PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 Jan 61	2. LOCATION Holt, Minnesota	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 1900 GMT 160100Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, blue-white object size of basketball. No sound heard. Appeared to break-up into several small chunks of blue-white light just prior to disappearing. No estimate of elevation. Light first appeared directly over auto and was first seen at an asimuth of 210° going away from observer. Disappeared at an azimuth of 210°; again no estimate of elevation. Flew in a straight line on 210° heading disappearing before it reached horizon.

11. COMMENTS Several reports received this month from several parts of the country, xxx all very similar to this one. The earth is passing through several meteor showers this month. Object observed by these witnesses was probably a meteor that burned out before reaching the earth's surface.

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AF IN : 50119 (18 Jan 61) N/cem

ACTION : CIN-14

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (21)

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UNCLAS/692-OAC 38. UFO, A. (1) ROUND (2) SIZE OF BASKETBALL (3) BLUE-WHITE (4) ONE (5) N/A (6) A VERY BRIGHT BALL OF BLUE WHITE LIGHT (7) N/A (8) NO SOUND WAS HEARD (9) APPEARED TO BREAK-UP INTO SEVERAL SMALL CHUNKS OF BLUE-WHITE LIGHT JUST PRIOR TO DISAPPEARING. B. (1) THE WHOLE COUNTRY SIDE SEEMED TO LIGHT-UP MAKING THIS AUTOMOBILE HEAD LIGHTS APPEAR DIM. (2) NO ESTIMATE OF ELEVATION. LIGHT FIRST APPEARED DIRECTLY OVER AUTO AND WAS FIRST SEEN AT AN AZIMUTH OF 210 DEGREES GOING AWAY FROM OBSERVER. (3) NO ESTIMATE OF ELEVATION. DISAPPEARED AT AN AZIMUTH OF 210 DEGREES. (4) FLEW IN A STRAIGHT LINE ON 210 DEGREE HEADING DISAPPEARING BEFORE

1-15-61 7:00 P.M. Ball of blue-white light, broke up into several small chunks of blue-white light just prior to disappearing, viewed 2 seconds. Observed from Holt, Minnesota.

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IT REACHED THE HORIZON. (5) APPEARED TO BREAK INTO SMALL CHUNKS OF BLUE-WHITE LIGHT THEN DISAPPEARED AS IF LIGHT HAD BEEN SHUT OFF BY A SWITCH. (6) 2 SECONDS. C. (1) GROUND/VISUAL (2) N/A (3) N/A D. (1) 16/0100Z (2) NIGHT E. IN PRIVATE AUTOMOBILE HEADING NORTH ON HIGHWAY 32. JUST ENTERING HOLT, MINNESOTA. F. (1) MR. [redacted], AGE 52, ADDRESS, BAUDETTE, MINNESOTA. FIXED STATION AIR BASE OPERATOR AND PILOT WITH 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE SOURCE. FOUR PASSENGERS OF SAME AUTO VERIFIED THE INCIDENT. G. (1) VERY CLEAN NIGHT VISIABILITY EXCELLENT. (2) 6,000-260 DEGREES-30 KNTS, 10,000-270 DEGREES-25 KNTS, 16,000-290 DEGREES-20 KNTS, 20,000-300 DEGREES-30 KNTS, 30,000-350 DEGREES-65 KNTS, 50,000-300 DEGREES-20 KNTS, 80,000 NOT AVAILABLE. (3) NONE (4) UNLIMITED (5) TWO TENTHS COVERAGE (6) NONE (7) 5 DEGREES 2 PTS MINUS 1. H. NONE I. NONE J. NONE K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, PRELIMINARY AND FINAL INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED NO INFORMATION AS TO THE PROBABLE CAUSE OR IDENTIFY OF OBJECT. L. NONE.

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