

MULTIPLE SIGHTING

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Cook Islands, South Pacific		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 24/1000Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one			
		9. COURSE descending			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant light lasting about 4 sec moving at high speed with tail of red and blue lights. Track estimated N to S, falling vertically almost due S.				11. COMMENTS High speed, tail, and duration plus the description are characteristic of a meteor.	

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RJEZEF/LAURENCE G HANSCOM FIELD BEDFORD MASS

INFO ZEN/USARMA WELLINGTON NZ

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HANSCOM FIELD FOR PROJECT SPACE TRACK X USARMA NEW ZEALAND REPORTS
AS FOLLOWS "FOLG MESSAGE RECEIVED WELLINGTON OFFICE MET SERVICE
FROM RARATONGA STATION COOK ISLANDS QUOTE LOCAL PHENOMENON APRX
241200 ZULU SEP OBSERVED BY MANY PEOPLE INDICATIVE OF METEORITE OR
ROCKET BURNING UP IN ATMOSPHERE X OBSERVERS AT MAUKE REPORT BRILLIANT
LIGHT LASTING ABOUT FOUR SECONDS MOVING AT HIGH SPEED WITH TAIL OF
RED AND BLUE LIGHTS TRACK ESTIMATED NORTH TO SOUTH OBSERVER ON YACHT
[REDACTED] WHEN TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF ATIU (19 DEGREES SOUTH - 158
DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST) REPORTED SIMILAR PHENOMENON FALLING VERTICALLY

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ALMOST DUE SOUTH X MANY RARATONGA OBSERVERS REPORTED BRILLIANT
ILLUMINATION PREDOMINANTLY TO EAST X EVIDENCE SUGGESTS SOURCE OF
ILLUMINATION BETWEEN RARATONGA AND MAUKE CLOSEST TO MAUKE X VIEW
ABORTIVE RELEASE CAPE CANAVERAL PRIOR ABOVE SUGGESTED AMERICAN EMBASSY
OR OTHER APPROPRIATE PARTY BE ADVISED UNQUOTE

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