

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 May 61		2. LOCATION Okinawa & Vicinity		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical <i>METEOR</i> ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2317 GMT 051417Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-5 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SE-NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Size and shape of dime held at arm's length. Greenish white with tail about twice the length of body of objt. No exhaust; no sounds. High speed; high intensity light. Angle of elevation aprox 20° above horizon arcing upward fm SE to NW.				11. COMMENTS Objt moved in wrong direction for it to have been a satellite reentry. Objt has all characteristics of a very bright type of meteor called a fireball. Duration and apparent long flight path suggests a very high meteoric speed.	

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THIS MESSAGE IN TWELVE (12) PARTS.

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: SIZE AND SHAPE OF DIME HELD AT ARM'S
LENGTH. ONE (1) GREENISH WHITE OBJECT WITH TAIL ABOUT TWICE THE
LENGTH OF BODY OF OBJECT. NO EXHAUST. NO SOUNDS. HIGH SPEED. HIGH
INTENSITY LIGHT.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: ALL OBSERVERS ATTRACTED
BY EXTREMELY BRIGHT LIGHT. ANGLE OF ELEVATION TO GROUND OBSERVERS
APPROXIMATELY 20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON ARCING UPWARD FROM SOUTHEAST
TO NORTHWEST WHEN FIRST ATTRACTED TO OBJECT. AIRBORNE OBSERVERS

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250 MILES WEST SOUTHWEST OF NAHA ON HEADING 085 DEGREES AT 7000 FEET
STATED OBJECT ARCED 2000 FEET TO 3000 FEET ABOVE AIRCRAFT PASSING
FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST. OBJECT APPEARED TO SUDDENLY DIAPPEAR
IMMEDIATELY AFTER REACHING APOGEE AND BEGINNING DESCENT. FLIGHT
PATH WAS LONG ARC PASSING FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST FROM NAHA AIR
BASE. OBJECT VISIBLE APPROXIMATELY 3 TO 5 SECONDS BY ALL OBSERVERS.D

PART III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: GROUND-VISUAL AND AIR-VISUAL.

AIR-VISUAL FROM L-23 AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER 3459 ENROUTE FROM TAIPEI
TO HAMBY ARMY AIR FIELD, OKINAWA HOME STATION. SPEED 140 KNOTS.

PART IV. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: 051417Z MAY 1961. NIGHT.

PART V. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS: GROUND OBSERVERS-NAHA AIR BASE,
OKINAWA. AIRBORNE OBSERVERS APPROXIMATELY 250 MILES WEST SOUTHWEST
FROM NAHA AIR BASE.

PART VI. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: CAPTAIN DENNIS M.
BOYLE AND CAPTAIN ANTHONY CARROL, 53RD AVIATION DETACHMENT, HAMBY
ARMY AIR FIELD, OKINAWA; A1C CLIFTON R. MADREN, ACW OPERATIONS, 623RD
ACW SQUADRON; SP4 DON BATTEN AND PFC EARL D. LETTS, ANTIAIRCRAFT
DEFENSE COMMAND POST, ADCC, NAHA RI BASE; A3C JOHN C. WATTS AND A3C
RICHARD L. TRAUGER, 51ST AIR POLICE SQUADRON. ALL OBSERVERS SINCERE
IN STATEMENTS AND CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

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PART VCI. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT: AIRBORNE OBSERVES REPORT
TERED CLOUD CONDITION AT 5000 FEET AT TIME OF SIGHTING. NAHA AIR
BASE WEATHER AND WINDS AS FOLLOWS:

WINDS	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
6000	270 DEG	10 KNOTS
10000	250 DEG	15 KNOTS
16000	230 DEG	10 KNOTS ^{KNOTS}
20000	200 DEG	20 KNOTS
30000	250 DEG	60 KNOTS
50000	260 DEG	60 KNOTS
80000	070 DEG	20 KNOTS

CEILING: 25000 VISIBILITY 15 MILES. CLOUD COVER ^{Broken} ~~BERET~~ STATUS

CIRRUS TEMPERATURE: 65 DEGREES.

PART VIII. NO KNOWN ACTIVITY OR CODITION WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR
SIGHTING.

PART IX. NO INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN.

PART X. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC OR BALLOON RELEASES.

PART XI. 51ST FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR WING INTELLIGENCE CHECKED ALL
POSSIBLE SOURCES OF OBJECT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AIRBORNE SOURCE
STATED 15 TO 20 SURFACE SHIPS IN AREA. ALTITUDE AND DISTANCE BETWEEN
AIRBORNE AND GROUND OBSERVERS RULES OUT POSSIBILITY OF FLARE.

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INTENSITY AND TRAJECTORY AGREED UPON BY ALL OBSERVERS.

OBSERVERS COULD NOT ESTIMATE DISTANCE FROM OBJECT.

PART XII. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OR PHOTOGRAPHS.

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250 MILES WEST SOUTHWEST OF NAMP

STATION OBJECT RANGED 2000 FEET TO

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