

MILITARY AIR

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Oct 60		2. LOCATION Honshu, Japan		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 18/0900Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SE Descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round white object with tail 16-20 times as long as main body close to observer, very brilliant appeared at 30° above a/c at 020° azimuth. Disappeared instantaneously at 055° above a/c at 315° azimuth. Tail faded in intensity. Visible for only 1 sec.				11. COMMENTS Probable meteor. Other pilots in area report seeing meteor.	

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ACTION: CIN-14

INFO : OOP-3, SAPS-3 (21)

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DE RJWZKD 57

P 191400Z

FM 39 ADIV MISAWA AB JAPAN

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSO/UTIC WPAFB OHIO

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ONE ZERO DASH FIVE PD UNION FOXTROT OSCAR REPORT FOLLOWS CLN
ONE PD DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT PD ALPHA PD SHAPE CLN ROUND PD
BRAVO PD SIZE CLN SAMEAS LARGE SAUCER APPROX EIGHT INCHES IN
DIAMETER PD COCOA PD COLOR CLN WHITE PD DELTA PD NSOER CLN ONE PD
ECHO PD NOVEMBER SLASH ALPHA PD FOXTROT FEATURES CLN NONE GOLF PD
TAIL CLN WHITE TAIL CMM APPROX ONE SIX TO TWO ZERO TIMES AS LONG AS
DIAMETER OF OBJECT PD HOTEL PD SOUND CLN NONE PD INDIA PD UNUSUAL
FEATURES CLN SOURCE IMPRESSED BY CLOSE PROXIMITY CMM LARGE SIZE AND
BRILLIANCE OF OBJECT PD TWO PD DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT PD
ALPHA PD BRILLIANT LARGE WHITE LIGHT PD BRAVO PD OBJECT APPEARED AT
ABOUT THREE ³ ZERO ⁰ DEGREES ABOVE AIRCRAFT AT AN AZIMUTH OF ZERO ⁰ TWO ²
ZERO ⁰ DEGREES PD COCOA PD OBJECT DISSAPEARED AT ELEVATION OF ZERO ⁰
DEGREES TO FIVE ⁵ DEGREES ABOVE ALPHA SLASH COCCA AND AT AN AZIMUTH
OF APPROX THREE ³ ONE ¹ FIVE ⁵ DEGREES PD DELTA PD OBJECT DESENDED FROM NE

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TO SW AT AN ANGLE OF APPROX FIVE ZERO DEGREES IN A SLIGHT DOWNWARD
ARC PD ECHO TAIL FADED IN INTENSITY PRIOR TO DISAPPEARANCE SEMI CLN
DISAPPEARANCE OF OBJECT ITSELF WAS INSTANTANEOUS PD FOXTROT OBJECT
VISABLE FROM ONE HALF TO ONE SECOND PD THREE PD MANNER OF OBSERVATION
CLN ALPHA PD AIR VISUAL PD BRAVO PD NO OPTICAL AIDS USED PD COCOA
PD FOXTROT DASH ONE ZERO TWO ALPHA CMM TAIL NUMBER NINE FIVE NINE
CMM ALT THREE FIVE CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET PD HEADING THREE SIX
ZERO DEGREES CMM SPEED METRO ZERO POINT EIGHT CMM HOME STATION MISAWA
ALPHA BRAVO CMM JAPAN PD FOUR PD TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING CLN ALPHA
PD ONE EIGHT SLASH ZERO NINE ZERO ZERO ZEBRA PD BRAVO PD CLEAR CMM
DARK SEMI CLN NO MOON SEMI CLN VISIBILITY FIVE ZERO MILES CMM
UNLIMITED CEILING PD FIVE PD LOCATION OF OBSERVER CLN FOUR ONE
DEGREES ONE TWO MIN NORTH CMM ONE FOUR DEGREE FIVE NINE MIN EAST
PAREN SEVEN NOVEMBER METRO SIERRA WHISKEY OF OMINATO CITY CMM
HONSHU CMM JAPAN PAREN PD SIX PD INDIA DELTA INFO ON OBSERVER CLN
ALPHA PD NOVEMBER SLASH ALPHA BRAVO PD JOHN AA MONKVIC PAREN ALPHA
OSCAR THREE ZERO FIVE EIGHT SIX EIGHT ZERO PAREN CMM AGE TWO EIGHT
CMM ONE LIMMA TANGO CMM FOUR TANGO HOTEL FIGHTER INTCP SQDN CMM
FIGHTER INTCP PILOT CMM BRAVO DASH TWO PD SEVEN PD WEATHER CLN
ALPHA PD CLEAR/ESTIMATED FIVE ZERO MILE VISABILITY UNLIMITED CEILING
PD BRAVO PD WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY SEMI CLN SURFACE DASH

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THREE ZERO ZERO DEGREES AT FOUR KNOTS CMM SIX CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO
FEET DASH THREE TWO DEGREES AT THREE ZERO KNOTS SEMI CLN ONE ZERO
CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET DASH THREE ONE ZERO DEGREES AT THREE ZERO
KNOTS SEMI CLN ONE SIX CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET DASH TWO NINE ZERO
DEGREES AT FOUR ZERO KNOTS SEMI CLN TWO ZERO CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO
FEET DASH TWO SIX ZERO DEGREES AT FOUR FIVE KNOTS SEMI CLN THREE
ZERO CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET DASH TWO THREE ZERO DEGREES AT SEVEN
ZERO KNOTS SEMI CLN FIVE ZERO CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET DASH TWO FOUR
ZERO DEGREES AT ONE TWO ZERO KNOTS SEMI CLN EIGHT ZERO CMM ZERO ZERO
ZERO FEET DASH UNKNOWN PD COCOA PD CEILING CLN HIGH SCATTERED CMM
TWO EIGHT CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO TO THREE FIVE CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET
PD DELTAPD VISABILITY CLN TWO FIVE MILES PD ECHO PD CLOUD COVER
SEMI CLN ONE TENTH PD FOXTROT PD NONE PD GOLF PD SURFACE DASH FIVE TWO
DEGREES SEMI CLN SIX CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET DASH THREE THREE DEGREES
SEMI CLN ONE ZERO CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET DASH TWO SIX DEGREES
SEMI CLN ONE SIX CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET DASH ONE ZERO DEGREES SEMI
CLN TWO ZERO CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET DASH MINUS FOUR DEGREES SEMI
CLN THREE ZERO CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET DASH MINUS THREE EIGHT DEGREES
SEMI CLN FIVE ZERO CMM ZERO ZERO FEET DASH MINUS SEVEN TWO DEGREES
SEMI CLN EIGHT ZERO CMM ZERO ZERO ZERO FEET DASH UNKNOWN PD EIGHT
PD NONE KNOWN PD NINE PD NONE PD ONE ZERON D NONE KNOWN IN AREA PD

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ONE ONYIPD ALPHA PD FIRST LT SAMUEL HOTEL PD CLARKE JR PD CMM
INTEL OFFICER FOUR ONE SIX TAC FHWSQDN MISAWA AB CMM JAPAN PD
BRAVO PD REMARRS CLN (DURING INTERVIEW CMM TWO OTHER OFFICERS
ALOFT AT THE SAME TIME AS LT MONKVIC CMM STATED THAT THEY HAD
OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A LARGE METEORITE IN THE SAME GENERAL
AREA AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE SIGHTING PD SOURCE ALSO NOTED
RESEMBLENCE TO A SHOOTING STAR CMM BUT STATED THAT CMM IN HIS
OPINION CMM THE OBJECT WAS MUCH TOO LARGE AND BRIGHT TO BE A METEORITE
PD DUE TO LACK OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND OTHERS CONFIRMED OBSERVATIONS
FINAL ANALYSIS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME PD FURTHER INVESTIGATION
OF SIGHTING WILT BE CONDUCTED PD ONU TWO PD NONE PD
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