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FM COMMANDER AIR FORCES ICELAND

TO RUMGALE/AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB COLORADO

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RUEAHQ/HEADQUARTERS USAF AFCIN WASHDC

RUEAHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE SAFIO WASHDC

INFO RUCKHC/CINCLANT

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AFIODC 05113, UFO

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

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1. CIGAR SHAPED
2. SIZE OF PEA HELD AT ARMS LENGTH AND SUPERIMPOSED UPON IMAGE.
3. UNKNOWN.
4. ONE
5. N/A
6. EXHAUST TYPE FLAME, LIGHT IN FRONT OF OBJECT: REVOLVING LIGHTS
AROUND EXHAUST.

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7. LONG FIERY EXHAUST, APPROX FIVE TIMES THE SIZE OF PRINCIPAL
OBJECT. PALE WHITE EXHAUST FLAME.

8. NO SOUND

9. NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS:

1. THE BRIGHTNESS OF FLAMING EXHAUST DIRECTED ATTENTION OF OBSERVORS.
2. APPROX. 6000' ELEVATION WHEN INITIALLY SPOTTED, 120° AZIMUTH.
3. APPROX. 60° DEG OF ELEVATION WHEN DISAPPEARANCE OCCURRED, 020°
AZIMUTH.
4. STRAIGHT LINE COURSE: NO TURNS: NO CLIMB OR DESCENT.
5. DISAPPEARANCE SEEMED TO BE CAUSED BY DISTANCE ONLY. NO
IMMEDIATE BURN OUT.

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6. OBJECT VISIBLE FOR APPROX 2 (TWO) MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION.

1. GROUND VISUAL- NO RADAR PICK-UP
2. NO OPTICAL AIDS
3. N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING.

1. 15/0650Z

2. NIGHT

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E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS.

1. (63°59N)(22°36W)- KEFLAVIK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ICELAND.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS.

1. CIVILIAN- MR. [REDACTED] MAILING ADDRESS, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], TOWER OPERATOR, EXCELLENT RELIABILITY.
2. MILITARY- KENNETH W. MONTGOMERY, AC2 (USN), ORGANIZATION, NAVAL
STATION, OPERATIONS, EXCELLENT RELIABILITY.
3. MILITARY- JACKIE D. SUBLETT, A1C (USAF) ORGANIZATION, COMMANDER,
ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE, GOOD RELIABILITY.
4. MILITARY- ANTHONY (NMN) MARTINO, CT3 (USN), NAVAL STATION,
KEFLAVIK, ICELAND, GOOD RELIABILITY.

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5. MILITARY- JACKEY E. CRISTWELL, PN3, (USN) COMFAIRKEF, BOX 2,

GOOD RELIABILITY.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS.

1. CLEAR, HIGH CIRRUS CLOUDS, SCATTERED, VISIB IT NLIMITED.

2. WINDS-6000 FT - 050/20 (-4.5C)

10000 FT - 040/25 (-11.0'C)

16000 FT - 060/50 (-24.5'C)

20000 FT - 060/55 (-35'C)

30000 FT - 050/55 (-55'C)

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50000 FT - 360/15 (-62'C)

80000 FT - 270/41 (-62'C)

3. CLEAR

4. 20 MILES VISIBILITY

5. SCATTERED HIGH CIRRUS

6. NONE

7. AVG. 1' PER THOUSAND FT.

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

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K. ALL REPORTS RECEIVED INDICATED A SUSTAINED FLAME FROM TAIL OF
OBJECT. OBJECT DID NOT APPEAR TO BURN OUT AS FAST AS ORDINARY
METEOR. THE COURSE WAS STRAIGHT AND LEVEL, NOT THE TYPE ORDINARILY
ASSOCIATED WITH METEORITE OR FALLING STAR. ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF FLAME,
COURSE AND TRANSIT TIME ARE REASONABLY SIMILAR.
ALTHOUGH MOST WITNESSES EXPRESSED AN OPINION THAT ON FIRST SIGHTING
THEY THOUGHT THE OBJECT TO BE A JET AIRCRAFT: THEY LATER RESOLVED
IT TO BE MORE COMET-LIKE.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS ACQUIRED FROM A TRANSITING PAN AMERICAN
707, FLIGHT NUMBER 122. THIS AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING EASTERLY AT 37000

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FT IN THE VICINITY OF ICELAND AND REPORTED AN OBJECT WITH FIERY
TAIL CROSSING SKY AT A MUCH HIGHER ALTITUDE (HIGHER THAN PAN
AMERICAN). DUE TO ALTITUDE, SUGGESTED SPEED AND GENERAL APPEARANCE
THE PREPARING OFFICER IS OF THE OPINION THAT IN FACT THIS
SIGHTING WAS A COMET, SATELLITE, OR METEOR. NO FOLLOW UP REPORT
WILL BE SUBMITTED UNLESS REQUIRED BY AFSC (FTD).

L. NONE

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