

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 July 1962		2. LOCATION Westover AFB, Massachusetts		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ 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	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 13/0133Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE 350 dgr	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White obj like star and star sized, observed in sequence of four flashes fm 40 dgr elev at 170 dgr passing zenith to 40 dgr elev at 350 dgr. Obj not visible while not flashing. Disappeared in haze. Four flashes. Evenly spaced. WX hazy w/broken clouds moon & bright stars visible, 7,000 scattered high scattered. Vis 6 mi smoke & haze. Less than 3/10. Observer considered sighting like satellite booster in near polar orbit. No estimate on alt. Not a/c.				11. COMMENTS Obj considered as a possible meteor. WX conditions such that obj appeared only for periods through broken clouds. Dimness attributed to smoke, haze & atmospheric conditions present at time. Arc of 100 dgr in 4 sec puts speed of obj in meteor class if at alt stars .	

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OVER AFB MASS. PART SIX. F. (1) N/A (2) MSGT JAMES G.

PETERS, HRS 99 BOMB WING WAFB, STABLE AND CALM RELIABLE OBSERVER.

17 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY. PART SEVEN. G. (1) HAZY WITH BROKEN

CLOUDS, MOON AND BRIGHT STARS VISIBLE. (2) SURFACE, 180/5;

3000', 280/15; 10000', 290/10; 16000', 280/20; 20000', 260/20;

30000', 270/30; 50000' 260/35. (3) 7000 SCATTERED, HI SCATTERED.

(4) SIX MILES, HAZE AND SMOKE. (5) LESS THAN 3/10. (6) NONE.

PART EIGHT. H. NONE. PART NINE. I. NONE. PART TEN. J.

NONE KNOWN. PART ELEVEN. K. TSGT M. LIEBERMAN, NCOIC, COMBAT

INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, INT. DIV 99 BOMB WING WESTOVER AFB MASS.

MSGT PETERS STATES THAT HE BELIEVES OBJECT TO HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN

LAST STAGE OF SATELLITE BOOSTER IN NEAR POLAR ORBIT. TUMBLING

WOULD GIVE FLASHING LIGHT EFFECT. OBJECT NOT ECHO 1. MSGT

PETERS STATES THAT HE COULD NOT ESTIMATE HEIGHT OF OBJECT BUT IS

SURE THAT IT WAS NOT AN AIRCRAFT. SAYS HE SAW ONE PREVIOUSLY IN

CONNECTION WITH KNOWN SATELLITE. INVESTIGATOR INCLINED TO AGREE

WITH MSGT PETERS' ESTIMATE FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE TO CONTRARY.

PART TWELVE. L. NONE.

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4 planes out

Westover

NO

passed over zenith

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Not visible when light was out

Speed fast. Too fast for A/C

would have been low enough to hear to go

thru 100° arc of pass zenith

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UNCLAS 99DCOI 9489. CSAF; FOR (AFCIN). CSAF, FOR

(CAFCI). REFERENCE AFR 200-2, PARA 15. THIS MESSAGE

CONSISTS OF TWELVE (12) PARTS. PART ONE . A. (1) LIKE STAR.

(2) STAR SIZED. (3) WHITE. (4) ONE. (5) N/A. (6) NONE.

(7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) OBJECT FLASHED AS IT MOVED. PART TWO. B.

(1) LIGHT BLINKING. (2) 40 DEGREES ELEV 170 DEGREE AZ. (3) 40 DEGREE

ELEV 350 DEGREE AZ. (4) STRAIGHT PATH. (5) DISAPPEARED IN HAZE.

(6) FOUR SECONDS. PART THREE. C. (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2)

NONE. (3) N/A. PART FOUR. D. (1) @133Z 13 JULY. (2) EIGHT.

PART FIVE. E. CORNER PENDLETON AVE AND MCKENNIE ROAD, WEST-

TELEPHONED

TO AFB

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