

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Feb 61		2. LOCATION 100 NM WNW of Kalispell, Montana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical METEOR ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1920 GMT 210220Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oblong, cigar-shaped objt, size of dime to pea, green changing to dull orange. Broke up before disappearance. Possible short trail causing shape. A/c reported objt not moving fast enough to be a star. Appeared 30° above horizon. Disappeared on horizon. Suddenly broke up, then disappeared in one sec.				11. COMMENTS Description and duration is characteristic to type of meteor / called a bolide. Meteor was apparently in process of becoming a bolide when witnesses saw it.	

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ACTION: CIN-14

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (21)

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FM SPOKANE AIRDEFSEC LARSON AFB WASH

TO RJWFAL/HQ ADC ENT AFB COLORADO

RJWZBH/HQ 25 AIRDIV MCCHORD AFB WASH

RJEDSQ/HQ ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF AFCIN WASH 25 D C

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FOR INTELLIGENCE. SUBJECT, UFO REPORT.

1. A. OBLONG-CIGAR SHAPED.

B. DIME TO PEA

C. GREEN, CHANGING TO DULL ORANGE.

D. ONE.

E. N/A

F. OBJECT BROKE UP BEFORE DISSAPPEARANCE

G. POSSIBLE SHORT TRAIL CAUSING SHAPE.

H. N/A

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- I. AIRCRAFT REPORTED OBJECT NOT MOVING
FAST ENOUGH TO BE A STAR.
2. A. FLYING TARGET FOR INTERCEPT. ATTEMPTING
TO OBTAIN VISUAL ON FIGHTERS.
B. 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON- AT 10 O'CLOCK
C. ON HORIZON - AT 9 O'CLOCK
D. STRAIGHT LINE
E. SUDDENLY BROKE UP - THEN DISSAPPEARED
IN ONE SECOND.
F. 10 SECONDS
- E. A. AIRBORNE VISUAL
B. NO AIDS
C. T-33 35050 - 84 FTR GP.
39,000 FEET
180 DEGREES
210 K IAS
SPOKANE IAP WASHINGTON
4. A. 21/0220Z
B. NIGHT
5. OBJECT APPROX 30 NM NORTH OF KALISPELL

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MONTANA ON DISAPPEARANCE

OBSERVERS APPROX 100 NM WEST NORTHWEST
OF THIS POSITION.

6. A. N/A.

B. WILLIAMS, MAJ, 823 ACRON, COMMANDER, EXCELLENT
GORDON, 1/LT, 84 FTR GP., PERSONNEL, EXCELLENT

7. A. 2,000 FEET ABOVE FLAT CIRRUS DECK GIVING
GOOD HORIZON - EXCELLENT VISIBILITY ON TOP.

B. SFC 310/4 20,000 280/60

5,000 270/30 30,000 290/70

10,000 280/45 50,000 290/35

15,000 280/50

C. 35 SCATTERED 50 SCATTERED 100 BROKEN 300 BROKEN

D. 20 MILES

E. 6 TENTHS

F. N/A

G. 2 DEGREES PER 1000 FEET.

8. MOON DUST ALERT FOR SPUTNIK
OTHERWISE NONE.

9. N/A.

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10. N/A.

11. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, APPARENT VALID
SIGHTING. POSSIBLE SATELLITE VEHICLE
RE-ENTRY

12. NONE.

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