

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Dec 60		2. LOCATION Wheelus AB, Tripoli, Libya		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 0000 GMT 2216Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-6 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE N-S or SN-SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A ball of flame with tapering flaming tail 6 times diameter of ball. Ball was fire orange; tail, lighter shade of orange to yellow. Observer making visual weather observation, noticed object at 250°, elevation 14°. Uncertain as to azimuth and elevation at disappearance.				11. COMMENTS No a/c in area. Description and duration characteristic of meteor. Sputnik IV reentry this date; however description and duration indicate meteor observation.	

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FR 13WD0001-L DUTY OBSERVER AT WHEELUS AB
REPORTS SIGHTING OF A FALLING OBJECT LEAVING A TRAIL OF FLAME. OBJECT
SEEMED TO BE LARGER AND SLOWER THAT A SHOOTING STAR. DATE AND TIME OF
OBSERVATION, 02 DEC CURR, 2216 GMT. AZIMUTH, 250 DEGREES. ELEVATION, 14
DEGREES. MOVEMENT, FROM NORTH TO SOUTH OR FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTH
EAST.

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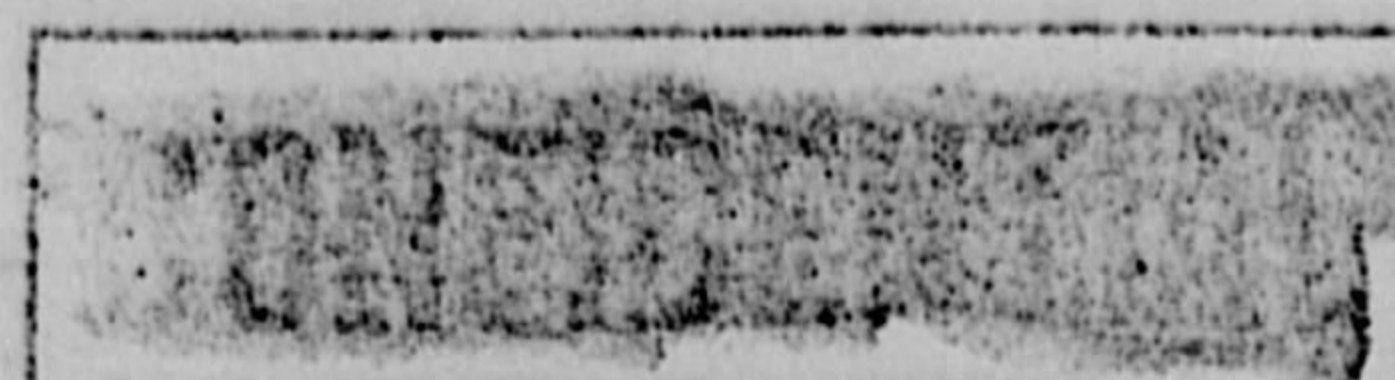
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ACTION ROUTINE				CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE CONF					
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SYMBOL AFCIN-LE2x TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) <i>Robert J. Friend</i> Maj Robert J. Friend PHONE 69216 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED			SIGNATURE <i>Philip G. Evans</i> TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE PHILIP G. EVANS Colonel, USAF Deputy for Science and Components						

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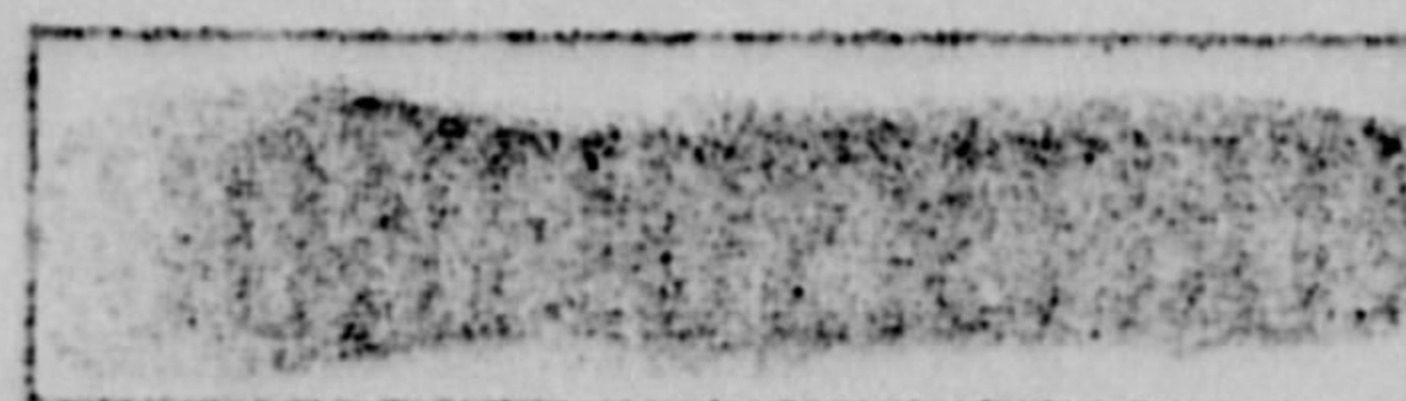
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UNCLAS 13WD 12-M-2.

YOUR AFCIN-4E2X 12-3528-E. SIGHTING INFORMATION PER AFR 200-2
FOLLOWS.

A. DISCRIPTION

- (1) A BALL OF FLAME WITH A FLAMING TAIL.
- (2). PEA SIZE TAPERING TAIL FROM SIZE OF BALL TO NIL. TAIL LENGTH
6 TIMES THE DIAMETER OF BALL.
- (3) COLOR, FIRE ORANGE, TAIL LIGHTER SHADE OF ORANGE TO YELLOW.
- (4) NUMBER, ONE ONLY.

B. SIGHTING RESULTED FROM

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(1) OBSERVER MAKING VISUAL WEATHER OBSERVATION AND NOTICED
OBJECT DURING OBSERVATION.

W AZ 250 DEGREES, ELEVATION 14 DEGREES.

(3) UNCERTAIN AS TO AZENUTH AND ELEVATION AT DISAPPEARANCE.

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(6) 5 - 6 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) FROM WEATHER OBSERVATION TOWER APPROXIMATELY 120 FT ELEV.

(2) NONE, EYESIGHT ONLY.

(3) N/A.

D. (1) 2216Z, 2 DEC 68.

(2) MIDNIGHT LOCAL TIME.

E. OBSERVER LOCATED ON CATWALK OF WEATHER OBSERVATION TOWER
LAT 32 DEGREES 54 MINUTES, LONG 13 DEGREES 15E NEAR TRIPOLI, LBYB.

F. OBSERVER A USAF WEATHER OBSERVER, [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER CONDITIONS CLEAR VISIBILITY 10 MILES, TEMPERATURE
53 DEGREES F, DEWPOINT 49 DEGREES F, WIND SURFACE 200/03, 6,000 FT
200, 10,000 FT 240/25, 16,000 FT 300/15, 20,000 300/25, 30,000 FT

260/40, 50,000 FT 250/45, 80,000 FT 260/43.

H. NEGATIVE.

I. N/A.

J. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC OR LEASE OF BALLOONS IN AREA AT THE
TIME.

K. MAJOR WININGER, COMBRET 13 PREPARING OFFICER, BELIEVE
THIS TO BE A BOATIFIED SIGHTING OF METEOR OR A REENTRY OF A SPACE
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