PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
14 Sep 61

2. LOCATION
3630N 13945E (FAR EAST)

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 2200
GMT 141300Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
2-3 sec

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Explosion. Bright light viewed for 2-3 sec. Explosion lasted 1/2 sec. 1st observed as ball of light w/extremely short tail. Looked like ball of fire.

11. COMMENTS 2 pilots saw what appeared to be an explosion which was viewed less than 1 sec. 1 pilot reported objt had a short tail. Both reported objt had very little, if any, movement. Elevation of objt was too high to have been an atomic explosion above arctic, plus, direction of observation tends to rule this out. Most logical explanation would be a large meteor exploding in earths atmosphere. Therefore, this report is categorized as probably bolide.

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

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AF IN : 57843 (15 Sep 61) I N C O M I N G F/Scc

ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (24)

OI-3

SMB A 108

ZCHQB863ZCQJE138

PP RJEZHQ

DE RJAPDR 24A

P 150115Z

FM 40FTRINTCP SQ YOKOTA AB JAPAN

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEZHQ/SEC OF AIR FORCE WASHDC

INFO RJHPKM/PACAF HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RJAPAZ/5AF FUCHU AS JAPAN

RJAPAU/41DIV JOHNSON AS JAPAN

BT

U N C L A S E F T O 0024. UFO REPORT

ACTION: ADC, ATIC, AFCIN, SAFIS. INFO: PFICO-C, 5AF, 410C-I. THIS MSG IN 2 PARTS. PART I: A DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT: 1. BALL SHAPPED 2. SIZE OF A SILVER DOLLAR 3. BRIGHT WHITE 4. ONS5. N/A 6. BRIGHT BLINDING LIGHT, LITE UP THE ENTIRE COCKPIT. 7. NONE 8. NONE 9. NO VIBRATION OR TURBULENCE FELT. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE. 1. BLINGING LIGHT 2. 30 DEGREES IN ELEVATION FROM NOSE OF A/C. 3. SAME 4. STRAIGHT DOWN IF AT ALL. 5. INSTANTANEOULY, BLEW UP.

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N/A 6. EXTREMELY BRIGHT, LOOKED LIKE AN EXPLOSION.

7. VERY SHORT TAIL 8. NONE .8 NO VIBRATION FELT

IN THE A/C. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

1. BLINDING Z

ITE LIGHT 2. 120 DEGREES FROM NOSE

OF A/C,:260 DEGREES ELEVATION FROMA/C.

3. APPROX SAME 4. IF MOVING AT ALL, FROM WEST TO EAST

5. BLEW UP 6. ONE TENTH OF A SECOND C. MANNER OF

OBSERVATION: 1. AIR VISUAL 2. NONE 3. F102ABN

553412, 35,000', 360 DEGREES, MACH .85, YOKOTA AB

D. SAME AS PART ONE E. SAME AS PART ONE F.

SOREN A. POZ-IELSN, 1ST LT USAF, 40TH FIS, INTCP

PILOT, USUALLY RELIABLE. G. SAME AS PART I H. - K.

SAME XAS PART ONE. L. NONE

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6. ONE HALF SECOND C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION GOM AIR VISUAL 2. NONE 3. F102A, 560965, 30,000.!5, 060 DEGREES, YOKOTA AB, JAPAN D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING 1. 1300Z, 14 SEP 1961 2. NIGHT, CLEAR. E. ~~LOCATION OF OBSERVER~~: 6 30N, 139 45E F DONALD C. WINDRATH, CAPTAIN, 40TH FIS, INTCP PILOT, USUALLY RELIABLE. G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT 1. CLEAR, WINDS ALOFT 30KTS FROM THE WEST 2. 20,000' 35-50KTS, FROM 240 DEGREES, 30,000' 40-45KTS, FROM 240 DEGREES. 3. 8,000' 4. 8NM 5. THIN SCATERED 6. NONE 7. UNKNOWN H. NONE KNOWN I. NONE J. NONE REPORTED K. CTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 40TH FIS, 1ST LT RICHARD A FLAGG, JR., 61475A, OBSERVER DECLARED.. 9?'3:5 3/0)9$3$ 4-5#34 5#-, ?74,3$. THE LIGHT FROM OBJECT ILLUMINATED THE ENTIRE COCKPIT. THIS WOULD TEND TO RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A FALLING STAR. CORROBORATION APPARS IN THIS CASE IN THAT OBSERVERJS WING MAN REPORTED SEEING A SOMEWHAT SIMILIAR PHENOMENA, SEE PART TWO.PARHII: A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT 1. BALL OF FIRE 2. NICKEL 3. WHITE 4. ONE 5.