

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 November 1956		2. LOCATION Rapid City, South Dakota		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 09/0233Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION eight to ten seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SE to ESE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, shaped like flame from jet fighter with afterburner on, colored blue at head, shading into orange at tail. Obj appeared 5 to 10 feet long fm approx one mile. Obj was seen as a flame trail--no solid obj was visible. Obj was observed flying at a very high rate of speed, faster than any jet. Obj flew on a straight and level flight path except for a sharp pull-up at the end of the observation when the light went out. Obj was observed visually for 8 to 10 seconds.				11. COMMENTS Probable meteor sighting.	

AMPN-115 WPD183 YDA167 WYB128 UMACE:APAS41

09/0233Z

19

NN RJWPGU RJEDEN RJEDUP RJEPHO

DE RJUFAP 61

TT MSG No

M 152520Z

1 Witness

13 Nov 56 10 28

FM COMDR 23TH BOMB WG HWY ELLSWORTH AFB SDAK

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWPGU/COMDR 29TH AIR DIV MALNSTRON AFB MONT

RJEDUP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WPAFB OHIO

RJEPHO/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH 25 D C

INFO RJEDMH/CINCSAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

RJUPRH/COMDR 15 AF HARCH AFB CALIF

BT

/UNCLAS/DOI 23299 SUBJECT UFOB. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIR FORCE REGULATION 23-2, DTD 12 AUGUST 1954, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

1.

A. SHAPED LIKE FLAME FROM JET FIGHTER WITH AFTER BURNER ON.

B. APPEARED FIVE TO TEN FEET LONG FROM APPROXIMATELY ONE (1) MILE.

C. BLUE AT HEAD, SHADING INTO ORANGE AT TAIL: EMITTING ORANGE COLORED SPARKS

D. ONE (1)

E. NOT APPLICABLE

PAGE TWO RJUFAP 61

F. NONE

G. FLAME TRAIL, NO SOLID OBJECT VISIBLE

ACTION/INFOR. INFO. 1955 NOV 13 08:48

4E-4

34-220

1. VERY HIGH RATE OF SPEED: FASTER THAN ANY JET AIRCRAFT OBSERVER
EVER SAW

2.

A. CHARGE OBSERVATION

B. JUST ABOVE HORIZON APPROXIMATELY 242 DEGREES

C. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) DEGREE ELEVATION; APPROXIMATELY 235
DEGREES

D. STRAIGHT AND LEVEL EXCEPT SHARP PULLUP AT END OF OBSERVATION; NO
DECREASE IN SPEED

E. STARTED SHARP CLIMB AND LIGHT SUDDENLY WENT OUT

3.

A. GROUND-VISUAL

B. NONE

C. NOT APPLICABLE

4.

A. 09233Z NOVEMBER

B. NIGHT

PAGE STARTED UNFAP 51

5. FORTY-FOUR DEGREES, ZERO TWO MINUTES, FIFTEEN SECONDS NORTH, THREE
ONE HUNDRED AND THREE DEGREES, ELEVEN MINUTES, ZERO ZERO SECONDS WEST

6. MILITARY: ~~REDACTED~~, CAPTAIN, WITH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON,
FLIGHT ENGINEER ON COMBAT CREW AND ASSISTANT SQUADRON FLIGHT LINE
MAINTENANCE OFFICER. COMPLETELY RELIABLE

7.

YPR Z ERPMOTV QPNPP Z EQPMWPV QYNPPP Z ETPOTV WPNPPP Z ERPMOTV
EPNPPP A EYPNRPV TPNPPP A EEPNUTV WPNPPP A NOT AVAILABLE.

C. UNLIMITED

D. GOOD

E. NONE

F. NONE

8. NEGATIVE

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. ACTING CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, WITH BOMBARDMENT WING. THE
OBSERVING OFFICER WAS RELUCTANT TO MAKE HIS REPORT FROM FEAR OF
RIDICULE. THIS EXPLAINS DELAY IN REPORT. THE OFFICER IS A MATURE,
WEVEL HEADED INDIVIDUAL WITH SIXTEEN YEARS SERVICE IN THE AIR
FORCE. HE IS CONVINCED THAT THE OBJECT OF HIS REPORT WAS NOT CAUSED
BY ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS, AND THAT IT WAS NOT A METEOR. HIS DESCRIP-
TION OF THE SIGHTING FITS A JET EXHAUST EXCEPT FOR THE TERRIFIC SPEED.
NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT COULD GO FROM THE HORIZON TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY

PAGE FOUR (RJUFAP 61)

TEN (1) MILES PAST THE OBSERVER IN FLIGHT (C) TO TEN (1) SECONDS
AS HE DESCRIBED HIS SIGHTING. THE PREPARING OFFICER HAS NO OPINION
AS TO THE IDENTITY OR CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING.

12. NONE

BT

13/2127Z NOV RJUFAP

Possibly fireball,
Speed duration
fits meteor