

MILITARY AIR

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Salina, Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Satellite reentry</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>17/0410Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE not given	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Sighting reported from T-33 pilot in the Salina Kansas area. A flash and streak of light was observed with many colors, blue green, red, etc. Duration of sighting was 30 sec. Pilot had flown for 20 years, and had never seen anything like it. Not a falling star. Thought to be meteorite or satellite reentry by pilot.				11. COMMENTS Object responsible for this sighting was probably the reentry of 1960 Kappa (Discoverer XVI), which reentered this date. Duration and multicolor indicate reentry rather than meteorite.	

U F O ANALYSIS SHEET

DATE 16 SEPT 1960 LOCATION SALINA, KANSAS

DATE TIME GROUP LOCAL 2210 GMT 17/0410

PHOTO YES ☐ NO ☒ PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES ☐ NO ☒

SOURCE MILITARY ☒ CIVILIAN ☐ TYPE OF OBSERVATION VISUAL

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 SECONDS NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 COURSE

SATELLITE: ☐ IN ORBIT: ☐ VERIFY YES: ☒ NO: ☐ DECAY: ☒

ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA

METEOR

STAR OR PLANET

OTHER

AIRCRAFT

BALLOON

INSUFFICIENT DATA

OTHER

REFLECTION INVERSION PRESENT PHOTO ANALYSIS

SUN DOG LENTICULAR CLOUD PHYSICAL SPECIMEN ANALYSIS

BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING:

REPORTING BY A T-33 PILOT FLYING IN THE
SALINA, KANSAS AREA. A FLASH AND STREAK OF
LIGHT AT ONE O'CLOCK HIGH W BY N.W.
MANY COLORS - BLUE, RED, GREEN, ETC.

DURATION OF SIGHTING: 30 SECONDS

PILOT THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A
METEORITE OR POSSIBLY A SATELLITE REENTRY.

EVALUATION: CASE CATEGORY: SATELLITE REENTRY

CONCLUSION: REASONABLE
THE OBJECT FOR THIS SIGHTING WAS
1960 KARRA (DISCOVERED 16) WHICH REENTERED
ON THIS DATE.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4X2/Major Stroff/59117

SUBJECT: Extract from OD Report

19 SEP 1960

re: AFCIN-4E2, Attn: Major Friend

Following report is extracted from the Officer of the Day Report for the period 0730, 16 Sep - 0730, 17 Sep 60:

REPORT SUPPLEMENT

At approximately 1030 hrs the DO received a telephone call from the Air Force Command Post concerning a UFO sighting. This call came to me at my regular duty office. I called Major Friend, Chief, Aerial Phenomena Group, to notify him of this call. He had knowledge of the reported sighting but requested that a report be made as a part of the DO report.

The sighting report is summarized as follows:

Time of sighting: 0410Z

Reported by a T-33 pilot flying in the Salina, Kansas area.

A flash and streak of light at one o'clock high W by NW.

Many colors- blue, red, green, etc.

Duration of sighting: 30 seconds.

Pilot has flown for 20 yrs. Had never seen anything like it.

Has seen many falling stars. Said this was not one. Pilot thought that it might have been a meteorite or possibly a satellite reentry."

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Prob Meteor