

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 15 December 1965 16/0428Z	2. LOCATION Luke AFB, Arizona
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION Other (SATELLITE DECAY) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	All characteristics of decay present
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-20 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted a round bright white object with tail. Appeared as a meteor. Object descended towards the North gaining intensity and apparent speed with a tail forming as it fell. Burnout occurred level with object going to pieces and dulling to orange color. Object 1965-102B (U.S.) decayed this date. No report from SPADATS SPADATS on time.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE North	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

15 Dec 65

14/0422 Z
LUKE AFB, ARIZ

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ACTION : NIN-7

INFO : SAFOS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-2, DIA-1 (15)

SMB B111C00ZCTJA434

RR RUEAHO

DE RUMBJA5702 3570730

ZNR UUUUU

R 22233Z

FM LUKE AFB ARIZ

TO RUMMEVA/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RUMMEVA/28AIRDIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RUCDSQ/AFSC FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV WPAFB OHIO

RUEAHO/HQ USAF WASH DC

RUEAHO/OSAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS DO-161, 02049, 22 DEC 1965.

FOR ADC, 28 AIR DIV, SCF, AFCIN, SAFOI. SUBJECT: UFO REPORT. UFO

REPORT IAW AFR 200-2 PARAGRAPH 14:

A. (1). ROUND WITH TAIL

(2). NICKEL

(3). BRIGHT WHITE

(4). ONE

(5). N/A

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(6). APPEARED AS METEORITE ONLY CLOSER

(7). SEE PARA A(9)

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(8). UNKNOWN

(9). WHITE DIM LIGHT APPEARED 3 OCLOCK HIGH (NORTH)

APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREES UP AND DESCENDED TOWARDS THE NORTH GAINING
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INTENSITY AND APPARENT SPEED WITH A TAIL FORMING AS IT FELL. BURN-
OUT OCCURED LEVEL WITH OBJECT GOING TO PIECES AND DULLING TO ORANGE
COLOR.

B. (1). THE BRIGHT LIGHT WHICH APPEARED TO BE ON A COLLISION
COURSE WITH THAT OF THE OBSERVERS.

(2). 45 DEGREES UP 360 DEGREES FROM OBSERVERS.

(3). SAME AS B(2)

(4). SAME FLIGHT PATH AS A METEOR.

(5). APPARENT BURN-OUT AT ESTIMATED 15NM NORTH OF OBSERV-
ERS POSITION.

(6). 15 TO 20 SECONDS

C. (1). AIR VISUAL

(2). NONE

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(3). F-105, IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 3791, ALT. 19,000 FT.

HEADING, 300 DEGREES, SPEED 300 KTS, HOME STATION LUKE AFB, ARIZ.

D. (1). 0428/16/12/65

(2). NIGHT

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E. 19,000 FT, 34NM ON LUKE TACAN 314 DEGREES RADIAL HEADING
300 DEGREES.

F. WHITE CLAYTON E., CAPTAIN, 4515 CMBT CREW TNG SQ., LUKE
AFB, ARIZ. SCHUERMANN, W C CAPTAIN, SAME AS WHITE. OBSERVERS
NOT PERSONALLY KNOWN BY REPORTING OFFICIAL, BUT RELIABILITY ASSUMED
GOOD.

G. (1). ABOVE OVERCAST - CLEAR EXCELLENT VISIBILITY.

(2). LUKE AFB WEATHER REPORTS WINDS AS FOLLOWS:

SURFACE 340 DEGREES AT 3KTS.

6,000 FT 250 DEGREES AT 15 KTS 0 DEGREES C

10,000 FT 240 DEGREES AT 15 KTS 11 DEGREES C

16,000 FT 260 DEGREES AT 55 KTS 17 DEGREES C

20,000 FT 260 DEGREES AT 60 KTS 28 DEGREES C

30,000 FT 270 DEGREES AT 60 KTS 49 DEGREES C

50,000 FT 250 DEGREES AT 45 KTS 50 DEGREES C

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(3). PRESCOTT 800 BROKEN

LUKE 4,000 SCTD

(4). PRESCOTT 3MI VERY LIGHT SNOW

LUKE 15 MILES

(5). PRESCOTT 10/10

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LUKE 8/10

(6). NONE

(7). TEMPERATURE GRADIENT (SEE ITEM NUMBER, G-2)

H. B-57 REPORTED IN THE AREA BY THE PHOENIX AIR DEFENSE

SECTOR AT APPROXIMATELY 0500 HRS. ARRIVING FROM THE DIRECTION OF
CALIF. THE B-57S WERE MAKING CHAFF DROPS WITHIN THE GENERAL AREA.
EXACT LOCATION OF CHAFF DROP WAS NOT DISCLOSED.

I. ENONE

J. SEE H ABOVE

K. WING STAFF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SUBMITTING REPORT. NO

OTHER EXPLANATION THAN AS STATED IN H ABOVE CAN BE MADE. OBSERVER'S
TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE WOULD INDICATE A PROFESSIONAL AND VALID
REPORT.

L. NONE.

BT NOTE : ADV CY DELIVERED TO DIA.

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