

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Oct 61		2. LOCATION Mc ALLEN TEXAS 2645N 9815W		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 1900 GMT 270100Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE WNW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objt brilliant white with red glowing color & to rear trail 10 times length of long duration. Direction of WNW rules Flat trajectory and straight path fm ESE to WNW. Tail appeared to be caused by fragmentation of bojt.				11. COMMENTS Probable observation of fireball out satellite reentry.	

(FLYING SUPPORT), MISSION PILOT. ESTIMATED TO BE RELIABLE. G.
WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT: (1) IN CLEAR ABOVE RAGGED TOPPED CLOUDS
WITH SCATTERED CIRUS ABOVE. OBJECT WHEN FIRST OBSERVED WAS PARTLY
OBSCURED BY CLOUDS BUT EMERGED IN CLEAR. (2) AWS, HARLINGEN:
SFC 030/6, 6000 090/15, 10000 120/10/, 16000 260/10, 20000 270/15,
30000 29/40, 50000 300/45 AND 80000/NOT AVAILABLE. (3) 3000
WITH TIPS AT 1-000. (4) 15 MILES PLUS.. (5) 10/10 UNDERCAST,
4/10 CIRUS ABOVE. (6) NONE (7) SFC/23 DEGREES CENTIGRADE,
6000/11C, 10000/3C, 16000/-7C, 20000/-15, 30000/-40. 50 AND 80
THOUSAND NOT AVAILABLE. H. NONE. I. NONE. J. NONE. K. WING

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INTELLIGENCE OFFICE. POSSIBLE METEOR OR ROCKET BODY ENTERING THE
ATMOSPHERE. L. NONE.

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UFO REPORT. A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT. (1) OBLONG.

(2) HALF DOLLAR. (3) FRONT 1/4 OF OBJECT WAS A BRILLIAN T WHITE WITH AN AUREOLE ON THE LEADING EDGE. THE AFT 3/4 OF THE OBJECT WAS A GOLOWING RED COLOR. (4) ONE (5) NOT APPLICABLE. (6) NONE.

(7) TRAIL EXTEND BEHIND OBJECT APPROXIMATELY TEN TIMES THE LENGTH OF OBJECT AND APPEARED TO BE CAUSED BY FRAGMENTATION OF OBJECT. (8) NONE (9) NON B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT;

(1) OBSERVING AREA AROUND AIRCRAFT. (2) 60 DEGREES TO RIGHT AND 10 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON. (3) 10 DEGREES TO LEFT AND 10 DEGREES

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ABOVE HORIZON. (4) FLAT TRAJECTORY AND STRAIGHT PATH APPROXI-

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4 x 20

300°

37° 10°

MAIELY ESE TO WNW. (5) RAPIDLY TO WNW. (6) 20 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) AIRBORNE-VSUAL. (2) NONE.

() T-29C, AF 33463, ALT-13000FT, HEADING-310 EGREES, SPEED-140K
INDICATED. BASE-HARLINGEN AF BASE, TEXAS. D. TIME AND DATE OF

SIGHTING: (1) 0100Z, 27 OCT 61 (2) NIGHT. E. LOCATION OF

OBSERVER: 26 45N, 98 15 W. 35 NAUTICAL MILES NORTH OF MCALLEN,

TEXAS. F. IDENTIFYING INFO ON OBSERVERS (1) [REDACTED]

CAPT, [REDACTED]. IESTIMATED

TO BE RELIABLE. (2) [REDACTED], 1ST LT, [REDACTED]

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TO: HARLINGEN AFB, TEXAS <i>RJWFHG</i> UNCLASSIFIED TD-E <i>7-11-137</i> 3610TH NAVINGWG/YOUR UNCL MSG 0267 DTD 30 OCT 61 REPORTING A UFO SIGHTING. THE AZIMUTHS REPORTED FOR THE OBJECT DO NOT CORRESPOND WITH THE REPORTED FLIGHT PATH. REQUEST CLARIFICATION.					<i>071955Z</i> <table border="1" style="margin: auto; font-size: 0.8em;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">DATE</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">TIME</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">07</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><i>1455</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">MONTH</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">YEAR</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">NOV</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1961</td> </tr> </table>	DATE	TIME	07	<i>1455</i>	MONTH	YEAR	NOV	1961
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MESSAGE D-E 7-11-137, ^{FRIEND} 7 NOV 61. CLARIFICATION OF UFO REPORT.

WHEN FIRST SIGHTED OBJECT WAS 60 DEGREES TO OBSERVERS RIGHT
AND DISAPPEARED TO OBSERVERS LEFT 12 DEGREES. OBSERVERS WERE
PILOT AND CO-PILOT ON T-29 AIRCRAFT HEADED NORTHWEST. OBJECT
WAS MUCH NEARER OBSERVERS WHEN FIRST SIGHTED THAN WHEN IT
DISAPPEARED.

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