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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 Apr 60	2. LOCATION 7 mi N of Dover, Delaware	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical Meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 100310Z Apr 60	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 7-10 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three	9. COURSE descending

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Three objects in trail with lead object smaller, round and oblong in appearance, size of grapefruit, bright yellow, no tail, had a faint whistle lasting one second.

11. COMMENTS

The witnesses probably saw the beginning of the breakup of a meteor as it entered the earth's atmosphere. Case categorized as meteor.

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UFO. A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

(1) ROUND AND OBLONG IN APPEARANCE.

(2) GRAPEFUIT

(3) BRIGHT YELLOW-NO TAIL

(4) THREE

(5) THREE IN TRAIL. LEAD OBJECT SMALLER THAN OTHERS INTRAIL.

(6) NONE

(7) NO TRAIL

(8) WHISTLE. FAINT. LASTING 1 SECOND

(9) REMAINED LIT 500 FT TO HORIZON, 7-10 SECONDS

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) FIRST NOTICED A BRIGHT MOVING ONBJECT.

(2) 20-30 DEGREES

(3) HORIZON

(4) STRAIGHT DOWN

(5) FADED IN NORTH NEAR HORIZON

(6) 7 TO 10 SECONDS

C. MNNER OFOBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 0310Z. 10 APRIL 1960

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER-7 MILES NORTH OF DOVER. DELAWARE ON HIGHWAY 13

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) [redacted]

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STATION , DOVER. DEL. OCCUPATION. PLUMBER , RELIABILITY INKNOWN

(2) [redacted]

FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR DQ DOVER AFB. DEL. PERSONNEL SPECL.

DUTY PHONE [redacted] HOME PHONE [redacted]. RELIABILITY INKNOWN.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDIGIONS AT TIME AND

PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(1) CLEAR. WINDS NORTHWEST AT 6 MILES PER HOURS

(2) SURFACE 320/6 6.000 320/14. 10,000

350:30 16.000 350/40 20.000 350/50 30.000 340/40

50,000 280/50 80.000 270/25

(3) NONE

(4) 10 MILES

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

H. ANY OTHER UNUSAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION.

METEROLIGICAL. ASTRONOMICAL. OR OTHERWISE. WHICH MIGHT

ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING NONE

I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN. NONE

J. NO LOCAL FLYING

K. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

OFFICER OF THE DAY 1ST LT JAMES B. FURTM. A/1C VAN KYKE
PHONED IN THE SIGHTING. HE STATED HE WAS PROMPTED BY
A WASHINGTON AIRDEFENSE SECTOR QUIKCOM. DATED 4 APRIL
1960 TO BE ON THE LOOK FOR THE FALLOF SPUTNIK III.
SINCE THE FALL WAS REPORTED 2 OR 3 DAYS AGO. METEROLOGICAL
PHENOMENA ARE MOST PROBABLE.

L. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: NONE

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM	SECURITY CLASSIFICAT UNCLASSIFIED

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PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION	ROUTINE	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE			
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FROM: ATIC, W-P AFB

TO: DOVER AFB, DEL

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

/UNCLAS/FROM: AFCIN-4E2 4-1243-E

ATTN 1607 AIRTRANSPWG. YOUR MSG PLN 11-D-12, DTD 11 APR 60. WAS THE OBJ ROUND OR OBLONG? WAS IT THE SIZE OF A GRAPEFRUIT HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH, OR AT SOME OTHER DISTANCE? PLEASE CLARIFY PAR A(9). WHAT WAS THE ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE OBJ WHEN FIRST AND LAST SEEN? WERE OBSERVERS IN A CAR AT TIME OF SIGHTING? IF SO, WERE THE WINDOWS DOWN AT THE TIME? REQ [redacted] BE CONTACTED AND HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE SIGHTING BE FWD TO THIS CENTER.

DATE	TIME
13	1535
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WRITER

SYMBOL: AFCIN-4E2

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required): Major Robert J. Friend

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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SIGNATURE

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E

HEADQUARTERS
1607th AIR TRANSPORT WING (H) (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Dover Air Force Base, Delaware

REPLY TO ATTN OF: PLN

1500 GMT 20 APR 60

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: ATIC (AFCIN)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference our message PLN 11-D-13, dated 11 April 1960 and your message AFCIN-4E24-1243-E. The following constitutes an amendment report based on a reinterrogation of Airman [redacted] and interrogation of Mr. [redacted] The impressions of both observers were essentially the same. Slight differences are indicated in parentheses.

a. Description of the object:

(1) The object consisted of a cluster of three lights. The first, in direction of movement toward the horizon, was large and bright yellow, identified as "A". The second and third were small, close together and will be identified as "B" and "C".

(2) The entire cluster was the size of a quarter held at arm's length. Individually, "A" was the size of a pea; "B" and "C" the size of a pinhead; the distance between "A" and "B", the size of a pea; total size of "B" and "C" were the size of a pea. "B" and "C" were hazy in size and shape.

(3) "A" was bright yellow, no tail. "B" and "C" yellow, lesser magnitude, hazy, no tail.

(4) Three.

(5) Three in trail; "B" and "C" following "A", one diameter of "A" behind; "C" slightly behind and to the right of "B".

(6) None.

(7) No tail or trail.

(8) Observers stated that they heard a faint whistle, one second duration. Upon reinterrogation, it was determined that the car was moving slowly in a 90 degree right turn, north to east at night with the windows closed. Relative weight of this statement should be judged accordingly.

(9) None.

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) Airman [redacted] in the right front seat first noticed a bright moving object through the top of a broad windshield.

(2) Elevation of 30 degrees, azimuth 350 degrees.

(3) Disappeared below the horizon at an azimuth of 350 degrees.

(4) Airman [redacted] stated the object fell vertically toward the horizon. (Schofield stated the object fell in a straight path, but moving 45 degrees to the left.) The fact that [redacted] sighted the object first, was a passenger and was orientated outside the car lends weight to his statement. Mr. [redacted] driving the car, orientated to the car in a 90 degree right turn, could easily receive the impression that the object was moving to the left.

(5) Disappeared below the horizon.

(6) [redacted] stated 7 - 10 seconds, and he saw the object first and called Schofield's attention to it. [redacted] states he saw the object for approximately one second.)

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground visual, nighttime, in an automobile, windows closed, in a 90 degree right turn.

(2) None.

(3) N/A.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) 0310Z, 10 April 1960.

(2) Night.

e. Location of Observer: 7 miles north of Dover, Delaware, one-half mile east of DuPont Highway 13.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) [redacted] age 23, A/1C, 98th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Dover AFB, Del., Personnel Specialist, d[redacted] home [redacted] reliability unknown.

(2) [redacted] age 30, Route 1, [redacted] Dover, Del., occupation, service station attendant, professional plumber, reliability unknown.

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Clear, winds northwest at 6 miles per hour.

(2) Surface 320/6, 6,000 320/14, 10,000 350/30, 16,000 350/40, 20,000 350/50, 30,000 340/40, 50,000 280/50, 80,000 270/25.

(3) None.

(4) 10 miles.

(5) None.

(6) None.

h. None

i. None

j. None

k. Initial Report was taken by 1st Lt James B. Burt, Officer-of-the-Day, by phone from Airman Van Dyke. Airman Van Dyke was contacted by phone the next day by T/Sgt William Barnes, Intelligence Specialist, Hq 1607th Air Transport Wing, who received essentially the same information as on the OD's report. On 18 April Airman Van Dyke was reinterrogated by Maj Stanley J. Ash, Wing Plans Staff Officer, and Capt Robert A. Shawn, Wing Intelligence Officer. The major change as a result of this interrogation was the application of measurement criteria which resulted in a more accurate determination of size, shape, elevation and azimuth. [redacted] was personally interviewed by Sgt Barnes Monday evening, 18 April, with only the slight variations in the report as referenced above. The best conclusion is that Airman [redacted] made an actual observation of sufficient length and intensity to justify a report. Mr [redacted] had it called to his attention, and because of this delay and the fact that he was driving, he got only a fleeting glimpse of the object. Airman [redacted] relates the sighting to a meteor only because he is positive it was not one by reason of its size, intensity, lack of speed and disappearance below the horizon. It is considered that all possible information available to this headquarters has been obtained and that no further investigation at this level is warranted.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Cornelius L. Reagan

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Major, USAF
Chief of Administration

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