PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 October 1962	2. LOCATION Forbes AFB, Kansas	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft XX Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local_____ GMT 12/1100Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION XX Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE not given

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Obj like a bright meteor only orange to yellow in color leaving trail. No sound. Described as about brightness of a/c at 30,000ft. Flight path followed curve. Speed varied. Faded at 20 dgr elevation after 5 minute obsvation.

11. COMMENTS

Description conforms to a/c sighting. Duration, speed and appearance are consistent with this evaluation.

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A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: LIKE A VERY BRIGHT METEOROID, BUT WAS ORANGE TO YELLOW IN COLOR. ONLY ONE OF THE OBJECTS WAS NOTED, BUT TWO OR THREE METEROROIDS HAS ALREADY BEEN SEEN. THE OBJECT LEFT A TRAIL BUT MADE NO SOUND. THE OBSERVER DESCRIBED THE BRIGHTNESS AS ABOUT THAT OF AN AIRPLANE AT 30000 FEET.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: THE OBJECT APPEARED FROM BEHIND A NEARBY BUILKING, MOVING QUICKLY AT FIRST BUT SLOWING DOWN AS IT REACHED THE ZENITH. IT FOLLOWED A CURVED PATH, FADING OUT AT ABOUT 20 DEGREES

ABOVE THE HORIZON AFTER 5 MINUTES FLIGHT TIME, JERKING SLIGHTLY IN THE FLIGHT PATH OCCASIONALLY.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: GROUND VISUAL BY AIRMAN.

D. TIME OF SIGHTING: 12/1100Z DAWN.

E. OBSERVER MADE SIGHTING ON FORBES AFB, BARRACKS 824.

F. OBSERVER WAS TR MAYNARD, AF13665319, ADDRESS FORBES.

G. WEATHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING: SURFACE WINDS, 180 DEGREES, 5 KNOTS FROM 1100 TO 130Z, WIND CONFIGURATION WAS AS FOLLOWS:

6000	200 DEGREES	10 KNOTS
10000	190 DEGREES	20 KNOTS
16000	200 DEGREES	15 KNOTS
20000	150 DEGREES	7 KNOTS
30000	290 DEGREES	10 KNOTS
50000	280 DEGREES	50 KNOTS
80000	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE

THERE WERE NO THUNDERSTORMS IN THE AREA.

VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT:

SURFACE	71 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT
6000	16 DEGREES CENTIGRADE
10000	7 DEGREES CENTIGRADE

16000	-7 DEGREES CENTIGRADE
20000	-16 DEGREES CENTIGRADE
30000	-37 DEGREES CENTIGRADE

50000 -68 DEGREES CENTIGRADE

80000 NOT AVAILABLE

CLOUD COVER WAS SCATTERED AT 10000 FEET, VISIBILITY 9 MILE.

H. POSSIBLE EXPLANATION: CONSIDERING THAT METEOROIDS HAD ALREADY BEEN SIGHTED, THIS WAS PROBABLY JUST AN UNUSUALLY BRIGHT ONE. TIME IN FLIGHT COULD HAVE BEEN MAGNIFIED IN THE AIRMAN'S MEMORY. THE FACT OF THE YELLOW-ORANGE COLOR MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONLY CHEMICALS IN THE METEOR.

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