

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Apr 58		2. LOCATION 60 mi W of Argentia, Nwflnd.		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 11/0615Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-20 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Cockpit illuminated by brilliant obj believed to be decay of Sputnik 2 by witnesses on flight over Newfoundland. Obj observed for 15-20 secs. Intensity of welding torch. A/c at 8,000 ft. Obj disappated in shower of red sparks. No return on Radar.				11. COMMENTS Sputnik II did not decay until 14 apr. Obj has dracteristics of bolide observation of long duration. Case evaluated as a meteor sighting.	

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DOVER DEL REPORTED UFO SIGHTING AT 110615Z WHICH DIR/INTEL THIS HQ
CONSIDRRS POSSIBLE RE-ENTRY OF 57-BETA (SPUTNIK 2). SIGHTING ALSO
WITNESSED BY COPILOT 1ST LT EE MECCH. AT 110615Z COCKPIT OF ACFT
BRILLIANTLY ILLUMINATED FOR 15-20 SECONDS BY WHITE LIGHT DESCRIBED
AS INTENSE AS ARC WELDING TORCH. ACFT AT 8,000 FT ON MAG HEADING 100
DEGREES GROUND SPEED 200 KTS POSITION 60 MILES DUE WEST OF
ARGENTIAL NFLD. VISIBILITY 80-100 MILES NO CLOUDS WIND 300 DEGREES

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35 KTS. ROUND WHITE OBJECT SIZE OF BASEBALL HELD AT ARMS LENGTH OBSERVED DURING LAST 5 SECONDS OF ILLUMINATION TRAVELING AT GREAT SPEED FROM 180 DEGREES TO POSITION DIRECTLY OVERHEAD OF ACFT WHERE IT DISSIPATED IN SHOWGR OF RED SPARKS. NO TAIL TRAIL OR EXHAUST SEEN. PILOT HAS 15 YEARS PILOT EXPERIENCE 4,500 FLIGHT HRS AND STATES SIGHTING DEFINITELY NOT COMET OG FALLING STAR. PILOT STATES ALTITUDE AT OBJECT DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE BUT CNNSIDERS 15,000-18,000 FT AT TIME OF DISSIPATION. PILOT CURRENTLY ENROUTE TO AHARMON AFB AND WILL THEN PROCEED TO HOME STATION AT DOVER. A CHECK MADE WITH RADAR SITES THIS AREA AND NAS ARGENTIA FAILED TO TURN UP ANY CONFIRMATION.

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