

MULTIPLE SIGHTING

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Spokane & Vicinity, Washington		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 2000 GMT 21/0400Z		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 10 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE W-E then N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object, greenish-white, changing to a reddish-orange color. Size of quarter at arm's length. Pieces peeling off continued to glow. No sound heard. When pieces broke, object dropped abruptly; at first traveling W-E, then appeared to turn N, 4 or 5 pieces off main portion then exploded. When observed, aircraft at 20,000 ft sighted additional level at 80° port. Disappeared going down, partly down, 90° port.				11. COMMENTS Large number of people reported objects. Witnesses ranged from Washington to as far as about 50 miles S of Portland, Oregon. Objects observed by all witnesses were not one and the same, although they had same characteristics. These characteristics indicate that objects were part of a meteor shower. The earth is passing through several meteor showers this time of year, the two most prominent this time of the month, Pegasids III and Pegasi.	

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FM COMDR DET 3 9 WEARON FAIRCHILD AFB WASH

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RJEDSQ/COMDR WPAFB OHIO

RJEZDK/SAPCE TRACK HANSCOMB FLD MASS

INFO RJEDHF/AIR WEA SERVICE SCOTT AFB ILL

RJWBKN/COMDR 9 WEARON MARCH AFB CALIF

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UNCLAS DET 3 9TH WEARON 1-J-1. MOON DUST. ATTN AFCINIEL

ATIC, ATTN: AFCIN-4A, AWSSS. AT 2410Z SSGT JAMES H. NUNN,

AF18418956, CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR FAIRCHILD AFB,

WASHINGTON, OBSERVED AN EXTREMELY BRIGHT OBJECT, WHITE IN COLOR

WITH STREAMER BEHIND IT: DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT W-E, ELEVATION

ANGLE 10-20 DEGREES. OBJECT DISSAPEARED 160 DEGREES FROM STATION.

ALSO PARTY IN IDAHO SHERIFFS OFFICE CALLED FAIRCHILD TOWER.

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL CALLED FAIRCHILD BASE OPERATIONS CONCERNING

A BRIGHT LIGHT OR OBJECT WHICH APPEARED TO FALL FROM SKY. THE

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL WAS CONCERNED WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS AN

AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT.

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PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL		ORIG. OR REFERS TO	
ACTION ROUTINE		BOOK MULTI SINGLE			AF		DET 3, 9th WEARON 1-j-1	
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FROM: ATIC, W-P AFB TO: FAIRCHILD AFB, WASH <i>RJWZGP</i> 9-2861-E /UNCLAS/FROM: AFCIN-4E2x DET 3, 9TH WEARON, YOUR MSG DET 3, 9TH WEARON 1-j-1, DTD 21 SEP 60, SUBJ MOON DUST, REQ THIS INCIDENT BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59. EVERY ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO CONTACT ALL WITNESSES.							SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	
							DATE 21	
							TIME 1445	
							MONTH SEP	
							YEAR 1960	
SYMBOL AFCIN-4E2x TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) <i>[Signature]</i> Major Robert J. Friend <i>RJP</i> PHONE 69216 PAGE 1 NR. OF PAGES 1 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED				SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i> TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE PHILIP G. EVANS Colonel, USAF Deputy for Science and Components				

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UNCLAS DET 3 9TH WEARON 27-J-2. SUBJ: MOON DUST. ACTION TO
HQ USAF, AFCINIBI, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, ATTN: ATIC. HANSCOMB
FIELD MASS, ATTN: SPACE TRACK. REFERENCE MSG DET 3 9TH WEARON
1-J-1 AND WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, OHIO MESSAGE AFCIN-4E2X9-2681-E.
INCIDENT HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO LOCAL OSI FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

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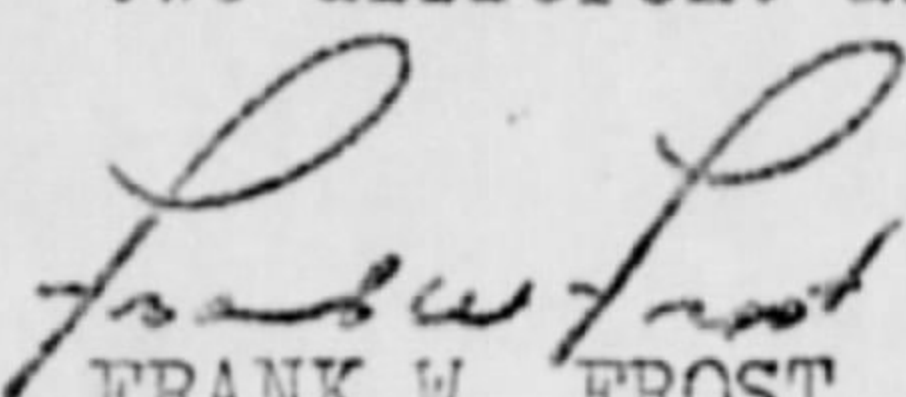
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COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS Northwestern United States		DATE OF INFORMATION 21 Sep 1960		
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT HQ, 142ND AIR DEFENSE WING Spokane International Airport, Wash.		DATE OF COLLECTION 25 Sep 1960	SRI STATUS (If applicable)	
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL 2NDLT Robert E. Salsbury, Jr.		DATE OF REPORT 4 Oct 1960	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE	
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Interview of witnesses.		EVALUATION	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE	
			SRI NO. ACTIVE	
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)				
None				
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)				
Report of UFO Sighting.				
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)				
1. Reports of UFO sighting, prepared in accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2 are furnished for any action deemed appropriate. The reports are the follow up to the initial electrical report submitted by Spokane Air Defense Sector, SPADS, of 0830 Zulu, 21 September 1960 through 25th Air Division and NORAD. This headquarters was advised by SPADS this report was handled in its entirety, however, indications from inquiries received reveal that the follow up report was not completed and is therefore submitted. 2. The UFO was witnessed by at least three aircrew members during a flying-training exercise on 20 September 1960. The length of time each observed the object, the flight characteristics and estimated size of the object are most outstanding as the witnesses made observations from different altitudes and from two different aircraft.  FRANK W. FROST Brigadier General, WashANG Commander				
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1. UFO data as related to the interviewing officer by 1STLT Jack D. Sauls, A02276696, in accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2.

a. Description of Object:

- (1) Shape: Round
- (2) Size: Quarter at arm's length.
- (3) Color: Greenish-white, changing to a reddish-orange color.
- (4) Number: One (1).
- (5) NA
- (6) Features and details: Pieces peeling off continued to glow.
- (7) Tail: Not observed.
- (8) Sound: None.
- (9) Other features: When pieces broke, object dropped abruptly; at first traveling W to E, then appeared to turn N, 4 or 5 pieces off the main portion then exploded.

b. Description of Course of Object:

- (1) Appeared as just a bright object in the sky.
- (2) Aircraft at 20,000', sighted additional level at 80° port.
- (3) Going down, partly straight down, 90° port.
- (4) Object moved rapidly from W to E 70° to 80° port to 90° port, dropped abruptly at point of burning. No maneuvering or change of altitude was observed.
- (5) Disappeared 90° port.
- (6) Visible for 10 seconds.

c. Manner of observation:

- (1) Airborne visual.
- (2) No optical aids used.
- (3) F-89J, 53-2510, 20,000', 260°, 400K IAS, Spokane International Airport.

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d. Time and Date of sighting:

(1) 21/9/0400Z

(2) Night

e. Location of Observers:

Ten (10) nautical miles N-NE of Spokane.

f. Identifying information on observers:

(1) NA

(2) Jack D. Saulls, 1st Lt., 116th FIS, Pilot, Reliable.

g. Weather and Winds:

(1) Clear, no moon.

(2) Winds: Surface	315°/4k
6000	330°/11k
10000	300°/7k
16000	330°/13k
20000	280°/8k
30000	250°/35k
50000	260°/28k
60000	260°/19k

(3) No ceiling.

(4) Visibility unlimited.

(5) No cloud cover.

(6) No thunderstorms.

(7) Not available.

h. No unusual activity or condition.

i. No interception or identification action.

j. No other known traffic or balloons.

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k. Comments of preparing officer: 142nd Air Defense Wing Flying Safety Officer. The following comments were obtained from an official of the US Weather Bureau, Spokane International Airport, qualifications unknown. "The length of time the object was observed (10 sec), the fact that the pilot observed pieces breaking off the object and the direction of flight (SW to NE) indicate the possibility the object was a man-made object (Satellite.) Meteorites generally burn out within 2 seconds and generally do not exhibit any visible break-up while they are burning out." However, the pilot could very easily have been mistaken as to the time the object was visible.

l. No photographs or physical evidence available.

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2. UFO data as related to the interviewing officer by Captain Harold B. Riese, A02080132, in accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2.

a. Description of Object

- (1) Shape: Round
- (2) Size: Quarter at arm's length.
- (3) Color: Glowing green, green at all times seen; parts dropping off also green.
- (4) Number: One (1).
- (5) NA
- (6) Features and details: Pieces dropping off also green.
- (7) Tail: No tail sighted.
- (8) Sound: None
- (9) Other features: Pieces dropped straight down.

b. Description of Course of Object:

- (1) Seen heading south; horizontal line flat trajectory.
- (2) Aircraft at 20,000', sighted additional level at 80° port.
- (3) Made slight turn toward aircraft.
- (4) No maneuvering or change of altitude was observed.
- (5) Disappeared 90° port.
- (6) Visible for 10 seconds.

c. Manner of observation:

- (1) Airborne visual.
- (2) No optical aids used.
- (3) F-89J, 53-2510, 20,000', 400K IAS, Spokane International Airport.

d. Time and Date of sighting:

- (1) 21/9/0400Z
- (2) Night

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e. Location of Observers:

Ten (10) nautical miles N-NE of Spokane,

f. Identifying information on observers:

(1) NA

(2) Harold B. Riese, Captain, 116th FIS, Pilot, Reliable.

g. Weather and Winds:

(1) Clear, no moon.

(2) Winds: Surface	315°/4k
6000	330°/11k
10000	300°/7k
16000	330°/13k
20000	280°/8k
30000	250°/35k
50000	260°/28k
60000	260°/19k

(3) No ceiling.

(4) Visibility unlimited.

(5) No cloud cover.

(6) No thunderstorms.

(7) Not available.

h. No unusual activity or condition.

i. No interception or identification action.

j. No other known traffic or balloons.

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1. No photographs or physical evidence available.

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3. UFO data as related to the interviewing officer by 2NDLT Jack L. McElroy, A03081539, in accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2.

a. Description of Object:

- (1) Shape: Round, jagged.
- (2) Size: Silver dollar held at arms length.
- (3) Color: White (Glowing)
- (4) Number: One (1).
- (5) NA
- (6) Features and details: Pieces breaking off continued to glow (burn) momentarily.
- (7) Tail: Small, about twice as long as the diameter of the object.
- (8) Sound: None.
- (9) Other features: One large piece broke off before object disappeared. Distance not accurately determined.

b. Discription of Course of Object:

- (1) Appeared as small white light becoming brighter and appeared to be on a collision course.
- (2) First appeared level with A/C (30,000') at 60° starboard.
- (3) Disappeared slightly below (20,000') at 20° starboard.
- (4) Object moved rapidly from 60° starboard, level, 90 degrees to the flight path of the aircraft to 20° starboard descending slightly. Approximate flight path of the object was 040°. Maneuvering was not observed.
- (5) Disappeared rapidly at 20° starboard slightly below.
- (6) Visible for 10 seconds.

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c. Manner of observation:

- (1) Airborne visual.
- (2) No optical aids used.
- (3) F-89J, 53-2613, 30,000', 130°, 250K IAS, Spokane International Airport.

d. Time and Date of sighting:

- (1) 21/9/0400Z
- (2) Night

e. Location of Observers:

47° 39'N, 117° 32'W Spokane International Airport.

f. Identifying information on observers:

- (1) NA
- (2) Jack L. McElroy, 2nd Lt., 116th FIS, Pilot, Reliable.

g. Weather and Winds:

- (1) Clear, no moon.
- (2) Winds: Surface 315°/4k
6000 330°/11k
10000 300°/7k
16000 330°/13k
20000 280°/8k
30000 250°/35k
50000 260°/28k
60000 260°/19k
- (3) No ceiling.
- (4) Visibility unlimited.
- (5) No cloud cover.

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(6) No thunderstorms.

(7) Sharp inversion at 32,100'; temp @ 30,000' -48C
@ 32,100' -53C
@ 34,000' -50.5C

h. No unusual activity or condition.

i. No interception or identification action.

j. No other known traffic or balloons.

k. Comments of preparing officer: 142nd Air Defense Wing Flying Safety Officer. The following comments were obtained from an official of the US Weather Bureau, Spokane International Airport, qualifications unknown. "The length of time the object was observed (10 sec), the fact that the pilot observed pieces breaking off the object and the direction of flight (SW to NE) indicate the possibility the object was a man-made object (Satellite). Meteorites generally burn out within 2 seconds and generally do not exhibit any visible break-up while they are burning out." However, the pilot could very easily have been mistaken as to the time the object was visible.

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