

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Nov 61		2. LOCATION Lake Charles, Louisiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0600 GMT 171200Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Astronomical <i>Meteor</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military and Civilian		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 10 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright objt size of a/c exploding and continuing flight path until dis-integration. Bright trail persisting for 5 sec. Horizontal plane to E. Instantaneous disappearance. 2. White objt leaving trail like smoke persisting for 4 min. No sound. Horizontal flight W-E.				11. COMMENTS Sighting has all characteristics of meteor observation of bolide type. Color, flight, explosion and duration of sighting conform to pattern. Case listed as astronomical; meteor. <i>See Feb 62 JKT & TX</i>	

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UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

AF IN : 11336 (22 Nov 61) IN COMING
ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : ~~SAFS-3~~, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, DIA-2 (26)

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PP RJEZHQ

ZNR ZEL

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PP RJWFAL RJWFHW RJEBKF RJEDSQ RJEZHQ

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P 222200Z

FM 68BW CHENNAULT AFB LA

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLORADO

RJWFHW/32ND AIR DIVISION OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

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INFO RJEBKF/2AF BARKSDALE AFB LA

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UNCLAS 68DCOI 11-271. UFO. USAF FOR AFCIN.

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FINDINGS ARE REPORTED IN ACCORD WITH AFR 200-2. PART AND SUB-

PART NUMBERS CORRESPOND TO THE FORMAT OF THE REGULATION. THIS

MESSAGE IN NINE PARTS. PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT. A.

OBJECT WAS TOO BRIGHT TO DISTINGUISH SHAPE. B. NEAREST COMPARATIVE

SIZE ESTIMATE WOULD BE THAT OF AN AIRCRAFT. C. THE COLOR WAS VERY

BRIGHT AND FIRE-LIKE RED. D. ONE OBJECT SIGHTED. E. N/A. F.

NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES EXCEPT THAT IT APPEARED TO BE AN OBJECT

THAT EXPLODED AND CONTINUED ITS FLIGHT PATH ACROSS THE SKY UNTIL

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DISINTEGRATED. G. BRIGHT TRAIL OF UNDETERMINED LENGTH LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 SECONDS AFTER OBJECT DISAPPEARED. H. NO SOUND HEARD BY FIRST OBSERVER. EXPLOSION SOUND HEARD BY SECOND OBSERVER BUT HE WAS HESITANT TO ASSOCIATE IT WITH THE SIGHTING. I. NO OTHER PERTINANT OR UNUSAL FEATURES. PART II. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE. A. THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE OBJECT CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF OBSERVER. B. OBJECT TRAVELED ON A NEAR HORIZONTAL PLANE AT A REASONABLY LOW BUT UNDETERMINED ALTITUDE GOING FROM WEST TO EAST. C. SAME AS B. D. NEAR LEVEL FLIGHT PATH. E. INSTANTANEOUSLY DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST. F. OBJECT VISIBLE APPROXIMATELY FIVE TO TEN SECONDS. PART III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. A. GROUND-VISUAL. B. N/A. C. N/A. PART IV. TIME AND DATE. A. 1200Z, 17 NOV 61. B. NIGHT. PART V. LOCATION. 30-15N, 93-12W, NORTH EDGE OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA. PART VI. INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS. MR. & MRS. [REDACTED], AGE APPROXIMATELY 57 YEARS OLD, [REDACTED], LAKE CHARLES, LA.; MR. RETIRED; MRS. HOUSEWIFE; RELIABILITY GOOD. PART VII. WEATHER & WINDS. A. CLEAR. B. SURFACE WINDS 315/23; AT 6000, 330/10; AT 10000, 280/30; AT 16000, 280/30; AT 22000, 280/30; AT 30000, 260/54; AT 50000 / 260/48. C. UNLIMITED CEILING. D. VISIBILITY 10NM. E. NONE. F. NONE. G. NOT

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AVAILABLE. PART VIII. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CONTROL TOWER PERSONNEL ON DUTY FROM 0600Z TO 1300Z ON 17 NOV 61, INDICATED THAT THERE WAS HEAVY METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITY DURING THAT EVENING. PART IX. THIS REPORT WAS PERPARED BY CAPTAIN RICHARD J. HAMEL, ASST. TARGET MATERIAL OFFICER, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION. THE OBSERVERS SEEMED CONVINCED THAT THE SIGHTING WAS NOT OF A METEOROLOGICAL NATURE; HOWEVER, WITH THE HEAVY METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITY OF THAT EVENING IT IS REASONABLE AND PROBABLE THAT IT WAS SO RELATED. AN UNUSUALLY LOW AND BRIGHT METEOR WOULD STARTLE ANY OBSERVER AND ITS BRIEF SIGHTING COULD EASILY CLOUD THE IMPRESSION AND INTERPRETATIONS OF THE VIEWER. A. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE.

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ACTION: CIN-17, SAFS-3

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INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, DIA-2 (26)

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PP RJEZHQ

DE RJWFKH 25

ZNR

P 291708Z

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UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE 68DCOI 11-271. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUPPLEMENTAL
TO THE ABOVE REPORT. PARTS AND SUB-PARTS CORRESPOND TO FORMAT OF
AFR 200-2. THIS MESSAGE IN SEVEN PARTS. PART I. DESCRIPTION OF
THE OBJECT. A. ROUND SHAPE. B. SIZE ESTIMATED TO HALF THE SIZE
OF A FULL MOON AT ITS ZENITH. C. COLOR, WHITE AND VERY BRIGHT. D.
OBJECT LEFT A BRIGHT TRAIL WHICH LOOKED LIKE SMOKE. THIS SMOKE
TRAIL WAS VISIBLE UP TO APPROXIMATELY FOUR MINUTES AND ITS LENGTH
COULD BE COMPARED TO A YARD STICK HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH. E. NO

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SOUND HEARD. PART II. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE. A. OBJECT TRAVELED ON A NEAR HORIZONTAL PLANE AT AN ELEVATION OF APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREES AND ESTIMATED ALTITUDE OF 35 TO 50 THOUSAND FEET, GOING FROM WEST TO EAST. B. INSTANTANEOUSLY DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST. C. OBJECT VISIBLE APPROXIMATELY FIVE SECONDS AND ITS TRAIL FOUR MINUTES. PART III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. GROUND VISUAL. PART IV. A. 1200Z, 17 NOV 61. B. NIGHT. PART V. LOCATION 29-50N, 93-07W, NEAR CREOLE, LOUISIANA. PART VI. INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS. A. [REDACTED], MAJOR, USAF, 68TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP; AERONAUTICAL RATING, NAVIGATOR; DUTY, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION SERVICES; RELIABILITY, GOOD. B. [REDACTED] JR., [REDACTED], 1ST LT, USAF, HQ SQ 68TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP, SNON-RATED; DUTY, RECREATIONAL SERVICES OFFICER. RELIABILITY, GOOD. PART IV

THE REMAINDER OF THE RPORT REMAINS THE SAME AS PREVIOUS MESSAGE.

BT NOTE : 11-271 is AF IN 11202 (22 Nov 61).

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