PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 October 1962	2. LOCATION Nebraska & South Dakota	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft XX Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local_____ GMT 19/0245Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION XX Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar XX Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes X No	6. SOURCE Civilian & Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not rptd	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Multiple rpts of obj believed to have hit Parker Peak, South Dakota. Exploded. Described as meteor like trailing a cone of fire about eight times longer than main body. Lit up area about 100 miles around. Some obsvrs rptd hissing sound accompanied the object.

11. COMMENTS

Rpting officer contacted in effort to determine if meteor landed and any possibility of recovery. Efforts were negative. SPADATS contacted and no decays this date. (Going West anyway) Multiple sighting of meteor.

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UNCLAS E F T O 28DCOI 14342 ATTN: AFCIN HQ USAF SAFOI SEC OF THE AIR FORCE UFO. EIGHT AIRBORNE KC 135 TANKER CREWS, 28TH ARS ELLSWORTH AFB SDAK, REPORT SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT AT 0245Z 19 OCT 62. OBJECT APPPEARED TO EXPLODE AT FROM 60 TO 80,000 FT OF ALT. REPORTS ALSO RECEIVVED FROM HILL CITY SDAK, 4356N 10334W AND CUSTER SDAK, 4346N 10336W. REPORTS INDICATE OBJECT EXPLODED AT ALT ABOVE 60,000FT AND CRASHED INTO PARKER PEAK, 432415N 10340W. OBJCT DISCRIBED AS METEOR LIKE WITH TRAILING CONE APPROX EIGHT TIMES LENGTH OF OBJECT. COLOR VERY BRIGHT WHITE FLAS THAT APPEARED TO LIGHT UP GROUND FOR AN AREA OF 100 SQUARE MILES OR

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Ogallala Youths Say They Were 'Chased' by Unidentified Object

1962 Oct. 18

Two Ogallala youths reported seeing a lighted unidentified flying object fall from the sky about the same time that residents of northwest and north-central Nebraska and southwestern South Dakota reported seeing a lighted object crossing the sky.

The two boys, Danny Uptegrove, 16, and George Looney, 17, also declared the object followed their car at speeds above 25 m.p.h. The boys stated that the object fell from the sky between 7:30 and 8 p.m. Thursday. Residents around Scottsbluff reported seeing an object fall about 7:55 p.m. Thursday followed by an explosion 3 to 5 minutes later that "rocked the whole valley," in the words of Irwin Beckmann, a farmer in the area.

George said in a telephone conversation that Danny first sighted the object. The two had then gone to see where it had fallen, about ½ mile out of town.

"We were about a block from the object. It didn't move until we started to get out, and then it started toward us. We left when it got closer, after we got the car started. We had the throttle pulled all the way out, and it wouldn't run," George said.

"It was about a half or three-fourths block long, and about a street's width wide. And it was flat, just like a street light shining on the ground, but there wasn't anything above it, and there wasn't any height to it. I saw just a plain white light, which was dim around the edges and flat on the ground.

"We thought maybe it was a meteorite until it started to move toward us. We were pretty scared, so I don't remember much else and don't remember seeing or feeling anything," Looney stated.

The two boys said they were about one block from the object when they first approached it, and it came nearer once it started moving.

"We've had a lot of people laugh at us when we told them about it, and a lot of the people asked us questions about it to be sure we saw it moving, but we saw it move, I'm sure of it.

"Two kids around school saw that light last night, and they saw it coming down — the same thing Danny Uptegrove saw; a ball coming down out of the sky," Looney added.

Additional reportings of objects-in-the-sky came from a Federal Aviation Agency employe in Cheyenne, who said it appeared quite bright from his vantage point in the airport tower.

A tourist reported seeing a meteor fall to earth about 5 miles southwest of Rapid City, S.D., in southwestern South Dakota, leaving a trail of yellow-red sparks and fire. Officials of the South Dakota State School of Mines are investigating.

The motorist said the fireball had thrown off a burning piece that started a prairie fire near Kilgore. The Kilgore fire department investigated and found no fire.

No reports of similar objects had been turned in to the Air, Traffic and Control Center of the Olathe, Kan., FAA station by Friday morning, the Lincoln Flight Service Station reported.

The Nebraska Highway Patrol reported that one of the sightings near Kilgore might have been a falling plane, but nothing was found.

Several persons in Greeley, Colo., reported sightings of bright objects to the district offices of the Highway Patrol.

Nebraska Highway Patrol reports of sightings mainly came from the Scottsbluff and Ainsworth areas.

The South Dakota State Police reported that an object appeared to have landed in the Parker Peak area southwest of Hot Springs. Most reports indicated the observers reported they saw meteors. Because of the fiery appearance, fire lookouts in the southern Black Hills and the Black Hills Army Depot at Igloo were alerted.

South Dakota patrolmen could not report finding any meteorite remains.

The Sioux Falls, S.D., Weather Bureau said it was believed the fire balls were either meteors or pieces of meteors.

Shelter Plan

Washington (UPI) — The Defense Department has ordered the armed services to cooperate closely with local civil defense organizations to provide fallout shelters at military installations.

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About October 18th, two youths living in Ogallala, Nebraska, reported that they saw a lighted UFO fall from the sky, and that the object followed their car at speeds above 25 mph. The sighting, plus an explosion accompanying it, was confirmed by many people over a wide area, but the story told by the two young men was the strangest. They said that they approached to within a short distance of the object, which was on the ground, and then got out of their car. As they did so, it started moving toward them. The UFO was about "half or 3/4 of a block long and about a street's width wide," according to the boys. It was a plain white light, dim around the edges and flat on the ground. It did not seem to have any height or to be a solid form.

Strange Lights In S.D.' Neb.

On Thursday, 18 October, residents of Rapid City, S. D., as well as an employee of the FAA in Cheyenne, Wyoming, reported a huge, bright meteor. In western Nebraska several reports were made to authorities concerning a strange bright object in the sky. Highway Patrol officers at Scottsbluff reported a motorist said what he thought was a fragment of a meteor set a grass fire near Kilgore. Fire trucks sent to investigate and extinguish the fire found nothing, however.

Two Ogallala, Nebraska high school boys reported that same night that a glowing object landed north of the town in the hills. A search Thursday night disclosed nothing, and a continuing search Friday yielded the same. One 16-year-old driving on the north edge of Ogallala said he saw a round, green light descending out of the northwest onto a hill just north of the city. He told police he picked up a 17-year-old friend and they drove about 700 yards into the hills where they saw a white, glowing object parked on the ground, and estimated its size as 100 yards by 30 to 40 feet high. Search later yielded nothing naturally.

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AF IN : 49334 (19 Oct 62) R/dsk

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REMARKS NO EVALUATION.

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