

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 December 1956	2. LOCATION Fairbanks, Alaska		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 30/0656Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Other Flare ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Tower Operator Civilian two pilots		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-5 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE arc to right and downward	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, circular, size of pea. Color red, bluish-white, green w/ tail.		11. COMMENTS This sighting was determined to be a flare fired by persons unknown; by the territorial police and by others.	

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Multi

1 JAN 57 13 16z

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34 x 2 a

PMO

NOTED FOR INFO

1957 JAN 2 11:28

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MM RJKDAG RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ

DE RJKDLA Z

M 010200Z

FM COMDR BET 2 5004TH AISS LADD AFB ALASKA

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

INFO RJKDAG/COMDR 5004TH AISS ELMENDORF AFB ALASKA

RJKDAG/D I AAC ELMENDORF AFB ALASKA

RJKDAG/C INCAC ELMENDORF AFB ALASKA

UFOB

1. A CIRCULAR

B PEA

C RED, BLUISH WHITE, GREEN

D ONE

E N/A

F TAIL

G UNK

H CONE

I NONE

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2. A BRIGHTNESS

B APPROX TWENTY DEGREES ELEVATION ↓

HUNDRED

CMM AQIMUTH ~~RPT~~ AQIMUTH TWO

SEVENTY TO TWO HUNDRED NINTY DEGREES TRUE.

C APPROX TEN DEGREES ELEVATION CMM AQIMUTH TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY
TO TWO HUNDRED NINTY TWO DEGREES TRUE.

D ARC TO RIGHT AND DOWN WARD

E WENT BEHIND HILL OR HIT GROUND

F TWO TO FIVE SECONDS

3 A GROUND-VISUAL

B N/A

C /A

4 A 300656Z DEC 56

CLCE 2350

6 A (1) [REDACTED] AGE 32 CMM [REDACTED] RD

CMM COLLEGE ALASKA CMM AIR CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR.

(2) [REDACTED] CMM AGE 31 [REDACTED] CMM FAIR-
BANKS ALASKA CMM PILOT WIEN AIRLINES

(3) [REDACTED] CMM AGE 47 CMM [REDACTED] MANOR
CMM FAIRBANKS ALAKSA CMM CO-PILOT WIEN AIRLINES

B N/A

7 A SCATTERED CLOUDS CMM CLEAR CMM NO WIND CMM WEATHER DRY CMM
TEMPERATURE OLD

B SURFACE

CALM

6000 --	210/30 KNOTS
10000 AA	210/30 KNOTS
16000 --	WRPXWT KNOTS
2000 AA	220/30 KNOTS
3000 --	230/40 KNOTS

C HIGH OVERCAST AT 30063Z DEC 56

D 15 MI

E UNK

F NONE

8 NONE

9 NONE

9100000 A/C ON FINAL APPROX 015 DEGREES TRUE FROM TOWER OBSERVER

10 one
11 COMMANDER, DETACHMENT 2, 5004TH AISS, LADD AFB, ALASKA

THE THREE OBSERVERS REPORTED THEIR FIRST IMPRESSION THE OBJECT WAS

THAT OF A FLARE WITH SUBSEQUENT EXPRESSIONS OF POSSIBLY A METEOR
OR JET AIRCRAFT. THE TOWER OPERATOR ; WHO SAW THE OBJECT THE
LONGEST, WAS DEFINITE THAT T WAS A FLARE AS SHE HAD WITNESSED
THOSE SIGHTINGS BEFORE IN THE SAME AREA, AND WAS ABLE TO PINPOI T
THE EXACT TIME. JET AIRCRAFT WERE RULED OUT AS NO SOUND WAS
HEARD BY OBSERVERS OUTSIDE, AND NO JETS WERE KNOWN TO BE IN THE

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AREA AT THE TIME. TWO TOWER OPERATORS REPORTED THEY HAD WITNESSED
WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE FLARE ACTIVITY, TN THE RIDGE WEST OF
THE AIRPORT, SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST, AND THOSE INCIDENTS HAD
BEEN REPORTED TO THE TERRITORIAL POLICE IN FAIRBANKS. A CHECK WITH
THE PTLICE CHEIF CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAVE REPORTS OF RESIDENTS
LIVING IN THE RIDGE AREA THAT APPARENTLY HAVE FLARES IN THEIR
POSSESSION AND FIRE THEM FROM TIME TO TIME. THE POLICE HAVE BEEN
UNABLE TO APPREHEND THE RESPONISIBLE INDIVIDUAL TO DATE. THE
SIGHTING CANNOT BE DEFINITELY INENTIFIED, BUT ANALYSIS OF ALL
INFORMATION, WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THE OBJECT WAS A FLARE FIRED

BY PERSONS UNKNOWN.

12 NONE

BT

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