

MILITARY

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Apr 60	2. LOCATION 4.5 NM SW of Bitberg, Germany	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical Meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 17/0250Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE N
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rain-drop shaped object with long tail, half the size of a dime, bright yellow-orange. The further the object fell the brighter it became. Object had large pieces falling from main body.		11. COMMENTS Probably a meteor.

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(2) NIGHT, WITH FULL MOON. EXTREMELY LIGHT.

ZCZCSQP005-36N 05-23-002 APPROXIMATELY 4.5 NM SW OF BITBURG

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FM COMDR 36 TFW BITBURG AB GERMANY

TO RJFPSD/COMDR 17 AF RAMSTEIN AB GERMANY

RJFPBW/HQ USAF [REDACTED] WIESBADEN GERMANY

RJWFAL/HQ NORAD ENT AFB COLORADO

RJEDSQ/AIR TECH INTEL CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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HQ 17 AF DCS/INT HQ USAF, AFCIN HQ USAF, SAFIS HQ USAF.

A. (1) RAIN DROP SHAPE WITH LONG TAIL.

(2) NONE HALF SIZE OF DIME HELD AT ARMS LENGTH

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(2) NIGHT, WITH FULL MOON. EXTREMELY LIGHT.

E. (1) 49-54-30N 06-28-00E APPROXIMATELY 4.5 NM SW OF BITBURG
AIR BASE GERMANY

F. (1) N/A

(2) METZ, DONALD E; SSGT; 36TH AIR POLICE SQ, APO 132, NY.,
NY., AIR POLICEMAN. ESTIMATED RELIABLE. SMITH, RICHARD D, SSGT
36TH AIR POLICE SQ, APO 132, NY. AIR POLICEMAN. ESTIMATED RELIABLE

G. (1) EXTREMELY CLEAR, VISIBILITY EXCELLENT

(2) 6000 FEET - 030/20KTS

10,000 FEET - 030/20KTS

16,000 FEET - 040/30KTS

20,000 FEET - 040/30KTS

30,000 FEET 020/50KTS

50,000 FEET - 350/20KTS

80,000 FEET - 280/15KTS

(3) NO CLOUDS

(4) 10NM

(5) NO CLOUDS

(6) NONE

(7) 6000 FEET - 7 DEGREES C

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(3) BRIGHT YELLOW-ORANGE, INCLUDING PEICES FALLING FROM OBJECT.
THE FARHTER THE OBJECT FELL TOWARDS THE HORIZON THE BRIGHTER IT
BECAME.(

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) APPEARED AS A FALLING STAR, WITH LARGE PIECES FALLING FROM

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MAIN BODY.

(7) VERY LONG TAIL, SUCH AS A COMETS TAIL

(8) NONE HEARD

(9) NONE

B (1) MOVEMENT OF OBJECT

(2) OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED DIRECTLY UNDER THE MOON

(3) OBJECT APPEARED TO TRAVEL AT AN ANGLE OF FORTY FIVE
DEGREES FROM THE MOON UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED BEHIND THE HILLS.

OBJECT WAS ESTIMATED TRAVELING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH. OBSERVERS
WERE DRIVING NORTH EAST AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

(4) NO MANEUVERS OTHER THAN STRAIGHT FLIGHT OBSERVED

(5) OBJECT DISAPPEARED RAPIDLY TO THE NORTH, BEHIND HILLS IN
THE AREA

(6) APPROXIMATELY FOUR TO FIVE SECONDS OBJECT
APPEARED TO MOVE SLOWERE THAN FALLING STAR. OBSERVER STATED HE HAD
SEEN FALLING STARS BEFORE AND WAS ABLE TO MAKE THE COMPARISON.

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED

(3) AN/A

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10,000 FEET - 14 DEGREES C

16,000 FEET - 27 DEGREES C, WITH LARGE PIECES FALLING FROM

20,000 FEET - 35 DEGREES

30,000 FEET - 48 DEGREES C

50,000 FEET - 61 DEGREES C

80,000 FEET - 54 DEGREES C

H. NONE

I. N/A

J. NONE

K. MAJOR WALTER D. BROWN JR. NO COMMENT

L. NONE

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