

2nd Wea Sq

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Bitburg AB, Germany		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Satellite reentry</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 23/0119Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Moon dust			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not given		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SW-NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Luminous streak, like a shooting star, colors red and yellow. Object left a trail. Object appeared very suddenly and was red in color, gradually changing to bright yellow. Appeared much larger than meteor.				11. COMMENTS Description conforms to satellite reentry as to direction, color and breaking up. 1960 Lambda II (Rocket Body) reentered this date. Case evaluated as satellite reentry based upon general description, although duration of sighting was omitted.	

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FM DET 1 31 WEA SQ BITBURG AB GER

TO RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZDK/SPACE TRACK HANSCOM FLD MASS

INFO RJEDHF/HQ AWS SCOTT AFB ILL

RJFPBW/HQ 2D WEA WG LINDSEY AIR STA WIESBADEN GER

RJFPSD/31 WEA SQ RAMSTEIN AB GER

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UNCLAS FROM 1WD 23-J-1. ATTN: AFCIN-IBI HQ USAF, AFCIN-4 ATIC, AWSSS AWS, OP HQ 2D WEA WG, OP 31 WEA SQ. MOON DUST.

VISUAL OBSERVATION OF LUMINOUS STREAK SOMEWHAT LIKE A SHOOTING STAR AT 0119Z, 23 SEP 60 AT THIS STA. PATH WAS FROM SOUTHWEST TO THE NORTHEAST AT AN ELEVATION OF 8-10 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 080 DEGREES. APPEARED VERY SUDDENLY AND WAS RED IN COLOR, GRADUALLY CHANGED TO BRIGHT YELLOW. PATH MOMENTARILY BROKEN AND WHEN REAPPEARED WAS RED IN COLOR. NO SMOKE BUT NUMEROUS SPARKS. APPEARED TO BE MUCH LARGER THAN SHOOTING STARS.

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