PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Jun 58	**2. LOCATION** Climax, Colorado	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 30/0830Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 seconds	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** West
		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Rnd obj, red changing to bluewhite, size of dime, had trail like meteor.

11. COMMENTS

Description of a meteor.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

1 June 1958
0700 hrs.

Memo for UFO Case File
Subject: Call to Residence of UFO Project Officer, 3:45 A.M. Re UFO Sighting.

1. Staff Duty Officer informed undersigned that a telephone call from Lowry AFB Flight Service Center was just received by ATIC.

2. A person camping nearby observed a flashing object which he insisted was Explorer III reentering the earth's atmosphere.

3. Asked for basic information. SDO stated that was all the info he had.

4. Suggested he ask a teletype for further data as outlined and prescribed in AFR 200-2.

5. Explorer III reported down between 2200 - 2300 hrs, Friday night, 27 June 1958. Not seen by any of world-wide locations since then.

George T. Gregory
Capt USAF

Witness

0330Z
52121

TELEPHONED
TO
NO.
TIME
Date
By:

NNNN

RE058

SQD846 YDC422 WYA346 WMB046WRX537-BAA019

OO RJEZHQ RJEDSQ RJEDDN RJWFDN

DE ROWRBA 98A

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FM FLT SVC CNTR LOWRY AFB

TO RJEZHQ/ACOFS INTEL HQ USAF

RJEZHQ/OIS HQ USAF

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CNTR WRIGHT PATERSON AFB

RJEDDN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB

RJWFDN/COMDR 34TH AIR DIV (DEF) KIRTLAND AFB

BT

[redacted]PHONE[redacted]INKS HE SAW WHERE SPUTNIK 2 CRASHED WAS CAMPING IN MOUNTAINS AND SAW FLAMING OBJECT FALL

BT

01/0330Z JUL ROWRBA

1/2/3 } 4E4
44xra

Sputnik II re-entered earth's atmosphere on 15 april 1958. Confirmed by this observation

Probably meteor

No. Sec Comp, No.

REQUEST DETAILS IN PAR

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QNBR 00078 02 JULY 58
PRIORITY
FM COMDR 1910 AACS SQUADRON LOWRY AFB COLO 01 JULY 58
TO COMDR AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CEN WPAFB OHIO.

/ UNCLASSIFIED EFTO/ CITE UFOB 1910 0-1-G-08. REFERENCE YOUR 6-1305-E FROM AFCIN-4. FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED AS REQUESTED.

PARA 1. A ROUND
B DIME
C RED CHANGING TO BLUE WHITE
D 1 G TRAIL LIKE METEOR
H UNKNOWN
I NONE.

PARA 2. A SAW IT B 45 DEGREE ELEVATION 90 DEGREE AZIMUTH
C 0 DEGREE ELEVATION 270 DEGREE AZIMUTH
D 45 DEGREE DROP
E BEHIND LA PLATA PEAK
F 2 SECONDS

PARA 3. A VISUAL
B 9
C N/A

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PAGE TWO
PARA 4. A 0830Z 30 JUNE CURR
B NIGHT
PARA 5. 106 DEGREES 25 MIN W LONG 39 DEGREES 3 MIN N LAT.
PARA 6. [redacted] CLIMAX, COLO, PHONE [redacted]
B NONE
PARA 7. A CLEAR AND 15
B 6,000 FEET-260 DEG 20 KT 10,000 FEET-250 DEG 20 KT,
16,000 FEET-250 DEG 30 KT, 20,000 FEET-230 DEG 25 KT,
30,000 FEET-240 DEG 40 KT, 50,000 FEET-250 DEG 45 KT,
80,000 FEET,
C CLEAR
D UNLIMITED E NONE F NONE.

8. NONE
9. NONE
10. UNKNOWN
11. ASST CENTER OPS OFFICER LOWRY FLTSVC CENTER NO COMMENT
12. NONE

02/1330Z JULY

Check with Lowe Astro div. & Capt Mulloch.

UNCLAS EFTO

Questions:
1. Pilot Spotted
2. Meteor

Sgt. Cohen. Keep this out as a reminder the next few days - G

Explorer III Died Quietly, Perhaps

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 29—(UPI) — American satellite Explorer III apparently died on or ahead of schedule with no reported fireworks, experts at Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory said today.

A top official said there had been no confirmed sighting of Explorer III since 10:30 p.m. Friday at Memphis, Tenn., where the artificial moon appeared on schedule. Astrophysicists here and at other agencies had predicted Explorer III would burn up in the Earth's atmosphere by tonight.

Smithsonian scientists discounted reported sightings since Friday night in Connecticut, Arizona and over the Atlantic ocean.

If still aloft, Explorer III would have passed over the southern half of the United States at varying times last night.

Explorer III - down Monday night - 10:30 pm.

27 June 59