

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 Oct 61		2. LOCATION Roswell, New Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1852 GMT 050152Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		☒ Was Astronomical <i>METEOR</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SSW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objt described as fireball entering atmosphere; blue, white with red and green tail longer than objt. Noticed 45° elev 90° az; followed arc similar to earth curvature.				11. COMMENTS Description, duration, etc., conform to observation of fireball-type meteor. No satellite reentries this date and pattern does not conform to reentry case listed as astronomical--probably meteor.	

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ACTION: CIN-17

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

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RJWFKF/33RD AIR DIV RICHARDS GEBAR AFB MO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS DCOI 17431. ACTION (AFCIN) (SAFIZ) HQ USAF;

INFO: (DI) 15AF.

SUBJECT (U) UFO. A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT: 1. FIREBALL ENTERING ATMOSPHERE. 2. SIZE OF GOLF BALL. 3. BLUE/WHITE WITH RED AND GREEN, POSSIBLE PURPLE, AS A BURNING METAL SUCH AS MAGNESIUM. 4. ONE. 5. NONE. 6. NO. 7. TAIL LONGER THAN OBJECT. 8. NONE. 9. NONE. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: 1. BRILLIANCE, SPEED AND SIZE. 2. 45 DEGREES TO 50 DEGREES ELEVATION AT AN AZIMUTH OF APPROXIMATELY 90 DEGREES. 3. ELEVATION SAME AS B-2, AZIMUTH 110 DEGREES TO 120 DEGREES. 4. FOLLOWED AN ARC SIMILAR TO CURVATURE OF EARTH. 5. NO

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DIMMING OR EXPLOSION. DISAPPEARED AS TURNING OUT A LIGHT.

6. APPROXIMATELY 10 SECONDS. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION.

1. GROUND-VISUAL. 2. NO AIDS. 3. N/A. D. TIME AND DATE OF

SIGHTING: 1. 0152 ZULU, 5 OCT 61. NIGHT. E. LOCATION OF

OBSERVER: TWO MILES SOUTH OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO OR ONE-HALF

THE DISTANCE BETWEEN ROSWELL AND WALKER AFB ON SOUTH SUNSET AVE.

COORDINATES 3321N/10432W. F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:

1. CAPTAIN [REDACTED] USAF, [REDACTED] COMMAND PILOT-

MAINTENANCE OFFICER, [REDACTED]

RELIABILITY IS EXCELLENT. G. WEATHER AND WINDS: 1. CLEAR WITH

EXCELLENT VISIBILITY, NO MOON. 2. WALKER AFB, WINDS ALOFT.

1900 MST, 4 OCT 61: SURFACE - 180 DEGREES AT 2 KNOTS; 6000 FEET

- 180 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS; 10,000 FEET -100 DEGREES AT 6 KNOTS;

16,000 FEET--020/DEGREES AT 9 KNOTS; 20,000--310 DEGREES AT 12

KNOTS; 30,000 FEET--290 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS; 50,000 FEET--300

DEGREES AT 30 KNOTS; 60,000 FEET--340 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS.

3. CEILING--UNLIMITED. 4. VISIBILITY--15 MILES. 5. CLOUD

COVER--HIGH SCATTERED, CIRUS. 6. NONE. 7. TEMPERATURE GRADIENT

ONE DEGREE FOR 100 MILES, ALL DIRECTIONS. H. NONE KNOW

I. NO ACTION TAKEN. J. NONE REPORTABLE. K. THIS REPORT IS

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BEING SUBMITTED BY THE PREPARING OFFICER FOR TWO REASONS: (1) CAPT. [REDACTED] THE OBSERVER, HAS SEEN PREVIOUS METEORITE ACTIVITY (SHOOTING STARS). ACCORDING TO HIS STATEMENT, THIS OBSERVATION DOES NOT FALL IN THE NATURAL ASTRONOMICAL BODIES CATEGORY. (2) LOCAL ROSWELL NEWS BROADCASTS (RADIO) OF 4 OCT 61 HAVE SPECULATED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW RUSSIAN SPACE ATTEMPT TO PUT MAN IN ORBIT FOR TWO WEEK PERIOD, TO BE RECOVERED ON OCTOBER¹ REVOLUTION DAY. PREPARING OFFICER: CAPTAIN PAUL J. BATES, USAF, 42167A, ASSISTANT CHIEF, ESTIMATES BRANCH, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION 6 BOMB WING. L. NONE.

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