

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 Mar 61	2. LOCATION 60 mi E of Springfield, Mo.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical Meteor ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0309 GMT 210909Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE NE - SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A/c crew flying on heading of 340°, altitude 26,000 at a point approx. 60 miles E of Springfield, -Mo., observed a green colored light sufficiently bright to light cockpit, very similar to ordinary green flare. At time of sighting pilot estimated it to be 1000' fm a/c. Did not appear to be moving extremely fast. Descended fm right to left. Left no trail.			11. COMMENTS Source does not state how long objt was viewed or azimuth and elevation when it was first and last observed. However, due to its brightness objt was possibly a meteor which exploded.

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ACTION: CIN-14

INFO : ARMY-30, NAVY-90, JCS-35, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11, CMC-8,
OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (217)

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RJWXBR/SAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

RJWFALB/CINC NORAD ENT AFB COLO

RFEMVB/CANAIRDEF ST HUBERT MONTREAL CANADA

RJEBKF/2AF BARKSDALE AFB LA

RJWFKF/33 AIRDIV RICHARDS-GEBAUR AFB MO

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REPORT SUBMITTED TO ST LOUIS CENTER 21/0909Z MAR 61, BY 384TH
BOMB WING B-47 NR 2092, CALL SIGN CHUM 13. WHILE FLYING ON
HEADING OF 340 DEGREES, ALTITUDE 26,000 AT A POINT APPROXIMATELY
60 MILES E OF SPRINGFIELD, MO. CREW OBSERVED A GREEN COLORED
LIGHT SUFFICIENTLY BRIGHT TO LIGHT COCKPIT, VERY SIMILAR TO
ORDINARY GREEN FLARE. AT TIME OF SIGHTING PILOT ESTIMATED IT
TO BE ABOUT 1,000 FEET FROM AIRCRAFT. #923;34, SINCE SAME LIGHT
WAS SEEN BY TWO ADDITIONAL B-47S IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA, DISTANCE

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UNDOUBTEDLY WAS MUCH GREATER. PILOT REPORTS THAT SOURCE OF
LIGHT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE MOVING AT EXTREMELY HIGH RATE OF SPEED AS
IT DESCENDED FROM HIS RIGHT TO LEFT. SOURCE OF LIGHT LEFT NO
TRAIL AS WOULD BE EXPECTED FROM METEORITE OR BURNING NOSE CONE.

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