

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>1 Dec 59</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Kalispell, Montana</u>		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 <u>01/2315Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>unknown</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>		9. COURSE <u>North</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Long, dark obj w/white light on nose. Obj appeared to go into the ground.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Investigator rpting sighting attributes refueling operation w/hook-up in effect to be the obj observed.</u>	
				RETURN TO: Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama	

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UNCLAS 290IN 12708 SUBJECT: UFO.

A-1 LONG OBJECT

2 UNKNOWN

3 DARK

4 ONE

5 N/A

6 WHITE LIGHT ON NOSE OF OBJECT

7 N/A

8 NONE

9 NOT NOTICED

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B-1 UNKNOWN

2 OBJECT APPEARED TO THE OBSERVER APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREES TO THE HORIZON ABOUT 7 MILES EAST OF KALISPELL, MONTANA.

3 UNKNOWN

4 HEADING FROM SOUTH TO NORTH

5 APPEARED TO GO INTO THE GROUND

6 UNKNOWN

C-1 UNKNOWN

2 NO OPTICAL AIDS WERE REPORTED AS BEING USED

3 KC TYPE REFUELER FROM MOUNTAIN HOME AFB, IDAHO AND A B-52 FROM FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON WERE ON A REFUELING MISSION IN THAT AREA ON A NORTH NORTH EASTERLY HEADING DURING THE TIME OF SIGHTING

D-1 APPROXIMATELY 2315Z 1 DEC 59

2 DUSK

E KALISPELL, MONTANA

F-1 MR. [REDACTED] AGE, ADDRESS, OCCUPATION AND RELIABILITY ARE UNKNOWN

G-1 NOT GIVEN

2 SURFACE WIND FROM S.W. 4 KNOTS, 6000 AT 250 DEGREES 15K, 10,000 AT 270 DEGREES 10K, 16,000 AT 270 DEGREES 20K, 20,000 AT 280 DEGREES 25K AND 30,000 AT 380 DEGREES 40K.

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3 NONE

4 25 MILES

5 ALTO STRATUS NORTH EAST OVER MOUNTAINS

6 NONE

7 33 DEGREES DEW POINT 22 DEGREES

H NONE

I THE TANKER AND BOMBER WERE CARRIED AS FIRENDLY TRACKS

J THE REFULEING TOOK PLACE AT AN ESTIMATED 20,000 FEET

K DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE COMMENTS: THIS REPORT WAS ORIGINALLY CALLED

BY MR. [REDACTED] TO THE SHERIFF OF KALISPELL, WHO IN TURN PHONED THE

REPORT TO MISSOULA RADIO. THIS IN TURN WAS PASSED TO GREAT FALLS ARTC

AND GIVEN TO THE 29TH AIR DIVISION SENIOR CONTROLLER ON DUTY. THE

801ST AND 681ST ACWRONS WITH FPS-20, GROUND RADAR, WERE CHECKED TO

SEE IF THIS SIGHTING WAS CONFIRMED ON THEIR SETS. THESE SQUADRONS

WERE CARRYING THE TANKER AND MOMBER PLUS FRIENDLY FIGHTERS FROM GEIGER

AFB, WASHINGTON IN THAT AREA DURING THE PERIOD OF SIGHTING. NOTHING

UNUSUAL WAS NOTED TN THE RADAR SETS AT THIS TIME. THE LIGHT WHICH

APPEARED TO BE ON THE NOSE OF THE OBJECT COULD BE THE LIGHT WHUCH IS

LOCATED ON THE END OF THE DROGUE TO ASSIST THE RECEIVER PILOT IN

MAKING CONTACT. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THIS TYPE OF LIGHT WOULD BE

VISIBLE FROM THE GROUND. THE LONG OBJECT COULD BE EXPLAINED POSSIBLY

BY THE FACT, TWO AIRCRAFT WHEN COUPLED TOGETHER IN AN AERIAL REFUEL-

ING PRESENT A LONGER PROFILE WHEN VIEWED FROM THE GROAND AT AN ANGLE

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OTHER THAN BROADSIDE TO THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED. THE WINGS OF THE
AIRCRAFT AT DUSK WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE DISCERNABLE AT VARIOUS
ANGLES.

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