

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 May 1962		2. LOCATION Montana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <i>Meteor</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <i>Meteor</i> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 28/2050 GMT 29/0502		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military and Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE N/S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Crow Members of many aircraft flying in NW United States, particularly Montana, sighted UFO on 28 May 62. Object was described as a white, bright light. With no trail or exhaust. Object was observed to be traveling fm N to S at high elevation. Object was observed to be breaking up and one witness indicated possibility of navigation light. Object disappeared instantly.				11. COMMENTS Object possesses all characteristics of class of meteor known as a fireball. There was no re-entry of a Satellite on this date which could have been responsible for this incident. It is concluded that this object was a meteor of the fireball class.	

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ACTION: CIN-17

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INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-7 (31)
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PP RJEZHQ

ZNR ZDK

PP RJWFAL RJEDSQ RJEDKA RJEZHQ

DE RJWFKFH 16A

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FM GREAT FALLS ADS MALMSTROM AFB MONT

TO RJWFAL/HQ ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFKF/29TH AIR DIV RICHARDS GEBEUR AFB MO

RJEDSQ/FTD WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF AFCIN WASH 25 DC

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY AIR FORCE SAFIS WASH 25 DC

INFO RJEDKA/MIADS MINOT AFB NDAK

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UFO. 1. THE FOLLOWING REPORTS WERE RECEIVED FROM FAA NITE
CONTROLLER, MILES CITY, MONTANA, THROUGH GREAT FALLS CENTER BY
SENIOR DIRECTOR, GREAT FALLS. ADS AT 290623Z. 2. REPORT BY MILES
CITY FAA. A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. (1) SHAPE-UNK. (2) SIZE-
UNK. (3) COLOR: WHITE, BRIGHT, LIGHT. (4) ONE. (5) N/A. (6) NO
DISCERNIBLE DETAILS. (7) NO DISCERNIBLE TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST. (8)
NO DISCERNIBLE SOUND. (9)--. B. COURSE OF OBJECT. (1) UNK.
(2) ELEVATION-HIGH ON HORIZON TO N. (3) DISAPPEARANCE-HIGH ON
HORIZON TO S. (4) N TO S-NO MANEUVER. (5) VERY FAST - TO S.

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(6) UNKNOWN. CA. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1) AIR VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) UNITED AIR LINE FLIGHT 801 ENROUTE SAN FRANCISCO; UNITED AIR LINE FLIGHT 729 ENROUTE SALT LAKE; ALTITUDE 35,000; HEADING S.W.; SPEED UNKNOWN; HOME STATION-UNKNOWN. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. (1) 29/0350Z. (2) LIGHT-NIGHT. E. LOCATION OF MOBSERVERS. (1) BOTH AIRCRAFT ON AIRWAYS NW OF CRAZY WOMAN.

3. REPORT BY KAREN [REDACTED], C-135. A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. (1) NO PARTICULAR SHAPE. (2) ABOUT "AIRCRAFT SIZE". (3) "BURNING" - NO OTHER COLOR STATED. (4) ONE. (5) --. (6) APPEARED TO BE BURNING, WITH BURNING PEICES FALLING OFF. ALL CREW MEMBERS AGREED THAT THERE WERE WHAT APPEARED TO BE NAVIGATION LIGHTS, WHICH WERE NOTICED SUBSEQUENT TO THE BURNING PIECES FALLING OFF. APPEARED TO BE 5 MILES AHEAD OF AIRCRAFT. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) VERY HIGH SPEED. PILOT ESTIMATES PASSED 5 MILES AHEAD OF HIS AIRCRAFT-KEPT A LEVEL FLIGHT.

B. COURSE OF OBJECT. (1) UNK. (2) APPROXIMATELY LEVEL WITH ACFT. (3) APPROXIMATELY LEVEL WITH ACFT. (4) N TO S-NO MANEUVERS. (5) VERY HIGH SPEED TO SOUTH. (6) UNK. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1) AIR-VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) KAREN [REDACTED], C-135, OUT OF MINOT, 31,000, HEADING 270 DEGREES, SPEED UNKNOWN. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. (1) 29/0546Z. (2) NIGHT. E. LOCATION-OBSERVER.

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(1) 20 MILES NW OF CUT BANK. 4. REPORT OF NW 707 (BOEING 720).
A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. (1) ROUND. (2) "LARGE". (3) UNK.
(4) ONE. (5) --. (6) BUG BURNING PIECES FALLING OFF. (7) NO TAIL,
TRAIL OR EXHAUST. (8) NO SOUND REPORTED. (9) LEVEL FLIGHT. B.
COURSE OF OBJECT. (1) UNK. (2) UNK ELEVATION-TO NORTH. (3) UNK
ELEVATION-TO SOUTH. (4) EXTREME NORTH TO EXTREME SOUTH-NO
MANEUVERS. (5) UNK. (6) UNK. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1)
AIR-VISUAL. (2) NO OPTICAL AIDS. (3) BOEING 720, NW 707,
39,000, HEADING 270 DEGREES. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING.
(1) 29/05461/2Z. (2) NIGHT. E. (1) 9:-589, 91 9234;34. (1) 25
N.M. NE OF MISSOULA (APPROXIMATELY 80 N.M. SSW OF KAREN17.)
F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVATION. (1) NOT REPORTED (NITE
CONTROLLER, MILES CITY, MONT, FAA). (2) NOT REPORTED (CREW OF
KAREN17. MINOT AFB, NDAK). G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT
CONDITIONS. (1) NOT REPORTED. (2) LIGHT AND VARIABLE, ALL LEVELS.
(3) NOT REPORTED. (4) NOT REPORTED. (5) NOT REPORTED. (6) EXTREME
ATMOSPHERE INSTABILITY. (7) NOT REPORTED. H. UNK. I. NONE,
NO ACQUISITIONS BY RADAR REPORTED. J. 29TH AD ADVISED MINOT ADS
THAT AT 290300Z, 60 FOOT PLASTIC BALLOON WAS LOOSE IN VICINITY OF
SHERIDAN, WYOMING. K. CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE, GREAT FALLS AIR DEFENSE

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SECTOR. POSSIBLE SIGHTING OF BALLOON REFERENCE ABOVE, IN AREA OF THUNDERSTORMS, ALTHOUGH SPEEDS REPORTED DO NOT CONFORM WITH KNOWN WIND VELOCITIES. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE OBTAINED FROM CREW OF KAREN BY INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES AT MINOT AFB. POSSIBILITY OF DECAYING SATELLITE PAYLOAD PACKAGE, FOLLOWED BY ROCKED BODY WITH ELEVATION AND DISTANCES REPORTED WITHOUT ADEQUATE REFERENCE.

L. NONE.

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