

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 Sep 59		2. LOCATION Larson AFB, Washington		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Regulus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/1159-1241Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 42 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two rpts giving essentially the same info. 1) Rnd obj large like a spotlight, white, very bright. 2) Bright white light closer than a star. No trail, sound, and very little movement.				11. COMMENTS Rptng official believed obj to be a star. Movement & duration of sighting conform to this conclusion. Star Regulus (Mag 1.3) was in the general direction of the rptd obj at 10° elev & ascending. It is probable that the obj observed was this star.	

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INFO : CIN, OOP, SAFS

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FM TCC MATS LARSON AFB WASH

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INFO RBWPPG/COMWESTSEAFRON SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

RJEZHQ/CHIEF OF STAFF USAF WASH 25 DC

AF GRNC

BT

/UNCLASS/FROM TCC 21-J-11 PD

(1) BRIGHT LIGHT LIKE LANDING LIGHT OF AIRCRAFT FLYING AT ABOUT
2000 FEET.

(-A) A LIGHT

(B) HEAD X PIN OR PENCIL LEAD HELD AT ARMS LENGTH

(C) A LIGHT NO COLOR OR WHITE

(D) ONE

(E) ONE

(F) A BRIGHT LIGHT CLOSER THAN A STAR

(G) NO TAIL OR TRAIL

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(H) NO SOUND

(I) NONE

(2) VERY LITTLE MOVEMENT. ONE MILE IF ANY. SOUTH EAST

(3) FROM CONTROL TOWER

(4) 21/1159Z-21/1241Z

(5) LARSON AFB AND EPHRATA RADIO STATION APPEARED ABOUT TEN DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON AND RAISED ABOUT FIVE DEGREES BEFORE OVERCAST MOVED IN. GEOREF POSITION 47 DEG 12 MIN NORTH 119 DEG 19 MIN WEST.

(6) TEN OBSERVERS. FOUR PEOPLE SAID IT LOOKED LIKE A VERY BRIGHT STAR BRIGHTER THAN ANY OTHER STAR THEY HAD SEEN. SIX PEOPLE SAID IT LOOKED LIKE A BRIGHT LIGHT NOT A STAR TOO BRIGHT FOR A STAR AND A LOT CLOSER TO EARTH THAN A STAR.

(7) (A) BROKEN OVERCAST AT ABOUT 5000 FT MOVING FROM WEST TO EAST OBJECT IN CLEAR FROM 21/1159Z TO 21/1241Z THEN OVERCAST MOVED IN BETWEEN OBSERVER AND OBJECT. LIGHT COULD BE SEEN AT TIMES THRU BREAKS IN OVERCAST UNTIL OVERCAST COVERED IT COMPLETELY.

(B) LARSON WEATHER STATION 5000FT SCTD 9000FT BORKEN 15 MILE VIS WIND SURFACE CALM. 6000FT 280 DEG 10K, 10,000 310 DEG 10K, 16,000 330 DEG 20K, 20,000 330 DEG 20K, 30,000 330 DEG 25K, 50,000 280 DEG 15K, 80,000 UNK.

BT

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ATIC

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PP RJEDSQ

ZFD ZOV RJWZSU

ZCYSUB675ZCBGA460

PP RJWFAL RJWZSB RJEDSQ RJWZHQ

DE ROWZBG 3B

P 211611Z ZEX

FM 1902 AACSRON - HAMILTON AFB

O RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWZSB/28 AIRDIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGH PATERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASH DC

B

UNCLAS FROM FLT SVC 21/J/01 ACTION ADC 28 AD AIC AFCIN AFOIS. UFO

A. DISCRIPION OF THE OBJECT 1. ROUND 2. LARGE SPOT LIGHT 3. WHITE
4. ONE 5. N/A 6. ILLUMINATED LIKE FLOOD LIGHT 7. WHITE SPOT LIGHT
8. NONE 9. VERY BRIGHT LIGHT

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT 1. LOOKED UP AND SAW IT 2.
ABOVE 10000 FT EAS OF LRN 3. ABOVE 10000 FT EAST OF LRN. COVERED BY
CLOUDS 4. MOVING VERY SLOWLY SOUTH TO SOUH EAS OF LRN

5. CLOUDS COVERED MOVEMENT AT 1241Z 6. 42 MINUTES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION 1. GROUND VISUAL 2. BINOCULARS 3. NONE

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHING 1. 21 SEP 59 1159Z 2. NIGHT

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E. LARSON AFB CONTROL TOWER

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER 1. NONE 2. PAUL GIEOUS

A/2C 2038H AACS SQ CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS

1. 5000 SCATTERED 9000 BROKEN 15 PLUS MILES VISIBILITY

2. SURFACE CALM 6000 GEG 280 DEG 8K 10000 DEG 310 DEG 11K

16000 340 DEG 13K 20000 340DEG 17K 30000 340 DEG 25K

0000 290DEG 16K 80000 NO REPORT

3. 5000 SCTD 9000 BRKN 4. 15 MILES 5. 9/10 6. NONE

H. NONE I. NONE J. A/C MOVING NORH EAST PICKED UP ON RADAR AT

12000 FEET, EAST OF LARSON AFB K. G L VAN BUSKIRK CAPT

USAF FLIGHT SERVICE CLEARANCE OFFICER HAMILTON AFB CALIF. BELIEVE IT TO

BE UNUSUALLY BRIGHT STAR RECENTLY SEEN HERE L. NONE

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21/1630Z SEP ROWZBG

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