US NAVAL ATTACHE

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Jun 60	2. LOCATION Hopetown, South Africa	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1122 GMT 25/0922Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE not given

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object resembling shooting star except 10-15 times wider, with smoke trail observed about noon at 8000 ft. Color of object brilliant white as though of burning magnesium. Appeared to move slower than shooting star. Appeared 30° above horizon and disappeared 15°. No direction of object given although traveling toward Indian Ocean.

11. COMMENTS

Daytime meteor. Color appears white and tail as smoke.

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Also Meteor

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MAGNESIUM CMM APPEARED TO MOVE THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE SLOWER THAT A SHOOTING STAR CMM OBJECT APPEARED APPROXIMATELY THREE ZERO DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON CMM DISAPPEARED APPROXIMATELY ONE FIVE DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON CMM SMOKE TRAIL FOLLOWED OBJECT X SOURCE WAS FLYING AT EIGHT ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO FT ON A HEADING OF TWO SIX ZERO DEGREES X SOURCE WAS UNABLE TO DETERMINE IMPACT AREA WHETHER ON LAND OR IN THE OCEAN CMM TRAJECTORY OF OBJECT OR DISTANCE FROM SOURCE X UNION DEFENCE FORCE ADVISES THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF OBJECT IMPACTING IN SOUTH AFRICA X NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVZILABLE THIS OFFICE

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