTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED OF ANY OBJECT LANDING ON THE GROUND IN THIS AREA THAT COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH OPERATION PIG IRON. DUE TO THE NUMBER OF REPORTS, IT IS BELIEVED THAT SUCP A PHENOMENA DID OCCUR, HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT WOULD ALLOW EVALUATION OF THESE REPORTS AT THIS LEVEL.

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02/0640Z DEC RJENFX

*✓ Not lightning
✓ No a/c
✓ Not alpha or Beta
✓ Large no. of witnesses (many considered reliable)
Tentative UNKNOWN
pending further data.*

2/0245Z

Mult

1ST REPT

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SQ0006 YMA002 JYA030 JDA002 ZJAG36FXA10

*****YY RJEDDN RJEDSQ RJETHQ

DE RJENFX 1A

Y 020450Z

FM DIR CONAD CC

TO RJEPHQ/ DIR INTEL HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEDDN/CONDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/CONDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO

ZEN/ADCH ST HUBERT QUEBEC

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64TH CONAD CC 391Z

ONE KOL UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED VISUALLY

AT SOUTH OF THULE FLYING FROM EAST TO WEST DISTANCE UNK AT 0245Z.

~~MOVING EAST~~ SIZE UNK SPEED IN KNOTS VERY FAST ALTITUDE UNK

BUT APPARENTLY VERY HIGH. SIGHTED BY 1/LT. NICHOS A. O. 28866A

1/LT COOK A. O. 30359A CAPT. RAINES A. O. 782359 GCI OR GCA

CONTACT ~~(NEGATIVE)~~ WEATHER SEQUENCE CLEAR 15 210/10 -15/-37

38.10 REMARKS ALL 3 AGREED THAT THE OBJECT WAS NOT PROBABLY A

A/C AS IT APPROACHED THE MOON IT CHANGED TO WHITE AND THEN A DULL

RED AS IT MOVED AWAY. IT WAS THREE TO FOUR TIMES LARGER THAN

To meager info. Not enough info. Just that a changing color object moved from E to W, very fast, in 1 minute.

- 01-4A2
- 2-4E4
- 3-4F1
- 4-4X2a
- 5-4X

Not Sputnik

Ref. to Est. test?

0245-4= 2245

When did this happen or observed? 2 Dec? 3 Dec? Exact time? Observers? Location?

Nothing unusual about this as done at by many reports - changing angle incl. angle to moon's illumination will produce the effect on both a/c, balloons and meteors.

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ANY STAR THAT WAS VISABLE. IT MOVED FROM HORIZON TO HORIZON IN

APPROXIMATELY ONE MINUTE SEVERAL REPORTS OF A SIGHTING AND