

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Mar 61	2. LOCATION 5 mi S of Minden, Nevada		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2210 GMT 180610Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright white, circular objt, size of pea. Objt had 2 bright lights close together. Source stated characteristics and lighting were not those of falling star. Objt sighted 10-20 miles SE of observer's position. Disappeared on horizon. Had arcing flight path. Upon impact at horizon generated bright orange glow for 5 sec.			11. COMMENTS Objt was possibly reentry of 61 Beta 3 or rocket body of Transit 1. It is also possible that it was a meteor. However, since it is not known where the artificial bodies reentered, a valid conclusion cannot be made as to nature of objt. Due to absence of other witnesses, this report is categorized as Insufficient Data.

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FOR USAF AFCIN, OSAF SAFIS. UFO. A. (1) CIRCULAR. (2) PEA
(3) BRIGHT WHITE. (4) ONE (5) N/A. (6) OBJECT HAD TWO BRIGHT LIGHTS
CLOSE TOGETHER. (7) SOURCE STATED NO TAIL OBSERVED. (8) NONE
(9) NONE. B. (1) SOURCE STATED THAT CHARACTERISTICS AND LIGHTING
WERE NOT THOSE OF FALLING STAR AND FOR THIS REASON WAS CAREFULLY
OBSERVED. (2) TEN TO TWENTY MILES SOUTH EAST OF OBSERVER'S POSITION
AT TIME FOR SIGHTING. (3) OBJECT DISAPPEARED ON HORIZON AT POINT
TEN TO TWENTY MILES SOUTHEAST OF OBSERVER. (4) ARCING FLIGHT PATH
LIKE THAT OF FALLING OBJECT. (5) OBJECT DISAPPEARED UPON IMPACT

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AT HORIZON GENERATING BRIGHT ORANGE GLOW FOR FIVE SECONDS (6) FIVE SECONDS PRIOR TO IMPACT. C. (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) NONE USED (3) N/A. D. (1) 0610Z 13 MAR 61. (2) NIGHT. E. OBSERVER WAS DRIVING SOUTH ON US HIGHWAY 88; SIGHTING MADE AT POINT FIVE MILES SOUTH OF MINDEN, NEVADA, BETWEEN GARDNERVILLE AND WOODFORDS. F. (1) ~~REDACTED~~, 32, MARKLEEVILLE, CALIF, ASSISTANT DISTRICT RANGER, TOYABE NATIONAL FOREST. SOURCE CONSIDERED RELIABLE BY SHERIFF OR ALLPINE COUNTY, CALIF. (INFORMATION WAS RELAYED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL). (2) N/A. G. (1) CLEAR AND NO RESTRICTION TO VISIBILITY (2) A. SURFACE, LIGHT AND VARIABLE. B. 6,000, 330/20. C. 10,000, 330/20. D. 16,000, 320/50. E. 20,000, 310/75. F. 30,000, 310/80. G. 50,000, 310/35. H. 80,000, 090/10 (3) NONE (4) FIFTEEN PLUS MILES. (5) NONE. (6) NONE (7) SURFACE PLUS 2 DEGREES C. 10,000 MINUS 12 DEGREES C. 20,000 MINUS 30 DEGREES C. 30,000 MINUS 51 DEGREES C 40,000 MINUS 50 DEGREES C. 50,000 MINUS 50 DEGREES C. H. NONE. I. N/A. J. NONE OAKLAND CENTER STATED NO AIR TRAFFIC WITH FLIGHT ROUTES THROUGH THAT AREA WERE OVERDUE OR MISSING DURING TIME AND PERIOD. K. SUGGEST SIGHTING MAY BE RELATED TO CLASSIFIED PROJECT MOONDUST ACTIVITIES EXPECTED TO OCCUR ON OR ABOUT 14 MARCH 61. THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY READS ASSISTANT SECTOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. L. NONE BT

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