

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 December 1957		2. LOCATION Continental Divide AFS, New Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 12/0213 to 0625Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-5 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS up to 2 doz		9. COURSE southerly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objects oblong, size of pencil eraser, color of cigarette ash, up to 2 dozen, no formation. Sharply defined leading edge. Tail approx the length of obj. Obj first appeared as falling star then reversed itself to straight and level flight.				11. COMMENTS Geminid meteor shower very prominent this year. Probably this sighting was meteors from this shower.	

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FM COMDR 769TH ACWRON CONTINENTAL DIVIDE AFS NMEX

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UNCLAS 769TH COMDR 652 PD SUBJECT: UFOB. (1) DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTS.

(A) OBLONG. (B) PENCIL ERASER HELD AT ARMSLENGTH. (C) CIGARETTE ASH.

(D) UP TO TWO DOZEN. (E) NO FORMATION. (F) SHARPLY DEFINED LEADING

EDGE. NO RADIATING LIGHT FROM EDGES. (G) TAIL APPROXIMATELY TWICE

THE LENGTH OF OBJECT. (H) ONE OBSERVER REPORTS SOUND LINE RUSHING

WING IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO TWO SIGHTINGS. NO SOUND WHEN OBJECT

VISIBLE. (1) NONE. (2) DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS. (A)

SENTRY DOG HANDLER REPORTS FIRST OBJECT APPEARED TO BE FALLING STAR

BUT THEN IT REVERSED COURSE AND PROCEEDED IN LEVEL FLIGHT.

(B) 45 DEGREE ANGLE OF ELEVATION, 120 DEGREE AZIMUTH (C) 10 DEGREE

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ANGLE OF ELEVATION, 270 DEGREE AZIMUTH. NOTE. (B) & (C) ABOVE REFER TO FIRST SIGHTING. LATER REPORTS INDICATE LARGE NUMBERS OF OBJECTS ORIGINATING IN NORTH AND NORTH WEST OF A GENERALLY SOUTHERLY COURSE. THEY APPEARED APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON AND DISAPPEARED WHEN OVERHEAD OF SLIGHTLY BEFORE. (D) STRAIGHT LEVEL FLIGHT WITH ONE EXCEPTION AS IN (A) ABOVE. (E) WITNESS STATE OBJECTS DISAPPEARED SUDDENLY LIKE A LIGHT BEING SWITCHED OFF. (F) FROM 3 TO 5 SECONDS (ESTIMATED) (3) MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (A) GROUND VISUAL. (B) NONE. (C) NA/A. (4) TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. (A) 12/0213Z TO 12/0625Z. (B) NIGHT. (5) 35 DEGREES 22 MINUTES NORTH 108 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST. (6) OBSERVERS ALL MILITARY ASSIGNED TO 769TH AC&W SQUADRON, CONTINENTAL DIVIDE AFS, N MEX. CAPTAIN AMIDON, JOHN W. DIRECTOR, EXC. 2ND LT BURRIS, JOHN H. DIRECTOR, EXC. S/SGT BRYANT, WESLEY W., RADAR OPERATOR, EXC. A/1C RINGNELL, VINCENT L., RADAR OPERATOR, EXC. A/2C JAMES R BENTON, RADAR OPERATOR, EXC. A/3C MILES, HENNER W. GOOD. RADAR OPR A/2C MAXWELL, HAROLD E. RADAR OPR EXC. A/2C GAUTREAU, CALVIN L., RADAR OPR EXC. A/2C VEYLUPEK, GEORGE H. SENTRY DOG HANDLER ~~DELETED~~, S/SGT KEIMAN, KERMIT, RADAR OPERATOR, EXC. (7) WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME OF SIGHTINGS. (A) CLEAR VISIBILITY UNLIMITED (B) SURFACE - CALM, 6,000 FEET N/A. 10,000 FEET 330 DEGREES 15 KNOTS

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16,000 FEET 340 DEGREES 20 KNOTS. 20,000 FEET 320 DEGREES 25 KNOTS
30,000 FEET 330 DEGREES 30 KNOTS 50,000 FEET 310 DEGREES 40 KNOTS
80,000 FEET N/A. (C) NONE (CLEAR) (D) UNRESTRICTED. E) NONE (F)
NONE. (8) NO KNOWLEDGE OF UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL OR ASTRONIMICAL

CONDITIONS WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING (9) NO INTERCEPT ACTION
TAKEN (10) TRAFFIC LIGHT AND LOCATED ON AIRWAY GREEN FOUR. TWO
F86LS AND ON T-33 MAKING PRACTICE INTERCEPTS IN IMMEDIATE AREA.

(11) THIS REPORT PREPARED BY COMMANDER AND OPERATIONS OFFICER.
THERE IS NO POSITIVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CAUSE OF THESE SIGHTINGS.
OBSERVERS WILL NOT DEFINITELY IDENTIFY OBJECTS AS METEORS AND
WILL NOT POSITIVELY DISCOUNT SUCH AN EXPLANATION. IT IS OBVIOUS
HOWEVER, THAT THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THIS EXPLANATION. STATEMENTS ARE
ALL CONSISTANT WITH EXCEPTION OF THAT OF AMN VEYLUPEK. HIS
STORY IS AT VARIANCE ON SEVERAL POINTS. ALL AGREE, HOWEVER THAT
THERE WAS A LARGE NUMBER OF OBJECTS, AND THAT THEY DEFINITELY
HAD NEVER SEEN ANYTHING TO COMPARE WITH THEM. THE FACT THAT EACH
OBJECT WAS IN LEVEL FLIGHT AND WAS VISIBLE FOR THREE TO FIVE
SECONDS IS A MATTER OF CONSISTANT TESTIMONY. THE COMPLETELY
REFUTE THE POSSIBILITY OF MIS-IDENTIFYING AIRCRAFT AS UFOB'S
(12) NEGATIVE.

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION	PRIORITY	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE	AF	652	UNCL
INFO				X			

FROM: COMDR ATIC

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: COMDR, ADC, ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO
ATTN: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

UNCL/FRGM: AFCIN-4E4

12-1967-E

CITE UFO REPORT NO. 652, DTD 12 DECEMBER 57. THIS INCIDENT WARRANTS A FOLLOW-UP, IN VIEW OF LARGE NUMBER OF WITNESSES. REQUEST INFORMAL PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION. DISREGARD IF ACTION ALREADY TAKEN.

COORDINATION:

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DATE

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DATE

DATE	TIME
13	1430
MONTH	YEAR
DEC	57

SYMBOL

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SIGNATURE

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)

Capt. C. T. Gregory

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE

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WALLACE R. ELWOOD
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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TO COMDR ATIC

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REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE CITE AFCIN 4E4 12-1967-E, DATED 13/1430Z.

FOLLOWING INFORMATION GATHERED FROM TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH

OPERATIONS OFFICER 769TH ACWRON. ONLY ONE OBJECT WAS SEEN AT ANY

ONE TIME. OBJECTS MOVED GENERALLY NORTH TO SOUTH. OBJECTS APPEARED

TO BE STREAKS OF LIGHT AND FLEW ON A SEEMINGLY LEVEL FLIGHT PATH.

ON THE NEXT NIGHT, SMALL NETEORITE SHOWER NOTED. OPERATIONS OFFICER

THOUGHT THEY WERE METEORS BUT REPORTED THE SIGHTINGS BECAUSE OF THE

"LEVEL" FLIGHT PATH, END

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*Ground meteor shower
is very prominent
this year -
Probably this
(meteors)*