

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <b>19 Jan 52</b>	2. LOCATION <b>CHDAR KEYS, FLA.</b>	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <b>19/2056 EST</b> GMT <b>20/0156 Z</b>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <b>B-29 Aircrew</b>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <b>3 Sec.</b>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <b>1</b>	9. COURSE <b>--</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <p>Large round, bluish green object with a blue tail traveled at a high rate of speed in a downward direction. Object traveled from 30° above horizon falling to 5° above horizon where it exploded and faded out.</p>		11. COMMENTS

19 JAN 52 CEDAR KEYS, FLA.

ASTRE (METEOR)

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 3

DATE: 19 Jan 52

TIME (Local): 1956

LOCATION: Cedar Keys, Fla.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 3 Sec.

SOUND: None

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: B-29 Crew

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Fireball type phenomena. No investigation. No conclusions.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Large blue-green fireball observed by B-29 crew.  
Decended and exploded near the ground.

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Albuquerque. Aircraft flying at 32,000 feet in both instances. Each object had an upward trajectory and seem to burst several thousand feet above aircraft. Albuquerque radio was advised. G... was interrogated at Randolph Air Base by OSI regarding the incident a few weeks later. Each of the above named officer was convinced that object had no relation to meteorological or astronomical activity. No physical evidence of sighting is available."



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AGFLOW: OEN

INFO : SEC DEF ARMY NAVY CIA JCS AFSA

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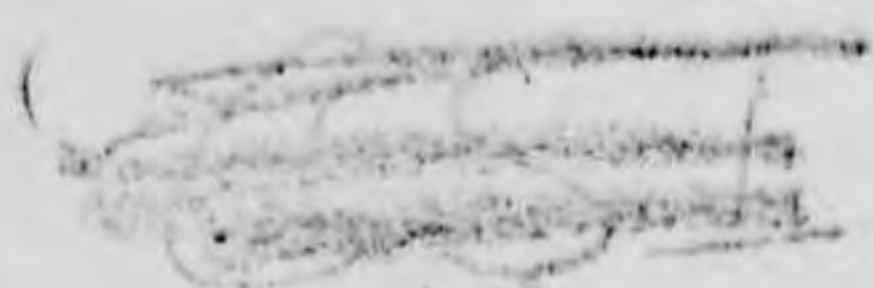
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OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE

FROM: COMNAV OBTUPT 1275 1211

TO : COMNAV WASH DC

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21 Jan 52

The following report from CO 301 BN, Parkdale AFB La 2001 0000, dated 190150 Jan 52, is quoted for your info: "Following an unexplained investigation regarding sightings by 32nd Bomb Squadron crew during operations conducted under 101-2 large ground launch area of small unknown unidentified distance in front of 1-21, 2001 0000, 32nd flying in vicinity of Cedar Key bombing range, Fla. Object first appeared approximately 30 degrees above and to left of 180 heading 30 degrees. Object's fall was directly toward ground and glided from what appeared to be internal combustion. As it approached 5 degrees of horizon it suddenly exploded with fall out and force of explosion downward. Object traveled through space at greater speed than expected of fast falling object and appeared much slower and brighter than falling stars and meteors. Prior to explosion, object left glowing trail estimated to be 150 feet long. Immediately after disintegration object and trail faded from sight. Object observed at 190152Z for period of approximately 3 seconds. Only visual observations were made. 3 crew members aboard aircraft 44-312 observed phenomena due east of 29 00W and 87 19N while at 25,000 feet pressure altitude. Location of aircraft approximately 15 miles northwest of Cedar Key Bombing Range. Aircraft flying 180 degrees at 254 knots. 32nd Squadron Bomb Squadron personnel observing phenomena as follows: Aircraft Observer [REDACTED] 9 years flying experience, pilot [REDACTED] 7 years flying experience, Bombardier 1st Lieutenant Lawrence W. Leggett 3 years flying experience. Both observers very conscientious and cooperative during investigation. All reports apparently truthful and to the point. No opinion offered as to identity of the object. [REDACTED] reported that during duty flight between Dover and Albuquerque in late 1948 he observed similar type of phenomena on 2 separate occasions: once approximately 20 miles north of Albuquerque and again just as he reached the other end of the range."

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FLIGHT BETWEEN DENVER AND ALBUQUERQUE IN  
LATE 1948 HE OBSERVED SAME TYPE OF PHENOMENA  
ON 2 SEPARATE OCCASIONS; ONCE APPROXIMATELY  
30 MINUTES NORTH OF ALBUQUERQUE AND AGAIN  
JUST AS HE REACHED THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE.  
AIRCRAFT FLYING AT 12,000 FEET IN BOTH IN-  
STANCES. EACH OBJECT HAD AN UPWARD TRAJECTORY  
AND SEEM TO BURST SEVERAL THOUSAND FEET  
ABOVE AIRCRAFT. ALBUQUERQUE RADIO WAS  
ADVISED. [REDACTED] WAS INTERROGATED AT RANDOLPH  
AIR BASE BY OSI REGARDING THE INCIDENT  
A FEW WEEKS LATER. EACH OF THE ABOVE NAMED  
OFFICER WAS CONVICTED THAT OBJECT HAD NO RELATION  
TO METEROLOGICAL OR ASTRONOMICAL ACITIVITY.  
NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SIGHTING IS AVAIL-  
ABLE."

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NO PREVIOUS REPORT THIS INCIDENT AVAILABLE  
HERE.

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CSAF ITEM 5 [REDACTED]  
SECURITY INFORMATION  
TO RUPPELT FOM AFOIN-V/TC FOURNET  
CABLE NR DOCOR 14688 FROM CG SAC RECEIVED  
HERE QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO AND ACTION:

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23 Jan 52  
CSAF ITEM 5

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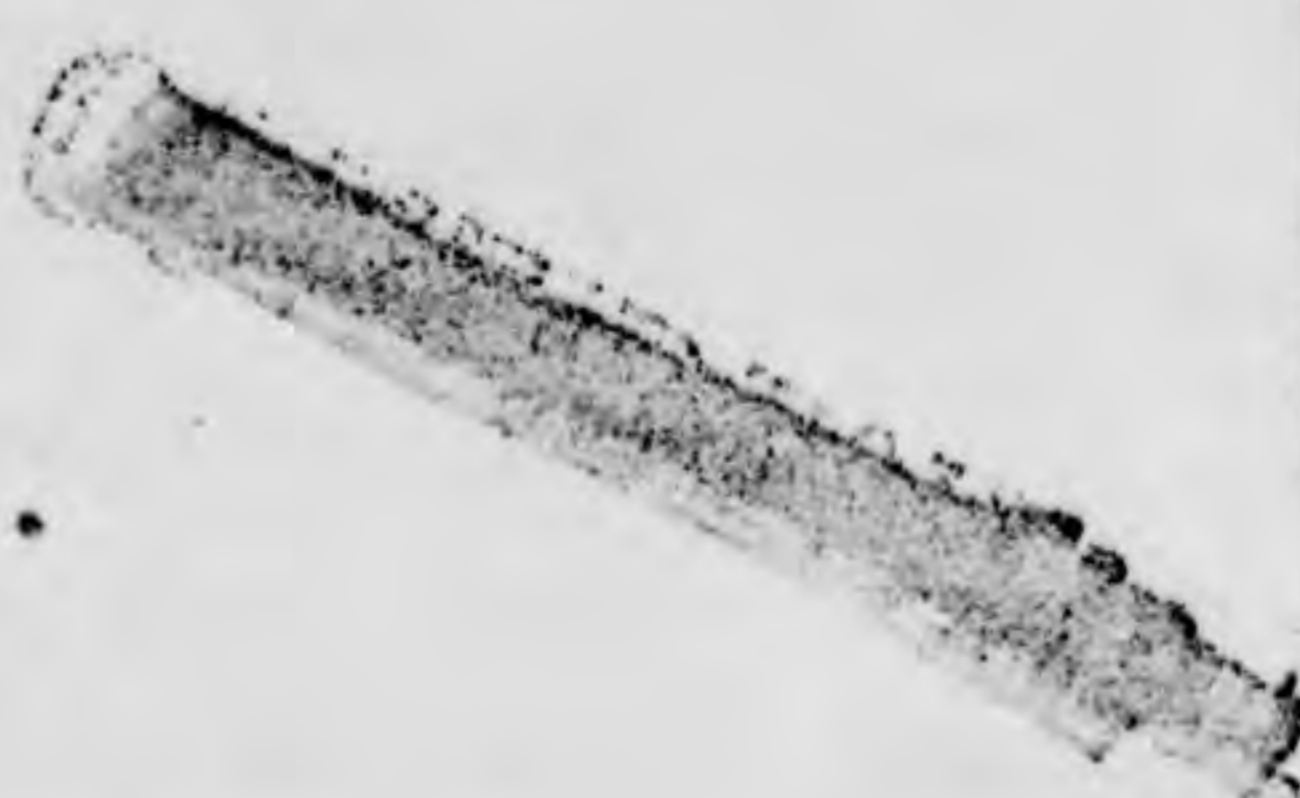
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JAN 52, IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO: FOLLOWING  
IS SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING SIGHTINGS  
BY 32 ND BOMB SQUADRON CREW DURING OPERATION  
CONDUCTED UNDER 101-2 LARGE ROUND BLuish  
GREEN BALL OF LIGHT OBSERVED UNDETERMINED DISTANCE  
IN FRONT OF B-29. TYPE AIRCRAFT FLYING IN  
VICINITY OF CEDER JETS BOMBING RANGE FLA.  
OBJECT FIRST APPEARED APPROXIMATELY 30  
DEGREES ABOVE AND TO LEFT OF ACFT HEADING  
120 DEGREES. OBJECT'S FALL WAS DIRECTLY  
TOWARD GROUND AND GLOWED FROM WHAT APPEARED TO  
BE INTERNAL COMBUSTION. AS IT APPROACHED 5  
DEGREES OF HORIZON IT SEEMINGLY EXPLODED  
WITH FALL OUT AND FORCE OF EXPLOSION DOWNWARD.  
OBJECT TRAVELED THROUGH SPACE AT GREATER  
SPEED THAN EXPECTED OF FREE FALLING OBJECT  
AND APPEARED MUCH CLOSER AND BRIGHTER THAN FALLING STARS AND METEORS.  
PRIOR TO EXPLOSION OBJECT LEFT GLOWING TAIL ESTIMATED  
TO BE 150 FEET LONG. IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
DISINTEGRATION OBJECT AND TRAIN FADED FROM SIGHT.  
OBJECT OBSERVED AT 190156Z FOR PERIOD OF  
APPROXIMATELY 3 SECONDS. ONLY VISUAL  
OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE. 3 CREW MEMBERS  
ABOARD AIRCRAFT 44-962 OBSERVED PHENOMENA  
DUE EAST OF 29 05 N AND 83 19 W WHILE AT  
25,000 FEET PRESSURE ALTITUDE. ; 191-589,  
OF AIRCRAFT APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES NORTHEAST  
OF CEDER KEYS BOMBING RANGE.  
AIRCRAFT FLYING 120 DEGREES AT 254 KNOTS.  
30 SECOND BOMB SQUADRON PERSONNEL OBSERVING  
PHENOMENA AS FOLLOWS: AIRCRAFT COMMANDER  
ROBERT E. GORDON 16565A 9 YEARS FLYING EXPERIENCE,

ACTION

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ITEM 1 AMC / [REDACTED]  
FROM LT E. J. RUPPELT ATIC [REDACTED]  
TO V/TC FOURNET

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25 Jan 52

[REDACTED]  
REFERENCE IT-24, CSAF ITEM 5, 23 JANUARY 1952.  
THIS OBSERVATION IS TYPICAL OF THE GREEN  
FIREBALL CLASS OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS. THE AIR  
FORCE CAMBRIDGE RESEARCH LABORATORY HAS  
BEEN INVESTIGATING THIS PHENOMENA FOR THE  
PAST TWO YEARS BUT HAVE REACHED NO CONCLUSIONS.  
ATIC IS STILL COLLECTING DATA ON THIS TYPE OF  
PHENOMENA, HOWEVER, IN CASE IT IS EVER  
NEEDED IN THE FUTURE. ATIC HAS NO PREVIOUS REPORT ON  
THIS INCIDENT. PILOTS 1948 REPORT IS ON  
FILE.

INFORMATION

END ITEM 1 AMC / [REDACTED]