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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 February 1960		2. LOCATION San Juan, Puerto Rico		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Navy night illumination exercise. ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 26/2302Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military and Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Less than 1 sec.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SW & SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object, size of large pea at arms length, bright red with yellowish-orange tinge, left contrail which persisted at point of disappearance for 10 min. Four additional reports of similar activity by ground and air observers of pyrotechnic activities. Also described as possible missile reentry.				11. COMMENTS Evaluated as Navy surface unit conducting night illumination training exercise by USN.	

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U N C L A S E F T O FROM DCOI 2659. SUBJECT:

UFO REPORT. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, 14 SEP 1959. AS AMENDED. A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.

(1) BALL-SHAPED. (2) SIZE WAS COMPARABLE TO A LARGE PEA HELD IN THE HAND AT ARM'S LENGTH. (3) COLOR WAS BRIGHT FLAMING RED WITH YELLOWISH-ORANGE TINGE. (4) SINGLE OBJECT. (5) NOT APPLICABLE.

(6)-NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS. (7) NO TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUSE, HOWEVER OBJECT LEFT WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS CONTRAIL.

CONTRAIL WAS APPROXIMATELY TWICE THE SIZE OF THE OBJECT AND PERSISTED AT POINT OF DISAPPEARANCE OF FLAMING OBJECT IN WISPY FORM FOR TEN

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MINUTES. (8) NO SOUND CONNECTED WITH SIGHTING. (9) NOT OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT. (1)

OBSERVER NOTED OBJECT BECAUSE HE HAPPENED TO BE LOOKING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SIGHTING. (2) OBJECT WAS THOUGHT TO BE AT AN

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NO CLOUDS. (2) WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY IN KNOTS IS AS FOLLOWS AS RECEIVED FROM U.S. NAVAL STATION, SNA JUAN PUERTO RICO.

ALTITUDE DIRECTION VELOCITY IN KNOTS

SURFACE	ESE	9
6,000'	090	24
10,000'	070	37
216,000'	060	10
20,000'	120	07
30,000'	350	19
50,000'	330	09
60,000'	010	03

(3) CEILING WAS UNLIMITED, LESS THAN 1/10 CUMULUS CLOUDS. (4)

5,000'	090	24
10,000'	070	87
215,000'	060	10
20,000'	120	07
30,000'	350	19
50,000'	330	09
60,000'	010	03

(3) CEILING WAS UNLIMITED, LESS THAN 1/10 CUMULUS CLOUDS. (4) VISIBILITY WAS 15 MILES. (5) NO CLOUD COVER. (6) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA. (7) STANDARD TEMPERATURE GRADIENT. H. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION WAS DISCOVERED THAT MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING. I. NO INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION WAS FEASIBLE. J. A RAWINODE BALLON WAS RELEASED FROM ISLA VERDE AIRPORT 3 3/4 MILES, EAST FROM LOCATION OF OBSERVER AT 2305Z. BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE SIGHTING DO NOT BELIEVE THIS BALLON COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING. K. PREPARING OFFICER OF THIS REPORT IS CAPTAIN

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DONALD K MANGELS, CHIEF, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, WING INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 72ND BOMBARDMENT WING. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THIS SIGHTING WOULD INDICATE A POSSIBLE REENTRY OF SOME VARIETY OF BALLISTIC MISSILE OR EARTH SATELLITE VEHICLE. THE MANNER IN WHICH OBJECT DISAPPEARED (SEE ITEM B(5) ABOVE) IS THE PRIMARY SUPPORT FOR THIS ANALYSIS. ALTHOUGH THE ESTIMATED AZIMUTH WHEN FIRST SIGHTED COMPARED TO AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARANCE WOULD INDICATE MOVEMENT FROM EAST TO WEST OBSERVER WAS NOT POSITIVE OF THESE FIGURES, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE EXTREMELY SHORT TIME THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED. BECAUSE OF THE SHORT DURATION OF THIS SIGHTING, DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT AS INDICATED IN ITEM B ABOVE IS NOT CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY RELIABLE BY THE PREPARING OFFICER.

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CIRVIS EVALUATION X MY 270042Z X EVALUATION UNKNOWN BURNING OBJECT X
NAVY SURFACE UNIT CONDUCTING NIGHT ILLUMINATION TRAINING EXERCISE FROM
270001Z TO 270300Z WITHIN 10 MILES OF 18-50N 56-45W X MY 270120Z
EVALUATED NIGHT ILLUMINATION EXERCISE

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CIRVIS. FOLLOWING THREE REPORTS CMM AT 2306 ROOSEVELT ROADS
NAVY TOWER ADVISED THAT THEY SAW A BIG BALL OF FIRE WITH A BIG
TRAIL OF SMOKE APRXLY NNW OF ROOS RDS AT 20 THOUSAND FEET.
THE BALL OF FIRE DESCENDED ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND FEET TO FIFTEEN
THOUSAND FEET AND DISAPPEARED. THE SMOKE TRAIL WAS STILL VISIBLE
AT 2305Z. AIRCRAFT WK2 A4DJ AT THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND FEET REPORTED
TO US AT 2314Z THAT HE HAD SEEN A BALL OF FIRE AT 55 THOUSAND
FEET WHICH FELL TO SIX THOUSAND FEET BURNING ITSELF OUT. MR ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~ AIR LINE PILOT ADZD AT 2335 WHILE IN FAA STATION THAT
HE SAW STREAK BLUE WHITE FIRE HEADING NORTHWEST FROM SOUTHEAST
WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BURNED OUT LEAVING BLUE WHITE SMOKE FROM
HIS POSITION AT ENTRANCE TO CARIBE HILTON HOTEL. HE ADVISED COULD
HAVE BEEN SOME SORT OF REENTRY. TIME SIGHTED APPROXIMATELY 2305Z

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CIRVIS. AT 270044 MJNR TOWER CONTROLLER ADZD SAW A BALL
OF FIRE STATIONARY WITH TRAIL OF RED SPARKS BEHIND IT CMA APPEARED
TO BE APRXLY TWO TO THREE THOUSAND FEET AND ABOUT 3 MILES SOUTH
CAPE SANJUAN LIGHT HOUSE

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CIRVIS. FURTHER RE OUR CIRVIS 262345. WBAS ADVISED THAT PILOT
ON JET PAA 451 SOUTHBOUND OVER SOUTH CAICOS SAW METEORITE OR
MISSILE RE/ENTRY MOVING FROM NW TO SE. SEEMED TO HAVE
BURNED OUT BUT COULD POSSIBLY HAVE DISAPPEARED INTO HAZE

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TRINGA PONCE ARBOR SIGHTED BRILLIANT FLASH TRAILING SMOKE

2618500 BRG 330 DEG EST ALT 30000 FT EST COURSE 270 DEG X

POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT SMOKE REMAINED NO C UTES SIGHTED

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