PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Mar 61	2. LOCATION Great Falls, Montana	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 030135Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military and Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Between head of pin and pea, initial burst was green; trail white. Ojt not sight'd only burst, although trail stopped for a second and then resumed. Disappeared behind cloud bank. Initial burst & fall lasted aprox 5-10 sec, although streams were visible for at least 10 min. Appeared 30-40°. Disappeared 10-15°.

11. COMMENTS Description is characteristic of meteor, and "burst" indicates a bolide. Objt apparently observed over a wide area indicating 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 (0156Z) 6000 SCTD 8000 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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(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) 03 MARCH 1961, 0135Z.

(2) DUSK

[redacted] GREAT FALL, MONT. 111 10W 47 30N

F. (1) [redacted], 27, [redacted], GREAT FALLS, MONT, HOUSEWIFE, EXCELLENT.

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

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Z. Great Falls, Mont.; 5:35 p.m. Brilliant colored stream of fire seen for few seconds. (Great Falls Tribune Leader, 3/1)

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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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