

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Dec 1961		2. LOCATION 20 NM W of Junction, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 13/0409Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>DECAY 61A EPSI</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25-30 Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE Descending		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Meteor like object white, yellow red. First glowed as sphere. Exploded into segments.			11. COMMENTS Observation of decay of 1961A Epsisi is possible. Revolution on decay report. All characteristics of reentry are present.		

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-CP-1, OOP-2, DIA-2, **SAPS-3** (26)
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FM 3619 NAVTNGW HARLINGEN AFB TEX

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFHW/33AIRDIV OKLA CITY AF STN OKLA

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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UNCLAS FROM O-129-M FOR AFCIN AND SAFIS AT HQ USAF.

UFO REPORT. A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT. (1) METEOR-LIKE.

(2) OBSERVED TO BE PEA SIZE. (3) FIRST WHITE THEN YELLOW TO
YELLOWISH RED. (4) ONE. (5) NOT APPLICABLE. (6) NONE.

(7) METEOR-LIKE ATMOSPHERIC ENTRY PROLONGED IN COMPARISON AND
BRIGHTER BY FAR THAN OTHER OBSERVATIONS MADE WITHIN MINUTES OF

SUBJECT SIGHTING. (8) NEGATIVE. (9) OBJECT FIRST GLOWED AS A
SPHERE THEN SEEMINGLY EXPLODED INTO A DOUBLE EFFECT CHANGING FROM
WHITE TO YELLOW THEN AGAIN SEEMED TO DISINTEGRATE INTO FOUR OR MORE
SEGMENTS WITH A REDISH YELLOW GLOW BEFORE DISAPPEARING. B. (1)

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BOTH PILOTS WRE OBSERVING THE AREA WHILE RETURNING FROM NIGHT NAVIGATION TRAINING MISSION. SEVERAL METEOR SIGHTINGS HAD BEEN MADE AND BOTH HAD COMMENTED ON THE FREQUENCY OF SIGHTINGS. THIS WAS NORMAL FOR SUCH A MISSION DURING THIS PERIOD. WHEN SIGHTED AS A GLOW BOTH PILOTS WITNESSED ITS PROGRESS. (2) ELEVATION WHEN FIRST SIGHTED 45 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON VERTICALLY DESCENDING APPROXIMATELY 25 DEGREES RIGHT FROM AIRCRAFT MAGNETIC HEADING. (3) APPROXIMATELY 10 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON. (4) VERTICALLY DESCENDING TO DISENTERGRATION. (5) TWO EXPLOSIVE DISENTERGRATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN SKY. (6) 25-30 SECONDS. C. (1) AIRBORNE-VISUAL. (2) NOE. (3) T-29, AGNES 36,7500, 155 DEGREES MAG. 190 KTS TRUE, HARLINGEN AFB. D. (1) 13/0409Z DECEMBER 61. (2) NIGHT. E. 30 30 N 100 50 W (20 NM. WEST JUNCTION, TEXAS). F. (1) NOT APPLICABLE. (2) ~~REDACTED~~ #. MAJOR, 3610TH NTW A/C; ~~REDACTED~~ CAPTAIN, SAME CP. G. (1) CLEAR ABOVE. (2) 6000-190/25 10,000-220/30 16,00-250/50 20,000-240/70 30,00-24/110 50,000-240/90 80,000 NOT AVAILABLE. (3) MEASURED 2700 FT OVERCAST. (4) VISIBILITY 15 STATUTE MILE. (5) 10/10. (6)

NONE. (7) TEMP 40 DEW PT 16. H. NONE. I. NONE.

J. NONE. K. WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. PROBABLY METEOR.

POSSIBLY ROCKET BODY. L. NONE.

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