PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 November 1957	2. LOCATION Benton, Pennsylvania!	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 12/0221Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION few seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object size of dime held at arm's length, white. Brilliant explosion at very high altitude. White vapor trail after explosion. Explosion similar to photo flash bulb. Very bright light. Higher than normal a/c operating limits. Slight downward path NW to SE.

11. COMMENTS

5-6 observers saw object simultaneously at widely separate p points. Object was undoubtedly very large and at a very high altitude. Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory reports that earth is not approaching yearly meteoric shower called Leonids, and this is typical of description of true bolide or fireball.

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RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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UFOB

1. DESCRIPTION

A. UNK — shape

B. DIME HELD AT ARMS LENGTH

C. WHITE

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. BRILLIANT EXPLOSION AT VERY HIGH ALTITUDE

G. WHITE VAPOR RAIL AFTER EXPLOSION — as seen at night

H. NONE

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EXPLOSION DESCRIBED AS SIMILAR TO PHOTO FLASH BULB

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A. VERY BRIGHT LIGHT

B. HIGHER THAN NORMAL AIRCRAFT OPERATING LIMITS } no elevation or azimuth

C. SAME AS B

D. SLIGHT DOWNWARD PATH NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST

E. EXPLOSION

F. FEW SECONDS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

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3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. (1). AIR VISUAL (FROM FIVE AIRLINES PILOTS

2. GROUND (FROM AIR FORCE PILOT DRIVING STEWART NY TO BENTON PA.

B. NONE

C. ALLEGHANY 609 HEADING SOUTH

ALLEGHANY 308 HEADING EAST

CAPITAL 374 HEADING EAST

CAPITAL 439 HEADING NORTHWEST

CAPITAL 452 HEADING EAST

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 12/0221Z NOV 0221-5 = 2121 local

B. NIGHT

Note: 5-6 observers saw object simultaneously at widely-separate points. Obje. was then undoubtedly very large and at very high altitudes, see Comment below *

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5. LOACTION OF OBSERVER(S)

ALLEGHANY 609 OVER HUGHESVILLE PA

ALLEGHANY 308 TEN MILES EAST OF JOHNSTOWN PAM

CAPITAL 374 OVER FORD INTERSECTION PA.

CAPITAL439 OVER FLINSTONE INTERSECTION MARYLAND

CAPITAL 452 OVER EAST LIVERPOOL OHIO

} Air Visual

AF PILOT WAS NEAR BENTON PA. - Ground

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSEVER(S)

A. [redacted] PILOT ALLEGHANY [redacted]

[redacted] PILOT ALLEGHANY [redacted]

B. [redacted] BENTON AFS, PENNA.

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS TIME AND LPLACE OF SIGHTING

. CLEAR

B. SURFACE

CAPITAL 452 OVER EAST LIVERPOOL OHIO

AF PILOT WAS NEAR BENTON PA. - Ground

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSEVER(S)

A. [redacted] PILOT ALLEGHANY 6Ø9)

[redacted] PILOT ALLEGHANY 3Ø8)

B. [redacted] BENTON AFS, PENNA.

7 .WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS TIME AND LPLACE OF SIGHTING

. CLEAR

B. SURFACE

6,ØØØ FT 36Ø DEG Ø5 KT

1Ø,ØØØ FT 28Ø DEG 15 KT

15,ØØØ FT 29Ø DEG 15 KT

2Ø,ØØØ FT 26Ø DEG 1Ø KT

3Ø,ØØØ FT 26Ø DEG Ø5 KT

5Ø,ØØØ FT 27Ø DEG 65 KT

8Ø,ØØØ FT UNK DEG UNK KT

Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory wished to comment on this report. Stated: Earth was approaching yearly meteor shower called Perseids. Can expect quite a number of meteors (fireballs) for the next 1½ weeks.

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C. CLEAR

D. FIFTEEN

E. NONE

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

1Ø. UNK

11. [redacted] ASS-T OPERATIONS OFF 1912TH AACS SQDN.

QUM NONE

Comment

Typical characteristics of a true bolide or fireball are indicated here. See UFO Case files PAA case - 9 Mar 57 and western fireball case - 17 Oct 57