

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 Dec 52	2. LOCATION TANANA AFB, ALASKA		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 1730 GMT 010330 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE CIV. MAN		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION --	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A brilliant blue-white light falling downward appeared to land.		11. COMMENTS Reporting officer evaluates it as a meteor.	

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This is a CIRVIS message: "West and south of Tanana, Alaska, vicinity an unidentified brilliant, blue-white light at low altitude and high speed moving west to southeast appeared to land southeast. Light seen by native dog team driver traveling one mile west. Also seen by numerous natives and white residents of town. Object sighted at 050330Z, 5 Dec 52. (Reference ATIC Document 97607)

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AAO1D-4 0559 X UR MSG AFOIN 34661 X AIR SEARCH OF AREA NEGATIVE X LOCAL
MET BELIEVES SIGHTING TO BE METEOR X

08/1908Z DEC JKDC

ACTION: OIN

AF IN : 26000 (8 Dec 52)

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PRIORITY

HQ USAF AFOIN-2
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MULTIPLE ADDRESS

TO : CGAIRDEF CON ENT AFB COLO
CG AAC FT RICHARDSON ALASKA

NR : AFOIN-2 34661 5 Dec 52 (DTG 050850Z)

CIRVIS FLASH EVALUATION BY ESTIMATES DUTY OFFICER

Ref fol msg Tanana Alaska DTG 050605Z. West and south Tanana Alaska vicinity unidentified brilliant blue white light low altitude high speed moving west to southeast appeared to land southeast. Light seen by native dog team driver travelling one mile west. Also seen by numerous native and white residents of town. Object sighted 050330Z. No further information can be added at the present time. Further evaluation will be forwarded when available.

NOTE : DTG 050605Z is AF IN 24605 (5 Dec 52)

ORIGINATOR : OIN

DISTRIBUTION: ARMY, NAVY, CIA, JCS, OOP, OOP-CP, OSD

AF OUT : 34661

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CSAF ITEM NBR 6 / [REDACTED]

SECURITY INFORMATION

TO ATIAA-5 RUPPELT FR AFOIN-~~UNCLASSIFIED~~
FOLG MSG M-263 DTD 24 NOV 52 FR USARMA TEHRAN
IRAN FOR YOUR INFO:

ACTION

"FLYING SAUCERS HAVE COME TO IRAN. IRAG
G2 HAS RECD NUMEROUS REPTS OF STRANGE OBJECTS
IN AIR OVER NORTHEAST IRAN-USSR BORDER.
OBJECTS APPEAR AT NIGHT AND IN SOME INSTANCES
SEEM TO BE CONTROLLED IN THAT THEY ARE REPTED
TO FLY OVER BORDER INTO IRAN AND THEN RETURN
TO USSR. THIS INFOR SUPPLIED BY CONFIDENTIAL
AMER SOURCE WHO OBTAINED IT FROM IRAN G2.
SOURCE BELIEVES OBJECTS MAY BE SOVIET FLARES
USED TO ILLUMINATE BORDER AS PRECAUTION AGAINST
ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSERS. FLARES AND VERY
PISTOLS KNOWN TO BE EXTENSIVELY EMPLOYED FOR
THIS PURPOSE AND FOR SIGNALLING. INDIAN MIL
ATTACHE REPTS ONE FLYING OBJECT RECOVERED ON
IRAN SIDE AND SENT TO TEHRAN AFTER WHICH
IDENTIFIED AS METEOROLOGICAL BALLOON.

SPECULATION ON SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE REPTS
IS CONJECTURAL AT BEST. WHILE UNDOUBTEDLY
EXAGGERATED AS RESULT OF CHRONIC JITTERS OF
BORDER PEOPLE, REPTS PROBABLY INDICATE
INCREASED SOV SURVEILLANCE AND TIGHTER
BORDER SCTYMEAS. THEY MAY ALSO BE DELIBERATELY
INTENDED TO CONFUSE IRANIANS IN CURR WAR
OF NERVES."

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