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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 31 May, 1960		2. LOCATION Manus Island, Admiralties		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 31/2230Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Given		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE Not Given	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant blinding light, followed by a series of heavy explosive sounds three to four minutes later. There was initially a small moving light gradually enlarging and growing until it flooded the sky.				11. COMMENTS Information is very limited in nature however the description conforms to the pattern of a "bolide" type of meteor of unusual size.	

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Report of Unexplained Phenomena - Manus Island

It is understood that the USAF is interested in receiving reports for information pertaining to unidentified flying objects.

Enclosed herein is the text of a message from the District Commissioner of Lorengau, Manus Island to the Administrator of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea concerning phenomena recently observed by him and a considerable number of his staff and local inhabitants.

This report is forwarded for your information and retention and no comment is requested.

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"Phenomena observed entire Manus
mainland approx 2320 hours thirtyfirst May
stop Brilliant blinding light followed three
to four minutes later by series heavy explosive
sounds Stop Reports state small moving light
initially gradually enlarging flooding whole sky."

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