PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Jul 58	**2. LOCATION** Randolph AFB, Texas	**12. CONCLUSIONS**
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local ____ GMT 13/0245Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** [X] Ground-Visual [ ] Ground-Radar [ ] Air-Visual [ ] Air-Intercept Radar	[ ] Was Balloon [ ] Probably Balloon [ ] Possibly Balloon [ ] Was Aircraft [ ] Probably Aircraft [ ] Possibly Aircraft [ ] Was Astronomical [ ] Probably Astronomical [ ] Possibly Astronomical
5. PHOTOS [ ] Yes [X] No	**6. SOURCE** Military	[X] Other Satellite/58Delt [ ] Insufficient Data for Evaluation [ ] Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 35 secs	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** NE descending

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

White obj size of head of pin w/the appearance of a bright star. No sound. Faded as approached horizon. Binocs used. Initial obsvation at 65dgr elev 020 azimuth. Lost contact at 10dgr elev 035 azimuth.

11. COMMENTS

Satellite 1958 Delta 2 passed 200 miles E of San Antonio at 0241Z & would have been visible to the obsvr.

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FM COMDR 3510TH FLYTRAWG

TO RJESBP/COMDR SEWART AFB

INFO RJEDDN/COMDR AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER WPAFB

RJEPHQ/ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQS USAF

RJEPHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQS USAF

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UFO. THE FOLLOWING DATA IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4A, AFR 200-2. A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: (1) ROUND. (2) SIZE OF HEAD OF PIN. (3) WHITE COLOR. (4) ONE OBJECT. (5) APPEARANCE OF BRIGHT STAR. (6) LIGHT FADED OFF AND ON. (7) NO SOUND. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT. (1) TOWER OPERATOR WAS GAZING AT SKY. (2) ANGLE OF ELEVATION WAS 65 DEGREE AND A RELATIVE BEARING OF 020 DEGREE MAGNETIC DISTANCE UNKNOWN. (3) ANGLE OF ELEVATION OF ABOUT 10 DEGREE ON A RELATIVE BEARING OF 035 DEGREE MAGNETIC. (2) FLIGHT PATH WAS A STRAIGHT DESCENDING LINE. (5)

A number of meteors (probably "shooting stars") are now being reported from the southern states (see files).

Clue

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FADED APPROACHING THE HORIZON. (6) OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR ABOUT 35 SECONDS. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2) BINOCULARS AFTER OBJECT WAS SIGHTED. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. (1) 0245Z 13 JULY 1958. (2) DARKNESS. (3) RANDOLPH AFB. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER. (1) CONTROL TOWER, RANDOLPH AFB. F. S/SGT JOHN M. LORING, JR. AF19440204, 2015TH AACS RANDOLPH AFB; A/2C JAMES A. BOWMAN AF 24633020, 2015TH AACS RANDOLPH AFB; RELIABLE. G. WEATHER DATA. WINDS ESTIMATED: 10,000' 260DEGREE -11K; 20,000' 010-10K; 30,000' 030-19K; 40,000' 050-25K; 50,000' 050-15K; 80,000 050-15K. NO CEILING, VISIBILITY 15 MILES, NO CLOUD COVER, NO THUNDERSTORMS. NO OTHER DATA AVAILABLE. CONTACT CAPTAIN HOWARD S. WANAMAKER, OPERATIONS DIVISION, RANDOLPH AFB, TEX. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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ASTRO

POSSIBLY meteor

Could be either jet a/c at a great distance — or a meteor. However, had a pin size white and descending straight line. Tends to indicate meteor

Rocket portion of Sputnik III (1958 Δ_I) passed about 8° E (550 mi.) of San Antonio, Texas at approx. 0233 Z on 13 July 58 at an altitude of 130 miles.

Satellite portion (1958 Δ_{II}) passed about 6° E (200 miles) of San Antonio, Texas at approx. 0241 Z on 13 July 1958 at an altitude of 135 miles.

These two objects were predicted to pass over the area at approximately four minutes on either side of the actual UFO sighting. Because of inaccuracies in prediction it is possible for the object sighted to have been either the rocket or the satellite. Obviously, it definitely was one of them, preferably Δ_{II} because of it's being higher off the horizon. [redacted]