

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>3 Dec 61                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | 2. LOCATION<br>25N 12533W, & NE Vandenberg AFB                                                                                                                                                        |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <i>METEOR</i><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local 1.040505Z<br>GMT 2.040507Z                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Military                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>1. 5 sec 2. 2-4 sec                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>1                                                                                                                                                                             |  | 9. COURSE<br>Descending                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>1. Round bluish white objt with trail of flame or smoke, 20 times length of objt. Observed as bright light breaking into 4 pieces which faded. 2. Cirvis report of flaming objt observed falling as fast and disappearing into clouds. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>Objt has characteristics of meteor observation with exceptionally long tail. No satellite reentries this date and objt going wrong way for missile Case listed as astronomical--meteor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
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INCOMING

04/0505Z

AF IN : 22982 (4 Dec 61) M/doc

ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : SAFS-3, SSA-4, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1 -28-

SMB B 170

CZCHQE430ZCQJB933

PP RJEZHQ

DE RJWZSBA 3

ZNR

P 042150Z

FM 552 AEW C WG MCCLELLAN AFB CALIF

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWZSB/28TH AD HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/COFS WASHINGTON D C

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASHINGTON D C

RJEDSQ/COSMATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

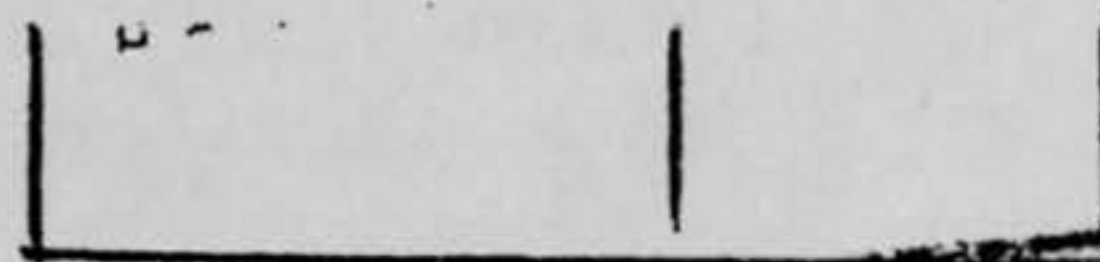
RJEZDK/PROJECT SPACETRACK L G HANCOM FLD MASS

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FOR COFS PASS TO AFCIN AND AFCIN-1B1, FOR OSAF PASS TO SAFIS,  
FOR COSMATIC PASS TO AFCIN-4A. MOON DUST REPORT. THE FOLLOW-  
ING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN AFR 200-2 FORMAT:

ALFA: (1) ROUND (2) DIME (3) BLuish WHITE (4) ONE (5) N/A  
(6) NONE (7) TRAIL OF FLAME AND POSSIBLY SMOKE APPROX TWENTY  
TIMES LENGTH OF OBJECT (8) NONE (9) NONE. BRAVO: (1)



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4/0507 z

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AF IN : 22349 (4 Dec 61) PE/au

ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : ARMY-2, NAVY-2, CMC-7, JCS-35, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11, OOP-2,  
OOP-CP-1, DIA-2, (SAFS-3 (105))

SMB B 004

CZCHQA085ZCQJA688

YY RJEZHQ

DE RJWZJB 3A

ZNR

Y 040727Z ZEX

FM LOS ANGELES AIR DEFENCE SECTOR CALIF

TO RJWZSB/28TH AIR DIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJWFALB/CINCNORAD ENT AFB COLO

RBWPPG/WESTERN SEA FRONTIER SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

RJEZHQ/CHIEF OF STAFF USAF WASH DC

RFEMC/RCAF AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ST HUBERT CANADA

RCWNC/CANFLAGPAC ESQUIMALT BC

AF GRNC

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1. CIRVIS REPORT.
2. USAF T33 NUMBER 70572 PILOTS LTCOL GAYLORD  
AND CAPT. JOHNSON VANDENBURG AFB CALIF
3. UNIDENTIFIED FAILING FLAMING OBJECT
  - A. ONE OBJECT
  - B. FAILING FLAMING OBJECT

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TO: MAY FRIEND

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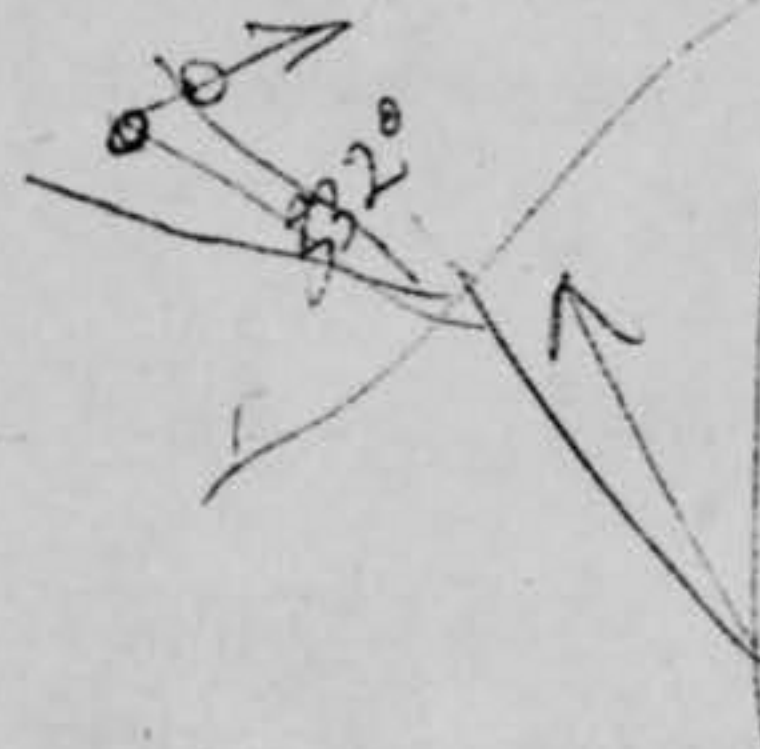
VERY BRIGHT LIGHT (2) 45 DEG ELEV, 25 DEG LEFT OF ACFT  
(3) 30 DEG ELEV, 35 DEG LEFT OF ACFT (4) DESCENDING  
(5) FLARED UP AND DISINTEGRATED INTO APPROX FOUR PIECES WHICH  
RAPIDLY FADED OUT (6) FIVE SECONDS. CHARLIE: (1) AIR VISUAL  
(2) NONE (3) RC-121D, ETHAN 33, 12000 FT, 332 DEG TRUE, 168 KTS,  
MCCLELLAN AFB CALIF. DELTA: (1) 040505Z (2) NIGHT. ECHO: 37

25 N,

125-33W. FOXTROT: (1) N/A (2) JOHNSON, T.L., CAPT, 965TH AEW&C  
SQ, PILOT, 4300 HRS. GOLF: CLEAR, UNDERCAST WITH TOPS AT 5000 FT  
(2) SURFACE - 030/10, 6000 - 010/12, 10000 - 360/20, 20000 - 360/30,  
50000 - 350/40; STRONG INVERSION 3000 FT TO 5000 FT, WEAK INVERSION  
5000 FT TO 8000 FT (3) 5000 FT (4) 15 PLUS (5) BROKEN (6) NONE  
(7) MINUS TWO, NORMAL LAPSE RATE. HOTEL: NONE. INDIA: NONE.  
JULIET: UNKNOWN. KILO: 2LT RICHARD A KAHANE, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER,  
POSSIBLE METEOR OR RE-ENTERING ESV. LIMA: NONE.

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04/2200Z DEC RJWZSBA



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4. ON 050 DEG RADIAL OF GORVITOA CALIF VOR 45 MI. N.E. IN  
VICINITY VANDERBERG AFB CALIF
5. 040507Z
6. 26000 FEET.
7. 160 DEG FALLING
8. FAST.
9. SIGHTED FROM 2 TO 4 SECONDS AT 26000 FT DISSAPEARED INTO CLOUDS  
AT 20000 FT.

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04/0728Z DEC RJWZJB

NOTE : Advance copy delivered to OOP-CP & CIN on 040330L Dec 61

04/0507Z ASTRO Meteor ufo

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TO 040941Z

AF IN : 22411(4 Dec 61)

FM COMWESTSEAFRON

TO CINCPACFLT

AF DIST: CIN-14, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1,  
SAFS-3 (20)

INFO PACMISRAH PT MUGU CALIF  
COMFIRSTFLT  
SECNAV  
CNO

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TO: NAV FRIEND

CIRVIS REPORT

A. LOS ANGELES AIR DEF SECTOR CALIF 040727Z (NOTAL)

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1. REF A QUOTED IN FULL

1. CIRVIS REPORT

2. USAF T33 NUMBER 70752

3. UNIDENTIFIED FALLING FLAMING OBJECT

4. ON 050 DEG RADIAL OF GORVITOA CALIF VOR 45 MI. N.E. IN  
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5. 040507Z

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COGARD...CIA...MRCC...DIRNSA...NAVAIDE...FLAGPLOT...BFR...00D...JCS(J2)

NIC...CSAF...00

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7 9. SIGHTED FROM 2 TO 4 SECONDS AT 26000 FT DISAPPEARED INTO CLOUDS AT 20000 FT.

2. EVALUATED NO THREAT BELIEVED TO BE METEORITE BASED ON REPORTS RECEIVED BY COMWESTAREACOASTGUARD FROM NUMEROUS PARTIES OVER A WIDE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA, FROM FT BRAGG CALIF TO MONTEREY PENINSULA, FROM PAN-AM AIRCRAFT OFF PACIFIC COAST TO SIERRA NEVADA MTNS.

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