

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Jul 60		2. LOCATION 5 mi NW of Big Delta, Alaska		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 _____ GMT 09/0645Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one			
9. COURSE descending		11. COMMENTS Probably a daylight meteor.			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant yellow flash with large trail of heavy black smoke with varying degrees of intensity, trail larger than flash. Trail of smoke several miles long, then object dipped toward earth and burned out instantaneously after flash.					

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FEET, SEVERAL MILES LONG THEN OBJECT DIPPED DOWN TOWARD THE EARTH AND BURNED OUT. (5) INSTANANEOUSLY AFTER FLASH. (6) ESTIMATE 5-12 SECONDS. C. (1) GROUND VISUAL FROM AUTOMIBLE IN MOTION. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. D.(1) 09/0645Z JULY 1960. (2) DAY. E. 5 MILES NW OF BIG DELTA ON HIGHWAY. F. (1) CIVILIAN-~~REDACTED~~ RELIAE. G. (1) CLEAR. (2) 6000', 220 DEGRES/ 13KTS. 10000', 190 DEGREES/12KTS. 16000', 180 DEGREES/08KTS. 20000', UNKNOWN. 30000' UNKNOWN. 50000' UNKNOWN. 80000' UNKNOWN. (3) NONE. (4) 50 MILE. (5) 6500' SCATTERED. (6) NONE. (7) TEMPERATURE 56 DEGREES DEW PCINT 38 DEGREES. H. NONE. I. NONE. J. NONE. K. CAPTAIN E.B. COLLIE, HQS 11 ADIV (DEF) INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT WAS NOT OBTAINED UNTIL 13/2000Z JULY 1960 BECAUSE MR KEIM WWS CN A FISHING TRIP AT THE TIME OF SHIGHTING AND DID NOT RETURN HOME UNTJ1 13 JULY 1960. TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH MR KEIM OBSERVED THE TRAIL OF SMOKE, HOWEVER THE FLASH HAD OCCURRED PRIOR TO THEIR OBSERVATION. THE PREPARING OFFICER HAS NO EXPLANATION AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE OBJECT. THE COURSE OF THE OBJECT AND TRAIL OF SMOKE WAS PARALLEL AND TO THE RIGHT OF THE HIGHWAY LEADING TO BIG DELTA. A CHECK WAS MADE AITH FAA AT FORT GREELEY TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL SIGHTING HAD BEEN MADE: THERE WERE NONE REPORTED. L. NONE

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ATIC, HQ USAF (AFCEC SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (SAFIS)). IN ACC

DANCE WITH AFR 200-2, SECTION C, PARAGRAPH 15, SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED

FLYING OBJECTS (UFO), THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED: A. (1)

UNKNOWN. (2) DIME. (3) BRILLIANT YELLOWISH FLASH. (4) ONE. (5) NONE.

(6) NONE. (7) LARGE TRAIL OF HEAVY BLACK SMOKE, WITH VARYING DEGREES

OF INTENSITY. TRAIL LARGER THAN FLASH. (8) NONE. (9) NONE. B. (1)

TRAIL OF SMOKE. (2) 40 DEGREES FROM HORIZON AT APPROXIMATELY 125

DEGREES. (3) 20 DEGREES FROM HORIZON AT APPROXIMATELY 125 DEGREES.

(4) TRAIL OF SMOKE HORIZONTAL TO EARTH, ESTIMATED ALTITUDE 8000

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

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Location 5 mi. Nw of Big Delta, Alaska

Date 9 July 1960

Hour (Z) 0645Z

WX High scattered clouds, vis 50 mi, winds Sw and S at 8 to 13 knots

Description A brilliant yellow flash size of dime left a large trail of heavy black smoke with varying degrees of density, estimated to be several miles long. was first seen 40 deg elev at 125 deg, disapp 20 deg elev at 125 deg, trail was horizontal to earth and parallel with the road, was viewed for about 5 to 10 seconds.

Direction of Motion descending

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) None reported to be reentering at this time.

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) Probably a daylight meteor

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) None

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) -----

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. Ruled out-no acft reported to have crashed

Other _____

Evaluation of Source Reliability Poss reliable

Analysis and Conclusions: If it had been an acft burning it would not have travelled so far and would not have left such a long trail of smoke as that that reported by the witnesses. There were no acft crash reported. The object is typical of a large meteor that is seen during daylight, burning up and leaving a trail of smoke.