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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 Dec 60	2. LOCATION 4044N 6440W ESE of Nantucket Island, Massachusetts	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 1849 GMT 13/2249Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE WSW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Appeared elliptical (football type), size of dime, blue-white changed to red. More trail to either side than to rear. Trail began at nose and fanned out rapidly until it was 2 times as large as object at the tail. Very slight trail behind object, about 1/4 length of object. Appeared aprox 20° declination and azimuth 300°T. No maneuvers. Sighted from a/c at altitude of 8000 ft, heading (magnetic) 291°, TAS of 210 knots.

11. COMMENTS

Object moving in wrong direction for a satellite reentry. Duration and description similar to meteor. The earth is passing through a number of meteor showers this time of year, and the object sighted was probably from one of these showers.

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ACTION ADC, 26ADIV (SAGE), ATIC, AFCIN, SAFIS. UFO REPORT. PER PARAGRAPH 15, AFR 200-2, UFO SIGHTING IS REPORTED AS FOLLOWS A. OBJECT DESCRIPTION (1) APPEARED TO BE ELLIPTICAL (FOOTBALL TYPE) (2) SIZE OF DIME (3) BLUE-WHITE WHEN FIRST SIGHTED, BRIGHT RED ON DISAPPEARANCE (4) ONE (5) NONE (6) NONE (7) MORE TRAIL TO EITHER SIDE THAN TO THE REAR OF OBJECT. TRAIL BEGAN AT NOSE AND FANNED OUT RAPIDLY UNTIL IT WAS 2 TIMES AS LARGE AS OBJECT AT THE TAIL. VERY SLIGHT TRAIL BEHINE OBJECT, ABOUT 1/4 (ONE-FOURTH) THE LENGTH OF OBJECT. (8) NONE (9) NONE B. (1) UNUSUAL BRIGHTNESS AND

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