PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Mar 61 3. DATE-TIME GROUP			12. CONCLUSIONS Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon
Local 1735 GMT 030135Z 5. PHOTOS □ Yes □ No	Ground-Visual Air-Visual 6. SOURCE Military and	☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Was Astronomical METEOR Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		Other
Ojt not sightd only burst, although trail		meteor, and "but Objt apparently	ption is characteristic of rst" indicates a bolide. observed over a wide it was at a high altitude.

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- A. (1) NEG
- (2) BETWEEN HEAD OF PIN AND PEA.
- (3) INITIAL BURST WAS GREEN. THE TRAIL WAS WHITE.
- (4) ONE
- (5) N/A
- (6) NONE
- (7) OBJECT NOT SIGHTED, ONLY BURST. THE TRAIL SIZE APPROXIMATED

- CONTRAL SIZE.
- (8) NONE

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COMBAT CENTER CONTROLLER, EXCELLENT.

G. (1) LOW CLOUD BANK TO WEST.

(2) SURFACE 280/2

6,000 260/20

10,000 270/25

16,000 250/25

20,000 280/50

30,000 280/65

50,000 280/25

80,000 NOT AVAILABLE

- (3) GFA (Ø156Z) 6ØØØ SCTD 8ØØØ SCTD HI THIN BKN
- (4) VSBY 15 PLUS.
- (5) ISOLATED THUNDER STORMS ON WEST SIDE OF DIVIDE, NONE OBSERVED AT TIME.
- (7) LOW TROPAUSE AT 25,000: -35 DEG C.
- H. NONE
- I. NONE
- J. NOT AVAILABLE.
- K. SENIOR CONTROLLER, 29TH AIR DIVISION.

THIS REPORT IS TIED IN WITH AT LEAST THREE OHER VISUAL SIGHTINGS.

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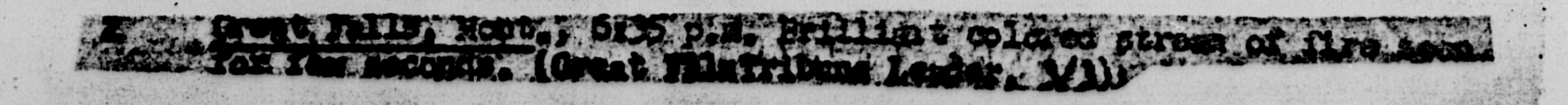
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- (9) THE WHITE TRAIL FELL STRAIGHT DOWN FROM THE BURST, ALTHOUGH THE TRAIL STOPPED FOR A SECOND AND THEN RESUMED. WITNESS SAYS IT LOOKED LIKE A "GO/NO GO" FLARE. BUT DIDN'T FLARE.
- B. (1) SITTING IN CAR, OBSERVING SUMSET.
- (2) 30-40 DEGREES.
- (3) 10-15 DEGREES
- (4) STRAIGHT DOWN (OBJECT SIGHTED TO THE WEST).
- (5) BEHIND CLOUD BANK
- (6) THE INITIAL BURST AND FALL LASTED APPROXIMATELY 5-10 SECONDS, ALTHOUGH THE STREAMS WERE VISIBLE FOR A GOOD LENGTH OF TIME, AT LEAST 10 MINUTES.
- C. (1) GROUND-VISUAL
- (2) NONE
- (3) N/A
- D. (1) Ø3 MARCH 1961, Ø135Z.
- (2) DUSK

GREAT FALL, MONT. 111 10W 47 30N

F. (1) F. GREAT FALLS, MONT, HOUSEWIFE, EXCELLENT.

(2) AUSTIN O. FERNOW, 1/LT, 4642ND SUPPORT SQ., MALMSTROM AFB, MONT,



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ALTHOUGH THIS SEEMS TO BE THE MOST ACCURATE OF ANY HEARD. THE 25TH ADIV SAGE ADC IS SENDING MESSAGES CONCERNING THOSE REPORTS.

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS WOULD INDICATE EITHER THE REENRTY OF A SPACE VEHICLE OR A METEOR. HOWEVER, THE FACTS THAT THE WEATHERMAN ADVISES THAT THERE WERE NO CONTRAIL LEVELS, THE REPORTED INITIAL BURST AND ESPECIALLY THE DEFINATE INTERUPTION OF THE WHITE STREAM, WOULD SEEM TO POINT TO A SPACE VEHICLE.

OTHER REPORTS CORRELATED WITH THIS ONE BY TIME AND, TO SOME EXTENT BU TEXT, SEEM TO PLACE THE FALL SOMEWHERE NEAR KELLOG, IDAHO

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