

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Jun 64		2. LOCATION O'Neill, Nebraska		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 323 pm CST GMT 18/2123Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Moonwatch, United Airlines Pilot			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Falling	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observer looking South. Obj had vertical descent. Tracked through 150 deg (?). Initial observation at 30 deg elev. Lost sight of obj at haze level. 3 second observation. Daylight observation. Size about 1/2 size of 707 fuselage. NOT a point of light. Large enough to determine rectangular shape. No evidence of fire or smoke trail. Not picked up on local radar.				11. COMMENTS Observed falling obj without fire or trail during daylight hours. Obj disappeared into or view blocked by haze layer. Degrees of arc not included (?). an omission of smoke or trail. Color not stated. Sighting too brief for good identification by pilot. Case regarded as insufficient data.	

12 JUN
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY

60 GARDEN STREET CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138

June 30, 1964

Director
AFCIN-4E4
ATR Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a copy of UFO sighting reported to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory through one of our Moonwatch affiliates.

Captain Thompson made his original report to H.E. Roth of the Denver Moonwatch team, and the report was subsequently forwarded to this office. We have taken no action other than acknowledging the report, preferring to leave any investigation to your organization.

Sincerely



James C. Cornell Jr.
Public Information

Report of a BRIGHT METEOR or REENTERING SATELLITE

to: MOONWATCH DIVISION

Smithsonian Astrophysical Obs.

60 Garden Street

Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

THIS IS LOCATION OF O'NEILL

42°30'N 98°40'W

Latitude Long (EorW) Elevation

U.T.

General Description. 1964 JUNE 18TH 2123 Z Time reference (UT, EST, PDST, etc)

Direction of Travel: From _____ to _____ Highest Altitude _____ degrees
(N, NW, W, SW, S, SE, E, NE) How measured ESTIMATE
(estimate, instrument, stars, etc)

Visual Characteristics (complete appropriate items):

Head or largest object: _____ Color _____ Size (sketch) _____ (Moon = )
Maximum magnitude _____

Visibility Duration _____ seconds Angular Distance Travelled _____ degrees

If Explosion witnessed: Audible _____ time Visible _____ time

Train (luminous path or additional objects trailing the head):

Length _____ degrees Color _____

Composition: _____
(continuous luminosity, or if multiple objects: how many, what pattern(sketch);
if breakup observed: state whether before or after closest approach)

Fixes:	Time (+ _____)	Azimuth (A) or RA (R)	Altitude (A) or DEC (D)	Remarks (describe object if there is more than one)

Instruments used _____
(optical, timing; accuracy estimate)

(use reverse side for additional remarks)

SEE ATTACHED

CAPTAIN [REDACTED] IS BASED IN SAN FRANCISCO
CAN BE REACHED IN CASE OF
UNITED AIR LINE FLIGHT OPERATIONS
SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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~~_____~~ South High St
Littleton Colorado.

3.23 pm. D.S.T.

June 18 '64 2123Z 150 N miles E ONL Nbdy
Flite 129 Dept. ORD 2000Z 60° Radial of ONL

Looking South Vertical Descent about 150° mag track
original sight about 30° above horizon
lost sight at top of haze level
visible for probably 3 seconds ±

Estimated size 1/2 length of 707 fuselage. about
same diameter at 3 to 5 miles ←

Definitely not a point of light. ←
large enough to determine rectangular shape.
no visible evidence of fire or smoke detail trailing
no sight by MILC ATC radar.
What did I see, no other crew
members saw it.

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Capt. Wm. San Francisco