PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Feb 61	2. LOCATION Union, Maine	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 1735 GMT 1622352	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE E-W

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Ball of flame with no smoke or trail. Observer compared brillance of objt to burning magnesium. Objt was observed momentarily before going out of sight behind a barn and observer could not extimate size. Objt was traveling low in a flat trajectory.

11. COMMENTS One witness reported seeing objt. However, there were apparently several witnesses in several parts of Maine, according to newspaper reports. Description of objt is characteristic of a fireball, and it was apparently large and very high.

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AF IN : 22513 (18 Feb 61) N/A

INCOMING

ACTION: CIN-14

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

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RR RJEZHQ

DE RJEXDP 76

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FM 4038 STRATWG DOW AFB MAINE

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLORADO

RJEZSN/26 AIRDIV HANCOCK FLD N Y

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UNCLAS FROM DCOI 20119. UFO REPORT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2 THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED: A BALL OF FLAMES WAS OBSERVED BY MR. [redacted] OF UNION, MAINE. THERE WAS NO SMOKE OR TRAIL OBSERVED. THE OBSERVER COMPARED THE BRILLANCE OF THE OBJECT TO BURNING MAGNESIUM. THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED MOMENTARILY BEFOR GOING OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND A BARN AND THE OBSERVER COULD NOT ESTIMATE THE SIZE. THE OBJECT WAS TRAVELING LOW IN A FLAT TRAJECTORY FROM EAST TO WEST. METHOD OF OBSERVATION WAS GROUND VISUAL. DATE TIME OF GIGHTING WAS 16/2235Z . LIGHT CONDITIONS: DUSK.LOCATIONOF OBSERVER : ON MAINE ROUTE 17 1 NM WEST OF UNION, MAINE 44 DEGREES 1230N 69 1629W. THE OBSERVER: MR [redacted], UNION, MAINE, [redacted]2, IS AN EX USAF PILOT. ESTIMATE RELIABILITY FAIR

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INDS ALOFT 6,000 330/20 10,000 320/30 16,000 320/50 20,000 320/70 30,000 320/100 50,000 300/50. WEATHER CAVU SURFACE TEMPERATURE 20-25 DEGREES. SLIGHT INVERSION 4-5M 5DEGREES"C" INCREASE IN TEMP 5-22M STABLE WEATHER INFORMATION FROM DOW AFB WEATHER STATION.

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PREPARING OFFICER' S COMMENTS: THE BANGOR DAILY NEWS CARRIED A REOPRT OF NUMEROUS SIGHTINS ON THE NIGHT OF 16 FEB OF AN OBJECT. THE REPORT DID NOT GIVE TIME BUT STATED THE OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FROM PORTLAND, MAINE TO BELFAST, MAINE.

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