

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 Jan 61		2. LOCATION Humboldt, Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1730 GMT 06/2330Z		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 Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-2 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observer witnessed what he thought was a satellite decay. Observation after sunset during twilight. Object described as a ball of fire (whitish) moving toward the SW for 1-2 sec at which time it disintegrated.				11. COMMENTS Observation of meteor.	

1 Jan 1961

United States Air Force
Wash. D. C.
Attn: Chief of Staff

Sir:

On the 6th of January 1961 at
approximately 1730, I observed
what I believe to have been the
end of a satellite. There has
been no mention of this on the
radio and I send this report
hoping it may be of some value.
This observation was made after
sun down but during day light.
I observed a ball of fire (whitish
color) traveling at a high rate of
speed from northeast to southwest.
This lasted no more than one or
two seconds when the ball of fire

discovered in intensity and broke
up in several pieces and disappeared,
some 8 miles west of Humboldt,
Kansas and above object was to the
southeast of my position which
would have placed it approximately
over Chanute, Kansas. Trusting
this information may be of value.

Respectfully,


Clarence L. Jones

JESSEPH, Albert

U F O ANALYSIS SHEET

DATE 6 January, 1961 LOCATION Humboldt, Kansas
DATE TIME GROUP LOCAL 1730 GMT 6/2330Z
PHOTO YES NO XX PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES NO XX
SOURCE MILITARY CIVILIAN XX TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-2 Seconds NUMBER OF OBJECTS One COURSE SW
SATELLITE: IN ORBIT: VERIFY YES: NO: DECAY: None This Date
ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA Probably
METEOR Probably
STAR OR PLANET
OTHER
AIRCRAFT N/A
BALLOON N/A
INSUFFICIENT DATA N/A
OTHER N/a
REFLECTION INVERSION PRESENT PHOTO ANALYSIS
SUN DOG LENTICULAR CLOUD PHYSICAL SPECIMEN ANALYSIS

BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING:

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EVALUATION: CASE CATEGORY: Astro (Meteor)
CONCLUSION: Observation of meteor.