

STECK, D. V. Capt

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Dec 60		2. LOCATION 3915N 6400W (Wallops Island)		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 09/0202Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-3 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Sphere of very bright light, size of basketball orange center with blue rim. Trail of blue flame, length about 3 times diameter of object. No sound heard. Object similar to shooting star but much larger or like burning ball. Appeared 20° above horizon, azimuth about 180° from observer's position. Disappeared--elevation slightly below horizon, azimuth did not change. Object headed downward in a straight vertical path. Instantaneous disappearance below horizon.				11. COMMENTS This object has all characteristics of a meteor. The possibilities of its being the reentry of a satellite were checked and ruled out, due to fact that no event occurred at the hour and date. There is no evidence available which indicates that the object of this sighting was not a meteor.	

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RJEDSQ/ATIC WHIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON DC

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ACTION ADC, 26 ADIV (SAGE), ATIC, AFCIN, SAFIS. UFO REPORT. PER
PARAGRAPH 15, AFR 200-2, UFO SIGHTING IS REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. OBJECT DESCRIPTION (1) SPHERE OF VERY BRIGHT LIGHT (2) SIZE
OF BASKETBALL (3) ORANGE CENTER WITH BLUE RIM (4) ONE (5) NONE
(6) NONE (7) TRAIL OF BLUE FLAME, LENGTH ABOUT THREE TIMES DIA-
METER OF OBJECT (8) NO SOUND INVOLVED (9) OBJECT SIMILAR TO SHOOT-
ING STAR BUT MUCH LARGER OR LIKE BURNING BALL. B. COURSE DESCRIPT-
ION: (1) UNUSUAL COLOR, SIZE AND MOVEMENT OF OBJECT IN FIELD OF
VIEW FROM COCKPIT OF OBSERVING AIRCRAFT. (2) ANGLE OF ELEVATION

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24 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZONTAL, AZIMUTH ABOUT 130 DEGREES FROM
OBSERVERS POSITION (3) ELEVATION SLIGHTLY BELOW HORIZON, AZIMUTH
DID NOT CHANGE (4) OBJECT HEADED DOWNWARD IN A STRAIGHT VERTICAL
PATH (5) INSTANTANEOUS DISAPPEARANCE BELOW HORIZON (6) OBSERVED
FOR 2 TO 3 SECONDS C. MANNER OBSERVATION: (1) AIF-VISUAL (2)
NONE (3) OBSERVED FROM COCKPIT OF RC-121D, AIRCRAFT NUMBER 552131

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20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZONTAL, AZIMUTH ABOUT 180 DEGREES FROM
OBSERVERS POSITION (3) ELEVATION SLIGHTLY BELOW HORIZON, AZIMUTH
DID NOT CHANGE (4) OBJECT HEADED DOWNWARD IN A STRAIGHT VERTICAL
PATH (5) INSTANTANEOUS DISAPPEARANCE BELOW HORIZON (6) OBSERVED
FOR 2 TO 3 SECONDS C. MANNER OBSERVATION: (1) AIR-VISUAL (2)
NONE (3) OBSERVED FROM COCKPIT OF RC-121D, AIRCRAFT NUMBER 550131
AT 13,300 FEET, TRUE HEADING 240 DEGREES, SPEED 220 KNOTS TAS,
HOME STATION OTIS AFB, MASSACHUSETTS. D. TIME AND DATE:
(1) 292200Z (2) NIGHT E. LOCATION: 39 DEGREES 15 MINUTES
NORTH, 64 DEGREES 22 MINUTES WEST, ABOUT 600 N. M. EAST OF
BALTIMORE. F. OBSERVER: (2) DONALD V. STECK, CAPTAIN, 962
AEW&CON SQ, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, RELIABLE. G. WEATHER AND WINDS:
(1) BROKEN CUMULUS, CLEAR VISIBILITY, LIGHT TURBULENCE (2) NOT
AVAILABLE (3) TOPS OF CLOUDS 12,000 FT. (4) 30 TO 40 MILES (5)
NONE (6) NONE (7) NOT AVAILABLE H. NONE I. NONE J. OBSERVAT-
ION MADE IN IMPACT AREA OF WALLOPS ISLAND ROCKET TESTING FAC-
ILITY, NO FIRING OF ROCKETS SCHEDULED FOR THIS PERIOD.
K. CAPTAIN KEITH H. MOREHOUSE, WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER,
551ST AEW&CON WG. COMMENT: NO KNOW ASSOCIATED SIGHTINGS RE-
PORTED. 1. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OR PHOTOGRAPHS.

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