

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 31 January 1963		2. LOCATION Atlantic OS ECHO		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 31/0600Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military & Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE exploding	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Four air sightings of bright flash or explosion. Report of white light moving in southern sky toward horizon at rate of shooting star. Short tail of sparks or debris & obj exploded with sufficient brilliance to light up sea for 5-10 seconds. Explosion described by some witness as like shower of sparks from sky rocket. MERINT rpt from USS Dunbar.				11. COMMENTS Object viewed by several sources over wide area. Description characteristic of bolide type meteor.	

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ACTION: CIN-17

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INFO : OOP-1, OOP-CP-2, SAFS-3, ARMY-2, NAVY-2, CMC-8, JCS-35, DIA-15
DIA-CIIC-2, OSD-15, NSA-7, CIA-11 (122)
SMB C291

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RUCKDT/COMASWFORLANT

RUEGUH/COMEASTSEAFRON

RCEOM/CANCOMARLANT

RCCSC/CANAIRDEF

RUEASN/TWO SIX NORAD DIV SYRACUSE NY

RUWGHV/THREE TWO NORAD VIS OKLA CITY OKLA

INFO RUECJD/COMDT COGARD

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FOLLOWING FROM OS ECHO AT 310725Z QUOTE FOLLOWING ACFT REPORT

BRIGHT FLARE OR EXPLOSION REPAY 40, 310622Z, 33-30N 56-55W

REPAY 37, 310605Z, 33-10N, 56-55W, MATS 17231, 310607Z, NO POSN

GIVEN 4YE WITNESSED SAME BEARING APPROX 170T, ELEV 25 DEG AT

310600Z. PROCEEDING DOWN THIS BEARING UNQUOTE.

BT NOTE: ADVANCE COPY DELIVERED TO CIN, OOP-CP, DIA.

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INFO : OOP-1, OOP-CP-2, SAFS-3, DIA-15, DIA CIIC-2 (41)

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A. YOUR 310755Z

B. MY 310731Z

1. AT 310600Z WATCH PERS OBSERVED WHITE LIGHT MOVING IN SOUTHERN SKY FROM RIGHT TO LEFT AND FROM 30-40 DEG ELEVATION TOWARD HORIZON AT RATE COMPARABLE TO SHOOTING STAR. SHORT TRAIL OF SPARKS OR DEBRIS FOLLOWING OBJECT WAS BRIGHTER THAN OBJECT ITSELF.

2. OBJECT BECAME BRIGHTER APPEARING ALMOST TO GROW THEN SEEMED TO EXPLODE TO ILLUMINATE THE SEA FOR ABOUT 5-10 SEC. THIS EXPLOSION DESCRIBED BY SOME TO HAVE SHOWER OF SPARKS LIKE SKY ROCKET BUT THIS NOT CONFIRMED BY ALL. ALTERNATE RELIABLE DESCRIPTION SAYS LIGHT WAS BRILLIANT FLASH WITHOUT SPARKS.

3. MERCHANT VESSEL IN SIGHT AT TIME GAVE NAME DUNKIRK BY FLASHING LIGHT. PLOTTED CSE 056 SPEED 11.

BT

31/0930Z

NOTE : ADV CY DEL TO DIA. REFS NOT IDENTIFIED IN SMB