

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Sep 61		2. LOCATION 1647N 14539E (NEAR ELAM)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 251040Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-1/2 hrs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one			
9. COURSE E					
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Moving cylindrical mass of flame, orange smoke and flame trailing. No ball. Flew in flat trajectory. No maneuvers. Faded or burned out.				11. COMMENTS No characteristics of meteor	

PART III. SECOND SIGHTING.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

- (1) CYLINDRICAL MASS OF FLAME, TAPERING SLIGHTLY.
- (2) ABOUT THE SIZE OF A GRAPEFRUIT.
- (3) ORANGE COLORED.
- (4) ONE.
- (5) N/A
- (6) N/A
- (7) NO SMOKE-FLAME TRAILED SLIGHTLY.
- (8) NONE



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(9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) BRIGHT LIGHT ATTRACTED ATTENTION AS IT MOVED RAPIDLY ACROSS THE SKY.

(2) ABOUT 60 DEGREES TO OBSERVERS RIGHT FLYING DIRECTLY SOUTH FROM A POSITION 25 MILES NORTH OF ANATHAN ISLAND, NORTH OF SAIPAN.

(3) OBJECT FLEW STRAIGHT AND LEVEL TO OBSERVERS FLIGHT PATH THEN FADED OUT-HOWEVER OBSERVER DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE OBJECT WAS OBSCURED BY CLOUD COVER AS THE SKY WAS CLEAR AND MOON WAS SHINING.

(4) THE OBJECT APPEARED TO MOVE IN A FLAT TRAJECTORY-NO MANEUVERS.

(5) FADED OUT OR BURNED OUT AS IT HEADED IN EASTERLY DIRECTION.

(6) 3-4 SECONDS APPROXIMATELY.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) AIR VISUAL.

(2) N/A

(3) KC-97; TIER-54; 15,400, 178 DEGREES, 235 KTS, ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE.

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(1) 25/1040Z.

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(2) NIGHT.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

(1) 1547N 14539E-25 MILES NORTH OF ANATMAN ISLAND.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) N/A

(2) RICHARD M. BUTLER, CAPTAIN, 32CARS, KC-97 AIRCRAFT COMMANDER.

RELIABILITY EXCELLENT.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) CLEAR WITH CLOUD COVER TO EAST. MOON WAS SHINING.

(2) SURFACE, 2 KNOTS AT 190 DEGREES; 6M, 6 KNOTS AT 220 DEGREES;

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10M, 25KNOTS AT 270 DEGREES; 16M, 14 KNOTS AT 040 DEGREES; 20M, 23 KNOTS AT 040 DEGREES; 30 M, 13 KNOTS AT 030 DEGREES; 50M, 51 KNOTS AT 040 DEGREES; 60 M, 13 KNOTS AT 080 DEGREES; 80M, NOT RECORDED.

(3) NO CEILING.

(4) 15 MILES.

(5) SCATTERED, HIGH, THIN CIRRUS CLOUDS AT 2500 AND 9000 FEET.

(6) NONE.

(7) SURFACE TEMPERATURE 73 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

H. N/A

I. N/A

J. N/A

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CAPTAIN BUTLER MAINTAINED THAT THE SIGHTING WAS DEFINITELY NOT CAUSED A NATURAL PHENOMENON. THIS OPINION WAS REINFORCED BY HIS CO-PILOT LT. BRUCE W. ROWLAND WHO ALSO TOOK PART IN THE SIGHTING. INITIAL ANALYSIS AS TO CAUSE OF SIGHTING-POSSIBLE RE-ENTRY OF SPACE VEHICLE.

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