

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 September 1963		2. LOCATION 1. Muleshoe, Texas 3. Farewell, Texas 2, 4, 5, & 6 Cannon AFB, New Mexico		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 30/1545Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian, Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one, exploding		9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING				11. COMMENTS	
1. Two shiny silver objs w/long bright flaming trail behind. Disappeared over horizon at 225 deg azimuth after flight from 15 deg elevation 180 deg az. Ground observer driving tractor. Flight decreased sharply and obj appeared to explode. Additional observer described obj as flaming white. 8 - 10 seconds. 2. Obj with same description at 45 deg elev 210 az. Appeared to burn out at 15 deg elev. Smaller of the two pieces continued beyond horizon. Assumed reentry at 50 deg angle. One second duration. 3. Round, red-orange obj with flaming tail 10-20 times as long as obj. Exploded like fireworks. Observed at 45 deg elev, 210 deg az. 2 Seconds. Fast descending. 4. Bright white with some green leaving trail 20X size of obj. 35 deg elevation in SW. Heading of obj 315 deg. Curve toward ground. Appeared to burn out leaving smoke trail and ash. 1 second. Thought to be flare about 50 ft from observer. (over)					

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(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: DAY

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 34 DEGREES 23 MIN. NORTH, 103 DEGREES 4 MIN. WEST. SEATED BEHIND A LARGE PICTURE-WINDOW, FACING SOUTHWEST, IN HIS GASOLINE STATION, IN FARWELL, TEXAS.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON THE OBSERVER: MR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SERVICE STATION, FARWELL, TEXAS; GAS STATION OPERATOR.
ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY: [REDACTED]

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT (OBSERVER NO. 4)

(1) SHAPE: ROUND

(2) SIZE: A BASEBALL HELD AT ARMS LENGTH.

(3) COLOR: BRIGHT WHITE WITH SOME GREEN.

(4) NUMBER: ONE

(5) FORMATION: N/A

(6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES AND DETAILS: NONE

(7) TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST: OBJECT APPEARED TO BE BURNING LEAVING A TRAIL OF FLAME ABOUT 20 TIMES LONGER THAN THE FIREBALL.

(8) SOUND: NONE OBSERVED.

(9) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES: OBSERVER AT FIRST THOUGHT IT WAS AN EMERGENCY FLARE BEING SHOT UP AT THE EDGE OF THE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

- (1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT; THE BRIGHT, MOVING OBJECT CAUGHT HIS EYE.
- (2) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF INITIAL OBSERVATION: 35 DEGREES AZIMUTH 210 DEGREES (MAG), FROM CANNON AFB.
- (3) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARANCE: 33 DEGREES ELEVATION, 220 DEGREES (MAG.)
- (4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHTPATH AND MANEUVERS: OBJECT APPEARED TO BE MAKING A STRAIGHT PATH OF APPROX. 315 DEGREES WHILE CURVING GRADUALLY TOWARDS THE GROUND. VELOCITY APPEARED TO BE THAT OF A BASEBALL THROWN VERY FAST. TOTAL DISTANCE WAS 50 FT.
- (5) HOW DID THE OBJECT DISAPPEAR; APPEARED TO BURN ITSELF OUT ABOUT 20 FT. ABOVE THE HORIZON (33 DEGREES) LEAVING A COUPLE OF SMOKE TRAILS AND BITS OF ASH FALLING TOWARDS THE GROUND.
- (6) HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE; ONE SECOND.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- (1) GROUND-VISUAL
- (2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED.
- (3) N/A

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D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) ZULU DATE-TIME GROUP OF SIGHTING: 301540Z SEP 63.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: DAY

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 34 DEGREES 23 MIN. N, 103 DEGREES 19 MIN. W. ON FOOT IN PARKING LOT OF THE BASE HOSPITAL AT CANNON AFB, NEW MEXICO.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON THE OBSERVER: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A2, HEADQUARTERS, 832D ADIV, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY-EXTREMELY RELIABLE.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT (OBSERVER NO. 5):

(1) SHPAE: NOT OBSERVED

(2) SIZE: A DIME HED AT ARM'S LENGTH

(3) COLOR: GLOWING WHITE

(4) NUMBER: ONE

(5) FORMATION: N/A

(6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS: NONE OBSERVED

(7) TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST: APPEARED AS A WHITE STREAK ABOUT FIVE TIMES THE MAIN OBJECT'S DIAMETER IN LENGTH.

(8) SOUND: NONE OBSERVED

(9) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES: NONE

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B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

- (1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT; THE BRIGHT, MOVING OBJECT CAUGHT HIS EYE.
- (2) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF INITIAL OBSERVATION: ELEVATION 30 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 245 DEGREES (MAG.) FROM CANNON AFB.
- (3) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARANCE: ELEVATION 15-20 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 270 DEGREES (MAG.)
- (4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS: FLIGHT PATH WAS A STRAIGHT LINE.
- (5) HOW DID THE OBJECT DISAPPEAR; IT EXPLODED LIKE A FIRE-

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WORKS DISPLAY OF WHITE SPARKS.

(6) HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE; NO MORE THAN A SECOND.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL (FROM CONTROL TOWER)

(2) NO OPTICAL AIDS WERE USED.

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING;

(1) ZULU DATE-TIME GROUP OF SIGHTING: 301545HSEP 63.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: DAY

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: 34 DEGREES 23 MINUTES NORTH, 103 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST, IN THE CONTROL TOWER OF CANNON AFB, NMEX.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON THE OBSERVERS: BYRON L. ROBINS, SSGT (AF17464522), AND THEODORE H. ASHLEY, AIC (AF19682728), BOTH OF THE 2040 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON PERFORMING DUTY AS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS. BOTH CONSIDERED EXTREMELY RELIABLE.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT (OBSERVER NO. 6):

(1) SHAPE: OBLONG

(2) SIZE: HALF THE LENGTH OF A PENCIL HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH

(3) COLOR: SHINY METALIC

(4) NUMBER: ONE; TWO AT IT NEARED THE HORIZON

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(5) FORMATION: N/A

(6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES AND DETAILS: A BRIGHT SPOT AT THE AFT END, LIGHT ORANGE IN COLOR, HAND BRIGHT WHITE IN THE CENTER.

(7) TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST: LONG, BRIGHT FLAME, 5 OR 6 TIMES THE LENGTH OF THE OBJECT.

(8) SOUND: NONE HEARD

(9) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES: NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT; OBSERVER WAS IN A PARKED AUTOMOBILE FACING SOUTH SOUTHWEST WHEN THE BRIGHT MOVING OBJECT CAUGHT HIS EYE.

(2) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF INITIAL OBSERVATION: 75 DEGREES ELEVATION, AZIMUTH 210 DEGREES (MAG.) FROM CANNON AFB.

(3) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARANCE: ELEVATION 0 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 225 DEGREES (MAG.)

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS: OBJECT WAS HEADING DOWN AT A 65 DEGREE TO 76 DEGREE DIVE ANGLE WHILE TRAVERSING FROM THE SOUTHSOUTHWEST TO THE SOUTHWEST. AS IT NEARED THE HORIZON IT APPEARED TO SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS. IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE TRACKING LIKE A METEOR AS IT BROKE ITS ARC-LIKE TRAJECTORY AT AN ELEVATION

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OF 20 DEGREES TO 35 DEGREES AND PLUNGED STRAIGHT DOWN.

(5) HOW DID THE OBJECT DISAPPEAR; BELOW THE HORIZON.

(6) HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE; APPROXIMATELY 2 OR 3 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) NO OPTICAL AIDS WERE USED.

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) ZULU DATE-TIME GROUP OF SIGHTING: 301545Z SEP 63.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: DAY

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 34 DEGREES 23 MINUTES NORTH, 103 DEGREES 19 MINUTES WEST. IN THE FRONT SEAT OF A PARKED AUTOMOBILE WHICH WAS POINTING SOUTH SOUTHWEST. AUTOMOBILE WAS PARKED IN FRONT OF THE 832D AIR DIVISION HEADQUARTERS BUILDING ON CANNON AFB, NEW MEX.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON THE OBSERVER: DANIEL S. GORDON, 2DN LT., (A03138278), 728TH A. C. & W. SQUADRON, WEAPONS CONTROLLER, EXTREMELY RELIABLE. PART II

G. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS:

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(1) OBSERVER ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS: CLEAR AND
SUNNY.

(2) WEATHER REPORT OF ASW AT CANNON AFB AT TIME OF SIGHTING:
WIND DIRECTION (DEG. MAG.) VELOCITY (KTS.) ALTITUDE (FT.)

210	8	SURFACE
270	6	6,000
070	15	10,000
010	22	16,000
010	16	20,000
360	10	20,000

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300

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50,000

250

C 80,000

(3) CEILING: NONE

(4) VISIBILITY: 15 MILES

(5) AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER: NONE

THUNDERSTORMS: NONE

(7) TEMPERATURE GRADIENT: 4 DEGREES F. INCREASE FROM SURFACE TO 2,000 FT. FOLLOWED BY DECREASE OF 1.8 DEGREES F.

PER THOUSAND FT. FOR 2,000 FT. TO 6,000 FT.

TWO DEGREE F. DECREASE/1,000 FT. FROM 8,500 TO 31,500 FT. 3

DEGREE/1,000 FT. DECREASE FROM "1,000 TO 47,000 FT. NO TEMPERATURE CHANGE FROM 47,000 TO 80,000 FT.

#. ANY UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL OR ASTRONOMICAL CONDITION WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING: NONE KNOWN

I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: AS RESULT OF A TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM A FARMER IN THE VICINITY OF MULESHOE, TEXAS, THAT HIS MEXICAN HIRED HAND HAD OBSERVED A "MILITARY JET AIRPLANE" CRASH 5 OR 6 MILES SOUTHWEST OF HIS FARM, THE CANNON AFB COMMAND POST DISPATCHED A HELICOPTER TO THE REPORTED CRASH SITE. THE C.P. IMMEDIATELY DETERMINED IT HAD CONTACT WITH ALL OF ITS AIRCRAFT AND

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SIMULTANEOUSLY INFORMED REESE AFB AND THE SAC CP OF THE CRASH REPORT. NEITHER C.P.'S WERE MISSING ANY AIRCRAFT. REESE, HOWEVER, DISPATCHED HER OWN HELICOPTER TO THE REPORTED CRASH SIT. THE REPORTED CRASH SITE (UTM COORDS. FH 8590) WAS THOROUGHLY SEARCHED FROM THE AIR BY THE HELICOPTERS AS WELL AS BY TWO LIGHT AIRCRAFT OF THE JULESHOE FLYING SERVICE DISPATCHED BY THE SHERIFF OF BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS, DEE CLEMENTS. RESULTS WERE GEGATIVE. IN ADDITION, SHERIFF CLEMENTS AND FOUR OF HIS PATROL UNITS SEARCHED THE GROUND THOROUGHLY

J. OTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING: NONE. PART III:

K. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: STEPHEN B. CARTER, 1ST LT., ASSISTANT WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 27TH TFWG. COMMENTS: ALL FIVE OF THEUFO SIGHTINGS IN THE CANNON AFB AREA ON 30 SEP 63.

- (1) OCCURED AT APPROXIMATELY 1545Z
- (2) WERE SIGHTED IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION
- (3) MOVED FROM THE OBSERVER'S LEFT TO HIS RIGHT
- (4) MADE NO SOUND.

THESE FOUR SIMILARITIES SEEM TO INDICATE THAT ALL FIVE OBSERVERS

5. Glowing whiteobj described as white streak with tail 5X length of obj. 30 deg elevation 245 az. Straight flight exploding. 1 second. Split into tow objects as it nearedhorizon.
6. Oblong obj shiny metallic splitting into two objects. Bright spot at end. Orange color with bright white center. Tail or trail 5-6X length of obj. 75 deg elevation 210 deg az. Disappeared over horizon at 0 deg elev 225 az. From SSW to SW. 2-3 sec.

CONCLUSION: Check with SPADATS revealed that there was no Decay for this Date. Also direction toward SW (Westerly component ruling out Decay) Case evaluated as a meteor sighting. Observation from two state area adds validity to this hypothesis.

OBJECT NOT RECORDED

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WERE OBSERVING THE SAME PHENOMONON. THAT THE UFO WAS JUDGED TO BE ANYWHERE FROM 100 YARDS TO 60 MILES AWAY MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM A LACK ANY VISUAL REFERENCES TO COMPARE THE OBJECT WITHIN A CLOUDLESS SKY, AS WELL AS THE TENDENCY OF THE UNTRAINED EYE TO DISBELIEVE THAT AN OBJECT WHICH IS CLEARLY IN VIEW COULD POSSIBLY BE MORE THAN A FEW YARDS OR MILES AWAY. THOSE OBSERVERS WHO DID ACCEPT THE UFO SIGHTING AS AN ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMONON OCCURRING MANY MILES AWAY WERE ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH SCIENTIFIC AND FLYING BACKGROUND, AND EXPERIENCED IN OBSERVING OBJECTS OVER GREAT DISTANCES. WHAT THE MEXICAN FARM WORKER BELIEVED TO BE AN AIRCRAFT CRASHING 5 OR 6 MILES AWAY WAS MOST PROBABLY LARGE METEOR DISAPPEARING BEHIND THE CURVE OF THE EARTH MANY TIMES THAT DISTANCE AWAY. THE BEST INDICATOR OF THE GREAT DISTANCE INVOLVED WAS THE FACT THAT NONE OF THE OBSERVERS HEARD ANY SOUND. IF AN AIRPLANE EXPLODED AND CRASHED 5 OR 6 MILES AWAY, OR AN OBJECT EXPLODED OVER A T.V. ANTENNA 100 YARDS AWAY, THERE WOULD HAVE SURELY BEEN A SOUND.

1. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: NONE HAS BEEN FOUND.

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UFO REPORT FOR 832D ADIV, CANNON AFB, NMEX. THIS MSG IN THREE PARTS.

PART I. OBSERVER NO. 1: A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

- (1) SHAPE: LIKE A JET FIGHTER AIRCRAFT
- (2) SIZE: ABOUT AS LARGE AS A NICKEL HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH.
- (3) COLOR: SHINY SILVER METALIC.
- (4) NUMBER: TWO
- (5) FORMATION: N/A
- (6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES AND DETAILS: ONE OF THE OBJECTS

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APPEARED TO BE THE FUSELAGE OF A JET FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, AND THE OTHER APPEARED TO BE THE WINGS.

(7) TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST: LONG, BRIGHT FLAME TRAILING BEHIND THE OBJECTS.

(8) SOUND: NONE (OBSERVER STATED IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO HEAR ANYTHING OVER THE SOUND OF THE TRACTOR HE WAS DRIVING).

(9) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES: NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT? THE BRIGHT MOVING OBJECT CAUGHT HIS EYE.

(2) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF INITIAL OBSERVATION: ELEVATION 15 DEGREES, TOH20 DEGREES, AZIMUTH APPROX. 180 DEGREES (MAG.)

(3) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARANCE: ELEVATION 0 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 225 DEGREES (MAG.)

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS: FUSELAGE AND WINGS DESCENDED AT A STEEP ANGLE WHILE CROSSING THE SKY FROM THE SOUTH TO THE SOUTHWEST. NEAR THE GROUND THEY BOTH EXPLODED, THE DEBRIS FALLING TO EARTH BEHIND SOME HILLS BELIEVED TO BE 5 TO 6 MILES AWAY.

(5) HOW DID THE OBJECTS DISAPPEAR? BEHIND SOME HILLS

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(6) HOW LONG WERE THE OBJECTS VISIBLE? 8 TO 10 SECONDS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- (1) GROUND-VISUAL
- (2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED.
- (3) N/A

D. DATE AND TIME OF SIGHTING:

- (1) ZULU DATE-TIME GROUP OF SIGHTING: 301545Z SEP 63.
- (2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: DAY

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 37 DEGREES 15 MIN. N, 102 DEGREES 55 MIN.

W. ON A TRACTOR HEADING WEST ON THE NOWELL FARM, 12 MILES WEST OF MULESHOE, TEXAS.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON THE OBSERVER: [REDACTED]

36 YEARS OLD; C/O MR. [REDACTED], BAILEY COUNTY, TEXAS; MEXICAN CONTRACT FARM LABORER; ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY [REDACTED]

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT (OBSERVER NO. 2):

- (1) SHAPE: CORCULAR
- (2) SIZE: A PIN-HEAD AT ARM'S LENGTH.
- (3) COLOR: GLOWING WHITEO
- (4) NUMBER: ON, THEN BROKE INTO TWO PARTS.
- (5) FORMATION: N/A

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- (6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES AND DETAILS: NONE
- (7) NONE
- (8) NONE
- (9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

- (1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT; IT CAUGHT HIS EYE.
- (2) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF INITIAL OBSERVATION: ELEVATION 45 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 210 DEGREES (MAG.) FROM CANNON AFB.
- (3) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARANCE: LARGER PIECE BURNED OUT AT ELEVATION 15 DEGREES AZIMUTH 220 DEGREES, SMALLER PIECE DISAPPEARED BELOW THE HORIZON AT AZIMUTH 225 DEGREES (MAG.)
- (4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS: APPEARED TO BE MAKING A STRAIGHT TRACK ON A HEADING OF 290 DEGREES OR 300 DEGREES, AT A DIVE ANGLE OF ABOUT 70 DEGREES. AT A ELEVATION OF ABOUT 25 DEGREES A SMALL PIECE BROKE OFF OF THE OBJECT AND ASSUMED A DIVE ANGLE OF 50 DEGREES WHILE THE MAIN OBJECT CONTINUED TO FALL AT A 70 DEGREE DIVE ANGLE. THE MAIN OBJECT BURNED OUT A ELEVATION 15 DEGREES WHILE THE SMALLER OBJECT CONTINUED ITS SHALLOWER DIVE ANGLE AND DISAPPEARED BELOW THE HORIZON.

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(5) HOW DID THE OBJECTS DISAPPEAR; SEE (3) AND (4) ABOVE.

(6) HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE; ABOUT A SECOND.

C. MANER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) ZULU DATE-TIME GROUP OF SIGHTING: 301545Z SEP 63.

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: DAY

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 34 DEGREES 23 MIN. N, 103 DEGREES 19 MIN.

W. IN A MOVING AUTOMOBILE OFF THE END OF RUNWAY 21, ON HIGHWAY
U.S. 60, WHICH RUNS PARALLEL TO THE NORTH PERIMETER OF CANNON AFB,
NEW MEXICO.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON THE OBSERVER: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HEADQUARTERS

SQUADRON, MAINTENANCE TEST PILOT. ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY:
EXTREMELY RELIABLE.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT (OBSERVER NO. 3):

(1) SHAPE: ROUND

(2) SIZE: A NICKEL AT ARM'S LENGTH.

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(3) COLOR: RED-ORANGE

(4) NUMBER: ONE

(5) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES AND DETAILS: NONE

(6) FORMATION: N/A

(7) TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST: FIREBALL HAD A FLAMING TAIL
10 TO 20 TIMES LONGER THAN THE DIAMETER OF THE FIREBALL.

(8) SOUND: NONE

(9) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES: OBJECT EXPLODED (
"LIKE A FOREWORKS DISPLAY".

B. DISCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

I N C O M I N G

(1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE OBSERVER TO THE OBJECT; CAUGHT HIS EYE.

(2) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF INITIAL OBSERVATION: ELEVATION 45 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 210 DEGREES (MAG.) FROM FARWELL, TEXAS.

(3) ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH UPON DISAPPEARANCE: ELEVATION 35 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 220 DEGREES (MAG.)

(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS: OBJECT APPEARED TO BE APPROACHING FARWELL FROM THE SOUTH SOUTHWEST TO THE SOUTHWEST, MAKING A STRAIGHT TRACK, AND DESCENDING AT A STEEP ANGLE. JUST AS IT APPEARED IT WOULD STRIKE A T.V. ANTENNA 100 YARDS SOUTHWEST OF THE OBSERVER, IT EXPLODED "LIKE A FIREWORKS DISPLAY" AND DISAPPEARED. IT WAS MOVING EXTREMELY FAST.

(5) HOW DID THE OBJECT DISAPPEAR; SEE (3) AND (4) ABOVE.

(6) HOW LONG WAS THE OBJECT VISIBLE; 2 SECONDS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED.

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) ZULU DATE-TIME GROUP OF SIGHTING: BETWEEN 301530Z AND