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COAST GUARD

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
23 Jun 60

2. LOCATION
Vicinity of New Orleans, La.
5 mi SE of Breaux Bridge, La.

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 2220
GMT 24/0420Z

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
Not given

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
descending to W

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Object with appearance of a comet with a tail. Object was falling straight down. It was somewhat of a teardrop shape, but with little or no taper, appeared brilliant and whitish. The first head part appeared to bog down, from which a second head part fell with tail similar to first part. Circular object with long burning tail, appeared to be a very bright meteor.

11. COMMENTS
This sighting was probably a meteor. Probably part of meteorological shower witnessed in New Orleans, Arkansas and vicinity.

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

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Flash Over Gulf Thought Meteor

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Air Force said Friday that an Air Force plane had reported the sighting of a brilliant object in the sky over the Gulf of Mexico Thursday night, but that the plane's crew suggested it may have been a meteor.

However, it said, a routine "unidentified flying object" report was sent to the air tactical center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, for analysis of available information. An Air Force spokesman said that this is customary procedure in the handling of all such reports.

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UNCLAS 320IN 6368. ATTN: AFCIN-4E.

AS REQUESTED IN TELCON BETWEEN MAJ FRIEND, AFCIN-4E, AND SGT BRADY, 320IN, 1900Z 24 JUN 60, THE FOLLOWING MERINT REPORTS FROM COAST GUARD EIGHT, NEW ORLEANS, ARE QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. QUOTE. Y O 240520Z. FM CCGDEIGHT. UNCLAS MERINT TO O X 29-02N 89-48W 34 NM W. OF SOUTH PASS UNIDENTIFIED CIRCULAR OBJECT X LONG BURNING TAIL X EAST TO WEST X ALTITUDE MEDIUM X VISIBILITY GOOD TIME OF SIGHTING 240425Z. UNQUOTE. SECOND MESSAGE. QUOTE. O 240737Z. FM CCGDEIGHT. UNCLAS X CG-83491 240430Z X FOL FROM UF1G CGNR 1266 QUOTE SIGHTED WHAT APPEARS TO BE VERY BRIGHT METEOR SAME TIME POSIT LAKE BORGNE X BURNING TAIL WAS SOUTH OF ACFT UNKNOWN DISTANCE X DIRECTION OF TRAVEL CONFIRMED. END QUOTE.

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24/1947Z JUN RJESKB

[redacted], La.

June 25, 1960.

Air Tactical Center,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Ohio.

Gentlemen:

In connection with the article attached relative to the brilliant object sighted Thursday night, June 23rd, I would like to relate details as follows for whatever value can be gleaned therefrom;

"I was driving alone from Breaux Bridge, La., toward Parks, La., and at a point about five miles out of Breaux Bridge, while headed in a Southeasterly direction at approximately 10:20 P.M., I sighted what appeared like a comet with a tail falling straight down and dead ahead. It was somewhat of a tear-drop shaped object but with little or no taper. I first saw it through the top of my tinted windshield and ofcourse it appeared blueish-green but after it cleared the tinted part, it appeared brilliant and whitish. My guess is that I could see at about a 30 degree angle from horizon to top of windshield and that I saw the object falling for about half this distance. The first head part of it appeared to bog down, from which a second head part fell with tail similar to first part. Other than that it looked a bit different, I presume it was a meteor, which as always appears to be only five or ten miles away."

Yours very truly

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(Ex Captain Air Transport Command)