

MILITARY AIR

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Sep 60	2. LOCATION 40 mi E Grand Junction, Colorado		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 ---	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NNW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING T-33 pilot sighted bright object straight ahead at 30° elev that disappeared to left rear 45° and 15° elev. A/c was heading 075°T. Light intensity of object was similar to that of an arc light. Tail of object was estimated to be 9 inches long on the surface of the canopy.		11. COMMENTS Witness did not report the duration of the sighting or the time, however it was probably of short duration and at night. Description conforms to observation of a fireball type meteor. There is no information conflicting with this conclusion. Case listed as meteor.	

U F O ANALYSIS SHEET

DATE 20 SEPT 1960

LOCATION GRAND JUNCTION, COLO

DATE TIME GROUP LOCAL _____

GMT

PHOTO YES _____ NO ☒

PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES _____ NO ✓

SOURCE MILITARY ✓ CIVILIAN

TYPE OF OBSERVATION VISUAL

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

NUMBER OF OBJECTS _____ COURSE _____

SATELLITE: IN ORBIT:

VERIFY YES:

NO:

DECAY:

ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA

METEOR POSSIBLY METEOR (FIREBALL)

STAR OR PLANET

OTHER

AIRCRAFT

BALLOON

INSUFFICIENT DATA

OTHER

REFLECTION

INVERSION PRESENT

PHOTO ANALYSIS

SUN DOG

LENTICULAR CLOUD

PHYSICAL SPECIMEN ANALYSIS

BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING:

REF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING: A T-33 PILOT FLYING 40 MILES EAST OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, SIGHTED A BRIGHT OBJECT STRAIGHT AHEAD AT 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON THAT DISAPPEARED 45° TO LEFT REAR AND 15° ABOVE HORIZON. HEADING OF AIRCRAFT AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING WAS 75°. LIGHT INTENSITY OF THE OBJECT WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF AN ARC LIGHT. THE TAIL OF THE OBJECT WAS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 9 INCHES LONG ON THE SURFACE OF THE CANOPY.

EVALUATION: CASE CATEGORY: PROBABLY METEOR (FIREBALL)

CONCLUSION: THE WITNESS DID NOT REPORT THE TIME BUT IT WAS PROBABLY NIGHT. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT IS THAT OF A CLASSIC FIREBALL (METEOR). THERE IS NO AVAILABLE EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT THE OBJECT OF THIS SIGHTING WAS NOT A FIREBALL.

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

Fireball

SUBJECT: Sighting of UFO

TO:

20 Sep 60

1. Air Force Command Post relayed UFO sighting to ATIC from NORAD. A T-33 pilot flying 40 mi east of Grand Junction, Colorado, sighted a bright object straight ahead at 30 deg above horizontal that disappeared 45 deg to left rear and 15 deg above horizontal. Heading of aircraft at time of sighting was 075 deg. Light intensity of object was approximately that of an arc light. Pilot stated if it was a meteor, it was the brightest he had ever seen. He also stated the tail of the object was about nine inches long on the surface of the canopy. This is about all of the information that was available.

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