

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 Dec 60		2. LOCATION Rushville, Nebraska		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 2200 GMT 29/0400Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military and Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION (varied with observer) few sec to 1-3 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE descended to SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, size of basketball, white, trailing gray smoke. Appeared aprox 30° elev at aprox 180° first time; 05° at 160° second time. Disappeared aprox 30° elev at aprox 160°. Appeared to make level turn from azimuth of 180° to azimuth of aprox 160° from observers on first appearance. On second, course was straight until it disappeared below horizon. Faded gradually to SE first time and disappeared below horizon second time.		11. COMMENTS Several people reported object, one reported odor, one reported a sound like explosion. Majority estimated duration to be few sec, but two others estimated 1-3 min. Description is characteristic of bolide disintegrating. Direction indicates it was "Overtaking" the earth as it rotated, thereby staying in view longer than it would have otherwise. Odor possibly from federal highway next to that witness reporting it. Long duration reported by 2 witnesses could have been due to scattered clouds.			

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RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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COFS FOR AFCIN, OSAF FOR SAFIS. IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.

SUBJECT: UFO REPORT. FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 202-2: A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: 1. ROUND. 2. SIZE OF BASKET BALL AT ARMS LENGTH. 3. WHITE. 4. ONE. 5. NOT APPLICABLE. 6. NONE. 7. TRAILING GRAY SMOKE. 8. ONE WITNESS THOUGHT HE HEARD SOUND OF LIGHT EXPLOSION. OTHER WITNESS HEARD NOTHING. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: 1. HAPPENED TO GLANCE UP AND SEE IT. 2. APPROX 30 DEGREES ELEVATION AT APPROX 180 DEGREES FIRST TIME;

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25 DEGREES AT 150 DEGREES SECOND TIME. 3. APPROX 30 DEGREES ELEVATION AT APPROX 150 DEGREES. 4. APPEARED TO MAKE LEVEL TURN FROM AZIMUTH OF 180 DEGREES TO AZIMUTH OF APPROX 150 DEGREES

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CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLSC OF SIGHTINGS: 1. CLEAR AND COLD WITH
GOOD VISIBILITY. NO SURFACE WIND. 2. WINDS WERE: SURFACE SW/OBK;
6,000 FT 310/25; 10,000 FT 300/30; 16,000 FT 310/30; 20,000 FT 320/
25; 50,000 FT 230/35; 80,000 FT NOT AVAILABLE. 3. 10,000 FT
SCATERED. 4. 15 PLUS. 5. 3/12 6. NONE. 7. MODERATE SURFACE
INVERSION. SURFACE 11 DEGREES F. 300 FT ABOVE SURFACE 17 - 18
DEGREES F. H. NONE. I. NONE. J. NONE. K. INTELLIGENCE STAFF
OFFICER. AT APPROXIMATELY 2230 MST, 28 DEC 60 THE CONTROL TOWER
AT ELLSWORTH AFB, SDAK, RECEIVED TELEPHONE REPORT FROM SHERIFF AT
RUSHVILLE, NEBRASKA TO THE EFFECT THAT SEVERAL PERSONS HAD
SIGHTED AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT FROM WHICH BURNING PARTICLES WERE
FALLING AND THAT THE SIGHTING WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ODER OF TEAR
GAS AND A SMARTING SENSATION OF THE EYES. INVESTIGATING OFFICER

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ARRIVED AT RUSHVILLE MORNING OF 30 DEC. AND INTERVIEWED ALL
WITNESSES EXCEPT MR. [REDACTED] WHO WAS OUT OF TOWN. MRS. [REDACTED]
VIEWED THE OBJECT FROM HER WINDOW AND WHEN SHE WENT OUTSIDE
IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD EXPERIENCED A SHARP SMARTING OOF THE EYES
AND SMELLED A STRON ACID TYPE ODER. SHE CALLED SHERIFF HILLS WHO
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HIGHWAY AND IT IS CONCLUDED THAT THE ODOR AND THE SIGHTED OBJECT
ARE NOT ASSOCIATED. THE PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS PRIVATE AIRSTRIPS
SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF RUSHVILLE PLUS THE FACT THAT MR. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] REPORTEDLY TOLD OTHER OBSEVERS HE HAD SEEN THE SAME TYPE
LIGHT BEHAVE IN THE SAME MANNER BEFORE, LEADS TO THE CONCLUSION
THAT THE LIGHT PROBABLY WAS ON A SMALL PRIVATE AIRCRAFT WHICH

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TURNED JUST BEFORE REACHING RUSHVILLE AND DESCENDED BEHIND A
RIDGE SOUTH O THE TOWN. E. NONE.

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