

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Jul 61		2. LOCATION Washington, D. C.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2045 CMT 120045Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 4		9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Star-like objt. Single objt breaking into 4 pieces. Moved fm zenith to 20° SW. Seemed to disintegrate. 3 pieces disappeared in 1 min, 4th 1 min later.				11. COMMENTS It is quite possible that objt observed was weather balloon released 15 min prior to sighting. It was reported that this balloon burst prior to reaching altitude at about time sighting was made.	

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ACTION: CIN-17
INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (24)

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UNCLAS OPG/0002G. U F O. A.(1) NO ANGULAR DIAMETER. (2)
LIKE A STAR. (3) WHITE. (4) SIGNAL OBJECT BREAKING INTO
4 PIECES. (5) NO FORMATION. (6) 1, 9, 3. (7) NONE. (8)
NO SOUND. B.(1) JUST HAPPENED TO LOOK UP. (2) MOVED FROM
ZENITH TO 20 DEG SOUTHWEST. (3) SEEMED TO DISENTEGRATE. (4)
ZENITH TO 20 DEG SOUTHWEST. (5) 3 PIECES DISAPPEARED IN ONE
MINUTE, THE FOURTH ONE MINUTE LATER. (6) 10 MINUTES. C.(1)
SIGHTING - VISUAL. D(1) 2045 EDT 11 JULY 1961.; (2) DUSK
(OFFICIAL SUNSET 2035). E. 3 BLOCKS FROM BUREAU OF STANDARDS
WASHINGTON D. C. F.(1) CIVILIAN - TECH J.L. AGE 25 - [REDACTED]

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ALBEMARLE ST., WASHINGTON 8 D.C. PRESUMED TO BE RELIABLY
PHYSICIST. G.(1) OBSERVERS ACCOUNT - SKY CLEAR TO SCATTERED-
COOL - DRY. 2. RECORDED WEATHER (HIGH THIN BROKEN) 15 MILES
WINDS SURFACE TO 15,000 FT. WEST 10KNOTS, 35,000 WEST 45KNOTS.
H. NO UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS. I. NO INTERCEPTION.
WEATHER BALLOON WAS RELEASED AT 1930 EDT 11 JULY 61 REPORTED
LY REQUIRING APPROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES TO OBTAIN AN ALTITUDE
OF APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES AND A DIAMETER OF APPROXIMATELY 24
FEET BEFORE BURSTING. THESE BALLOONS REPORTEDLY BURST AT
LOWER ALTITUDES AND THE PROJECTED BURSTING TIME OF THE
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