

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Mar 58	2. LOCATION George AFB, Calif.		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 06/0324Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 secs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE West	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Ball of fire w/tail, size of dime, very bright white. Tail approx 50 times longer than obj.		11. COMMENTS Description definitely suggests a meteor.	

1 Witness

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RJEDSQ/ROMDR ATIC

RJEPHQ/ASST CHIEF OF STAFF INTELL HQ USAF

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1. TIME AND DATE OF SIGNING:

1) 060324Z MARCH 1958

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17. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:
(1) SHAPE: LIKE A METEOR, BALL OF FIRE WITH TAIL

(2) SIZE: DIME

(3) COLOR: WHITE, VERY BRIGHT

(4) NUMBER: ONE (1)

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) TAIL APPROXIMATELY 50 TIMES LONGER THAN OBJECT:

Note tail size

Good clue

*Every defense
has
Suggests
a
pattern*

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B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) OBSERVERS WERE LOOKING FOR AN AIRCRAFT IN THE LANDING
PATTERN WHEN THEY SAW OBJECT.

(2) ANGLE OF OBJECT WHEN FIRST OBSERVED: 70 DEGREES

(3) ANGLE OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE: 10 DEGREES

AZIMUTH OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE: 270 DEGREES

(4) FLIGHT PATH: STRAIGHT AND LEVEL

(5) DISAPPEARED INSTANTANEOUSLY TO THE WEST

(6) OBJECT VISIBLE FROM 5-10 SECONDS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

SUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

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E. LOCATION OF OBSERVEES:

(1) 34 DEGREES 36' N-277 DEGREES 2)' W

(2) GEORGE AIR FORCE BASE CALIFORNIA, CONTROL TOWER

F. OBSERVERS

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T/SGT JAMES L. DUNCANAF -19364140

2541 AACS DET. GAFB-EST-RELIABLE

A72: EDWARD T9 NIKOLEWSKI AF-19552601

1925-1 AACS DET. GAFB-35-RELIABLE

G. WEATHER

(2) CLEAR

(2) 6,000' 240 DEGREES 28 KNOTS

10,000' 230 DEGREES 28 KNOTS

05200Z OBSERVATION

16,000' 240 DEGREES 35 KNOTS

20,000' 210 DEGREES 38 KNOTS

50,000' 270 DEGREES 27 KNOTS

80,000' 240 DEGREES 26 KNOTS

(3) CEILING - CLEAR

(4) VISIBILITY 6 MILES - HAZE

(5) AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER: NONE

(6) NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. B-26 ACFT, FLYING IN LANDING PATTERN, HEADING 340 DEGREES 4,000'

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K. 1/LT EDWARD L. RUEGG ASST. INTELL. ~~OFFICER~~ ^{OFFICER} 831ST AIR DIV

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PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THIS SIGHTING INDICATES THAT ~~IS~~ ^{THIS} WAS
PROBABLY A METEOR. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT AS GIVEN BY THE
TWO OBSERVERS SEEMS TO CONFIRM THIS ESTIMATE. HOWEVER, IT IS
WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY THAT THIS OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN
AN EARTH SATELLITE

~~DETERMINING~~ ^{DETERMINING} ~~THIS~~ ^{TE} VEHICLE. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO MEANS OF CONT-US
~~DETERMINING~~ THIS LATTER POSSIBILITY.

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No orbital tracks
indicate NO! No trail
on earth - satellites - unless
photographed with slow or
med. speed shutter.

Prob Astro / meteorite