

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 January, 1960	2. LOCATION Kingman, Arizona Lake Mead, Nevada		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0713 Z 4 Jan	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian and Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Three	9. COURSE Descending	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Report of objects described as blue flame with white tail. Two at Kingman and one at Lake Mead. Kingman objects moving SW. One at Lake Mead descending. In view for 10 seconds. Report from Civilian Pilot. Second report from Military pilot viewed objects and identified them as meteors. Harpman.		11. COMMENTS Description of meteors. Probably from the Quadrantids shower, which are of medium speed and have long paths.	

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RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

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UNCLAS FROM FLT SVC CITE 22 ACTION ADC 28 AD ATIC AFCIN AFOIS UFO

A.

1. NONE OBSERVED
2. NOT VISIBLE JUST FLAME
3. BLUE FLAME WHIE TAIL
4. THREE
5. NO CONNECTION
6. APPEARED TO BE METEORITE
7. BLUE FLAME
8. NONE

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9. NONE

OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

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B.

1. CIVILIAN PILOT CALLED ATTENTION TO OBJECTS
2. DESCENDING 40 DEGREES ANGLE
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4. STRAIGHT DESCENT TO GROUND
5. TWO SOUTHWEST ONE APPEARED TO GO INTO GROUND
6. 10 SECONDS

C.

1. AIR VISUAL
2. NONE
3. 288 DEGREES 32000 410K BOISE IDA T33 PEAR 98

D.

1. 0713Z 4 JAN 60
2. NIGH

E.

WO AT KINGMAN ARIZONA . ONE AT LAKE MEAD NEVADA

F. NONE

1. NONE

2. HARPMAN V. L. 2LT 190TH FIS BOISE GUARD IDA VERY RELIABLE

G.

1. SCATTERED MIDDLE LAYER CLOUDS AROUND 12000 FT UNLIMITED VSBY
2. SURFACE N AT 20K 6000 350 DEGREES AT 15K 10000 020 DEGREES AT 20K
16000 360 DEGREES AT 20K 20000 240 DEG AT 35K 30000 260 DEG AT 35K
50000 260 DEG AT 40K 80000 UNKNOWN
3. NONE
4. UNLIMITED

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5. APPROX 3/10 AT 12020 FT MSL

6. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. CIVILIAN BEACH CRAFT NUMBER 5H DELTA LOCAL VFR OUT OF MCCARRAN
FIELD LAS VEGAS NEVADA WAS 5 MILES SOUTH OF LAS

K. FLIGHT SERVICE CLEARANCE OFFICER HAMILTON FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
1902ND AACSRON HAMILTON AFB CALIF. APPEARS TO BE METEORITES

L. NONE

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UNCLAS FROM OI 0025 PD UFO. THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS. PART I.
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FULL REPORT RENDERED BY LT. HARPHAM TO VICTOR BRAVO (INITIALS OF
CLEARING OFFICER) AT HAMILTON AIR FORCE BASE, FLIGHT SERVICE

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3 JANUARY 1960

On the same evening, a blue light which raced silently across the Las Vegas, Nevada sky, puzzled McCarran Field tower controlmen. "It was the fastest thing I ever saw," said tower employee Jack McMillen who spotted the light at about 11:05 p.m. A departing private plane also saw the object. Earlier that evening, four different pilots in two commercial airlines planes flying between Bryce Canyon and Mormon Mesa reported observing a similar light. Their reports of the object to Salt Lake City were intercepted by the McCarran tower. McMillen said he saw the light for about two or perhaps three seconds, going north to south at about a 15-20 degree elevation. He also said he had thought it might have been a meteor but changed his mind as it left no trail, and had a horizontal trajectory. He said he contacted a private plane which had just taken off and asked the pilot for confirmation. The pilot confirmed McMillen's sighting. An Air Force T-33 inbound to Nellis also confirmed its pilot had also seen a strange light.

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