

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 Jul 61		2. LOCATION 7 mi SE of Manchester, Tenn.		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 0702 GMT 061302Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING When first sighted appeared as a line similar to an a/c condensation trail which faded for a fraction of a sec and then resumed and intensified until head-end glowed white to size of a pencil diameter before burning out. Trail length appeared to be approx ten times diameter of final white spot and followed a parabolic trajectory. Trail first of 20°. Initial sighting was at approx 35° elev and described a falling track to about 20° elev before disappearing.				11. COMMENTS There was no satellite reentry reported. Description is characteristic of a fairly rare phenomena called a daylight meteor. Majority of meteors that enter earth's atmosphere are so small that they cannot be seen during daytime. There are, however, a few meteors that are still fairly large when they enter earth's atmosphere and they can be seen leaving a trail similar to an a/c.	

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RJESKB/32ADIV DOBBINS AFB CA

RJEDSQ/FTD WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS FM AEY 7-11-1968. COFS FOR AFCIN. CSAF FOR SAFOI. "UFO"
FOLLOWING UFO INFORMATION SUBMITTED IAW PAR 15, AFR 200-2 CLN A.
UFO WHEN FIRST SIGHTED APPEARED AS A LINE SIMILAR TO AN AIRCRAFT
CONDENSATION TRAIL WHICH FADED FOR A FRACTION OF A SECOND AND THEN
RESUMED AND INTENSIFIED UNTIL HEAD-END GLOWED WHITE TO THE SIZE OF
A PENCIL DIAMETER BEFORE BURNING OUT. ONLY ONE WAS SIGHTED. TRAIL
LENGTH APPEARED TO BE APPROX TEN TIMES DIAMETER OF FINAL WHITE SPOT
AND FOLLOWED A PARABOLIC TRAJECTORY. NO SOUND WAS HEARD. B. OBSERVER.
ATTENTION WAS FIRST CALLED TO AFOREMENTIONED TRAIL. TRAIL WAS FIRST
OBSERVED ON 150 DEGREES MAGNETIC HEADING MOVING FROM LEFT TO

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PROBABILITY OF WEATHER BALLOON. POST INDEPENDENCE DAY FIRING OF FIREWORKS IN VISUAL RANGE OF OBSERVER IMPOSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN. DEDUCTION IS PHENOMENA CAUSED BY TERMINATION PHASE OF A ORBITAL OBJECT OF ATMOSPHERIC CAPTURE OF CELESTIAL BODY. L. NONE.

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