

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 Nov 59	2. LOCATION Baghdad, Iraq		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 04/1600Z	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 secs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE WSW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rnd obj, several times larger than the North star, bright white, approached very rapidly low above horizon, disintegrated just prior to reaching overhead. White obj disappeared after burst of red fragments similar to roman candle.		11. COMMENTS Probably a meteor.	

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ARC NOR DID LIGHT FROM BURSTING FRAGMENTS PERSIST PRN X FOXTROT
FEW SECONDS X PARA THREE MANNER OF OBSERVATION ALFA GROUND VISUAL
X BRAVO NEGATIVE X CHARLIE NA PARA FOUR TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING
ALFA ZERO FOUR ONE SIX ZERO ZERO ZULU NOV FIVE NINE X BRAVO NIGHT
X PARA OBSERVED OVER BAGHDAD PRN THREE THREE ONE EIGHT N FOUR FOUR
TWO SIX E PRN PARA SIX OBSERVER MAY [REDACTED] ASST AIR
ATTACHE IRAQ PRN PILOT PRN PARA SEVEN WEATHER ALFA CLEAR NIGHT
WITH NO HAZE BRAVO AVAILABLE WINDS ALOFT CLN SIX M ONE SIX ZERO
SLANT ONE FIVE CMM ONE ZERO M TWO FOUR ZERO SLANT ONE FIVE CMM ONE
SIX M TWO FOUR ZERO SLANT TWO ZERO CMM TWO ZERO M TWO FOUR ZERO
SLANT THREE ZERO CMM THREE ZERO M TWO SIX ZERO SLANT FIVE FIVE X
CHARLIE CLEAR DELTA TEN MILES X ECHO CLEAR X FOXTROT NEGATIVE X
PARA EIGHT UNKNOWN X PARA NINE NEGATIVE X PARA TEN UNKNOWN X PARA
ONE ONE COMMENTS OF REPORTING OFFICER CLN OBSERVER HAS SEEN MANY
SHOOTING STARS DURING ONE FIVE YEARS OF FLYING SEMICLN MOST WERE
ARCING FALLING OBJECTS WITH TERMINAL FRAGMENTING PREVIOUSLY
UNOBSERVED X ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THIS WAS SAME TYPE PHENOMENA ALTHO
CLOSER AND WITH ARCING NOT APPARENT DUE TO HEAD ON PATH X PARA ONE
TWO NEGATIVE

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TWO ZERO ZERO DASH TWO OF ONE TWO AUG FIVE FOUR PRN PARA ONE

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT X ALFA ROUND X BRAVO SEVERAL TIMES LARGER

THAN THE NORTH STAR X CHARLIE BRIGHT WHITE X DELTA ONE X ECHO NA X

FOXTROT NEGATIVE X GOLF NO TAIL OBSERVED SEMICLN OBJECT

DISINTEGRATED ALMOST DIRECTLY OVERHEAD X HOTEL NEGATIVE X INDIA

RELATIVELY LOW CMM FAST MOVING CMM APPARENTLY PARALLEL TO EARTH AND

DIRECTLY TOWARD OBSERVER X PARA TWO DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

X ALFA WHILE SITTING ON FRONT PORCH FAST MOVING OBJECT APPEARED

APPROACHING HEAD ON ABOVE HOUSE ACROSS STREET X BRAVO ELEVATION

COULD NOT BE ESTIMATED ALTHO IT APPROACHED RELATIVELY LOW ABOVE

HORIZON FROM APPROX ZERO SEVEN THREE DEGREES X CHARLIE OBJECT

DISINTEGRATED JUST PRIOR TO REACHING OVERHEAD POSITION X DELTA

FLIGHT PATH SEEMED STRAIGHT AND PARALLEL TO EARTH X ECHO WHITE

OBJECT DISAPPEARED QUICKLY AFTER FAST DISAPPEARING BURST OF RED

FRAGMENTS PRN WAS SIMILAR TO ROMAN CANDLE ALTHO THERE WAS NO VISIBLE