

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 May 61	2. LOCATION Okinawa & Vicinity		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2317 GMT 051417Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <b>METEOR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-5 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SE-NW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Size and shape of dime held at arm's length. Greenish white with tail about twice the length of body of objt. No exhaust; no sounds. High speed; high intensity light. Angle of elevation aprox 20° above horizon arcing upward fm SE to NW.		11. COMMENTS Objt moved in wrong direction for it to have been a satellite reentry. Objt has all characteristics of a very bright type of meteor called a fireball. Duration and apparent long flight path suggests a very high meteoric speed.	

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U N C L A S E F T O /51WOC-I-35-0065 UFO

THIS MESSAGE IN TWELVE (12) PARTS.

PART I. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: SIZE AND SHAPE OF DIME HELD AT ARM'S  
LENGHT. ONE (1) GREENISH WHITE OBJECT WITH TAIL ABOUT TWICE THE  
LENGTH OF BODY OF OBJECT. NO EXHAUST. NO SOUNDS. HIGH SPEED. HIGH  
INTENSITY LIGHT.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: ALL OBSERVERS ATTRACTED  
BY EXTREMELY BRIGHT LIGHT. ANGLE OF ELEVATION TO GROUND OBSERVERS  
APPROXIMATELY 20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON ARCING UPWARD FROM SOUTHEAST  
TO NORTHWEST WHEN FIRST ATTRACTED TO OBJECT. AIRBORNE OBSERVERS

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250 MILES WEST SOUTHWEST OF NAMA ON HEADING 355 DEGREES AT 7000 FEET  
STATED OBJECT ARCED 2000 FEET TO 3000 FEET ABOVE AIRCRAFT PASSING  
FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST. OBJECT APPEARED TO SUDDENLY DIAPPEAR  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER REACHING APOGEE AND BEGINNING DESCENT. FLIGHT  
PATH WAS LONG ARC PASSING FROM SOUTHEAST TO NORTHWEST FROM NAMA AIR  
BASE. OBJECT VISIBLE APPROXIMATELY 3 TO 5 SECONDS BY ALL OBSERVERS.

PART III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: GROUND-VISUAL AND AIR-VISUAL.

AIR-VISUAL FROM L-23 AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER 3459 ENROUTE FROM TAIPEI  
TO HANBY ARMY AIR FIELD, OKINAWA HOME STATION. SPEED 140 KNOTS.

PART IV. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: 051417Z MAY 1961. NIGHT.

PART V. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS: GROUND OBSERVERS-NAMA AIR BASE,  
OKINAWA. AIRBORNE OBSERVERS APPROXIMATELY 250 MILES WEST SOUTHWEST  
FROM NAMA AIR BASE.

PART VI. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: CAPTAIN DENNIS M.  
BOYLE AND CAPTAIN ANTHONY CARROL, 53RD AVIATION DETACHMENT, HANBY  
ARMY AIR FIELD, OKINAWA; A1C CLIFTON R. MADREN, ACW OPERATIONS, 623RD  
ACW SQUADRON; SP4 DON BATTEN AND PFC EARL D. LETTS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT  
DEFENSE COMMAND POST, ADCC, NAMA RI BASE; A3C JOHN C. WATTS AND A3C  
RICHARD L. TRAUGER, 51ST AIR POLICE SQUADRON. ALL OBSERVERS SINCERE  
IN STATEMENTS AND CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

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PART VII. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT: AIRBORNE OBSERVERS REPORT  
TERED CLOUD CONDITION AT 5000 FEET AT TIME OF SIGHTING. NAHA AIR  
BASE WEATHER AND WINDS AS FOLLOWS:

WINDS	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
6000	270 DEG	15 KNOTS
13000	250 DEG	15 KNOTS
16000	230 DEG	10 <del>15</del> <sup>KNOTS</sup>
20000	200 DEG	20 KNOTS
30000	250 DEG	60 KNOTS
50000	260 DEG	60 KNOTS
80000	070 DEG	20 KNOTS

CEILING: 25000 VISIBILITY 15 MILES. CLOUD COVER ~~30%~~ <sup>BROKEN</sup> STATUS  
CIRRUS TEMPERATURE: 65 DEGREES.

PART VIII. NO KNOWN ACTIVITY OR CONDITION WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR  
SIGHTING.

PART IX. NO INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN.

PART X. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC OR BALLOON RELEASES.

PART XI. 51ST FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR WING INTELLIGENCE CHECKED ALL  
POSSIBLE SOURCES OF OBJECT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AIRBORNE SOURCE  
STATED 15 TO 20 SURFACE SHIPS IN AREA. ALTITUDE AND DISTANCE BETWEEN  
AIRBORNE AND GROUND OBSERVERS RULES OUT POSSIBILITY OF FLARE.

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INTENSITY AND TRAJECTORY AGREED UPON BY ALL OBSERVERS.

OBSERVERS COULD NOT ESTIMATE DISTANCE FROM OBJECT.

PART XII. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OR PHOTOGRAPHS.

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