

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Charleston, West Virginia		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 _____ GMT 251017Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6-8 Sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Blue objt with yellow flame tail appearing as brilliant flash. Flew in arc with no maneuvers. Disappeared instantaneously.				11. COMMENTS Sighting has characteristics of meteor observation.	

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

SMB C 180

ZCHQD608ZCSUB352

PP RJEZHQ

ZNR ZFH1

CZCSUB855ZCYJA408

PP

DE RJEDBWL 8

ZNR

P 251700Z

FM 783D ACW SQUADRON GUTHRIE AFS CHARLESTON W VA

TO RJEZHQ/USAF WASH DC

RJEZHQ/COFS USAF

RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDAH/30AIR DIV TRUAX FLD WISC

RJEDSQ/AIR TECH INTEL CTR WRIGHT PATTERSON OHIO

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/UNCLAS/7830CO 09-952 FOR: SAFOI, AFCIN, ADOIN, 30OIN, ATIC,

UFO SIGHTING REPORT IAW AFR 200-2

PARA. 15

15 A. (1) OBLONG

15 A. (2) APPROXIMATELY TWO (2) MILES, 20 FEET WIDE

15 A. (3) BLUE

15 A. (4) ONE (1)

15 A. (5) N/A

15 A. (6) N/A

15 A. (7) YELLOW FLAME TRAIL SAME SIZE.

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15 A. (8) NONE

15 A. (9) OBJECT FLEW IN WIDE ARC

15 B. (1) BRILLIANT FLASH

15 B. (2) APPROXIMATELY 10,000 FEET, 170 DEGREES

15 B. (3) APPROXIMATELY 10,000 FEET, 150 DEGREES

15 B. (4) FLEW STRAIGHT AND LEVEL, NO MANEUVERS

15 B. (5) INSTANTANEOUSLY TO SOUTHEAST

15 B. (6) APPROXIMATELY SIX (6) TO EIGHT (8) SECONDS

15 C. (1) GROUND-VISUAL

15 C. (2) NONE

15 C. (3) N/A

15 D. (1) 25/1017Z

15 D. (2) DAWN

15 E. UNION CARBIDE CHEMICAL PLANT, [REDACTED] AVE, SW, CHAS, WVA.

15 F. (1) [REDACTED] AGE 36, [REDACTED] BOX [REDACTED] CHARLESTON, W. VA.

CHEMICAL MACHINE OPERATOR, UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION, RELIABLE
INDIVIDUAL.

15 G. (1) CLEAR EXCEPT FOR LIGHT HAZE.

15 G/ (2) SURFACE: CALM 6,000: 240 DEGREES 15 KTS, TEMP PLUS 16 DEGS C

10,000: 290 DEGREES MINUS 20 KTS, PLUS 7 DEGREES C

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16,000: 280 DEGREES 20 KTS MINUS 6 DEGREES C

20,000: 260 DEGREES MINUS 251 893,.8,4

2AP DEGREES C

30,000: 2 0 DEGREES 40 KTS MINUS 37 DEGREES C

50,000: 230 DEGREES MINUS 35KTS MINUS 67 DEGREES C

80,000: NOT AVAILABLE

15. G. (3) LIGHT OBSCURED

15 G. (4) ONE (1) MILE IN GROUND FOG

15 G. (5) NONE

15 G. (6) NONE

15 G. (7) MINUS ONE (1) DEGREE LER HOUR

15 H. NONE KNOWN

15 I. NONE

15 J. NONE KNOWN

15 K. ASSISTANT OPERATIONS OFFICER. BELIEVE CAUSE OF THIS SIGHTING TO BE REFLECTION OF A LARGESCONTROLLED FIRE AT UNION CARBIDE CHEMICAL PLANT/ BELIEF IS BASED ON WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF SIGHTING. DRIFTING GROUND FOG. INVESTIGATION WITH LOCAL FAA DETACHMENT AT CITY AIRPORT REVEALED NO AIRCRAFT IN AREA. THIS WAS SUBSTANTIATED BY INDIANAPOLIS ARTC. LOCAL FAA AND STATE POLICE DETACHMENTS ALSO HAD REPORTS.

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