

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 Sep 59	2. LOCATION Naha, Okinawa	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 21/1045Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 secs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE South
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rnd obj white burning & changing to red. Initial observation as a bright flash w/ flaming tail. Obj burst & then disappeared.		11. COMMENTS Chracteristic bolide observation. Case listed as a meteor sighting.

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AF IN : 54036 (24 Sep 59) B/A/nem

ACTION : CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFS

DE RJAOKH 40

P 240630Z ZEX ZNJ
FM FIW 51/NAHA AB OKI
TO RJWFAL/ADC E T AFB COLO
RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO
RJEZHQ/ACS I HQUAF WASH DC
RJEZHQ/OIS HQUAF WASH DC
RJHPKM/PACAF HICKAM AFB TH
INFO RJAOKC/ADIV OEGE KADENA AB OKI
RJAPAA/AF 5 FUCHU AS JAP
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UNCLAS/E F T O/51WIC 51-9-51. SUBJ IS UFO REPORT. DATA REQD BY AFR

200-2 FOLLOWS: ITEM ALPHA: DESCRIPTION: (1) ROUND (2) PEA SIZE-AT

ARM'S LENGTH (3) WHITE TO BURNING RED (4) ONE (5) NONE (6) BRIGHT

FLASH WITH FLAMING TAIL; (7) TRAIL SIMILAR TO ONE FOLLOWING A

METEOR; (8) NONE; (9) BALL OF FIRE; THERE WAS LIGHTNING IN AREA

PRIOR TO AND FOLLOWING THE INITIAL SIGHTING. ITEM BRAVO: DESCRIPTION

OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) FLASH OF LIGHT SEEN BY OBSERVERS. (2)

070 DEGREES AZIMUTH; ABOVE 40M FEET ALT. (3) AZIMUTH THE SAME AS ITEM

BRAVO (2), OBJECT SEEM TO BURST APART AND THEN DISAPPEARED FROM

SIGHT AS A METEOR WOULD AFTER HITTING THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE; (4)

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CAME DOWN AT APPROX GPUP DEGREE ANGLE TO EARTH'S SURFACE;(5) TRAIL
DISAPPEARED GRADUALLY TO THE SOUTH IN A STRAIGHT LINE;(6) 10 SECONDS.
ITEM CHARLIE: MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND-VISUAL AND
AIR-VISUAL;(2) 1-T33 AND 1-F102, NO. 3379; 35,000 FT; 090 DEGREES;
IAS-275 KNOTS; HOME STATION: NAHA AB OKI. ITEM DELTA: TIME AND DATE
OF SIGHTINGS: (1) 21/1045Z SEPT 59; (2) NIGHT. ITEM ECHO: LOCATION
OF OBSERVERS: AIRBORNE OBSERVERS WERE 35NM SW OF NAHA AB OKI.
GROUND OBSERVERS APPROX; 261150N-1273830E IN CONTROL TOWER AT NAHA
AB OKI. ITEM FOXTROT: IDENTIFYING INFO ON OBSERVERS: (1) NONE (2)
KELLY, JOHN P, CAPT., 16FIS, NAHA AB OKI;PILOT; RELIABILITY
ESTIMATED GOOD; MARTIN, HUBERT, CAPT., 16FIS, NAHA AB OKI.,PILOT,
RELIABILITY ESTIMATED GOOD; SMITH, JAMES,1/LT, 16 FIS, NAH AB OKI.,
PILOT, RELIABILITY ESTIMATED GOOD; NIXON, JAMES W. TSGT,1252D AACS,
NAHA AB OKI., CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR, RELIABILITY ESTIMATED GOOD;
DAMRON, BOBBY G, TSGT.,1252D AACS, NAHA AB OKI., CONTROL TOWER
OPERATOR, RELIABILITY ESTIMATED GOOD. ITEM GOLF: WEATHER AND WINDS
AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:(1) SCATTERED CLOUDS, VISIBILITY 7
MILES; THUNDERSTORMS IN THE EAST WITH LIGHTNING IN EASTH THRU
SOUTH. (2) 15AWS, NAHA AB OKI WX RPT AS FOLLOWS: SURFACE;-030
DEGREES AT 6-10 KNOTS; 6000 FT 070 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS;10,000

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EFT: 080 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS; 16,000 FT: 350 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS;
20,000 FT: 360 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS; 30,080 FT: 010 DEGREES AT 10
KNOTS; 50,000 FT: 010 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS; 80,000 FT: 000
DEGREES AT 10 NOTS.(3) 15,000 SCATTERED, 3000 CATTERED, AND
30,000 SCATTERED(4) 7-10 MILES (5) 1 ; 59 4/8 (6) NONE, BUT TOWERING
CUMULUS EAST THRU SOUTH WHICH PROBABLY ACCOUNTED FOR OBSERVERS
REPORTS OF LIGHTNING IN EAST THRU THE SOUTH. ITEM HOTEL: NO
UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OF ANY TYPE. ITEM INDIA: NO INTERCEPTION
ATTEMPTED. ITEM JULIET: SEE ITEM CHARLIE(3). NO OTHER ACFT IN AREA.
ITEM KILO INTELL OFFICER, 51 FIW, THIS STA. BASED UPON REPORTS OF
OBSERVERS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH OBJECT WAS OBSERVED AS
INDICATED ABOVE, THIS OFFICE IS CONVINCED THAT OBJECT OBSERVED WAS A
METEOR. ITEM LIMA: NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE THIS STATION.

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