1. [redacted]; 2. Multiple

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Apr 60	**2. LOCATION** New Mexico-Texas Area	**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 170202Z 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 "Slow compared to meteor"	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** ENE-SW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

1. Round, changing to elongated shape, size of half dollar, green changing to orange, sparks and fire trail developed after initial sighting. Object burned out almost abruptly. Air sighting.

2. Round object with tear drop tail gave off bluish-white light. One report saw object break into pieces and fall away. Burned out in four seconds. Multiple sighting.

11. COMMENTS

Description is typical of a fireball.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

16 apr 60

REPLY TO ATTN OF: Lt McKay, SDO, 16 April 1960

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: Major Friend, AFCIN-4E

1. Major Brandt ~~OX~~ USAF Command Post, called ATIC 16/2220, to relay UFO Report received by USAF Command Post from a Major Francis of TAC COC at 16/2200, who had received the report from a Major Harrelson, Intelligence Officer, 832nd Air Division, Cannon AFB, who had received the original report of the UFO sighting approximately 16/2103 from a Lt. Dinn, F-100 pilot, airborne at the time of sighting and a Captain Mason of Clovis, New Mexico, home at the time of sighting. (All times used are EST). The USAF Command Post, the USAF Indications Center, NORAD and ATIC where all on a conference tie-up for this telephone report. The reports are as follows;

a. Lt. Dinn - Flying F-100 (altitude not available) reported seeing one object, bluish-white with a red tail, similar in appearance to a pistol flare, descending 340 degrees to 350 degrees magnetic against a descending sun. Visible approximately two (2) seconds. 16/2103 EST.

b. Captain Mason - From his home in Clovis, New Mexico, Cpt. Mason saw an object which he describes as in a. above. He added that he saw pieces flying from it.

2. Cannon AFB reports that no planes were in the area or responsible for this sighting.

3. At ~~16/22~~ 16/2250 EST USAF Command Post, USAF Indications Center, NORAD and ATIC again held telecon. Reports of a similar nature have been coming in from Amarillo, Texas, Clovis and Alburquerque, N.M. Reports also were received from a TWA Constellation northeast of Amarillo at 16/2200 EST. Reports vary in estimated altitude ranging from 200 feet to "very, very high." All agree only one object, traveling fast, notheast to southwest. Weather report for the wide area of reporting (NORAD report) is virtually cloudless with some blowing sand in the Texas reporting area. Participants of telecon seem to agree that because of the relative times of all reports, 1900 - 2200 EST, that the object apparently was a meteor.

4. Standing by for more telecons. 2330 hours. All quiet. 17/0145.

Robt R McKay Jr.
ROBERT R MC KAY, JR
1/Lt, USAF
SDO

called Sgt Bolian 16/2230
w/ above R McKay

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UNCLAS OS 2923D COFS USAF FOR AFCIN, OSAF FOR SAFIS. UFO

15A(1) ROUND CHANGING TO ELONGATED SHAPE

(2) HALF DOLLAR

(3) GREEN, CHANGED TO ORANGE.

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) NO TRAIL AT INITIAL SIGHTING, SPARKS AND FIRE TRAIL DEVELOPED.

(8) NONE

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(9) OBJECT MOVING SLOW COMPARED TO METEORS, ETC.

B(1) OBSERVED FROM COCKPIT, APPROXIMATE COURSE 070 DEGREES MAGETIC HEADING. AIRCRAFT HEADING WAS APPROXIMATELY 130 DEGREES PLUS OR MINUS 5 DEGREES.

(2) DIRECTLY AHEAD 11,500 MSL, APPROXIMATE COURSE 070 DEGREES MAGNETIC HEADING.

(3) OBJECT TRAVELED THRU ABOUT 30-45 DEGREES OF ARC BEFORE BURNING OUT.

(4) STRAIGHT FLIGHT PATH AT 070 DEGREES MAGNETIC HEADING

(5) ALMOST ABRUPTLY.

(6) 5-12 SECONDS

C(1) AIR-VISUAL.

(2) NONE

(3) C-46, 69346, 11,500 MSL, GROUND SPEED 185 KNOTS, CAPITOL AIRWAYS, VALLEJO CALIF

D(1) 0202ZULU 17 MAY 60.

(2) DUSK

E. 20-40 MILES SE OF FARMINGTON NMEX. ENROUTE TO KIRTLAND AFB, ALBUQUERQUE NMEX

F(1) CIVILIAN [redacted] 35, ROUTE [redacted] BOX [redacted] VACAVILLE

COPY TO Dr HYNEK

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FMCOMDR 832D AIR DIV CANNON AFB

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UNCLAS FM AD/DOC 04-456.

ACTION FOR: ADC, AADE, ATIC, HQ USAF (AFCIN), SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (SAFIS), INNO: 12AF (OIN). IN ACCORDANCE WITT PARA 14 & 15 AFR 200-2, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IS SUBMITTED: (A) (1) ROUND WITH A SHORT TEAR DROP TAIL. (2) NICKEL AT ARMS LENGTH. (3) BLUISH-WHITE LIGHT. (4) ONE. (5) N/A. (6) NEGATIVE. (7) TEAR DROP TAIL AS LONG AS WIDTH OF OBJECT. (8) NEGATIVE. (9) NEGATIVE. (B) (1) A BRILLIANT MOVING OBJECT IN THE SKY. (2) 250 DEG AZIMUTH OND 30 DEG ELEVATION. (3) 310 DEG AZIMUTT AND 30 DEGELEVATION. (4) STRAIGHT OR SLIGHTLY PARABOLIC.

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CALIF AIRLINE CAPTAIN

G. HIGH SCATTERED CLOUDS, 50 MILES PLUS VISIBILITY, WINDS FROM NW AT 15 KNOTS

(1) N/A

(2) N/A

(3) NONE

(4) 50 MILES PLUS

(5) HIGH SCATTERED CLOUDS

(6) NONE

H NONE

I NONE

J NONE KNOWN

K AIRDORME OFFICER - UNABLE TO EVALUATE DUE TO SIGHTING OF OBJECT DURING FLIGHT OVER NMEX

L N/A

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19/1700Z APR RJWFAM

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IDENTIFICATION COULD BE A REENTRY OF AN EARTH SATTELITE. AN AIR FORCE CAPTAIN WHO WAS PASSING THRU THE CANNON AFB AREA REPORTED TO THE AIRDROME OFFICER THIS INFORMATION. QUOTE: I SAW A BURNING OBJECT FALLING OUT OF THE SKY. IT WAS BREAKING UP AND I COULD SEE PIECES FALLING APART. I BELIEVE IT TO BE A REENTRY VEHICLE. THE TIME WAS 17/0203Z APR 60. UNQUOTE: HE IS CAPTAIN WILLIAM D. MASON, WHOSE DUTY ADDRESS IS 779TH AC&W SQUADRON, OPHEIM, MONTANA AND HE CAN BE REACHED AT HIS LEAVE ADDRESS AT [redacted] CALIFORNIA. (L) NONE.

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18/2328Z APR RJWFBH

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(5) SEVERAL RED OBJECTS CAME OFF THE REAR OF THE BLUE WHITE MAIN BODY AND TRAILED THE MAIN OBJECT. ALL THE SEGMENTS THEN BURNED OUT IN THE MANNER AND RATE OF AN EXPONENTIAL CURVE. (6) APPROXIMATELY FOUR (4) SECONDS. (C) (1) GROUND-VISUAL. (2) NEGATIVE. (3) NA. (D) (1) 17/0200Z APR 60. (2) DAY. (E) (1) TWO (2) MILES WEST OF CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO. (2) THIRTY FOUR (34) DEGREES TWENTY THREE (23) MINUTES NORTH, LATITUDE ONE HUNDRED THREE (103) DEGREES FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE. (F) ROBINSON, D.L. MAJOR, 832AD, PLANS OFFICER, COMMAND PILOT, MATURE, EXCELLENT RELIABILITY. (G) (1) 17/2200Z CLEAR 10 MILES NW 12. (2) 6,000 270/35, 10,000 270/40, 15/000 280/40, 20,000 270/55, 30,000 270/55, 50,000 250/65. (3) CLEAR. (4) 12 MILES (5) NONE. (6) NONE. (7) TEMPERATURE 75 DEG F DEW POINT 16 DEG F. (H) NONE (I) NONE. (J) UNKNOWN. (K) CAPTAIN ROBERT B. SEARL, OIC OF DIVISION OPERATIONS CENTER. THIS OBJECT WAS SIGHTED BY SCORES OF PERSONS WHO REPORTED IT TO VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS, RADIO STATIONS AND MILITARY BASE THROUGHOUT THE WEST TEXAS, NEW MEXICO. AREA. THREE AIR FORCE PILOTS REPORTED THE OBJECT TO CANNON AIR FORCE BASE AUTHORITIES. THIS OFFICER IS NOT TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED TO MAKE A DEFINITE STATEMENT ON THE IDENTITY OF THE OBJECT. THE CONDITIONS OF A CLEAR SKY, DAYLIGHT AND IMPROBABILITY OF A

TEMPARATURE INVERSION COUPLED WITH THE OBJECTS DESCRIPTION AND DISTANCE WOULD INDICATE THE OBJECT WAS A METEOR. THE OTHER PROBABLE

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UFO Sightings

20 April 1960

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Request your office determine if an artificial satellite was responsible for the attached reports.

RICHARD R. SHOOP
Colonel, USAF
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