

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 April 1961		2. LOCATION Pakistan, Karachi		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 _____ GMT 22/2230Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8-10 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Possible rocket sighting. Objt appeared to cross big dipper. Observer looking to E in Karachi, Pakistan. Objt moved from Big Dipper handle toward horizon from overhead estimated tremendous altitude. Objt consisted of 3 oblong pink pieces. Appearance of being gaseous. Maintaining same relative position throughout sighting. Also light intensity constant. Shape slightly oblong elongated. Shortened as sighting increased until objt disappeared. Space between objts 1/2 length of objt in trail. Some indication of jerkiness possible due to atmospheric distortion.				11. COMMENTS Duration of 8-10 sec in line with bolide observation. Rocket ruled out due to distance traveled by objt in relatively short time. Objt considered as sighting of a bolide type meteor.	

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ACTION: CIN-14
INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (21)

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PRIORITY

232040Z

FM USAIRA KARACHI PAKISTAN

TO CSAF WASH DC ATTN AFCIN-1B1

ATIC WPAFB OHIO ATTN AFCIN-4A

AFCRC HANSCOM FLD MASS

6937TH COMM GP PESHAWAR

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// [REDACTED] / THIS IS A PROJECT MOON ^{JUST} MSG X THIS MSG IN

TWO PARTS CMM PART ONE X THE FOLLOWING REPORT BY TWO MAAG PAKISTAN

OFFICERS CMM CONCERNING A POSSIBLE ROCKET SIGHTING CMM

IS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION QUOTE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT SIGHTING BY CLN

MERLIN LIMA CHARDI MAJOR CMM USAF THREE THREE SEVEN THREE FOUR ALFA

CONFIRMED BY CLN JAMES CIAZDKE LARSE LT SLASH COL USAF ALFA OSCAR DASH

FOUR TWO SEVEN FOURFOUR NIGHT TIME OF SIGHTING TWO X RK THREE ZERO

HRS ZULU TWO TWO APRIL ONE NINE SIX ONE X PLACE OF SIGHTING KARACHI

PAKISTAN X POSITION OF OBSERVER CLN OBSERVER LOOKING NORTH INTO BIG

DIPPER X OBJECTS DIRECTION OF TRAVEL CLN LINE OF TRAVEL IN STRAIGHT

LINE ACROSS LOWER PORTION OF BIG DIPPER HANDLE TOWARD NORTH STAR

APPROXIMATELY ONE ZERO DEGREES DOWN TOWARD HORIZON FROM STRAIGHT UP

OVER HEAD X ALTITUDE OF OBJECTS CLN ESTIMATED TO AT TREMENDOUS ALTITUDE

AS THOUGH TRAVELLING DIRECTLY BENEATH STARS X ESTIMATE OBJECTS

TRAVELLING IN FRINGE AREA OF ATMOSPHERE SPEED CLN ESTIMATED TREMENDOUS

SPEED AS OBSERVED IN RELATION TO STARS X SIGHTING OBSERVED FOR

AFHQ FORM 0-309a
NOV 39
PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM
MAY BE USED.

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MAXIMUM OF ONLY EIGHT TO ONE ZERO SECONDS X FROM FIRST SIGHTING
OVERHEAD ACROSS DIPPER HANDLE AND INTO NORTH STAR X DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT
SIGHTED X THREE DISTINCT OBLONG GASEOUS PINK COLOR PRN LESS BRIGHTNESS
THAN A STAR PRN TRAVELLING IN WHAT WOULD BE DESCRIBED AS CLOSE FORMATION
CMM ECHLONED TO THE RIGHT FROM OBSERVERS POSITION AT AN ANGLE OF FOUR
FIVE DEGREES X THE THREE LIGHTS SO OBSERVED TRAVELLED IN SAME RELATIVE
POSITION THROUGHOUT SIGHTING PERIOD AND LIGHT INTENSITY OF ALL THREE
REMAINED CONSTANT X SHAPE OF LIGHTS WAS SLIGHTLY ELONGATED SUCH AS CIGAR
SHAPE APPEARING TO BE ONE INCH IN LENGTH AND APPEARING TO BE SHORTER
IN LENGTH PROGRESSIVELY TOWARD THE END OF THE SIGHTING PERIOD
UNTIL DISAPPEARING COMPLETELY X RELATIVE POSITION OF THE THREE DISTINCT
LIGHTS TO EACH OTHER CMM WOULD BE ONE HALF THE LENGTH OF EACH LIGHT PRN
THAT IS THE SPACE SEPARATION BETWEEN LIGHTS PRN WOULD BE ONE HALF THE
LENGTH OF EACH LIGHT X THERE WAS A DEFINITE INDICATION OF JERKINESS
IN THE MOVEMENT SUCH AS TO SUGGEST ATMOSPHERIC DISTORTION OF THE LIGHT
TRANSMISSION END QUOTE X PART TWO X THIS MAY BE SIGHTING OF SPUTNIK
MAN IN SPACE ROCKET BODY REFERENCED IN AFCIN DASH ONE BRAVO ONE DASH
SIX TWO THREE SEVEN ZERO X REQUEST ANTICIPATED ZULU ORBIT TIME OVER
PAKISTAN IF BODY NOT YET DECAYED

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